SUNNY CORNER

And DISTRICT

AFTER THE BOOM

THE DAY BY DAY EVENTS & 44 FAMILY TREES

1900 TO 1980



BY

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The History of Sunny Corner and Dark Corner was presented some years ago in Vicki Powys wonderful books, “Sunny Corner A Silver Town of the 1880’s” and “Growing up at Dark Corner”.

This book came to be as a result of my involvement in compiling the records and stories that went into the book “Sunny Corner at War” that went with the unveiling of the “New” 2018 War Memorial at Sunny Corner.

As I went through the records looking for stories that related to the war periods, there were so many other records of life at The Corner, and district, the day by day happenings, life after the Boom Days. This is a diary that tells of the slow death of a district and its people.

I started at the start of the “new“ era of Sunny Corner’s and Australia’s history, the 20th Century.

The Silver Days of The Corner were left behind and Australia was moving away from England and moving onto the world stage.

For the people of The Corner life was slowly changing, the mines closing did not lead to a mad rush to get out, some of the people hung-on, they did not want to leave and had faith in the mines reopening.

But fate had another plan for the future and slowly the town closed, the people moved, the houses, shops, churches, hotels, school, were sold and moved.

Still a hard core of the old army of miners prospected, worked small mines, turned to farming, sought work away, and all the time waited for the day the mines reopened.

But time took its toll as the older ones were called to the big mine in the sky, others moved and the ones that stayed turned their hands to whatever they could. Wars came and went and still the people worked and played as hard as ever.

Time won in the end, the mines did not reopen, death kept at its work and the old army were all gone.

New people moved in filling the gaps to make the Sunny Corner we know today. A lovely peaceful area, few people, no noise, healing mine wounds and lots of trees.

The area I have covered is the old Sunny Corner Police district, covering as well as Sunny Corner,-- Dark Corner, Palmers Oakey, Yetholme, Kirkconnell, Meadow Flat, Mt Lambie.

I have set this out in chronological order, with family trees (44) at the end.

At no stage have I “coloured” the contents, I have writ it as it was writ.



Sunny Corner, NSW, main street looking east, December 1955. Norma Storey is taking school pupils for a sewing lesson in the Oddfellows' Hall, (iron building on right). Red roof of Royal Hotel is in distance on left. Note new timber power poles, wires still to be connected. Photo from Frank Storey, Woy Woy, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

I have complied this book about the people of Sunny Corner and district, and I dedicate it to three of The Corners best know and respected residents

COLIN OTTLEY WILKINSON (Col Wilkie)

Col was one of the best yarn tellers I have known. His repartee was endless, his stories were true or based on that rare commodity. He loved to write, I have several of his letters, he loved poetry and would often recite the poem his dad wrote about the road to Portland, he loved to share and acquire stories, he would ask me to "*tell that one about the possum grinner",*
He was a wordsmith, in a few words he could paint a picture and never used foul language. He would often use the phrase *"orra Hell",* e.g. "*orra Hell he's a fool*", used mainly referring to politicians, or "*orra Hell we need rain.* He used it often and in the right place and he was known by friends as "Orra Hell".

Col was the last of the Sunny Corner miners, he knew The Corner and the people, and in time of need he was there, no matter what the need. (*As you will find throughout the book*)

I can best sum Col up using some of his words. "Orra Hell he was a Bonza bloke"



You will find more on Col in the Family Tree section. Wilkinson Colin.

I also dedicate this book to Jack and Emm. Martin of "Sunset" Dark Corner.

John Drysdale Martin was born 1888 in Emmaville and came to the Sunny Corner district as a baby with his family.
Jack spent most of his life in the district, going to New Caladonia with some local lads working in the mines there, going to Cobar to work , getting what work he could get here, mining, bees, and farming.
In later life Jack and family were the highest regarded pea and potato farmers in the district.
Jack was a resevoir of history and stories, he also had a wonderful writing hand, it was copperplate.
When my wife Joy complimeneted him he said, "I was only just at writing and a new teacher came, first thing he did was go to the creek and cut a willow switch, that where my writing came from".
In 1931 Jack married Emmaline Titus, daughter of John Titus and Rose Montgomert and they had two sons John and Ted.

Jack was the "Sage" of the area and people sought his help and advice and Emm was the driving force in the community, Post Mistress at Dark Corner for years, sec and treasurer of most committees, if there was catering, Emm would organise, and did she run a tidy ship.

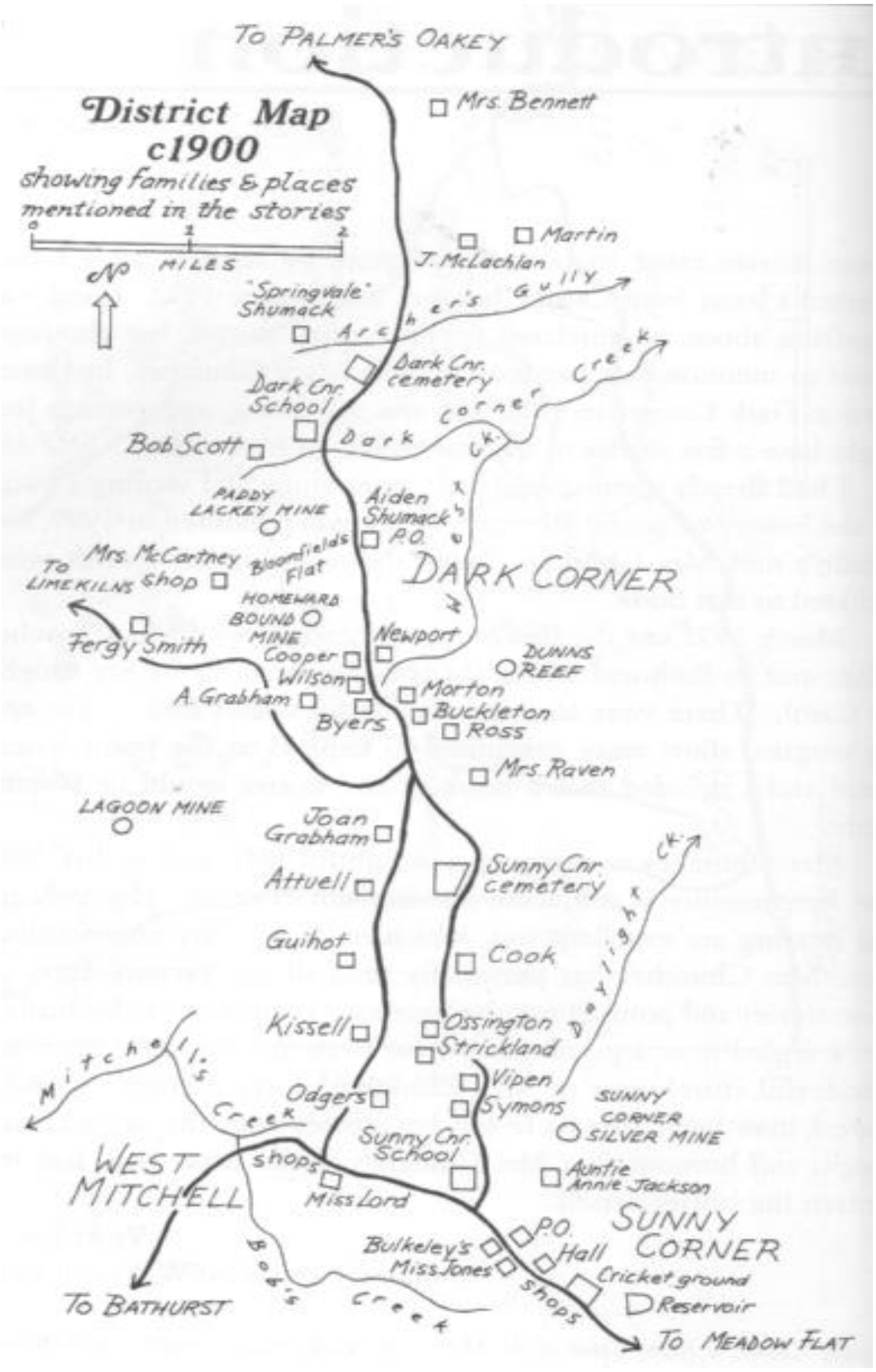
They both were held in the highest of esteem, and gave their all. They were wonderful people.



EMMALINE & JACK MARTIN

See Familys Section for details & Jacks Story.

Map To Help Find Your Way Through The Following Events.



From Vicki Powys "Growing up at Dark Corner"

AFTER THE BOOM.

1900

5-1-1900 New Year's Day passed off quietly. The weather was real picnickers weather, and several parties, were organised and carried out successfully, with good attendances. The Wesleyan Sunday School marched in procession, carrying flags, etc., to the grounds in the neighbourhood of Dark Corner, where games were indulged in and the children regaled with substantial edibles.

Several vehicles plied there during the day, which passed off most pleasantly. The Church of England had a picnic near Meadow Flat; which also was well attended and as well enjoyed. Several private parties organised outings at different places, and altogether, New Year's Day, 1900, .was thoroughly enjoyable. There were no public sports. New Year's Eve, being on a Sunday, was void of that hilariousness and "practical jokes (?)" common to such an occasion, thanks to the above and the vigilance of our police officers. The town is quiet now, as the majority of the holiday visitors have returned to their respective headquarters after the Christmas time. The local miners are finishing their holidays and expect to resume work next week.

11-1-1901 His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has been pleased to appoint Sergeant William Ritchie as Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer authorised to issue Miners Rights and Business and Mineral Licenses, and Bailiff of the Warden's Court, at Mitchell (Sunny Corner), vice Sergeant Hayes, removed, such appointment to take effect from the 1st January, 1901.

6-2-1900 Our town has again been visited by that "sure coiner" death, the victims being Hilda Bryant, youngest daughter of Mr. Walter Bryant, and Miss Bennett of Dark Corner the former about six months old and the latter about 25 years. The late Miss Bennett had been a sufferer for a long time. Extreme sympathy is expressed for both families, particularly Mr. Bryant, who lost another daughter about November last. ,

We had extremely warm weather during last week, the thermometer approaching 100 degrees in the shade.

A dastardly act was perpetrated on Saturday night, after the successful race meeting. The racing booth, together with a fine table and some casks, was completely destroyed by fire. The police have the matter in hand, and it is to be hoped that the culprits will soon be brought to "book".

Tenders called for Sunny Corner School —Purchase and Removal of Old Wooden Building. Sunny Corner—Removal and Re-erection of Closets, &c.

25-01-1900 At the Licensing Court to-day the license held by Charles F Franks for the Royal Hotel, Palmers Oakey, was renewed.

13-2-1900 Another load of machinery for Mr. Charlestons battery at Bobs Creek arrived on Friday from Tamborobra, This building is progressing satisfactorily.

The "Paddy Lackey" out at Dark Corner is crushing, and the quality of the stone ought to ensure good returns.

During the week Mrs. Green, more familiarly known as "Granny" Green, died here at Bobs Creek at the ripe old age of 95 years. She has a very numerous descent of children, grand- children and great grandchildren. She was a resident of the district for the last 20 years. The cause of death was senile decay and asthma, from which she has suffered for a long time. The funeral took place on Friday, the remains being interred in the Sunny Corner cemetery.

The weather on Wednesday the 7th inst., was very warm, being 100 deg. in the shade. It was the hottest day of the season.

The recent sickness in town is dying out, all of Mr. Edwards family being nearly well again. Diphtheria still lingers, Mr. Tom Sparks son having it.

17-2-1900 PATRIOTISM AT SUNNY CORNER. At a grand patriotic concert on Wednesday night, about £25 was collected. Nearly £10 was also collected by one of our local residents.

James Dunn, of Dark Corner, has been selected for the Bushmens Contingent

20-2-1900 A splendid concert, inaugurated by Mrs. Charleston, in aid of the Patriotic Fund, was held here on Wednesday last, and was a decided success. The hall was crowded. The stage was very prettily decorated with flags, and ferns. The orchestra consisted of the Misses Duke and M. Thomas (first violins), Messrs. T. Hampton and Haymen (second violins), Mr. Havenhand (cornet), Mr. Nicholas (cello), and Mrs. Charleston and Mr. H. Havenhand (piano). The accompanists were Mrs. Charleston and Miss Norris. The chair was taken by Mr. J. K. Charleston.

The opening chorus was a "March Aux Flambean" by the orchestra. Song, "Death of Nelson" by Mr. Sheppard, was rendered in his usual effective manner. Recitation, "The Absent-Minded Beggar" by Mr. Higgins, realised £2 2s 2d. Song, 'Old England and the New" by Mr. Nicholas. Violin solo "Lcs Cloches de Corneville" by Miss C. Duke, was played splendidly. Mr. Morrison sang "Anchored" in true style. Miss Mann sang "The Holy City" in a sweet manner. A pianoforto duet, "Tanfare Militaire" by Mrs. Charleston and Mr. H. Havenhand, was a musical treat. Mr. Bickford sang "Queen of the Earth" for which he was encored. Miss Cohen followed with "They All Love Jack" and received an encore also, when she sang "The Toy Monkey" Messrs. Nicholas and Jeffrees duct, "Albion" was very pretty. Mr. Havenhand closed the first part of the programme with “Soldiers of the Queen" and received an encore, the audience being enraptured.

After the intermission, the orchestra opened with a march (Hill). Mr. Moran, in his old cavalry uniform, sang "A Soldier and a Man" and was encored. Miss B. Weinert sang "The Sea is Englands Glory" very prettily. A recitation, "Flodden Field" by Mr. Simms of Rydal, depicted a battle scene. Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lambie) sang "Heroes of the Empire" with great enthusiasm. Mrs. Charleston followed with a gallop, "De Bravoure", Mr. J. Jeffree rendered "Advance Australia Fair" with his usual success. Mr. Havenhand sang, "When the Empire Calls" in true patriotic style. Mr. Sheppard sang "Sons of the Sea" and “fetched the house". Miss McMannis' selected recitation, "The Relief of Lucknow" received a well deserved encore.

Mr. Higginss "A Soldier's Song" and Mr. Nicholas singing "The Absent-Minded Beggar" (bringing usual money), brought a most enjoyable programme to a close.
Mr. Havenhand, on behalf of the people, thanked Mrs. Charleston for the time and trouble she took with the concert. Mr. Charleston responded. The audience then rose and sang "God Save the Queen"
The proceeds resulted in about £28 being added to the fund, which together with nearly £10 being collected by Mrs. Charleston, is a splendid result.
Nothing more successful in the concert line has ever been held here, and Mrs. Charleston, and those who assisted her, deserve every credit for such a successful entertainment. The tastefully decorated stage and the fashionably dressed audience were, in themselves, a treat to witness. A remarkable and, at the same time, pleasing feature in connection with the entertainment was that every item on the programme was carried out, there being no absentee. There were no less than six teachers taking part in the entertainment, viz., Mr. Sheppard (Rydal), Mr. McDonald (Mt. Lambie), Mr. Higgins (Meadow Flat), Miss McManus (Dark Corner), and Messrs. Moran and Morrison (Sunny Corner). The committee consisted of Messrs. J. K. Charleston, F. Havenhand, M. J. Moran, T. H. Nicholas, T. Hampton, and S. H. Morrison.

A very representative meeting of the residents of Sunny Corner was held here on Thursday evening, Mr. J. K. Charleston presiding, to give a send-off to Mr. James Dunn, who is leaving for in the Bushmens Contingent. Mr. Havenhand was elected secretary, and a committee consisting of Messrs. T. Eather, J .P. Palmer, Lord, Burgess, and Flynn, was appointed to collect subscriptions for the event. Mr. J. K. Charleston, with his usual generous and patriotic sentiments, will present Mr. Dunn with a valuable saddle, made in the best style at Bathurst.

Two sisters, Sarah and Annie Vipon, were lost on Wednesday afternoon. When found they were making their way towards Bathurst, but were brought home by Mr. Neville at about 11 o'clock that night.

The old school premises at Mitchell's Creek, which have been standing for the last 20 years are, I hear, to be pulled down and sold. They are relics of the old pioneer days.

On Sunday 11th February, Mr. Mara, father of John and Tod Mara, of Kirkconnell died, and was buried on Monday. A number of Sunny Corner residents attended to pay their last respects to the deceased.

21-2-1900 Mr. Alexander McDonald, better known as Grandfather McDonald, of Coopernook, was born in the parish of Tarbut, Eastern Ross, Scotland, on Nov.1st 1811. As a lad he followed farming pursuits, his education at the same time not being overlooked, for he was a fairly good English and Gaelic scholar. At the age of 20 he married a Miss M McKinnon of the same parish. For 19 years he was foreman on a farm in the parish of Negg, in Eastern Ross, after which he was for some thirteen years employed by the Corporation of Grenock as watchman. In 1863 he left the home of his birth with his wife and only daughter, his eldest son, with his wife and family, to join his sons who had selected a home for them at Dark Corner, near Bathurst, at which place he was bereaved of his wife and daughter and youngest son. The latter at his death requested his father to give up the farm and live with one of his married sons, a request which the old gentleman afterward complied with, and for a few years lived with his oldest son, Mr. George McDonald, J.P., who conducts a blacksmithing business at Trunkey Creek

22-2-1900 A Sunny Corner Volunteer. Recently a public meeting was called to recognise the patriotism of Trooper Dunn of the Bushmens Contingent. The sum of £10 and a new saddle was raised.

SUNNY CORNER, Saturday.— Messrs. Dunn and Greentree, of Dark Corner, have left here to volunteer for the Bushmen's Contingent.

24-2-1900 Farewells To 10 Bushmen. At the Hotel Arcadia Pitt-street, Sydney on Thursday evening, Mr J Charleston, on behalf of the residents of Sunny Corner presented Trooper J. J. Dunn, of the Bushmen's Contingent, with a pair of field-classes, suitably inscribed, also a smokers out-fit, a wrist-band watch, saddle and English leather military bridle and also a purse of sovereigns.
Messrs F Havenhand and W T Palmer, members of the Sunny Corner committee supported the chairmans remarks. Trooper Dunn feelingly replied and Trooper Sloane responded on behalf of Trooper Dunns messmates, several of whom were present
On Thursday evening, at the Kensington camp, Trumpeter Herbert McCoy, late of the 7th Regiment, and now of the Bushmens Contingent, was made the recipient of a pair of field-glasses, suitably inscribed, from his late comrades. Bugle Major Gibson made the presentation

27-2-1900 Bush fires have been raging here for the past few days, causing some damage to several properties. The high wind that has been experienced during the same time has added to the fierceness of the fire.

Another of the "land marks" has joined the "great majority" in the person of Mr. Waugh, familiarly known as "Billy" Waugh. He arrived here in the early times of the field, and by economy and assiduous attention to his business, newspaper agency, accumulated a fair competence. He was an old Bendigo miner, subsequently on the printing staff of one of the Sydney papers in the early days, and retired from here some time ago, owing to ill health.
He died on Friday last at the Glebe, Sydney. He was a good old fellow.

Some interest was occasioned here on Friday evening last at the removal of a large engine, weighing some ten tons by a team of ten horses from Raglan, its destination being Harden, for Messrs. Boxhall, Blackmore and Co., via Bathurst. This engine has done yeoman service at the saw mills near Dark Corner.

Great rejoicing is expressed at the news received on Saturday of the British successes.

There is no special mining news except that the local mines are constantly going.

2-3-1900 A Sunny Corner Volunteer. Letter. From Kensington.
To the Editor. Sir, Will you, as a special favor to me, convoy through your valuable columns my grateful and sincere thanks to the many friends of Sunny Corner, who were so kind to me in presenting me with such valuable presents. They may rest assured that during my absence in South Africa my thoughts will be with those who have the interest of one of their humble residents at heart. I go with the full intention of doing my duty to Queen and country, and by so doing will have the good

wishes of all my dear friends in Sunny Corner. I will endeavour to forward to you any items of interest that may come before my notice, and will try to keep you posted with reliable news from the front.

Yours, faithfully, James Dunn, Bushmens Camp, Kensington, Feb. 26.

10-3-1900 Rydal, Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner (six times a week) and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell and Yetholme ; Ludweig A. Weinert, £72 16s.

West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey ; William Sparks, £33 14s.

14-3-1900 It is rumoured that the Deep Level Mine, Dark Corner, intends shutting down for a time for the erection of new machinery.

Bobs Creek, Paddy Lackey, the Big Hill and Little Hill are working steadily, but no crushing's have lately taken place.

MARRIAGES. On Wednesday, March 14, 1900, at the Wesleyan Church, Sunny Corner, by Rev. John Thomas, John Cook, of West Mitchell, to Miss Agnes Mann, daughter of the late Robert Mann.

16-3-1900 Letter From A "Bushman."

Trooper J. J. Dunn, writing under date 6th instant to Mr. W. T. Palmer, of Sunny Corner: Transport "*Maplomoro",* Adelaide.

You, no doubt, will have heard ere this of our arrival at Adelaide, so I will tell you a little of our trip across. During the first two days out we had splendid weather, but on Sunday and Monday the weather was very dirty and the sea very rough, in fact, so rough that most of us found repose on our backs. Our bill of far. For breakfast, porridge, black treacle, and tea, no meat; for dinner, salt horse or tinned mutton or beef, dished up very rough at that.

Our commander to-day asked us if we would volunteer to serve the Queen in South Africa after the war is over, and, of course, your humble servant quickly volunteered, in fact, there were only about six men on the troopship who did not volunteer. You may kindly forward extracts from this letter to the Lithgow Mercury, so that all my old friends will know how I am getting along. I have not much news this time, but will keep you well posted when at the front. Will write you again from West Australia. Kindly convey my best respects to all old friends at Sunny Corner.

22-3-1900 The Deep Level mine, Dark Corner, is to shut down to the end of the mouth for the erection of new machinery

31-3-1900 A yield of 317oz.gold as the result of a run of five weeks is reported from the Paddy Lackey battery, Dark Corner. The expected yield from the cyanide plant will make the return equal to about loz gold per ton.; Other arrangements than those at present existing are being made for working the Paddy Lackey deep level, and in the meantime the property is to be closed down.

19-4-1900 Creditors Petition. In the case of Thomas Croudace, mining engineer versus Zoebol of Dark Corner near Bathurst the petition will be heard on April 27th.

20-4-1900 Miss Sinnott, Meadow Flat, aged 20 years, died in Bathurst early on Thursday morning and was buried at Kirkconnell on Friday.

1-5-1900 Two hundred and thirty one tons of quartz recently treated at the Paddy Lackey mine, Dark Corner, yielded 836oz. of gold. This was exclusive of the yield from the cyanide. This is the highest grade bulk crushing that the mine has yet turned out. The battery will start again in a few days. The mine is in full swing and looking well.

15-6-1900 It is arranged that a big demonstration is to take place, after the lines of the Mafeking demonstration, peace is proclaimed

16-5-1900 Diphtheria has, I am sorry to say, once more made its appearance in the town, not withstanding the fine weather we have had of late. Sunday last was awfully cold, the thermometer going down to 41. Colds and dental troubles are common as a consequence.

Mr. Jolley, who was away "up north" (N.S.W.) some four hundred miles when his wife died lately from typhoid, arrived on Thursday last, and was welcomed by a large "purse" as a small solace in his sad affliction.

Mining matters, except at the Dark Corner mines, are at a low ebb, although Bobs Creek is actively preparing for big things.

29-5-1900 " Everything comes to those who wait " is a trite saying which was exemplified by the postponement of the demonstration in honor of the relief of Mafeking, for Saturday was a great day compared with the days prior to and following it. A general committee, representing the whole town and district, had been formed and then divided into several sub-committees who performed their onerous duties in a most efficient manner. The celebration consisted of a grand procession of the school children of the town and district, to the number of 300, who assembled at the local public school grounds carrying flags and bannerettes. These were joined by some of the townsfolk, carrying a magnificent banner belonging to the Grand United Order of Oddfellows.

Mr. Haven was "Field Marshal" for the day and night, and right loyally he performed his task. After traversing the town from one end to the other, the children assembled on the football ground and marched round an emblematic flag where each child was regaled with buns, etc., and then dispersed prior to the sports commencing. These were continued till first lunch, presided over by a large committee of ladies and gentlemen who worked most assiduously to gratify the appetites of the youngsters, which they did with solids and liquids and lollies. The programme of singing during the day consisted principally of "British Grenadiers" and " March of the Men of Harlech" on the march, and "Rule Britannia" and "God Save the Queen" on the sports ground. In the luncheon hall, "Soldiers of the Queen" and "Sons of the Sea" were by no means forgotten. It would be invidious to particularise those who excelled in making the day what it was, a "Red Letter Day" in the history of Sunny Corner. All the schools of the district, Mount Lambie, Meadow Flat, Dark Corner, with their respective teachers, joined the local schools, the convent and public schools in the procession. The greatest harmony prevailed right through, both among the children and visitors, of whom there were not a few. A second repast was given in the afternoon to the children. In the evening a splendid

sight was presented in the form of a grand torchlight procession with nearly one hundred and fifty torches, provided by the committee, besides others added.
One of the local coaches was decorated with the signs, "We kept her flying" " B.P." " Grit" " Mule," " Locust" "Baden-Powell Hero'" "Mafeking Relief Column," etc, and in it was an impromptu band consisting of a cornet, four violins, and harmonium. "Soldiers of the Queen" and other patriotic songs were indulged in en route. The principal officials outside the committees were Mr. J. K. Charleston, chairman, and Mr. Palmer sec.

8-6-1900 We are again experiencing heavy rains. During the past few days nearly two inches have fallen. The weather, however, is not cold. Prior to this fall we had very cold days and nights with exceedingly thick mists.

It has been arranged by the local patriotic committee that Mr. Lean, formerly of this town, will give a lime-light entertainment showing the different scenes in the South African campaign.

Some five hundred sheep passed through the town during the week en route to Tarana. It was rather an unusual sight. They hailed from Dark Corner, I am informed.

The battery at Bob's Creek is nearing completion under, the direction of Mr. Charleston. It is expected to give some employment in town.

19-6-1900 Mr. Lean repeated his excellent limelight exhibition on Saturday and Sunday nights, the proceeds of the latter to go towards improvements to the local cemetery which are badly needed. At each entertainment there was a goodly attendance, especially on Sunday night, when the views were interspersed with sacred songs.

A local committee, consisting of Messrs. Havenhand and A. H. Bryant, and the Misses Sharp and Duke, have been appointed to supervise the high school examinations on Wednesday and Thursday next. The candidates are the Misses M. Shumack, Hurst, and Inglis.

The weather still keeps most annoying. For the past three weeks we have scarcely had a fine day, rain, fog mist, and cold are the order of each day.

We have an erstwhile resident of Dark Corner, in the person of Mr. Dodds operating at the front. He was engaged at the Ashton gold mine, some time back.

20-7-1900 The Bushmen Trooper Dunn. Mr. W, T. Palmer, of Sunny Corner, has received a letter, written at Buluwayo, from Trooper J J Dunn, of the Bushmen's Contingent. The writer describes the journey from Beira to Marandel and thence to Buluwayo. The march from Murandella to Buluwayo was accomplished in 14 days, but only by enduring great hardships. In the last 21 hours they marched 40 miles over a heavy road, carrying from 30 lb. to 40 lb. of kit each. With few exceptions all suffered severely from sore feet. After their long and toilsome march it was a great disappointment to find that they were too late to participate in the relief of Mafeking the one motive which had spurred them to the greatest possible effort en route. However, according to the writer, they all hoped for an opportunity to make up for this mistake.

27-6-1900 From Sunny Corner comes the news that Mr. J. K. Charleston's big engine started work at Bob's Creek a few days ago, and together with the plant, is working very smoothly. At the Paddy Lackey Gold Mine Dark Corner a crushing of 420 tons of quarts was finished last week, the yield resulting in 423oz, or a fraction over an ounce per ton. At the same mine the cleaning up from the cyanide vats produced no less than 200oz of gold. The mine is in full work, and a strong reef is showing in the stopes.
The contractors for sinking in the northern drive are now in 525ft, the reef here is about 2ft wide, and shows gold freely. This is the most northern point to which the reef has been unworked in the deeper workings; and this fact considerably enhances the value of the Paddy Lackey property as above this level the mine is unworked to the surface.

10-7-1900 Four Feet At Sunny Corner. The snow yesterday was three feet deep on the ground and in drifts six and seven feet. The water-pipes are frozen, and water cannot pass through the exposed ones. Many housewives had to melt snow to obtain water for domestic purposes.
Later.
Great damage was done to property in town, the principal of which was the demolition of the Victoria-hall, a large building in which all our principal entertainments were held, and which was the property of Mr. Weinert. Numerous other places were more or less injured. Mr. Francis hotel was disintegrated, so to speak, by the middle portion collapsing and falling in the dining room, upsetting the lamp and causing some consternation by burning a table-cloth and several articles adjacent. Several verandahs caved in, notably the post-office, Bryant's, Havenhand's, Cormack's, Osborne's, Thomas', and others. Traffic was entirely suspended. One business cart essayed to attend to its calls, but had to be abandoned about a mile out of town on Thursday; it was "relieved" on Sunday. The snow was some four or five feet high, while the drift rose to eight feet. Most of the homesteads were snow-bound, and many were unable to get out of their houses. One who attempted to get his meat and other necessaries from town, started at daylight on Sunday morning and reached town after dinner time. He only lived some one and a half miles out. Wood, for fuel purposes, is at a premium. The mails, too, suffered. We had no Sydney mail on Friday or Saturday, but on Sunday we had a delivery, a phenomenal occurrence, thanks to our genial postmaster and his assistant. There was no outward mail on Thursday or Friday, as the road was impassable. Telegraphic communication was also interrupted no message could be sent anywhere.

24-8-1900 There died at West Mitchell, on August 8, from injuries received through being crushed by a dray wheel, Valentino Loth, aged 69 years and 11 months. Deceased was a German. In early life he went to America, where, at the time of the discovery of gold in California 1849, he was engaged in saddlery and leather business in Philadelphia. Disposing of the business, he went to California in the early fifties, and in 1857, in company with David Gould Poyitt, John and Robert Smith, W. Lowe, P. McClinchy, and William Stevens, sailed for the newer Eldorado of Australia. Arrived here, they went to the Turon River, and from Sofala to its head. "Valentino" as he was familiarly and generally known, has since been an identity. As his mates of the early days have passed, the last being John Smith, of Dark Corner, about two years ago. During his life he

followed mining and pastoral pursuits, having at one time a sheep station at “Warrie”, on Coolamigal Creek, at another, a place nearer Sunny Corner, now the residence of Mrs. Grabham, on the Dark Corner road. At one time and another he was interested in various mining properties around the district, with more or less success. In 1891 he disposed of his interests here and went home to Germany, intending to spend the remainder of his days there. But the climate disagreed with him, and on medical advice, he returned to Australia, among scenes with which he was familiar. Since 1893 he has lived at West Mitchell, until last week, when the unfortunate accident mentioned above cut him down, at the allotted age of three score and ten. Loved and revered by all who had known or heard of him, his death came as a terrible shock to the community, and his absence will be most keenly felt by many needy and unfortunate families in the district, who have time and again shared his bounty and benevolence. Blest with a share of the worlds goods, his hand and home were ever open to relieve distress, and his passing has left a void which will be long felt. Although German born, he had become so thoroughly English as to forget his mother tongue, and on the occasion of his return to Germany, his conversation was carried on by means of interpreter. He is supposed to have belonged to the Lutheran church, but, as with many another good Christians, creed with him was of secondary importance, and his religion bloomed forth in an upright and temperate life, with love to his fellow man. His remains were interred in Dark Corner cemetery, and the funeral was one of the largest in the history of the district. Of him it may be written, *Sic itar ad astrae* — 'such is the way to the stars".

11-9-1900 A miraculous escape from a horrible death occurred yesterday morning at Kirkconnell. Miss Murray, daughter of Mr. James Murray, Mitchell Creek road, when near the R.C. church (where she was about to attend Mass) was thrown from the horse she was riding, through the sudden rush of a dog causing the horse otherwise a quiet one to become unmanageable. The young woman was dragged on the off side for some distance, as her foot remained caught in the stirrup, and was only released by being dashed against a tree. The crowd of onlookers who were quite helpless, expected to find her dead or very seriously injured, but up to time of writing no injury beyond bruises and a very severe shock can be discovered.

The weather is quite spring-like, but for severe frosts.

The Meadow Flat Debating Club meets at regular intervals, and though the attendance so far has not been large, the members pass an improving and pleasant hour in wrestling with some of the burning questions of the day.

14-9-1900 We had a heavy downfall of rain on Friday afternoon and night, militating considerably against the opening of the Church of England bazaar. Sunday was extremely cold. As a result of the changeable weather, colds are again in evidence, and a slight outbreak of chicken pox has been reported among some families.

The Progress Committee is making itself felt, if we may judge from the indications of expenditure in and around the town. The Bob's Creek road is to be considerably improved, as also the new road towards Dark Corner, where some thousand or fifteen hundred yards of stone are to be used for macadamising it. Our member, Mr. W. F. Hurley, is the happy medium.

A movement is on foot to endeavour to get the hospital buildings on the summit of the hill on the western side of the town removed to a more central situation, with a view to converting them into some use to wit, a school of arts or such like, as since they were erected some ten years or more ago they have never been once used, except as a private residence. And besides, they are being more or less destroyed by insane mortals, who delight in breaking windows and otherwise disfiguring a nice set of buildings.

There was a considerable exodus of townsfolk to Sydney on Thursday last, taking advantage of the cheap excursion train.

Dame Rumour has it that matrimonial matters will be "brisk" during the coming months.

21-9-1900 One of the prettiest and most popular of weddings was celebrated here on Wednesday last, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Murray ("Polly"), eldest daughter of Mr. John Murray, of Tattersall's hotel, and Mr. R. Shumack ("Dick") third son of Mr. R. Shumack, of Dark Corner. The Rev. Father Flanagan tied the nuptial knot in the presence of a large congregation at St. Mathias's church. Miss Kate Murray, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Mr. George Shumacks brother, acted as best man.

Miss Norris, organist of the church, played the "Wedding March" at the conclusion of the ceremony.

At one o'clock some one hundred and twenty guests sat down to a sumptuous "breakfast" at which were present all the leading ladies and gentlemen of Sunny Corner and surrounding districts. Mr. Moran was appointed to the chair and after the good things provided were disposed of proposed, in a felicitous speech, the health of the bride and bridegroom, referring to the high respect in which the parents of both were held. Father Flanagan followed in a neat speech, after which the principal toast was drunk with musical honours. The bridegroom replied in a short and happy speech. The bridesmaid and best man were next toasted; Mr. G. Shumack responding. The final toast was the respective parents of the most interested parties. Mr. and Mrs. R. Shumack junr. Mr. Duke and Mr. Flynn also made complimentary speeches. A most enjoyable social was given in the evening, at which most of the guests participated. The violin, by Mr. Lehane, and the Misses Worrall, May Duke, Blanche Flynn, and others at the piano, contributed the instrumental portion of the programme. Many songs were also given to fill up the time till eleven o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Shumack left for Sydney for their honeymoon, via Rydal, at nine o'clock. A nicer day could not have been experienced, as from early morn a bright warm sun shone out. The bride who was given away by her father wore a charming gown of cream figured silk and lace trimmings, with a beautiful white fancy straw hat, ostrich feathers, and chiffon trimmings. The bridegroom presented two handsome gold brooches and bouquets to the bride and her sister who acted as bridesmaid, who wore a pretty costume of cream crepon with blue silk and lace trimmings and leghorn hat, trimmed with silk and ostrich tips. Many were the congratulations to the bride and bridegroom and their respective parents and relations on the happy event.

Mrs. Shumacks travelling dress was a navy blue cloth with white silk front, and hat en suite.

A large number of wedding presents were inspected, among them being : — Mrs. R. H. Bulkeley, morocco hand-bag; Mrs. W. Owen, silver butter basin; Mrs. Glynn, butter dish and sugar bowl; Miss Worrell, pair vases; Miss Sparks, pair vases; -

Misses K. and N. Murray, butter dish; Mrs. T. J. Eathcr, pair vases; Mrs. S. Berry, half-dozen cups and saucers; Mrs. A. Sparks, pair vases, Mrs. W. Bryant, set glass dishes; Mrs. Bennett, jelly dish; Mrs. Smith, handsome cosy; Mr. Lehane, set of carvers and rests in case; Mrs, C. Worrell, butter dish; Mrs. Jarnos Bradley, jelly dish; Misses C. and M. Duke, fruit dishes; Miss J. Ross, jam dishes and salt cellars; Miss M. Ross, biscuit barrel; Mrs. M. Scott, gold brooch; Mr. M. Scott, silver mounted pipe; Mrs. B. Cohen, jug and fancy salt cellars; Miss Flynn, pair vases; Miss Rusliton, butter basins; Mrs. Colemane, china tea pot and stand; Miss B. Murray, fancy cups; Miss J. Sparks, tea-pot; Miss P. Berry, half-dozen plates and moustache cup; Mrs. P. Berry, sugar basin ; Miss Berry, pair handsome cushions; Mr, M. Scott, handsome lamp; Mr. M. J. Moran, butter dish: Mrs. C. Keightley, lamp; Miss Green, knife resters and paint easel; Mrs. J. Knight, lamp; Mrs. Rickard, sugar basin, butter basin, and tea-pot; Mr. Rickard, pair sugar bowls, pair jelly dishes, fancy cup; Mrs. J. Shumack, table cloth; Mr. George Shumack, purse of sovereigns; Mrs. A. Shumack, silver rings in case; Mr. A. Shumack, handsome morocco prayer-book; Mrs. R. Shumack, silver pickle jar; Miss Shumack, pair photo frames; Miss Shumack, mustachio cup; Mrs. J. S. Hayes, handsome silver pickle jar; Mrs. W. Wrightaitt, silver cruet; Mrs. A. Correy, silver butter dish.

1-10-1900 Sunny Corner, Friday. The War Committee intend to-morrow to erect in the centre of the town a Union Jack as a public flag.

5-10-1900 A huge flagpole, some forty-five feet high and five feet odd in the ground, was erected here on Tuesday in front of Francis hotel as a memento of the British successes in South Africa. Most of the leading residents of the town were present at its erection, which caused a good deal of interest.

Our local postmaster, Mr. Tomkinson, not to be behind the times, has also erected a flagstaff some five or six feet higher than the public one. There are now some four flagpoles in town.

19-10-1900 There is very little news for this issue, as the town is abnormally quiet.

Fitzgerald's circus at Bathurst attracted a number of residents, both from Sunny Corner, and Dark Corner.

The R. C. bazaar was continued with success on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the attendance being only slightly less than on Saturday. The financial result is not yet known.

A kind of influenza has attacked a number of persons in town, principally adults, and, as the weather is exceedingly exhilarating, the cause is unaccountable.

22-10-1900 Sinclair and party are still sinking a shaft on their claim at Clear Creek. A small parcel of stone, consisting of 25 tons, was run through the battery last week. The yield was not up to the ordinary, being only about 12dwt to the ton. The party has purchased a small 5 head battery from McCudden, of Wattle Flat, which is being erected on the site.

A trial crushing of Messrs. Bond and party, from the Little Hill, consisting of 50 tons, was run through the Bob's Creek battery, and proved to be unsatisfactory. It was estimated that the stone would yield at least from 8dwt to ½ oz, but, unfortunately, the return was only 3dwt to the ton.

Stone is being taken out of the Bob's Creek Mine, ready to commence crushing on the 22nd instant. The main tunnel has been worked about 180ft into the side of the hill. The country is exceedingly soft, and as yet no blasting has been required. An excellent plant has been erected on this latest venture, consisting of a 10 head battery of the latest fashion, a cracker, and a Wilfley's patent concentrator. The former crushings were trial ones, and the yield was only moderate, owing to a large quantity of mullock being mixed with the quartz. The next crushing, however, is expected to be a good one. It is estimated that the tailings from the battery only yield 16gr to the ton, and, therefore, a cyanide plant would be worked at a loss.

The public battery at Mitchell's Creek is kept steadily going crushing for several small parties, on the Big Hill and Little Hill.

The Paddy Lackey Company and Dark Corner intend to commence crushing on Monday, 22nd instant. It is expected that the battery will have a clear run till Christmas.

9-10-1900 Presbyterian Church Of New South Wales Notice is hereby given that the gentlemen whose names are hereunder given have been duly elected and appointed Trustees for the property belonging to the Congregation at Sunny Corner, viz.:—

Normal Armour Poyitt, miner. Sunny Corner;
Robert M Maclachlan, miner, Sunny Corner;
Walter George Bryant, butcher, Sunny Corner;
Jerome Charles Haven, builder, Sunny Corner
Colin McLachlan, storekeeper, Sunny Corner; to act with the the Minister of the Parish and the Moderator and Clerk of Assembly for the time being, John C. MacDonald, M.A., Moderator,Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

26-10-1900 Sofala Gold Dredging Co. began dredging Turon in the Gulf area, 9 men were employed and for the year treated 18000 cubic yards for 84 ozs of gold and shutdown in 1901 due to poor returns. It shut down about the junction of the Palmers Oakey Creek and Turon.

2-11-1900 We have had two weddings during the week, each on the best day of all Wednesday, the Very Rev. Archdeacon Dunstan (Church of England) officiating on each occasion. The first nuptial knot was between Miss Jones, a long resident of the town, and Mr. Osborn. The wedding was a quiet one.

The second took place at Kirkconnell on Wednesday, the 31st Oct., at St. Paul's Church of England, Yetholme, Mr. William Berry, of Hillcott Vale, Yetholme, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Mara, second daughter of Mr. John Mara, overseer, Kirkconnell. The church was decorated for the occasion with ferns and a choice collection of wild flowers (for which the neighborhood is famous at this time of the year), by girl friends of the bride, and was filled with relatives of the happy couple. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Dunstan.

As the bridal party entered the church the choir sang "The voice that breathed o'er Eden" very sweetly indeed.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in cream silk crepon, wreath and veil, and carried a beautiful bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom, and looked a perfect picture. Six bridesmaids were in attendance, three of whom were sisters of the bride, Misses Alice, Agnes, and Mattie Mara. They wore dresses of pretty cornflower blue, trimmed with chiffon and hats to match, while the Misses E. and Ivy Berry, sister and cousin of the bridegroom, and Miss May Willott, of Perth, were dressed in white lace over pink silk. Mr. George Berry, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

As the wedding party left the church the wedding march was played. The bride's path along the aisle was strewn with rose leaves and wild flowers. At the door her father's four horse drag was in attendance to convey the party to Kirkconnell. Arriving there, the young couple received the usual congratulations, and a great number of beautiful and costly presents. At the wedding breakfast, to which upwards of a hundred guests sat down, the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Ven. Archdeacon in a very happy speech, to which the bridegroom responded. Mr. Jas. Egan proposed "The bridesmaids," Mr. Geo. Berry responding. Soon after dancing was commenced in a large pavilion and was kept up till daylight next morning,

Miss E. Mara, pianist, and Mr. W. Walshaw, violin, providing the music.

6-11-1900 Preparations are being made to recommence operations at the Sunny Corner Silver Mine. A small party of men is at work cleaning out the various levels, this being the first work done since Christmas 1896. It is expected that a large number of men will in the course of a few months be taken on to resuscitate the silver mines to their former, state.

The Bob's Creek Mine, owned by Mr. J. K. Charleston, has been let out on tribute to Messrs. Bond, Nicholas, and party. The battery and plant lately erected on the site are to be used for public crushing purposes. The crushing is to be done at reduced prices, so that this will prove quite an acquisition to the small parties at work in the district.

At the Paddy Lackey Mine, Dark Corner, the contractors are still at work in the main drive at 620ft. The workmen are kept busy in the stopes supplying stone for the battery, which is kept going.

It has been announced that the magnificent plant erected on the Lagoon Creek Mine some three years ago is to be sold in small lots to suit the buyers. The plant includes a Chalmer's improved 15 head stamper (900 lb), two high pressure boilers, with a pair of Rich Hartmen's 150 h.p. engines, and a cyanide plant.

Messrs. Murray and Leans public battery, at Mitchells Creek, is kept steadily going. The last crushing put through was a parcel of 84 tons from the Big Hill, on account of Messrs. Lowes and party. The yield was 8 ½ dwt to the ton, this being about the average yield of the Big Hill reef. At present stone from the same claim is being crushed.

26-11-1900 John Hurst Post Master at West Mitchell Post Office.

27-11-1900 That Sunny Corner is not "broke" yet, and that there is still "corn in Egypt" was exemplified on Sunday last, when something approaching £11 was raised in a few hours towards the testimonial to Bishop Byrne. The rev. bishop has the sympathy of his flock, and those outside also.

I hear that an epidemic of influenza has broken out at Dark Corner, but the congenial weather just now must soon abate it, as it is doing in Sunny Corner.

The Church of England grand variety entertainment, advertised in this issue, will be held in the Victoria hall on Wednesday, December 5. The programme indicates that this will be a specially good entertainment. The services have been secured of all the well-known leading local and district amateurs. The programme includes tableaux vivants, sentimental and comic songs, floral march and fancy drill by the public school pupils, duels, phonograph (Edison's) selections, vocal and instrumental solos, fan dance by twelve young ladies, etc., besides an original and side-splitting farce "Number 157 B" There will be a full orchestra under Mr. T. H. Nicholas, and Mr. W. T. Palmer will be stage manager. Altogether, the programme promises "big things".

8-12-1900 Messrs. Murray and Lean's battery at West Mitchell was cleaned up on Friday, November 30. The parcel crushed consisted of about 150 tons of stone taken from the Big Hill Mine (on tribute). The yield was a trifle over the ordinary run of the Big Hill stone, that is, 13dwt to the ton, the returns being 102oz.

Operations at Clear Creek are being actively carried on. Messrs. Sinclair and party have almost completed the erection of their five head battery on their claim. It is rumoured that the party has been offered £5000 for the plant and mine. Taking into consideration the fact that the improvements on the claim are but trifling, the offer, if made, is an excellent one, although Messrs. Sinclair and party have every appearance of a good show before them in the Clear Creek Mine.

Crushing is still going on busily at the Paddy Lackey Mine at Dark Corner. The contractors have extended the main drive 660ft north, while the hands are busy in the stopes furnishing stone for the battery, which is kept actively employed. The company intends to clean up about the 20th instant. The cyaniding process is being employed, and it is expected that this part of the work will be cleaned up in about a week's time.

The tributers at Bob's Creek Mine have taken out a good quantity of stone, which is at grass. The party intend to commence crushing this week, and have a clear run till Christmas. At the Sunny Corner Silver Mine work is progressing but slowly. Only a small contingent of workmen has gone on, and the prospect of the furnaces being at work before the New Year seems to be rather remote. The leases are now held as mineral leases. Up to a few years ago they were held both for gold and mineral mining. In former years, as much as 40oz of gold to the ton, of an inferior grade, was won from the gossan when the mine was known as Blackman's Reef. It is to be regretted that the mine has been allowed to be fallow in spite of the numerous applications made by the towns people for the cancellation of the leases.

11-12-1900 Mr. McKenzie, Inspector of Schools, visited Meadow Flat, Sunny Corner, Dark Corner and Palmer's Oakey during the week.

21-12-1900 A Sunny Corner Reception. A wire from Sunny Corner reports the return of Trooper Dunn, who was invalided from South Africa. The residents of the old Silver Field made the occasion one of great rejoicing.

Flags were flying from all the residents, and the returned warrior was entertained at a smoke concert at night. A number of interesting war letters from Trooper Dunn appeared in Sydney and Mudgee papers, in which he gave some vivid accounts of battles in the Transvaal.

A bursary examination, under the presidency of Mr. Havenhand, with Mrs. Hayes and Messrs. Le Messurior and J. Duke as remainder of the committee, was held here on Wednesday and Thursday.

We all regret to hear that our popular sergeant; Mr. Hayes, is about to leave us, but with a promotion to Bathurst. I believe Mr. Ritchie is to succeed him.

The funds saved over our late Mafeking demonstration, or part of them, are to be expended in a celebration on Commonwealth Day.

At Mitchell's Creek, on Wednesday night, the funds of the "Union Church" were very much augmented by a large and appreciative audience. The Rev. Mr. Thomas presided. The principal items of the evening were given by children trained by Miss McManus, teacher of public school, Dark Corner. Mrs. J, Cook sang very nicely, " Light of Ages"; Master Lean, recitation, "Somebody's Mother"; Miss McKinnon, " The Flower Girl " ; Mr, Morrison, song, " In Happy Moments," and " Banks of Allen Water." Miss Mc Manus gave in her usual creditable style "The Relief of Lucknow"; Miss Minnie Aldwell gave "What They Both Did." Rev. Mr. Thomas returned thanks to the audience, and particularly to Miss McManus for the excellent manner in which she trained her pupils from another correspondent.

The Church of England entertainment realised £15 10s. The above was unavoidably held over from Tuesday's issue.

In the commemoration of the arrival of Lord Hopetoun the town was gaily decorated with bunting in some six places.

It is not expected that many will leave the Corner for the Commonwealth celebrations, as many fathers, sons, and families are returning to spend their Christmas holidays here after a protracted absence at work in distant places.

The Commonwealth is to be duly celebrated here by a picnic and series of sports.

A couple of cases of typhoid are again reported.

The different schools in the district broke up on Friday for the Christmas holidays this year for six weeks.

Mr. W. Randall, who has been a most genial and obliging postal assistant here for a considerable time, has been promoted to Ryde, his native district.

27-12-1900 A nice lump of retorted gold was obtained at Clear Creek by Messrs. Sinclair and party last week. It weighed 40oz, and was obtained from 32 tons of stone, representing a fortnight's work for the party.

At Dark Corner the proprietors of the Paddy Lackey Mine recently cleaned up 550 tons of quartz at the mine battery for 204oz of gold, and 750 tons tailings from the cyanide plant for 133oz of gold. This output is far below the average returns from the mine.

28-12-1900 Delightful weather favoured us on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The former day was beautifully cool, enabling one to enjoy the Christmas viands; the latter warm, if not hot, for the Oddfellows races and sports.

As usual at Christmas time, we have one or two weddings. Boxing day provided two. Miss Montgomery was married to Mr. Smith, of Dark Corner, by the Very Rev. Archdeacon Dunstan; and Miss Symonds to Mr. G. Attwell, by the Rev. Mr. Thomas.

There is to be quite an exodus of experienced miners, early next month for Noumea, New Caledonia. There are some Sunny Cornerites already over there.

There was a nice display of bunting during Christmas and Boxing Day, the town flag showing conspicuously. "

I learn that Mr. C. T. Greenwell, from the head office, is to succeed Mr. Randall as postal and telegraph assistant at the local post office.

This year the Oddfellows' annual races and sports meeting came off most satisfactorily. The attendance was good, the weather delightful, and there was the greatest order. The principal officials were. Bro. W. G. Bryant, judge, Bro. F, Havenhand, starter; and Bro. Thos. Sparks, clerk of the course.

COMMON STOCK OWNERS PALMERS OAKEY 1900

NAME	HORSES	CATTLE	GOATS
Duncan Ferguson	11	14	
Ewen McC Ferguson	10	15	
Charles P Ferguson	1		
Jane V Ferguson	4	23	
Charles F Franks		1	
F N Franks	1	2	
Michael McDonnell	2	14	
E J O'Farrell	2	5	
Manuel Lewis	2	10	
Julius Wannick	3		
A McKinnon	4	8	
A Wilkinson Snr	2	8	
Henry Theobald Jr	2	6	
A M Phillips	1		
George McLeod	9		
J T Franks	7	4	3
Duncan McKinnon	3	1	

James Dyson	1		
Carolina Mcintyre		10	10
F H Buckerfield	2		
William Tacke	1		
Peter Munro	7	8	3
Henry Theobald Snr	7	10	
George Bower	2		
A Wilkinson Jnr	2	7	
M Phillips		5	
James McDonnell	2	4	
J Wannick Snr		21	
Daniel Hopkins		4	
Peter Theobald	2		
Walter Theobald	2		
Francis Hyde,	4	3	
J Turner	1		
33	97	183	16

Common Expenditure £8-8-6 Stock Tax £2-5-2

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4-1-1901 REVIEW OF 1900. From the Herald review of last year we extract the following passages.

Leaving Sydney, the first gold field reached is Sunny Corner, Sunny Corner has been hanging fire as a gold producer. In the early days of the fields the silver mine there was the mainstay, and when that closed owing to the low price of silver the place became almost a one mine camp. Still at present this one mine (Paddy Lackey) is about the most consistent, but by no means the largest producer in the colony. For years the Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner, a few miles north of Sunny Corner, has been producing profitable results, and during the past year it has upheld the good results all along obtained. The mine is owned by a party of working miners who conduct, with the assistance of a few employees the whole of their own affairs. The property is truly a gold mine to its owners. Outside the Paddy Lackey property a good deal of prospecting is still going on in the hope of locating a reef as good as the Lackey. The Big Hill, much nearer town, is worked mostly by various tribute parties with results equalling fair wages.

Results from Bob's Creek, also close to Sunny Corner, are very moderate. Beyond these shows there is not much going on. There are no new finds in the district to report.

The Government boring operations failed to locate anything to lift the place.

CELEBRATIONS AT SUNNY CORNER,

Sydney was not alone in celebrating Commonwealth Day, and the birth of the new nation and the new century. Sunny Corner also had her display without Government subsidy, and without prospect of fat lodging-house bills, or reviews and fees, and a very creditable display it was, too.

The patriotic Mafeking committee, having a snug balance in hand, resolved to devote it to celebrating the day in good style, and to that end voted the money in hand to a public committee formed for the purpose of organising the demonstration. By this means, supplemented by about an equal amount of subscriptions from well disposed citizens, a fund was raised which gave the children a delightful picnic and day of sports, at which the elders enjoyed themselves equally well.

The day was inaugurated at 12 o'clock on Monday night by a brilliant display of fireworks, followed by three cheers for Federated Australia, three more for the new century, and a tiger for old Sunny Corner. Other picnics for the day were postponed, and at 10 o'clock next day, with every flag in town flying, and the sturdy old Union Jack in his place of pride, with a line of banners and streamers across the main-street, headed by a glee and chorus band improvised for the occasion, the procession was organised and marched to the west end of the town and back again. Then up the hill to "Pollard's Flat," above the waterworks reserve, where a splendid ground had been cleared and raked, and an immense bush booth constructed for shade and shelter. As the procession passed through the doorway to the booth each child was handed a bun, provided by the committee. After the children had been served everybody else received the same treatment, and the crowd then disposed themselves around to rest till dinner was served. This was announced at 12.30. After dinner the sports committee got to work, and before the races for large and small, the jar breaking, jumping, and other schemes devised for distributing tots, lollies, and biscuits had been carried out, every child on the ground had received a toy or prize of some kind, and all were thoroughly happy. Not withstanding the absence of some 70 of our citizens, who formed the Sydney contingent from Sunny Corner, over 400 people were present, and included representatives from Yetholme, Dark Corner, Meadow Flat, Mount Lambie, and Tarana. At five o'clock tea was served, and owing to the threatening aspect of the weather the crowd dispersed to their homes thoroughly satisfied with the day and the picnic, and fully resolved that Commonwealth Day was event that should receive yearly attention. As Sunny Corner was in the front rank this turn so shall she always be on this day.

The following were the committee having the affair in charge ;— Messrs. C. G. Roberts (chairman), J, O. Jeffrey(secretary), John Cook (treasurer), Tomkinson, Duke, W. Bryant, Randall, Simpkins, L. Murray, Haven, Boon, John H. Thomas, Jas. Thomas, S. Calladine, W. Roberts, Considine, Geo. Flynn; Curnow, Jas. Odgers, A. Sparks, C. Murray, Marsden, and Todd. The chief marshals were Messrs. J. C. Haven and Platt.

11-1-1901. HIS Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Public Service Board, has been pleased to appoint Sergeant William Ritchie as Warden's Clerk, Mining

Registrar, and Officer authorised to issue Miners Rights and Business and Mineral Licenses, and Bailiff of the Warden's Court, at Mitchell (Sunny Corner), vice Sergeant Hayes, removed, such appointment to take effect from the 1st January, 1901.

11-1-1901 TROOPER DUNN IN SYDNEY. SUNNY CORNER WILL WELCOME HIM.

Among the returned troops from South Africa by the “Orient” is Trooper J. J. Dunn, of the Australian Bushmen. He returns to Sunny Corner on Monday next in company with Mr. W. T. Palmer, who is at present enjoying a holiday in the city, and was present to accord Trooper Dunn a hearty welcome on stepping once more upon his native soil. Sunny Corner folk may be relied upon to extend a most hearty greeting to their representative from the front on his arrival there on Monday.

18-1-1901 HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

To the Editor. .Sir,— In the Mercury of December 28th appeared the following. Sunny Corner, Thursday.— We were pleased to hear that; Miss Shumack and Master Martin successfully passed their examination for bursary and high school entrance respectively.

Now, that would lend any of your readers to believe that Miss Shumack, and Master Martin were scholars from the Sunny Corner school, which they are not. And, in addition to Miss Shumack and Master Martin, Master Aiden Shumack passed his examination also, which your correspondent forgot to mention.

These three scholars are from the Dark Corner public school, of which Miss McManus is teacher—Yours, etc., Fair Play.

18-1-1901 TROOPER DUNN WELCOMED. Sunny Corner, Thursday.

Not to be behind the other towns of the State, the prominent residents of the town gave the returned trooper, Jim Dunn, a hearty welcome at Havenhand's hotel on Tuesday night last. Mr. L. A. Tomkinson, J. P., presided. Speeches were made by the chairman, Mr. Moran, and Mr. Palmer, followed by Mr. J. K. Charleston. Songs were given by Messrs. Havenhand and Moran, and the former entertained the assemblage with his Edison's gramophone.

5-2-1901 Mr. Moran, son of our public school teacher, left for Wagga on Monday night to act as postal and telegraph assistant there. Mr. Pearce relieving post and telegraph master, has taken Mr. Tomkinson's duties during his well earned six months holiday.

Three Sunny Corner cases of typhoid are reported to be in Bathurst hospital, and three deaths in our neighbourhood at Meadow Flat and Mount Lambie.

The newly formed Rifle Cub promises to "boom", particularly if the present enthusiasm is kept up.

During the week we have had James Dunn and John Dawes in town, invalided home from South Africa.

Mining matters are progressing slowly, but expectations are sanguine.

I am informed that Miss Dolan succeeds Miss McManus as teacher of the Dark Corner school. During the latter's occupancy of the post she made hosts of friends and was deservedly popular. Miss Dolan comes with a good reputation from the Burrowa district,

5-3-1901 After three days of the abnormal heat wave, we had a nice change of rain, which, although slight, should do a lot of good.

Mr. Conlan, who died on Wednesday, had a large funeral at Kirkconnell, the Rev. Father Flanagan officiating.

Many visitors have arrived from Bathurst and district to be present at the Presbyterian entertainment to-night.

5-4-1901 One of the oldest pioneers of the district, Mr. John Sparkes, passed quietly away on Friday last at his residence, near Meadow Flat, at the ripe age of 75 years, surrounded by most of his family. The deceased gentleman had resided in the district for some forty-eight years, and was highly respected. He leaves a widow, nine children, and some twenty-two grandchildren.

The funeral on Sunday afternoon was the largest ever seen in the district. The deceased was buried at Kirkconnell.

12-4-1901 On Friday last the Rev. Mr, Thomas preached his farewell to the West Mitchell friends, in the Union church there. A goodly number rolled up to hear the final sermon and to say farewell.

At the close of the service Mr. Lean, on behalf of the Sunday school, presented to Mr. Thomas a very nicely bound volume of Eliza Cook's poems, making a few fitting remarks. Mr. Thomas heartily thanked his West Mitchell friends for their kind appreciation of his services by this book which they had presented to him.

15-4-1901 A grand village fair, in aid of the R.C. Church, Kirkconnell, was held in the church grounds on Wednesday, 10th inst, and viewed from a financial standpoint, was a great success. The day was beautifully fine. About 200 persons from all parts were present. The Bathurst District Junior Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Lewins, arrived at 1 p.m. Mr. Lewins deserves much praise for the manner in which he has brought out the young folk.

Within the grounds a large booth was erected, also stalls for cattle, sheep, pigs, poultry, etc., and other articles too numerous to mention. Mr. T. Bellamy (auctioneer, of O'Connell), who kindly gave his services gratis, succeeded in obtaining good prices for everything sold. A social was held at night, the band discoursing sweet music.

20-5-1901 The Licensing Court of the Licensing District of Bathurst,

On the 13th day of May now instant, cancelled the license, particulars of which are given hereunder:—Name of Licensee—Benjamin Thomas. Nature of License—Publican's Sign—" Club House Hotel." Situation of Premises—Sunny Corner.

H. H. CIHIPPINDALL, Court-house, Bathurst, Clerk of Petty Sessions. 20th May, 1901. [11699]

31-5-1901 Several, of the Bathurst Salvation Army visited the town on Tuesday night last and held an open-air meeting opposite the Royal hotel.

The local public school was closed on Monday and Tuesday last, the business places on Monday; and the post-office on Tuesday, all by way of commemorating the visit of Royalty to this State and enjoying a holiday generally.

Mrs. D. McLachlan and Mr. J. Turner, both of West Mitchell, are, I am told, laid up through severe illness in each case.

Mr. W. Edwards, who met with a severe burning accident at the Sunny Corner smelting works a few weeks ago, is still unable to get about, and some time must elapse before he will be sufficiently recovered to resume work.

7-6-1901 An old Dark Corner identity, named John Fairley, was found dead on Sunday last, and was interred in the Dark Corner cemetery on Monday. It is said that he was one of the oldest inhabitants of the locality, and lived a most peculiar existence in a log hut but all alone.

He had a substantial banking account, running into three figures to his credit with the Bank of New South Wales, also a fair amount deposited with the Government Savings Bank. A considerable sum was also found tied up in rags in his hut. It is stated that he had made a will some time prior to his death. Although he resided in the one place for such a time, he does not appear to have been widely known, principally on account of leading such a hermit's life.

Mr. Jas. Murray, junr., had a narrow escape from serious injury on Saturday night, while riding from Portland. It appears, when nearing home his horse took fright and bolted, throwing him heavily against a fence. He luckily escaped with only a dislocation of his thumb and shoulder.

At the usual meeting of the Progress Association held on Thursday night, business of no importance was dealt with. The committee have been granted the arrival of the mail one hour and a half earlier from Rydal to Sunny Corner.

Numerous loads of machinery and coke are being constantly drawn to the Sunny Corner Mine. The furnace has restarted after a week's idleness.

Monday being a holiday in honor of the Duke of Cornwall and York's birthday, all the business places were closed. Flags were flying from sunrise to sunset all over Sunny Corner.

We were treated to a slight fall of snow on Saturday morning. The frosts at night are very severe. Yesterday and to-day is piercingly cold.

28-6-1901 The local and Dark Corner public schools broke up on Friday last for the mid-winter vacation, the teachers losing no time in getting away to spend their holidays in a warmer climate.

The accumulation of snow on the roads during the past low days has been giving teamsters and others considerable, inconvenience, their complaints in this respect being very strong.

8-7-1901 The marriage of Mr. James Egan, second son of Mr. P. Egan, of Meadow Flat, and Miss Alice (Allie) Mara, third daughter of Mr. Jno. Mara, of Kirkconnell, was solemnised at the residence of the brides parents, Kirkconnell, on Wednesday 26 ult. The Rev. Archdeacon Dunstan was the officiating clergyman. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty dress of brown cloth, trimmed with white satin, and guipure hat ensuite. Misses Agnes and Mattie Mara, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids, wearing pretty dresses of green poplin, trimmed with cerise silk and braid. The former wore a lovely black straw hat, trimmed with chiffon and cerise silk and ostrich tips. The latter's hat was of green velvet trimmed with green silk and osprey. Miss Marjorie Milson was also in attendance, wearing a simple costume of cream silk, hat to match. Mr. Edward Mara, brother of the bride, acted as best man. Mrs. Jno. Mara, the bride's mother, looked well in black voile trimmed with purple silk. After the ceremony, a reception was held by the brides' parents, about 40 couples being present, including visitors from Lithgow, Bathurst, Perth and Meadow Flat.

The Rev. Archdeacon proposed the toast of "Bride and Bridegroom," which was responded to by the groom. Later in the evening a most enjoyable social was given. Excellent music was supplied by Messrs. Wilkinson (Lithgow), Mrs. T. Mara and the Misses Mara, S. Willot, violin (Perth). Dancing was kept up till the " wee sma " hours.

The presents received were both handsome and costly.

13-7-1901 Mr. J. H. Kennedy, formerly teacher at St. Leonard's, has gone to Dark Corner, near Sunny Corner. Two feet of snow there last week.

19-7-1901 The remains of the late Mr. L. A. Weinert were interred in the Kirkconnell Cemetery on Sunday last. The body was on Sunday forenoon moved from his late residence and placed in the local Roman Catholic Church, whence the funeral cortege, the largest ever known here moved for the cemetery at 1.15 p.m. Friends, acquaintances, and relatives were present from all parts of the district, some of them having journeyed a considerable distance to be present. No less than 80 vehicles, besides horsemen and pedestrians, taking part in the procession, fully 300 people being present at the grave.

This in itself goes to show the very high esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held by all sections of those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance during life. The Rev. Father Flannigan officiated at the grave in accordance with the rites of the R.C. Church. The scene at the grave was most pathetic, and the great number of people, representing all denominations, standing with uncovered heads, surrounding the relatives and friends of the deceased, as they took a last look at the coffin, presented a most touching spectacle. The Rev. Father Flannigan was unremitting in his attention to the deceased, having been with him almost continuously for the week prior to his passing over to join the great majority.

The first consignment of military rifles for the use of members of the local rifle club was delivered this week.

30-7-1901 The rabbit pest would appear to be engaging the attention of residents of this district just now. The Progress Committee have had the matter brought under their notice on different occasions lately. At their last meeting a communication was received from the Bathurst Stock Inspector requesting that steps be taken to deal with the pest. As it is a matter that the committee could not see their way clear to deal with them, it was decided to convene a meeting of all those whom the matter affects land owners and holders of all descriptions in the district, embracing. Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat, Yetholme, West Mitchell, Dark Corner, Palmers Oakey, etc. The persons affected can at that meeting thrash the matter out, no doubt to some advantage to themselves, if not to the advantage of "bunny." The Stock Inspector is to be invited by the Progress Committee to attend. It appears, that the Stock Inspector requires all owners and holders of land in the district to agree to simular means of action to deal with the pest. This would seem to be of but little use if action is not taken on Crown lands at the same time.

9-8-1901 The Public Service Board, has approved of the retirement of the following Teachers (without gratuity),—such retirements to date from 30th June, 1901. Miss Martha Dolan, Teacher, Dark Corner Public School.

9-8-1901 Mr; Ted Mara, in company with Mrs. Jno. Mara, had a very narrow escape from rather serious injury on Saturday last. It appears they were driving from Sunny Corner to their homestead at Kirkconnell, and when they entered the gate at Milsons paddock, the horses began kicking and getting their feet over the pole, smashed it to pieces. Both occupants were thrown heavily to the ground.

Mr. Mara sustained severe injuries to his thigh, Mrs. Mara being badly bruised and shaken by the fall. The horses then made off, running against a tree. Mr. Mara was soon on his feet again and had them captured, the whole turn out being considerably knocked about.

Mr. S. J. Morrison, who for the past two years filled the position of assistant teacher at the Public School here, has resigned his position in that service to enable him to take up ecclesiastical work. He left here last week for the purpose of entering Camden College.

Two more teams from Orange arrived here yesterday for the purpose of carting coke to the S.C. mine.

We have been treated to glorious weather until last night when good rain set in, continuing all night and at intervals through the day. About 11 o'clock a very heavy thunderstorm accompanied by a terrific hail storm lasted about ten minutes and covered the ground like snow. Judging, from the cold wind at present another fall of snow is anticipated.

Influenza is at present very prevalent in Sunny Corner, a number of families being laid up with same. Mr. Jno. Lemusurier was so very ill on Monday that his removal to Bathurst was necessary for medical treatment.

23-8-1901 Miss C. McManus, from Dark Corner to Glenmore Road Public, as Assistant

Miss M. Dolan, from Galong to Dark Corner Public, as Teacher.

27-8-1901 The blast furnace at the Sunny Corner mine was restarted on Thursday last, after repairs had been effected.

Repairs have been effected to the West Mitchell battery, and a small parcel of stone from, I believe, the Napoleon reef, put through, but the result was not great.

The Frenchy's reef tributers are having, a quantity of stone put through the Bob's Creek battery.

Messrs. Murray and Cook are said to have purchased a quantity of machinery recently at Byng, including a ten-head stamp mill, which it is currently reported they will erect somewhere in the vicinity of the Big Hill for the purpose of treating the stone from that property.

13-9-1901 Mr J. W Kennedy, from Tea Gardens to Dark Corner Public, as teacher;

24-9-1901 A very old identity, in the person of Mr. William Bradley, passed over to the great majority on Saturday morning at the good ago of 74 years. For some little time past the deceased resided with his brother Lawrence, and although he was daily becoming more feeble, the end was not expected so soon. He was, until a few days prior to his death, able to take his customary stroll round without any apparent difficulty, He leaves a family of some four sons and three daughters, I am told, all grown up. Besides Mr. Lawrence Bradley, I am informed that another brother resides in Lithgow. He followed farming pursuits for a great many years at Tindall's Flat, and only recently came to reside with his brother. The remains were taken to the R.C. church on Sunday evening, and removed thence for interment, on Monday afternoon, to Kirkconnell cemetery. There was a very large funeral, and Father Fianagan officiated at the grave.

26-9-1901 Mr. W. F. Hurley, M.P., has received a letter from the Under Secretary for Public Works, stating that with reference to the communication presented from the Sunny Corner Progress Committee applying for a special grant of £200 for expenditure upon that portion of the road from Meadow Flat, via Sunny Corner, to Palmers Oakey, known as Steels Pinch, the necessary survey, with a view to reducing the gradient on this pinch will be put in hand at once; and the necessary works proceeded with as soon as practicable.

2-10-1901 An interesting relic was shown to an 'Evening News' reporter yesterday. It consisted of a pipe rack, turned by Mr. A. Wilson, of Kirkconnell, Sunny Corner, out of a piece of one of the timbers of the old warship Nelson. At the top is a cavity for matches, the cover of which is turned out of one of the copper bolts which formed part of the old ship's fastenings. The rack is the property of a military officer.

17-10-1901 Mr. John Strickland, of West Mitchell, met with a serious accident during last week through a fall of earth whilst sluicing, whereby he sustained a fractured leg.

18-10-1901 Mr. W. T. Palmer, of Sunny Corner, is in receipt of a letter dated 13th September, from J.J. Dunn, erstwhile a trooper in the Citizens' Bushmen's Contingent, who writes from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, to say that he has joined the 'Imperial Light Horse" with the rank of sergeant, and was then about making a move in charge of 45 men, all Australians to join his regiment at the front. It will be remembered that Trooper Dunn arrived invalided home in January last from the seat of war, where he had been engaged for over a year,

After remaining with his friends in Sunny Corner for a few months, he decided to return to South Africa, and no doubt his many friends will be pleased to learn of his whereabouts, and especially of his promotion, or, rather acceptance in the Imperial Light Horse Regiment with the rank of sergeant.

24-10-1901 The Licensing Court of the Licensing District of Bathurst on the 13th day of May now instant, cancelled the license, particulars of which are given hereunder:—Name of Licensee—Benjamin Thomas. Publican's Sign—" Club House Hotel." Situation of Premises—Sunny Corner, H. H. CHIPPINDALL, Clerk of Petty Sessions.

29-10-1901 In consequence of the late continuous and copious rains, good business is being done in the mining industry throughout this district, both gold and copper holdings being vigorously operated upon. At Sunny Corner Messrs. Cook, Murray, and party some days ago landed on the ground the greater portion of their recently purchased up-to-date mining machinery, intended for erection on the Big Hill mine.

At the Big Sunny Corner mine work is going on smoothly and at the Paddy Lackey mine Dark Corner, a good deal of water has to be contended with at present, owing to the miners having broken through into old workings. Every facility available is being used to diminish the influx of water, and new pumping machinery has been placed on the mine premises.

Messrs. C. Murray and W. Gazley's Nundle mine (same locality) has again commenced to pay dividends, and the 'Frenchy' tributors at West Mitchell, are working on very good stone.

11-11-1901 St. Mathew's church, Sunny Corner was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday Oct 30 when Miss Mary S. Hurst second daughter of Mr. John Hurst of West Mitchell and Mr. Geo. Berry third son of Mr. Berry of Yetholme were united into the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. E. J. Flanagan

The bride who was given away by her father, looked charming in a pretty costume of cream cashmere with cream satin tucked yoke and fancy braid. Her hat was of fancy straw with white silk, Snowflakes and Lillies of the Valley. Miss Mabel Hurst sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, wearing a pretty fancy muslin dress with black bebe ribbon trimming.

Her hat was of fine white straw. Mr. Ern. Berry acted as best man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Berry, left for Bathurst. The bride's going away dress was black cloth relieved with black satin.

27-11-1901 At Sunny Corner mining operations are rather slack just at present, though the Paddy Lackey Mine, at Dark Corner, a few miles away, is going along satisfactorily, with encouraging prospects in the near future.

Messrs. Montgomery and party have had a trial parcel of about 20 tons of stone from their Bushranger's Flat reef put through at Murray's battery. The result of the trial has not yet become public.

At the Big Sunny Corner Mine smelting operations have for a time been suspended and the men who were employed at the smelting works have been put on to work in the mine. It is not probable that the furnaces will start again until after the New Year.

A few days ago Messrs. Sinclair and party lodged in the bank, from their Clear Creek claim, a cake of gold weighing 62oz 13dwt. It is said the cake was taken from 60 tons of stone, and the result of fourteen days' work. On this field work is being carried on vigorously at the various reefing claims, and many of them give promise of very good returns.

At Messrs. Paterson and Marsden's claim the contractors are sinking on a promising looking vein, which was opened many years ago to a depth of 15ft and abandoned, evidently because it pinched in, and looked as if it were cutting out. Having cleared out the old shaft, the contractors commenced to sink deeper, and in a very short time the vein was again met with, and at once opened out splendidly, the stone showing gold freely. They are now down 23ft or so, and are raising quartz estimated to contain from 3oz per ton, the vein having widened to 10in.

Mr. Pittman, the Government Geologist, has been inspecting the field, with a view to reporting upon the advisableness of putting down a State battery, in accordance with a promise recently made by the Minister for Mines to a deputation. The report will be made known in due course, and it is hoped by many that it will result in the battery becoming an accomplished fact.

On the same field a crushing from Messrs. Martin Brothers' claim, on the eastern side of the creek, a crushing gave a return of 12oz 18dwt, something over ½ oz to the ton. . The reef from which this stone was taken averages about 28in wide, and is very easily worked, no blasting being required. There are two other batteries on the field in addition to Sinclair's — a four-header and five-header— and if the reefs on which the latter batteries are erected turn out as the owner anticipates, they will be altogether inadequate to meet requirements.

It is stated on good authority that over £4000 has been won from Sinclair's claim during the past two years

In 1901 the Sunny Corner Silver Mining Company was paying 3/- per week rent tor premises at "Sunny Corner (late Mitchell)", and this may have been the old school.

Mr. Moran was taken ill in October 1901 with what was at first believed to be influenza. Early in November he became unable to walk owing to "rheumatism" and entered Bathurst Hospital. It soon became clear that the disease was paralysis, and later in the month his son wrote to the Department that Mr. Moran was almost completely paralysed and "unable to understand anything". He died on 7th December. His successor was Mr. Christopher Chiplin.

6-12-1901 The blessing and re opening of the Roman Catholic church at Kirkconnell by the Bishop of Bathurst, after additions, renovations, and decorations, took place, on Sunday last in the presence of a very large congregation. The Kirkconnell church is one of the oldest churches in the diocese of Bathurst, and after the recent improvements it can be said that it is as pretty a church as one would meet within the country districts. It was erected over 40 years ago by the- late Father O'Farrell. The site was the gift of the late Mr. James Murray, of Kirkconnell, and a more picturesque one could not be selected

13-12-1901 Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, six times a week, by four-wheeled coach, two horses, and

Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme via Main-road, three times a week, on horseback Patrick Doyle, Sunny Corner, three years,£96 10s 6d per annum.

14-12-1901 Renovation and Reopening The blessing and re-opening of the Catholic Church at Kirkconnell by the Bishop of Bathurst after additions, renovations and decorations, took place on Sunday the first of December 1901, in the presence of a very large congregation.

The Kirkconnell church is one of the oldest churches in the diocese of Bathurst, and after the recent improvements, it can be said that it is as pretty a church as can be met with in the country districts.

It was erected over forty years ago by the late rev. Father O'Farrell. The site was the gift of the late Mr. James Murray, of Kirkconnell, and a more picturesque one could not be selected. The church stands on a plateau over 2000 feet above Bathurst, on the main Sydney road, and commands a magnificent view of the surrounding country.

Adjoining it is the cemetery, which is the burial place of nearly all the deceased members of the old families of that part of the district, and it contains some handsome monuments.

The church has been repaired from time to time by the successors of Father O'Farrell, and a few years ago the parishioners, few as they are, under the Rev. E. J. Flanagan decided to make more extensive improvements.

After the blessing of the church, mass was celebrated by Father Flanagan, the Sunny Corner Choir under the conductorship of Mr. E. Higgins supplying excellent music. The soloist was Mrs. E. Higgins and the organist Miss Norris. His Lordship Bishop Dunne preached the appropriate sermon.

About fifty two pounds ten shillings was taken at the Church and eight pounds promised. Father Flanagan returned thanks, and congratulated the people on the generous way in which they had responded to the appeal made by his Lordship.

After church an adjournment was made to the home of Mr. Edmund Mara jnr. where a sumptuous dinner was provided for his Lordship, Father Flanagan, and the visitors.

27-12-1901 NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention to elect five (5) Trustees for the Common Reserve at Sunny Corner, at a Commoners' Meeting, to be held at the Progress Committee rooms, Sunny Corner, on Tuesday, 14th January, 1902, 8 p.m. By order of Commoners' Meeting, J. C. HAVEN, Sec. pro tem. Sunny Corner

28-12-1901 It is stated that Mrs. P. Doyle, who is under medical treatment in Sydney, has not improved in her health, her condition being rather serious.

Mr. Dan McLachlan, of West Mitchell, contracted a severe attack of pneumonia recently. His condition was so precarious that it was found necessary to wire Dr. Machattie on Monday morning. This is rather a sad case, more especially as Mrs. McLachlan has been confined to her bed for a considerable time, her condition being rather serious.

Everyone of his old friends were pleased to see Mr. John Le Mossurier once again. He is enjoying somewhat better health now, his speech has considerably improved, and he has partly regained the use of his arm and leg, and is able to move about at a good brisk pace. Of course his leg is still stiff, but he can get about without the aid of a stick or any such artificial assistance. As the climate here is too severe for him he does not intend to again reside here, for a time at least. . .

Bush fires are still in existence around the district. A fall of rain would be welcome if only to arrest the progress of' the fires. '

A vacancy has occurred on the Progress Committee, and nominations have been called for to fill the same.

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3-1-1902 The holidays being now about over, things will settle down to their usual dull and dreary condition. In point of fact everything points towards a dull time ahead generally. On New Year's, Day the annual picnic in connection with the Church of England Sunday School took place on their grounds, which, being conveniently situated on the Rydal road, near Mr. Baker's, was largely attended by both young and old, and everyone appeared to thoroughly enjoyed the days outing and the sport provided.

The annual picnic in connection with the Wesleyan Sunday School was held at Dark Corner, and another large concourse of people spent a most pleasant time there. The day being beautiful and fine, both outings were a great success. A number of the Rifle Club members spent the afternoon on their range. Those were the three chief places of resort during the day, and as everyone who could got out for the day did so, the town presented quite it deserted appearance. During the evening a social, in aid of the R. C. church, was held in the Victoria hall, and, needless to say, the attendance was very large, the spacious hall being filled with eager followers of terpsichore, who tripped the light fantastic well into the small hours of the following morning. Mr. D. O'Dell officiated as M.C., and the principal portion of the catering was under the direction of Mr. J. Flynn. All thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment, which was an unqualified success. New Year's Eve passed off very quietly indeed, and Sunny Corner for the most part greeted 1902 in a singularly happy and decorous manner, the boisterous enthusiasm customary at this season of the year being conspicuous by its entire absence. Good humour prevailed generally, and wrecking signboards, &c., was nowhere indulged in.

Wattle bark sold by D Ferguson Palmers Oakey

14-02-1901 £9-00-00

06-06-1901 £14- 8-00

25-07-1901 £12- 6-00

7-1-1902 At Sunny Corner, mining is holding its own, though scarcity of water is loudly complained of. At Dark Corner the Paddy Lackey Mine turned out as its Christmas cake clean-up, 680oz of refined gold. This was the yield from 750 tons of quartz. At present, the stopes are looking well, and the mine and machinery generally are in good working order. The north drive is in about 850ft, and the south drive has attained 140ft. This latter drive will soon reach the shaft in the recently purchased Deep Level Company's property. A new 8in plunger pump has just been put in this shaft, and thus has the water difficulty been effectually mastered. The sinking of the main shaft here will now shortly be proceeded with.

10-1-1902 The application of Charles Francis Franks, Royal Hotel, Palmer's Oakey, for a renewal of his license was granted

The Sunny Corner Progress Committee wrote to the Department in January 1902 asking for the school fence to be made “goat proof," to prevent the nightly incursions of goats which take possession of the verandahs and weather sheds, leaving them in a filthy condition. During the Christmas holidays the doors were open, owing to defect or disrepair of the locks, and the goats made a camp of the interior of the house. Since the fence was a post and rail one it was decided that the simplest way to keep the goats out was to put barbed wire between the rails, and this was done.

23-1-1902 It is my sad duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. James Price, which occurred at Cobar on Sunday last after a somewhat protracted illness. The deceased, until some short time ago, resided in this district, being the daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Sparks, of Tindall's Flat. Besides her husband, she leaves a large circle of relatives to mourn their loss.

I am informed that the remains are being conveyed from Cobar for the purpose of interment in the Kirkconnell cemetery.

Tenders have been called for painting and renovating the public school residence, and effecting other necessary improvements to buildings and fences.

Mrs. Murray, senr., is, I am pleased to say, recovering from the shock received some little time back by accidentally falling when stepping off the verandah of her son's (Mr. C. Murray's) hotel.

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The remains of the late Mrs. J. Price were interred in the Kirkconnell cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the funeral cortege being extremely large.

On Tuesday night a strong westerly wind sprang up and has continued to time of writing. To-day (Wednesday) the atmosphere is heavily charged with dust, which is of such density as to almost obscure the sun throughout the day

4-2-1902 It is with profound regret that I have to report the death of Mr. Dan McLachlan, of West Mitchell, which sad event occurred on Wednesday last after a short but severe attack of pneumonia. To those who were closely in attendance on him during his short illness, perhaps his end was not unexpected as it appears that his medical adviser had but faint hopes for his ultimate recovery after Monday. All the same the report of his death was received by the community with surprise. Deceased was well known and a highly respected member of perhaps one of the oldest and largest families resident in the district. The profoundest sympathy is expressed by all towards his family and relatives in their extremely sad loss. Mr, McLachlan's death has been a cruel blow, to his unfortunate wife, Louisa (nee Lewis) and children, of whom he leaves four. His wife has been for some time confined to her bed. Truly it is an extremely sad case.

The late Mr. McLachlan's remains were laid to rest in the Dark Corner cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The Rev. J. B. Penman officiated at the grave, and the funeral cortege was very large. The utmost sympathy is expressed by all in this very sad ease.

Mrs. Robert McLachlan, of West Mitchell, is said to be in rather indifferent health during the past few days, through having, I am informed, contracted a severe cold. This may be accounted for through her attendance at all hours on her husband's late brother during his illness, and also to his wife.

Mr. Marshall, of Dark Corner, is reported as also being very unwell during the past few days, Up to the present have been unable to ascertain the cause of his illness, but his speedy recovery is earnestly hoped for.

Whooping cough is still in our midst amongst the children, but eases of this malady do not appear to be quite so numerous as they were some little time back.

Another case of sickness reported is that of Mrs. McCauley, snr. who I am told, is not enjoying as good health just now as might otherwise be desired.

Bush fires have been raging unceasingly within a few miles of this town, the adjacent hills being radiant with fires each night.

It is my sad duty to report the death of Mr. Charles Marshall, of Dark Corner, which sad event occurred on Sunday evening last, about seven o'clock, after a short attack of pneumonia, he is the second death due to this malady within a few days. The late Mr. Marshall leaves a wife and two children, together with a wide circle of relatives and friends, for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed in their sad bereavement.

7-2-1902 On Sunday last his Lordship Dr. Dunne, Bishop of Bathurst, administered confirmation to some twenty candidates in St. Matthias's Church. The Bishop delivered a most impressive discourse before and after the ceremony and in the evening before benediction to crowded congregations. The choir rendered De La Mache's 'St. Patrick" Mass, the soloists being Miss B. Flynn, soprano, Miss R. Llewellyn, alto, and Mr. E. Higgins, bass. At the offertory Weiss 'O Salutaris ' was sung by Mr. Higgins. At the evening devotions Rossi's ' Tantum ' and Murray's 'O Salutaris" were rendered. Miss M. Norris presided at the organ throughout.

Most destructive bush fires are raging in the immediate vicinity, and at Kirkconnell, Tindall's Flat, Dark Corner, and Meadow Flat, the destruction of grass, crops and fencing is most serious, one family being entirely burnt out.

Pneumonia is very prevalent, several cases being so serious as to require the aid of Dr. Machattie from Bathurst. Mrs. J. Murray Senr. still lies seriously ill at her son's hotel. This lady is one of the oldest and most respected residents of Kirkconnell.

At the Police Court to-day before the P.M. (Mr. N. O. O'Neill), a young man, named Samuel Dodd, charged with a serious offence, was committed for trial to the next Bathurst Circuit Court.

Two young girls, named Hanson and Neville, aged 18, who were found wandering aboard without any fixed place of abode or lawful visible means of support, were each sent to Bathurst Gaol for one month. According to their own statement these girls were recently inmates of a house in Stewart Street, Bathurst.

11-2-1902 Mr. R. Crumblin has been elected to fill the vacancy on the Progress Committee.

Mrs. D. McLachlan and Mrs. R. McLachlan, of West Mitchell, are both still seriously indisposed.

Mr. W. F. Hurley. M.P., arrived here on Saturday.

14-2-1902 The district maintenance men, working on the gang system, have effected some improvements recently to the roads in the vicinity of the town. A stone crossing has been put in at the intersection of Bathurst-street and the Tindall's Flat road. The "gang system" is said to be an improvement on the old style of one man attending to a stated length of road.

Miss McManus was picking up some firewood a week or so ago when she felt some insect sting her on the finger, but paid but slight attention to it at the time. Ultimately the finger became swollen and caused her considerable pain, so much so that it was deemed advisable to go to Bathurst for medical treatment, the result being that Dr. Machattie found it necessary to amputate the injured member at the second joint, and it is feared that a further amputation may yet be necessary. It is thought that the trouble has been caused through the bite of a poisonous spider.

Mrs. Ross, of Dark Corner, is said to be in rather delicate health recently, and that her removal to Bathurst for medical treatment was considered advisable last week.

Everything here is extremely dull, with no presold prospects of a revival, and the long duration of the drought does not improve matters.

Mrs. Murrry, sen., is still in very indifferent health. Her great ago 84 is no doubt a bar to speedy recovery.

Mr. W, F. Hurley's visit here is said to be chiefly in connection with the "Tonkin Mine," in which property, I believe, he is interested. Miss Hurley is here also, spending a few days with several friends.

It is my sad duty to announce the death of Mrs. P. Doyle at her sister's residence, Sydney, on Monday after a long and painful illness. The deceased lady was 42 years of age and highly esteemed by all who knew her, and has been a resident of this district for a number of years. A husband and four children are left behind to mourn their heavy loss and to them the warmest sympathy is expressed.

A quiet wedding took place on Tuesday at the R.C. Church, Kirkconnel when Miss Minnie Oglethorpe, eldest daughter of Mr. Jas. Oglethorpe, of Meadow Flat, and Mr. W. Dowler were united in the holy bond of matrimony by the Rev. E. J. Flanagan.

The weather still continues very dry. Rain is badly needed. Bush fires are raging all around.

25-2-1902 A correspondent, writing from Sunny Corner, says: On February 17 the remains of Mrs. James Murray, sen., were laid to rest in the little Catholic burial ground at Kirkconnell, near Bathurst, side by side with that of her husband, who preceded her, and who gave the ground and partly built the church under the shadow of which they rest. Mrs. Murray came to N.S.W. in an immigrant ship over sixty years ago, and was at once engaged by Mr. David Maxwell Irvine to go to his sheep station, Kirkconnell, near Bathurst, in the vicinity of which she has lived till the day of her death. Here she met her husband, who, it may be remembered, was accidentally killed some years ago as he was returning from the double funeral of the late Mr. William Cummings and his son John; the latter of whom died from burns and the former from a fall from his horse while on a visit to his son.

The late Mr. Andrew Lynch, sometime; M.L.A. for Carcoar, was a fellow employee of the Murrays, and stood godfather for their first child, now a man over 60 years of age, and living within a couple of miles of where he was born. (Mr. Charles Murray of Murray and Lean, mine owners and quartz crushers, Sunny Corner), is her second son; and another (Mr. Thomas J. Murray) lives in Sydney, and is connected with the press; and her descendants residing in the district are numerous and highly respected.

It may be interesting to state that after Mr. Irvine left Kirkconnell, the late Dr. Palmer, police magistrate for many years at Bathurst, resided there. Then the estate was bought and occupied for years by Mr. Walter Renny Davidson, Surveyor-General of the colony, and some twenty years ago Mr. James Milson, of Milson's Point, Sydney, bought it and the adjoining farms for miles around, and on it built himself a splendid summer mansion, which he surrounded with every possible comfort money could procure. The estate is a splendid one, and in the gardens are oaks, elms, and other trees 70 or 80 years old, growing with all the vigour and beauty as if planted in their native habitat in the old country. There, too, grow in abundance the willow, the briar, furze, and all kinds of English fruits. The climate is cool and healthy, being on the Dividing Range.

Within two miles of Kirkconnell the Mitchell's Creek Quartz Mine flourished some forty, years ago, and later on the same district saw the development of the Sunny Corner Silver Mines.

4-3-1902 The latest report from Bathurst regarding Mr. Weinert's condition is that he is, at time of writing, somewhat worse.

Both Mrs. D. McLachlan and Mrs. R. McLachlan have had a bad turn, since my last report regarding their condition.

Later.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. D. McLachlan passed over to the great majority after a protracted illness. The end was not altogether unexpected, in fact it is indeed wonderful that she existed under her suffering for such a length of time. It is but a few weeks since the grim, reaper claimed her husband so unexpectedly. Sincere sympathy is expressed for the relatives of the family, especially the four children, from whom has been taken away both parents in such a short space of time.

Mrs. McLachlan's remains were interred on Monday, beside those of her husband, in the Dark Corner cemetery.

6-3-1902 Portion 28, parish Coolamigal, county Roxburgh, about five miles north of Sunny Corner, 76½ acres. Sold to Aiden Shumack, of Dark Corner, at £1 6s 3d per acre.

13-3-1902 At the Police Court at Sunny Corner yesterday the P.M. adjudicated in the following cases : Tho's. Binning was charged with the larceny of £1 12s 6d at Palmers Oakey. The accused elected to be summarily dealt with, and was ordered to pay a fine of £3 and 16s 10d costs, or go to gaol for a month at Bathurst.

Chas. Joyce was charged with assaulting Emma Bache. On the suggestion of the Bench the matter was settled, the parties being relations.

John Murray, publican, Sunny Corner, for selling liquor after hours, was fined 10s and 4s 10d costs. The police gave a very favorable report as to the general conduct of the house.

Alfred Penns, for drinking at unlawful hours at Murray's Hotel, was fined 10s and 4s 10d costs.

George B. Clarke, for neglecting to send two of his children to school, was fined Is and 5s 6d costs in each case.

4-4-1902 No sports of any kind were held here on Easter Monday.

A bazaar, in aid of the R C. church funds, was held in the Victoria-hull on Saturday and Easter Monday nights.

A concert and social was given in the Wesleyan Church on Easter Monday night. There was, a large attendance, and everything passed off successfully.

On Wednesday morning Mr. John Murray Jnr. met with a severe accident when going to his work.

He is employed with his father, Mr. Charles Murray, and others erecting a quartz mill near West Mitchell, and from what 1 can ascertain it appears that he went to work as usual on the morning, as above stated, on his bicycle, his father and brother Alf following in a sulky. He met with an accident when near the foot of what is known as Mitchell's Creek Hill, near the

junction of the Bathurst and Palmers Oakey roads. When his father and others, who were on their way to work arrived on the scene, they found him lying on the roadway in a semi-conscious state, the bicycle being smashed. No time was lost in placing him in the sulky, and he was driven home as speedily as possible. Upon examination it was found that he was considerably bruised and shaken up, having sustained a scalp wound, abrasions on the left shoulder, hip, hands, and arms, a severe contusion of the left eye, and several smaller bruises and wounds, the full extent of the injuries is not known at time of writing. After having been placed in bed, the unfortunate sufferer vomited a considerable quantity of blood.

25-4-1902 Mr. C. Chiplin, from Gladesville to Sunny Corner Public, as Teacher.

Miss A. Manton, from Sunny Corner to Temora Public, as Assistant.

Mrs. E. Pratt, from Temora to Sunny Corner Public, as Assistant.

6-5-1902 I am pleased to be able to say that Mr. John Murray has sufficiently recovered to be able to stroll round Bathurst occasionally, and he is expected home again on Wednesday, 7th inst. His numerous friends and acquaintances will be pleased to learn this.

Sergeant McLeay arrived here on Friday last, Sergeant Ritchie took his departure for Rylstone on Monday.

Mrs. G. McLennan (Elizabeth) died in Bathurst hospital on Tuesday last, after a long and painful illness. Her remains were laid to rest in the Dark Corner cemetery on Thursday, the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, P.P., officiating at the graveside. Age 24 years, daughter of Richard & Elizabeth Shumack.

There is a good deal of sickness about just now, chiefly colds of a disagreeable nature. Mr. G. A. Pratt, assistant teacher at the public school, has had a severe attack of illness from which he has not yet recovered.

Everything is extremely dull here and families are constantly removing elsewhere, and those who have not yet packed their grip sacks apparently are about to do so. Should things go on as they are going at present, I venture to predict that even the time-honoured small boy and the dog will be *non est*, and the goats will be in full possession of what was once upon a time a very brisk little township. There is no possible hope of a revival whilst the old silver mine is allowed to lie idle. The present holders do not seem to be doing anything towards re-starting operations, which is a matter for regret. With the old mine working a large population can be supported, but if it is permitted to remain dead, well, the few remaining inhabitants will also be found dead or missing within a very short time.

30-5-1902 On Wednesday, 21st inst., a pretty wedding was celebrated at Sc. Marys R.C. church, Kirkconnell, by the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, the contracting parties being Miss Emily Dowler, third daughter of Mr. William Dowler, of Tarana, and Mr. Charles J. Wade, eldest son, of Mr. John Wade, of Meadow Flat. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. H. Dowler, was charmingly dressed in a costume of grey cashmere trimmed with white satin, and wore a picture hat trimmed with white chiffon and pink roses, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss F. Dowler, sister of the bride, and Miss M. Wade, sister of the .bridegroom. Miss Dowler was garbed in navy lustre, white silk trimmings, white hat with white chiffon and pink roses. Miss Wade being dressed in navy cashmere, pale blue silk trimmings, and white hat with white ribbon trimming. The bride wore two gold brooches, and each bridesmaid wore a gold brooch, all being gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. James Wade, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the residence of the brides parents, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, after which the happy couple took the mail train for Sydney, where the honeymoon was to be passed. The future home of Mr, and Mrs. Wade is at Meadow Flat. Many useful and valuable presents were received by the bride.

01-06-1902 Mrs Charlotte M Odgers Post Mistress at West Mitchell Post Office.

26-6-1902 At Sunny Corner the claims have been kept going in the face of big odds, and many have had their perseverance rewarded, among them Berry and party, who have just put through at the Bob's Creek mill a parcel of two tons of stone from their reef for a yield of 15oz. of refined gold. This is a good return, though the vein is small, and it requires time to raise the stone. The claim is said to be well worth preserving as there is every indication and probability of the vein increasing in size. At the 'Frenchie's Extended,' a considerable amount of work has been done lately. This is the property of Messrs. Bond and party, who have nearly completed the erection of a winding plant, and are about to commence sinking operations in real earnest, which may now be easily carried out with the facilities at present available. The prospects of this claim are extremely good.

Messrs. Odgers and party are raising good stone from their reef. This party has been working for some time, and has had some excellent returns, the reef proving a payable concern from the start.

A visit to Messrs. Murray, Cook and Company's new battery shows that it is just nearing completion. About 1100 tons of quartz are awaiting rain and treatment at this mill.

The tributors at Charleston's Bob's Creek reef (a party of local men) have been working the claim for some time, having completed a crushing of something like 90 tons of stone for a return of 5dwt. per ton. As this result has not paid for labor, the party has given up the venture.

Messrs. Murray and Cook have secured interests in a claim known as the Red Rose, near Locksley. They are raising a parcel of quartz for treatment at their Sunny Corner battery, and, should the trial turn out satisfactory it is their intention to erect an extensive milling plant on the Rose site.

The contractors who are sinking a big shaft at the Paddy Lackey mine, Dark Corner, are making satisfactory progress. Several men in the locality, despite dry weather, are at work in the creeks, and meeting with varied success. The old original silver mine is very quiet, and has been so for mouths.

3-7-1902 There died last week at Mort's Estate, Lithgow, Ann Strickland, widow of the late John Henry Strickland, of Sunny Corner. Deceased was born in Coleraine, Ireland, in 1835, (Anna Boyd) and came to the colony in 1853. Shortly afterwards she was married in Sydney, and husband and wife started over the mountains. It took them over three months to arrive at Mitchell's Creek, where deceased lived till about two years ago, when she went to Lithgow.

Mr. Strickland died in 11-1-1892, age 62, leaving a family of ten, eight of whom are alive and all married but one. Having lived in the Sunny Corner all these years deceased could tell some strange stories of the early digging days.
After going to Lithgow, her health seemed to gradually break up. Eleven weeks ago she took to bed, and after a painful illness, expired on Tuesday last. The burial took place at the Church of England cemetery, Sunny Corner on Friday. The funeral cortege was met along the road near Sunny Corner by a large number of the residents, showing the respect the people of that town had for the deceased.

Mr John Dodd, who has been ailing for some considerable time, passed peacefully away at the residence of his parents on Sunday night after a very painful illness. Deceased had attained the age of 28 years and was well respected. The remains were laid to rest in the Kirkconnell Cemetery. The Rev. E. J. Flanagan officiated.

The weather continues very dry, with no sign of rain. The frosts are very severe.

Mr. Sparks many friends are glad to know that he is on the mend and hope to soon have him home again.

10-7-1902 A Warden's Court will be held here on Thursday 17th inst. to hear applications of John Kemp Charleston, of exemptions of six months. The Sunny Corner Progress. Committee are objecting to the granting of the above for non-fulfilment of labor conditions.

Mr. Cooper (of Dark Corner) in company; with his two children and another gentleman, had a narrow escape from serious injury on Saturday last. It appears they were driving in a sulky and when almost in front of C. Murray's hotel the vehicle by some means overturned, and the occupants being thrown heavily to the ground.
Three of them escaped, unhurt, but Mr. Cooper was badly injured on the hip by the others falling on him. Medical aid was summoned and from what I can hear he is now doing well.

C. Murray and Cook Bros, newly erected, battery commenced, crushing yesterday.

We were treated to good steady rain on Monday accompanied by two inches of snow, and 170 points have been registered. To-day is looking very gloomy with every appearance of another downpour.

Mr, T. Havenhand's hotel at Portland is almost completed and he is to take possession in about a fortnight's time.

Mr. Small of Mudgee is filling the position of constable here, in Mr. Apps' place.

Miss Colley of Hill End is acting as assistant teacher in the superior public school here.

11-7-1902 Arrangements have been made with Mr. James Milson, of Kirkconnell, near this place, and of Milson's Point, Sydney, to allow a resident of Parramatta, Mr. John Williams, to prospect a large lode and reef which is carrying good mineral. I believe there is a company formed, to be known as the Kirkconnell Gold Mining Company. The lode is a very large one, some 10 or 50 yards wide, so far as it shows at present. Men were started last Thursday morning to trench and find the exact width of lode, as they mean to put a shaft down on centre of lode and ascertain the exact value of this big find, and it is to be hoped that it will turn out alright, as mining matters about this centre are rather flat at present, and would come as a blessing to the people hereabout. The prospector of this show is Mr. James Baker, of Diamond Swamp, a well-known miner in those parts, and I hope he will receive the reward he richly deserves.

22-8-1902 The deepest regret was felt here on Saturday when the sad news was made known that Mrs. L. A. Weinert (relic of the late Ludwig Adolphus Weinert) had succumbed to consumption at the age of 39 years at Mr. Lehare's residence (Cullen Bullen). The deceased lady had been ailing since the death of her husband but only took to her bed about a fortnight ago where she gradually became weaker and passed away at 4 o'clock on Saturday in the presence of her two daughters. The Rev. Father Hogan of Lithgow, attended her in her illness.
On Monday her remains were laid to rest beside those of her late husband in the Kirkconnell cemetery. The Rev. E. J. Flanagan performed the last rites at the grave.

Mining matters are very quiet here at present on account of the scarcity of water. C. Murray and Cook Bros', Big Hill property is almost at a standstill waiting for water for crushing.

The Paddy Lackey Company have been sinking 100ft. deeper and struck the reef, which is showing very well 6ft. in thickness and at a depth of over 700ft., proving that this reef is permanent and improves as they sink deeper.

J. Freely and Bakers company are working on a new find at Kirkconnell. An immense body of ore assaying gold, silver and copper promises well.

J. Hurst has had a parcel of some 18 tons of quartz put through at Murray's battery for a return of 8ozs. of gold.

Rev. J. Brophy is paying Sunny Corner a visit during the week for the purpose of inspecting the Catholic School.

30-8-1902 A report from Sunny Corner states that want of rain still prevents Messrs. Murray and Cook from commencing to work their new mill.

Messrs. Crumblin and party are taking out a trial parcel of stone from the reef situated, in Milson's paddock. This reef is said to be small, but payable. .

À venture is being prospected by Messrs. Baker and Freely at Diamond Swamp, from which good results are anticipated.

6-9-1902 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Church of England Burial Ground: Charles Griffiths Roberts, Esquire (in lieu of F. Burgess, Esquire, resigned).

The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground; The Reverend Edward Flanagan, Messrs. Charles Murray, John Murray, John Duke, John William Shumack (in lieu of The Reverend M. P. Walsh and Messrs. T. Eather, A. O'Brien, R. Shumack, and R. Llewellyn, resigned).

17-9-1902 It is rumoured in Sunny Corner that the prospects of the claim at Kirkconnell at present worked by Messrs. Baker and Freely, under arrangement with Mr. John Williams, of Parrarmatta, have improved immensely, since last report. Good as that report was we have it on good authority that two samples taken during the week from a drive at a depth of 55ft have assayed as follows: No. 1, silver, 11ozs ; gold, 2dwt ; copper, 4 per cent. No. 2, silver, 5ozs, with a trace of gold, and 4

per cent copper. The trench is now 180ft long, the width of the lode not having yet been discovered. A shaft 60ft deep has been sunk as well as a 36ft drive and prospects are improving as the work advances. There seems to be every reason to believe that we have in our midst a splendidly paying mine. The claim is situated on the Milson estate.

26-9-1902 A number of ladies and gentlemen tendered Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bryant and family a complimentary social in Bulkeley's hall on Wednesday evening the 17th instant, prior to their departure from this town for Mudgee, A presentation of a gold pendant, suitably inscribed, was made to Mr. Bryant by Mr. Chiplin on behalf of the subscribers as a mark of their esteem. The Rev. Mr. Penman filled the chair, and several of the gentlemen in attendance spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Bryant as a townsman and a sportsman during a residence of seventeen years in this town, and wished both himself, wife, and family God-speed. Mr. Bryant feelingly responded, and thanked his numerous friends for the honour conferred on him that evening. A programme consisting of recitations, song, etc, was gone through, and refreshments, provided by the ladies, handed round. Full justice was done thereto, after which dancing was indulged in up to midnight when a most pleasant evening's enjoyment terminated.

Mrs. Cook, senr., of Dark Corner, has been enjoying very poor health during the past week or so. Her condition on Sunday was considered to be serious, but at time of writing I am pleased to say that she is reported to be considerably improved.

3-10-1902 Mr. District Inspector J. Lawford was here during last week and inspected the local public school, and also the Dark Corner School. It is said he found everything satisfactory at both

On Friday night last the bachelors tendered the spinsters a social in the Victoria hall, twenty-five couples were in attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

At the annual meeting of the Bathurst branch of the Public Schools Athletic Association, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, of the local public school, was elected a member of the committee.

Beautiful spring weather now prevails, and the grass and other herbage is improving daily.

21-10-1902 The owners of the "Coronation" Reef are putting through a parcel of stone at the Bob's Creek mill. A good return is anticipated.

A party of local men are taking out a crushing from the reef situated in Milson's paddock.

Roberts mid party have completed sinking the depth for which they received aid from the Prospecting Vote for their reef, at Tindall's Flat,

Cooper and party are prospecting which is said to be a very satisfactory show situated at Dark Corner.

At the Big Hill work is progressing, as heretofore.

Jones and Curnow are working the "Tonkin" lease which was recently cancelled. It is stated that they are bagging a quantity of ore for the purpose of having it treated, to ascertain the value of the contents of the lode formation,

The Sunny Corner mine is still in the same condition. Why the Minister for Mines should allow the ultimatum issued some time ago in reference to this mine to apparently go unheeded is more than local people can understand.

23-10-1902 Word reached Lithgow a day or two ago that a fine nugget of gold had been found at Palmers Oakey, between the Western Capertee Valley and Wattle Flat, by Mr. T. L. Theobald. The precious lump thumped the scales at 27oz.

14-11-1902 On Sunday last the Rt. Rev. Dr. Dunne Bishop of Bathurst (assisted by Rev. E. Flanagan) administered confirmation to fifteen candidates at Kirkconnell after 11 o'clock mass. The beautiful church was crowded. After the ceremony his lordship preached an exhaustive sermon upon the gospel of the day. The Sunny Corner choir sang De La Hache's "St. Patrick" Mass, Mrs. E. D. Higgins singing Arndells "O Salutaris " at the offertory.

The bishop preached again in the evening in Sunny Corner, and this (Monday) morning administered confirmation to several at Dark Corner.

25-11-1902 The death occurred at the Parramatta district hospital on Monday last of Edmund Mara, aged 21, son of Mr. J. Mara, of Kirkconncll. The deceased, it appears, complained of not feeling well some days prior to his death, and was conveyed to the hospital.

The medical evidence showed that death was due to ptomaine poisoning. Deceased was well known here, as he used to attend the public school. General sympathy is expressed for his parents and relatives in their bereavement.

26-11-1902 Sunny Corner Police Court. Wednesday, Nov. 20.

(Before the P.M. and Messrs. Tomkinson and Palmer, Js.P.)

Samuel Duggan, charged with sheep stealing.

Senr.-Const. John McLeay deposed. On Monday, the 24th instant, from something I heard I went with Const. Small towards Daylight Creek, about a mile from Sunny Corner. I met the accused in the bush. I said, "Hello Sam, what have you been up to today?" He said, "1 have been out shooting, trying to get a wallaby. I could not get one. As myself and my six children were starving, I shot one of Shumack's sheep. I was looking for Dick Shumack all day, but could not find him. If I had seen him I was going to ask him for a sheep." I said, "You had better come with us to where you shot the sheep." He did go back with us to a spot about two miles from Sunny Corner. There was a dead sheep lying there. On examining it I found two holes as if a bullet had passed right through the sheep. The sheep was recently shorn and branded RS in tar on the back, and fire branded a bar and two dots on the face. I said to accused, "Do you see that sheep?" He said, "Yes; that is the sheep I shot. It's no use denying it." I then arrested him and charged him with killing one sheep, the property of George and Richard Shumack, with intent to steal the carcass thereof. He said, "All right." I then told Constable Small to take the skin of the sheep. I now produce the skin. On the way to the lockup I said to accused, "Where is your rifle ?" He said, "I planted it in the bush along the road." When within about 400 yards of the police station he got the rifle from amongst some bushes on the road. He said, "That's the rifle. It was the last cartridge I had "I produce the rifle. I then took him to the lockup and confined him.

Richard Shumack deposed, I am a farmer and grazier and reside at Dark Corner. I know the accused. On the 24th I was at home till 2 p.m. and then I came into Sunny Corner. Between 4 and 5 p.m., when I was returning home through my run, and when

crossing the head of a gully running out of Daylight Creek, I saw about twenty sheep standing. I saw the accused with some sort of firearm in his hands. He fired a shot and one of the sheep fell. Then he walked over to the sheep, but when he saw me he ran away. As he was running away I called out to him to stop, but he would not. On looking around I saw the accused's wife lying down behind a log where he had fired from. I then came back to Sunny Corner and sent word to the police. I returned to the place where the dead sheep was, and I was there when the police arrived. I saw Const. Small skin the dead sheep. I see the skin produced. The accused did not ask me for a sheep that day. He had no permission to shoot a sheep of ours. During the muster for shearing we got five sheep wounded apparently by a bullet, four in the nose and one in the hind leg.
To accused: You saw me before the police came and said that you had shot the sheep as your family was starving. The value of the sheep is 10s.

George Shumack deposed. I am a farmer and grazier and reside at Sunny Corner, where I carry on a butchering business. I know the accused. I remember the 24th of this month. I made a complaint to the police on that day. My brother Richard and I are partners. Our sheep run between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner. The skin produced bears our brands. I gave accused no permission to kill any of our sheep. He has never asked me for a sheep. I have seen two of our sheep this shearing with a bullet wound in the nose. Accused has never told me at any time that his family was starving.
Committed for trial at Bathurst Quarter Sessions on a date to be fixed. Bail allowed, self in £80 and two sureties in £40 each.

26-11-1902 The following mail tenders have been accepted, West Mitchell and Palmers Oakey, Wm. Sparks, £37 17s.

12-12-1902 A quantity of machinery for Cooper and Cos. reef at Dark Corner was landed a few days ago.

The result of the crushing from the Coronation reef (late French's) is reported to have realised 8dwts. per ton.

A parcel of stone put through Murray's mill from Kelly's reef at Lagoon Creek is said to have resulted in a yield of 25dwts. per ton.

29-12-1902 A match was played on Boxing Day between the Clear Creek and Dark Corner teams at Dark Corner, after a very pleasant game Clear Creek were victorious by two wickets and five runs.

30-12-1902 The Christmas holidays have been brisker here than probably many anticipated, considering the very dull period that has prevailed. On Wednesday evening and on Christmas Night, a Christmas tree and fancy fair was conducted in Francis' Hall, under the auspices of the Methodist church. Good business was done on both nights. On Christmas Eve a bazaar under the control of the Church of England was opened in the Victoria-hall, and continued all Saturday night, good business resulting here also. The races, under the control of the local lodge of the M.U.O.O.F., on Boxing Day, were well patronised. Good racing all through resulted, and everything passed off most successfully. On the afternoon of Christmas Day the local Rifle Club held a shooting match on their range.
People distributed themselves considerably on Boxing Day, the majority to the racecourse, others to a cricket match at Dark Corner, and a number to Meadow Flat, where a picnic and cricket match took place and a concert, in the evening. The town itself was during the day practically deserted. The settling up in connection with the races took place at Mr. C. Murray's hotel. A ball was held in the Victoria-hall, and it was estimated that about sixty-five couples graced the floor.
On Saturday quite a number journeyed to Piper's Flat and spent the day at the races there. During the afternoon a cricket match between a team representing the local club and a team from Kirkconnell was played on the local ground. Altogether, the week was one of almost continuous sport and amusement, and as the weather was everything that could be desired, all seemed to avail themselves of the opportunities offered.



Large group, written on reverse “Picnic at Sunny Corner”. No date but possibly 1900 - 1920. Photo from Fitzgerald family, Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

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From Dep Agriculture Sheep brand Register (1903)

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Thompson Wm. Gilbert. "Warrie",Mitchell & Palmers Oakey		T in circle		721
Ferguson Duncan Jr	"Limestone", Palmers Oakey.	D off cheek	DF F rev/con	494
Ferguson John	"Limestone", Palmers Oakey	1 off cheek 1		312
McLeod George	Palmers Oakey Creek		GM	687
Smith R McLennan	Coolamigal, Mitchell		VP (conj)	159
Hemsworth Geo.	Coolamigal, Mitchell		H x	710
Humphries Edwd.	"Warrie", Mitchells Cr,	F nr cheek	E & a heart	481
Steel Geo.	Palmers Oakey		-L	18



Public School and pupils, Dark Corner, NSW, 'after 1902', Photo from Ivy Burke, Portland, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

SUNNY CORNER

No.	Surname of each Elector.	Christian names of each Elector at full length.	Sex.	Place of Living.	Occupation.
1	ANDERSON	William	M	Sunny Corner	miner
2	Attuell	Arthur John	M	West Mitchell	labourer
3	Attuell	George Augustus	M	West Mitchell	miner
4	Attuell	James	M	West Mitchell	labourer
5	Attuell	James Lewis	M	West Mitchell	farmer
6	Attuell	Minnie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
7	Attuell	Sarah	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
8	Aubry	Julia Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
9	BACHE	Emma Cause	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
10	Bache	Emma Louisa	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
11	Baker	Harriett	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
12	Baker	James	M	Rydal-road	farmer
13	Baker	Joseph	M	Rydal-road	labourer
14	Baker	Lucy Elizabeth	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
15	Baker	Mary Jane	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
16	Banning	Robert Aden	M	Sunny Corner	miner
17	Barry	Annie	F	Tyndall's Flat	domestic duties
18	Barry	Mary Elizabeth	F	Tyndall's Flat	domestic duties
19	Barry	Mary Elizabeth	F	Tyndall's Flat	domestic duties
20	Barry	Patrick	M	Tyndall's Flat	farmer
21	Barry	Samue	M	Tyndall's Flat	farmer
22	Barry	Thomas	M	Tyndall's Flat	farmer
23	Bartle	Amy Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
24	Bartle	Mary Jane	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
25	Bartle	Thomas Davis	M	Sunny Corner	miner
26	Bell	Albert	M	Sunny Corner	miner
27	Bell	Benjamin	M	Sunny Corner	miner
28	Bell	Frances	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
29	Benson	Alfred	M	Daylight Creek	miner
30	Bickford	Celia	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
31	Bickford	George	M	Sunny Corner	miner
32	Bickford	John Henry	M	Sunny Corner	miner
33	Bond	Richard	M	Bob's Creek	miner
34	Bonning	Annie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
35	Bourke	Elizabeth	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
36	Bradley	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner
37	Bradley	Lawrence, senior	M	Sunny Corner	miner
38	Bradley	William	M	Sunny Corner	miner
39	Bright	William	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
40	Broadley	Ellen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
41	Brown	Elizabeth Balayall	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
42	CALLADINE	Samuel	M	Sunny Corner	miner
43	Calladine	Susan Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
44	Carkeek	Mary	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
45	Carkeek	William	M	Sunny Corner	miner
46	Carter	Ellen	F	Tindall's Flat	domestic duties
47	Chadwick	Alfred	M	Sunny Corner	blacksmith
48	Chapman	Charles	M	Sunny Corner	miner
49	Chapman	Laura	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
50	Charleston	John Kemp	M	Sunny Corner	mining manager
51	Charleston	Eamee	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
52	Chellew	Emily	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
53	Chellew	Mary Jane	F	Sunny Corner	teacher
54	Chellew	William	M	Sunny Corner	miner
55	Chiplin	Christopher William	M	Sunny Corner	school teacher
56	Chiplin	Elizabeth Jane Christina	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
57	Clarke	Lillian	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
58	Coghlan	James	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
59	Cohen	Amalie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
60	Cohen	Benjamin	M	Sunny Corner	storekeeper
61	Colline	Michael Joseph	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
62	Conlon	Eliza Angelina	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
63	Considine	Denis	M	Sunny Corner	miner
64	Considine	Emily	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
65	Cook	Agnes	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
66	Cook	Charles	M	Sunny Corner	miner
67	Cook	Frank	M	Sunny Corner	carpenter
68	Cook	Harriet	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
69	Cook	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner
70	Cook	Margaret	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
71	Cooper	Alice	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
72	Cooper	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
73	Coops	Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
74	Corry	Arthur James	M	Sunny Corner	storekeeper's manager
75	Corry	Maud	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
76	Curnow	Bridget	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
77	Curnow	Robert	M	Sunny Corner	miner

78	DAWSON	Stephen	M	Sunny Corner	carrier
79	Dobson	Ellen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
80	Dobson	Mary Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
81	Dodd	Ellen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
82	Dodd	George Lawrence	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
83	Dodd	Samuel Joseph	M	Sunny Corner	miner
84	Doyle	Alice Agnes	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
85	Doyle	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner
86	Doyle	Patrick	M	Sunny Corner	miner
87	Duggan	Annie	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
88	Duggan	Jane	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
89	Duggan	Samuel	M	Sunny Corner	miner
90	Duke	Annie Maria	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
91	Duke	John	M	Sunny Corner	blacksmith
92	EVANS	Edward	M	Sunny Corner	smelter
93	FITZGERALD	Margaret	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
94	Fitzgerald	Patrick	M	Bob's Creek	miner
95	Flynn	John	M	Sunny Corner	baker
96	Flynn	John George	M	Sunny Corner	baker
97	Francis	George	M	Sunny Corner	hotelkeeper
98	Freely	Ann	F	Sunny Creek	domestic duties
99	Freely	Charles Joseph	M	Sunny Creek	engine-driver
100	Freely	John	M	Sunny Creek	miner
101	Freestone	Caroline Ann	F	Sunny Creek	domestic duties
102	Freestone	George William	M	Sunny Creek	miner
103	Freestone	John	M	Sunny Creek	miner
104	Freestone	Joseph Edward	M	Sunny Creek	labourer
105	Frost	Henry Joseph	M	Sunny Creek	baker
106	Frost	John	M	Sunny Creek	miner
107	GANT	Charles George	M	West Mitchell	miner
108	Gant	James	M	Sunny Corner	miner
109	Gant	Robert Henry	M	West Mitchell	miner
110	Garland	Clement Jacob	M	West Mitchell	labourer
111	Garland	Frederick Henry	M	Dividing Range	labourer
112	Gibbons	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
113	Gibbons	Patrick	M	Sunny Corner	miner
114	Gaut	Elisabeth	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
115	Gaut	Eva	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
116	Grabham	Abraham	M	West Mitchell	miner
117	Grabham	Andrew, junior	M	West Mitchell	miner
118	Grabham	Edward	M	West Mitchell	miner
119	Grabham	Joan	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
120	Grabham	John	M	West Mitchell	miner
121	Grabham	Margaret	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
122	Grabham	Sarah Edith	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
123	Grabham	Wilmot	M	West Mitchell	domestic duties
124	Green	Ereline	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
125	Green	Frederick	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
126	Green	Richard	M	Sunny Corner	carrier
127	Green	Sophia	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
128	Greenwell	Altechia	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
129	Greenwell	Charles Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	letter-carrier
130	Guyhott	Elisabeth	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
131	Guyhott	Frank	M	West Mitchell	miner
132	HAMPTON	Joseph	M	Badger Brush	labourer
133	Hampton	Louisa Jane	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
134	Hampton	William Henry	M	Badger Creek	miner
135	Harris	Lillian	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
136	Havenhand	Francis	M	Sunny Corner	hotelkeeper
137	Hemsworth	Blanche	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
138	Hemsworth	Ellen	F	Dog-trap	domestic duties
139	Hemsworth	George	M	Dog-trap	miner
140	Hemsworth	John	M	Dog-trap	miner
141	Howell	Fannie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
142	Hurst	John	M	West Mitchell	miner
143	Hurst	Nora	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
144	Hutchison	George Thomas	M	Mount Homer	labourer
145	Hynes	John	M	Daylight Creek	miner
146	JEFFREE	Ernest James	M	Sunny Corner	miner
147	Jeffree	Joseph	M	Sunny Corner	miner
148	Jeffree	Joseph Carrah	M	Sunny Corner	baker
149	Jeffree	Harriet Ellen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
150	Jones	Alfred	M	Sunny Corner	wood-cutter
151	Jones	David	M	Sunny Corner	smelter
152	Jones	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner
153	Jones	John Llewellyn	M	Sunny Corner	smelter
154	Jones	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties

201	M'Manus	David	M	Rydal-road	farmer
202	M'Manus	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
203	M'Mullen	George	M	West Mitchell	miner
204	Magill	Jessie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
205	Magill	Robert Waller	M	Sunny Corner	saddler
206	Mail	Robert	M	Mitchell's Creek	miner
207	Mann	Sarah	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
208	Mara	Agnes Phœbe	F	Kirkconnel	domestic duties
209	Maraden	Charles	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
210	Maraden	Elizabeth	F	Rydal-road	domestic duties
211	Maraden	George	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
212	Maraden	Julia	F	Rydal-road	domestic duties
213	Maraden	Samuel	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
214	Marshall	Jane	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
215	Martin	John Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	miner
216	Martin	Minnie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
217	Mitchell	Francis Anderson	M	Sunny Corner	miner
218	Mitchell	Margaret Mary Kathleen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
219	Montgomery	George	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
220	Montgomery	Mary Ann	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
221	Montgomery	Maria	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
222	Montgomery	William Charles York	M	Sunny Corner	farmer
223	Murray	Bridget Elizabeth	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
224	Murray	Catherine Louisa	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
225	Murray	Charles	M	Sunny Corner	hotelkeeper
226	Murray	Charles Alfred	M	Sunny Corner	engine-driver
227	Murray	James, senior	M	Mitchell's Creek	farmer
228	Murray	James, junior	M	Mitchell's Creek	labourer
229	Murray	John	M	Sunny Corner	hotelkeeper
230	Murray	John Spark	M	Sunny Corner	engine-driver
231	Murray	Mary Bridget	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
232	Murray	Mary Ann	F	Western Mitchell	domestic duties
233	Murray	Margaret Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
155	KEARNES	George	M	Rydal-road	labourer
156	Kearns	Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
157	Keightley	Charles	M	Sunny Corner	miner
158	Keightley	Ellen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
159	Kelley	Louis	M	Sunny Corner	miner
160	Kelly	Patrick	M	Daylight Creek	miner
161	Kemp	James	M	Daylight Creek	miner
162	Kemp	James, junior	M	Daylight Creek	———
163	Kemp	Jane	F	Daylight Creek	domestic duties
164	Kemp	John Thomas	M	Daylight Creek	labourer
165	Kemp	Susanah	F	Daylight Creek	domestic duties
166	Kirvan	Catherine	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
167	Kirvan	John	M	Bob's Creek	carrier
168	Kissel	Martin	M	West Mitchell	miner
169	Kissel	Mary	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
170	LAWLER	Elizabeth Blanche	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
171	Lawler	Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	miner
172	Lawry	Elizabeth Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
173	Lawry	John Wesley	M	Sunny Corner	miner
174	Lawry	Thomas Vale	M	Sunny Corner	miner
175	Lean	Eliza	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
176	Lean	Richard Francis	M	West Mitchell	engine-driver
177	Lean	Samuel	M	Sunny Corner	miner
178	Lean	Selina	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
179	Lewis	Benjamin	M	West Mitchell	miner
180	Littler	Caroline	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
181	Littler	Charles	M	Bob's Creek	miner
182	Littler	John	M	Bob's Creek	miner
183	Llewellyn	Kate	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
184	Llewellyn	Patrick	M	Sunny Corner	bootmaker
185	Llewellyn	Richard	M	Sunny Corner	engineer
186	Lord	Edith	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
187	Lord	William Henry	M	Sunny Corner	storekeeper
188	Lowe	Annie Elenor	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
189	Lowe	Harriett	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
190	Lowe	James	M	Sunny Corner	miner
191	Lowe	Joseph	M	Sunny Corner	miner
192	Lowes	Joseph	M	West Mitchell	miner
193	Lyons	Cornelius	M	Rydal-road	farmer
194	M'CABE	Alexander	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
195	M'Carthy	John, senior	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
196	M'Donald	Alexander	M	Dog-trap	farmer
197	M'Donald	John	M	Sunny Corner	dealer
198	M'Lachlan	Robert	M	West Mitchell	miner
199	M'Leay	Annie Rebecca	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
200	M'Leay	John	M	Sunny Corner	senior constable

284	NATTRASS	Aaron	M	Bob's Creek	miner
285	Nattrass	Julia	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
286	Nicholas	Sarah Jane	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
287	Nicholas	Thomas Henry	M	Bob's Creek	miner
288	Nicol	Helen Jane	F	Warragalla	domestic duties
289	O'DELL	David	M	Sunny Corner	miner
240	Odgers	Agnes Phœbe	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
241	Odgers	Charlotte Mary	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
242	Odgers	James	M	West Mitchell	miner
243	Odgers	John, senior	M	West Mitchell	miner
244	Odgers	John, junior	M	West Mitchell	miner
245	Odgers	Mary Ann	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
246	Odgers	Mary Jane	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
247	Odgers	Stephen Kissell	M	Mitchell's Creek	miner
248	Odgers	William	M	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
249	Osborne	Eliza	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
250	Osborne	James	M	Sunny Corner	draper
251	Ossington	Elizabeth Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
252	Ossington	Frances	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
253	Ossington	William, senior	M	Sunny Corner	miner
254	Ossington	William, junior	M	Sunny Corner	miner
255	PALMER	Jessie Matilda	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
256	Palmer	William Thomas Alexander Garfield	M	Sunny Corner	caretaker
257	Parker	William	M	Sunny Corner	blacksmith
258	Passeri	Elizabeth	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
259	Passeri	Giacomo	M	Sunny Corner	miner
200	Paul	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
261	Paul	Richard	M	West Mitchell	labourer
262	Pearce	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner
263	Pell	Edith	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
264	Pell	John	M	Sunny Corner	blacksmith
265	Penman	James Balfour	M	Sunny Corner	minister
266	Penman	Vida	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
267	Penno	Fred	M	Sunny Corner	miner
268	Penno	John Francis	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
269	Penno	Maria	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
270	Penno	Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
271	Platt	Augustus Henry	M	Sunny Corner	storekeeper's assistant
272	Platt	Claudia Emily	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
273	Poyitt	Fannie Parry	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
274	Poyitt	Elizabeth	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
275	Poyitt	Norman Armour	M	Sunny Corner	miner
276	Prescott	John	M	Daylight Creek	miner
277	Price	James Henry	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
278	RICHARDS	Charles Henry	M	Sunny Corner	mining engineer
279	Richards	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
280	Rickard	Mary Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
281	Rickard	William Fred	M	Sunny Corner	engine-driver
282	Rickard	William Henry	M	Bob's Creek	miner
283	Roberts	Annie Maria	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
284	Roberts	Charles Griffiths	M	Sunny Corner	carpenter
285	Ross	Jean	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
286	Rosser	David	M	Sunny Corner	wood-cutter
287	Rosser	William	M	Sunny Corner	teamster
288	Rowe	Arthur Charles	M	Sunny Corner	miner
289	Rowe	Edith	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
290	Rowe	Edith Louisa	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
291	Rowe	Grace	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
292	Roxburgh	Thomas	M	Roundbody	labourer
293	Rushton	Mary, junior	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
294	Rushton	Minnie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
295	SHARPE	Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
296	Sharpe	Kate	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
297	Sharpe	Minnie	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
298	Shipley	Elizabeth	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
299	Shipley	Martha	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
300	Shipley	Thomas, senior	M	Sunny Corner	farmer
301	Shipley	William	M	Sunny Corner	miner
302	Simpkins	John	M	Sunny Corner	carpenter
303	Simpkins	Sarah	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
304	Small	Alfred Robert	M	Sunny Corner	police constable
305	Smith	Ann	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
306	Smith	Eleanor Agnes	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
307	Smith	Emma	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
308	Sparkes	Alfred	M	Tyndall's Flat	teamster
309	Sparkes	Alice	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
310	Sparkes	Annie	F	Tyndall's Flat	domestic duties
311	Sparkes	Catherine	F	Tyndall's Flat	domestic duties
312	Sparkes	James	M	Bob's Creek	miner
313	Sparkes	John, junior	M	Bob's Flat	labourer
314	Sparkes	Thomas	M	Bydal-road	miner
315	Sparkes	William	M	Sunny Corner	butcher

316	Sprowl	William	M	Sunny Corner	miner
317	Staines	Catherine	F	Bob's Creek	domestic duties
318	Stait	Edward Royal	M	Sunny Corner	miner
319	Stait	Ellen	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
320	Stait	George	M	Sunny Corner	farmer
321	Stait	Martha	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
322	Stait	Maude	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
323	Stait	Walter	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
324	Stait	William James	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
325	Strickland	George	M	West Mitchell	miner
326	Strickland	John	M	West Mitchell	miner
327	Strickland	Maria Rose	F	Dark Corner road	domestic duties
328	Strickland	Richard	M	Sunny Corner	miner
329	Symons	John Walter	M	Dark Corner road	miner
330	Symons	Mary Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
331	TATTERSALL	Thomas James	M	Sunny Corner	miner
332	Taylor	Henry	M	Sunny Corner	coach-driver
333	Thomas	Benjamin	M	Sunny Corner	hotelkeeper
334	Thomas	Elizabeth Kate	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
335	Thomas	Emily	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
336	Thomas	James	M	Sunny Corner	storekeeper's assistant
337	Thomas	James	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
338	Thomas	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner
339	Thomas	Joseph	M	Sunny Corner	miner
340	Thomas	Mary Jane	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
341	Thomas	Thomas	M	Sunny Corner	miner
342	Thompson	Lancelot	M	Wattle Flat	miner
343	Tomkinson	Emily Ann	F	Sunny Corner	postal assistant
344	Tomkinson	Lewis Alexander	M	Sunny Corner	post and telegraph master
345	Tomlinson	James	M	Sunny Corner	farmer
346	Turner	Charles James	M	West Mitchell	miner
347	Turner	Charlotte	F	West Mitchell	domestic duties
348	Turner	James	M	West Mitchell	miner
349	Turner	John	M	West Mitchell	engine-driver
350	Turner	William Henry	M	West Mitchell	miner
351	VIPEN	Ann	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
352	WALLACE	Alexander	M	Sunny Corner	miner
353	Wallace	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
354	Walsh	Patrick	M	Daylight Creek	miner
355	Worrell	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
356	Weinert	Elizabeth	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
357	Weinert	Ludwig Adolph, junior	M	Sunny Corner	dealer
358	White	George	M	Sunny Corner	labourer
359	White	Mary	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
360	Williams	Gertrude Nickle	F	Sunny Corner	teacher
361	Wilson	John	M	Daylight Creek	miner
362	Winters	Lilor	F	Sunny Corner	bricklayer
363	Withers	Caroline	F	Mitchell's Creek	domestic duties
364	Withers	Samuel	M	Sunny Corner	miner
365	Wollett	George	M	Mount Homer	farmer
366	Worrell	Charles	M	Sunny Corner	miner
367	Worrell	Myra	F	Sunny Corner	domestic duties
368	YOUNG	John	M	Sunny Corner	miner

DARK CORNER.

1	ASHLEY	Edward	M	Coolaming-l	miner
2	BENNETT	Charlotte Madeline	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
3	Bennett	Edward	M	Dark Corner	farmer
4	Bennett	George	M	Dark Corner	labourer
5	Bennett	John	M	Dark Corner	miner
6	Bennett	Sydney Percy	M	Dark Corner	labourer
7	Blais	Maria	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
8	Byers	Elizabeth	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
9	Byers	John	M	Dark Corner	miner
10	Byers	Margaret	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
11	Byers	Thomas	M	Dark Corner	miner
12	COOK	Elizabeth	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
13	Cooper	Frances	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
14	DAVIS	Ebenezer Bathurst	M	Dark Corner	miner
15	Davis	Ellen	F	Paddy Leckey	domestic duties
16	EVES	Catherine	F	Paddy Leckey	domestic duties
17	Eves	Edward	M	Dark Corner	miner
18	FERGUSON	John	M	Coolaningal Creek	labourer
19	GRABHAM	Willmott	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
20	Grabham	Robert	M	Paddy Leckey	miner
21	Goodall	William	M	Dark Corner	labourer
22	Gray	Alexander	M	Dark Corner	farmer
23	Gray	William	M	Dark Corner	farmer
24	HARDY	Emma Jane	F	Turon	domestic duties
25	KENNEDY	John Henry	M	Dark Corner	state school teacher

26	M'CARTNEY	Bridget	F	Paddy Leckey	domestic duties
27	M'Cartney	James	M	Dark Corner	storekeeper
28	M'Kinnon	Daniel	M	Dark Corner	miner
29	M'Lachlan	Alexander	M	Dark Corner	labourer
30	M'Lachlan	Donald	M	Dark Corner	miner
31	M'Lachlan	Eliza Ann	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
32	M'Lachlan	Jean	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
33	M'Lachlan	John	M	Dark Corner	miner
34	M'Lachlan	Mary	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
35	Martin	Jessie	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
36	PARR	George	M	Albany station	labourer
37	Parr	William	M	Coolamingal	labourer
38	ROSS	John	M	Dark Corner	miner
39	Rosser	John	M	Paddy Leckey	labourer
40	SCOTT	Drysdale	M	Dark Corner	teamster
41	Scott	Edward Morris	M	Dark Corner	labourer
42	Scott	Eleanor Thomas	F	Paddy Leckey	domestic duties
43	Scott	Mary Ann	F	Paddy Leckey	domestic duties
44	Scott	Robert Cairns	M	Dark Corner	farmer
45	Scott	Thomas James	M	Dark Corner	labourer
46	Shumack	Aden	M	Dark Corner	miner
47	Shumack	Elizabeth	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
48	Shumack	George, junior	M	Dark Corner	farmer
49	Shumack	John William	M	Dark Corner	farmer
50	Shumack	Kate	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
51	Shumack	Mary	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
52	Shumack	Mary Ann	F	Dark Corner	domestic duties
53	Shumack	Richard, senior	M	Dark Corner	farmer
54	Shumack	Richard, junior	M	Dark Corner	farmer
55	Smith	Elizabeth	M	Coolamingal	domestic duties
56	Smith	Elizabeth Ann	M	Dark Corner	domestic duties
57	Smith	James	M	Dark Corner	farmer
58	Smith	Robert	M	Coolamingal	grazier
59	Smith	William	M	Dark Corner	labourer
60	UPTON	Godfrey Spencer	M	Dark Corner	miner
61	WILLIAMS	George Nicol	M	Dark Corner	miner

YETHOLME.

1	BAKER	Eliza Elizabeth	F	Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
2	Baker	James	M	Diamond Swamp	farmer
3	Barnett	Albert	M	Yetholme	farmer
4	Barnett	Annie	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
5	Barnett	Austen	M	Yetholme	farmer
6	Barnett	Charlotte	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
7	Barnett	Edwin	M	Yetholme	farmer
8	Barnett	Emily	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
9	Bennett	Arthur	M	Yetholme	independent means
10	Berry	Henry	M	Yetholme	farmer
11	Berry	Mary	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
12	Berry	William Henry	M	Yetholme	farmer
13	Boyd	Eliza	F	Yetholme	teacher
14	Boyd	Mary	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
15	Brown	Alfred	M	Yetholme	farmer
16	CLARKE	Elizabeth	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
17	Clarke	George Thompson	M	Green Swamp	labourer
18	Combes	Alice Hermine	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
19	Combes	Ethel Agetrio	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
20	Cornish	Charles	M	Napoleon Reef	mining agent
21	Cotter	Hughena	F	Glanmire	school teacher
22	DANDO	Elizabeth	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
23	Dando	Jane	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
24	Davis	James	M	Yetholme	farmer
25	Davison	Daniel	M	Yetholme	farmer
26	Davison	Christopher	M	Glanmire	farmer
27	Davison	James	M	Glanmire	farmer
28	Davison	John	M	Glanmire	farmer
29	Davison	Mary	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
30	Dennis	Sarah	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
31	Dennis	William	M	Glanmire	overseer
32	Dibley	Joseph	M	Yetholme	farmer
33	Dibley	Joseph Edward	M	Yetholme	maintenance man
34	Dillon	James	M	Yetholme	labourer
35	Donaldson	Agnes Rosa St. Clare	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
36	Donaldson	Augustus Stewart P.	M	Yetholme	grazier
37	Donaldson	Henry Tennant	M	Yetholme	civil servant
38	Donaldson	Lillian Mabel	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
39	Dowler	Margaret	F	Meadow Flat	domestic duties
40	Dowler	Thomas	M	Diamond Swamp	farmer
41	Dowton	Frances	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
42	Dowton	Jesse, senior	M	Yetholme	farmer
43	EDWARDS	Charles	M	Glanmire	miner
44	Edwards	Charlotte	F	Napoleon Reef	domestic duties
45	Egan	John James	M	Kirkconnel	labourer
46	FORRESTER	Edward Sheppeard	M	Meadow Flat	labourer
47	GARRARD	William Laurence	M	Yetholme	grazier
48	Gray	Adeline	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
49	HARRIS	Eliza Arnold	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
50	Harris	Herbert George	M	Glanmire	grocer's assistant

51	Harris	Joseph	M	Glanmire	teacher
52	Howard	Eliza	F	Napoleon Reef	domestic duties
53	Hutchison	Ellen	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
54	IVATT	Alfred Edgar	M	Glanmire	clerk
55	JOHNSON	Abraham	M	Diamond Swamp	engine-driver
56	Johnson	William	M	Diamond Swamp	labourer
57	Jones	Thomas	M	Napoleon Reef	miner
58	Joyce	Jane	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
59	Joyce	John Wolnoth	M	Yetholme	farmer
60	KEARNS	William	M	Eusdale Creek	labourer
61	Kemp	Elizabeth Matilda	F	Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
62	Kemp	George, senior	M	Diamond Swamp	farmer
63	Kemp	George, junior	M	Diamond Swamp	farmer
64	Kemp	James	M	Eusdale Creek	labourer
65	Kemp	John	M	Diamond Swamp	farmer
66	Kemp	Jude	M	Eusdale Creek	farmer
67	Kemp	Margaret	F	Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
68	Kemp	Marie Day	F	Eusdale Creek	domestic duties
69	Kemp	Mary Ann	F	Eusdale Creek	domestic duties
70	Kemp	Rachael	F	Eusdale Creek	domestic duties
71	Kemp	William	M	Diamond Swamp	labourer
72	Kervin	Elizabeth Ann	F	Meadow Flat	domestic duties
73	Kerwin	James	M	Meadow Flat	railway fettler
74	Knight	Esther Louisa	F	Eusdale	domestic duties
75	Knight	Mary Ann	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
76	Knight	Maud Alice	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
77	Knight	Sidney Hilton	M	Yetholme	labourer
78	Knight	William Charles	M	Yetholme	farmer
79	LITTLE	Amelia	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
80	Little	Caroline	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
81	M'MANUS	Mary Jane	F	Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
82	M'Manus	Vincent	M	Eusdale Creek	labourer
83	Maccabee	Harriet	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
84	Maccabee	John	M	Yetholme	farmer
85	Maccabee	Mary	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
86	Maccabee	Stephen	M	Yetholme	farmer
87	Maccabee	Thomas	M	Yetholme	storekeeper
88	Mara	Edmond	M	Kirkconnell	labourer
89	Mara	Edward Patrick	M	Kirkconnell	labourer
90	Mara	John	M	Kirkconnell	labourer
91	Maran	Kate	F	Diamond Creek	domestic duties
92	Martin	Eliza	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
93	Moore	Henry	M	Rose Hill	farmer
94	Moran	Michael	M	Eusdale Creek	farmer
95	Moran	Thomas Patrick	M	Eusdale Creek	farmer
96	Morgan	Harriett	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
97	O'LEARY	James	M	Glanmire	farmer
98	O'Leary	Margaret	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
99	O'Leary	Margaret, junior	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
100	PARKER	Isabella	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
101	Parker	Maggie	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
102	Parker	Sarah	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
103	Poole	Mary	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
104	RAWSON	John	M	Yetholme	storekeeper
105	Rawson	Mary Ann	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
106	Richards	Henry	M	Glanmire	miner
107	Richards	Mary	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
108	Richards	Robert	M	Glanmire	miner
109	Roberts	Alice	F	Napoleon Reef	domestic duties
110	Roberts	Frederick Henry	M	Green Swamp	farmer
111	Roper	Elizabeth	F	Napoleon Reef	domestic duties
112	Roper	George Harold	M	Glanmire	miner
113	Roper	George Taylor	M	Green Swamp	farmer
114	Roper	George Thomas	M	Green Swamp	labourer
115	Roper	Jessie	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
116	Roper	Martha Maria	F	Napoleon Reef	domestic duties
117	Roper	Mary	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
118	Rue	Anna Matilda	F	Brown's Hill	domestic duties
119	Rue	Collin	M	Brown's Hill	farmer
120	Rue	Matilda	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
121	Ryan	James Joseph	M	Meadow Flat	labourer
122	Ryan	William	M	Meadow Flat	farmer
123	SHEPHERD	Stewart Nesmith	F	Meadow Flat	domestic duties
124	Sheppeard	Edward	M	Meadow Flat	butcher
125	Shirlow	Arthur	M	Green Swamp	farmer
126	Shirlow	David	M	Green Swamp	farmer
127	Shirlow	Hugh	M	Green Swamp	farmer
128	Shirlow	Jane	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
129	Sinnett	John Moses	M	Yetholme	farmer
130	Slingsby	Ephraim	M	Yetholme	labourer
131	Slingsby	Sarah	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
132	Stack	Bridget	F	Rose Hill	domestic duties
133	Stack	Catherine	F	Meadow Flat	domestic duties
134	Stack	Catherine	F	Meadow Flat	domestic duties
135	Stack	Roseima	F	Rose Hill	domestic duties
136	THUNDOW	Anna	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
137	Thundow	Henry	M	Green Swamp	farmer
138	Thundow	Mary Ann	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
139	Turner	Arthur James	M	Yetholme	farmer
140	Turner	Colin	M	Yetholme	farmer
141	Turner	Emily	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
142	Turner	Hugh	M	Yetholme	farmer
143	Turner	John	M	Yetholme	farmer
144	Turner	Susan	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
145	Turner	Wilhelmina	F	Eusdale	domestic duties
146	Turner	William James	M	Yetholme	farmer
147	Turrell	Arthur Belzoni	M	Green Swamp	school teacher
148	Turrell	Elizabeth	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
149	WALSHAW	Charlotte	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
150	Walshaw	George Hammond	M	Yetholme	farmer
151	Walshaw	Mary	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
152	Walshaw	William Henry	M	Yetholme	farmer
153	Waters	Charles	M	Eusdale Creek	labourer
154	Waters	Charles James	M	Eusdale Creek	farmer
155	Waters	Jane	F	Yetholme	domestic duties
156	Woollett	George	M	Mount Homer	farmer
157	Woollett	Isabella	F	Mount Homer	domestic duties
158	Wray	James	M	Green Swamp	farmer
159	Wray	Matilda	F	Glanmire	domestic duties
160	Wray	William	M	Glanmire	storekeeper

PALMERS OAKEY.

1	ARTHINGTON	Charles W.	M Upper Turon	miner
2	Arthington	Henry B.	M Upper Turon	miner
3	BARKLAY	Thomas	M Upper Turon	miner
4	Barry	John	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
5	Binning	Robert	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
6	Binning	William	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
7	Bowers	George	M Palmer's Oakey	farmer
8	Bowers	John	M Palmer's Oakey	farmer
9	Brown	Richard	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
10	Buckerfield	Francis	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
11	Butler	Edmund	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
12	CARROLL	George	M Upper Turon	miner
13	Clark	George	M Warrie	labourer
14	Curry	Constance Sarah	F Upper Turon	domestic duties
15	Curry	William Charles	M Upper Turon	miner
16	DUNCAN	David	M Fiddler's Gully	miner
17	Duncomb	David	M Upper Turon	miner
18	Dunkel	Jacob	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
19	Dunn	Martin	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
20	Dyson	Elizabeth	F Upper Turon	domestic duties
21	Dyson	James	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
22	Dyson	Mary	F Upper Turon	domestic duties
23	EVANS	William	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
24	FARRELL	Martha	F Tobin's Oakey	domestic duties
25	Farrell	Martin	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
26	Fergusson	Charles	M Palmer's Oakey	carrier
27	Fergusson	Duncan, junior	M Palmer's Oakey	carrier
28	Fergusson	Ewen	M Palmer's Oakey	farmer
29	Fergusson	Jane Virginia	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
30	Fergusson	Mary Elizabeth	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
31	Franks	Annie	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
32	Franks	Annie Australia	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
33	Franks	Charles Francis	M Palmer's Oakey	publican
34	Franks	John Thomas	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
35	GETTENS	Joseph	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
36	Gettens	Thomas	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
37	Gill	Robert Edwin	F Bingletree	tutor
38	HARDY	Mary	F Cullermudgee Creek	domestic duties
39	Hardy	Thomas	M Upper Turon	miner
40	Hyde	Frank	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
41	Hyde	Mary Ann	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
42	KING	Alister Maclean	M The Gulf	dredge master
43	LESTON	John	M Bingletree	miner
44	M'INTYRE	Caroline Victoria	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
45	M'Kinnon	Duncan	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
46	M'Kinnon	Elizabeth	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
47	M'Kinnon	John Angus	M Palmer's Oakey	farmer
48	M'Kinnon	Mary Ann	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
49	M'Kinnon	Sarah	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
50	M'Leod	George	M Palmer's Oakey	farmer
51	Mackey	Roy Arthur	M Tobin's Oakey	miner
52	Mackie	Elizabeth	F Tobin's Oakey	domestic duties
53	Miller	George	M Palmer's Oakey	old aged pensioner
54	Morgan	George	M Bingletree	overseer
55	Morgan	Mary Maria	F Bingletree	domestic duties
56	Munro	David	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
57	Munro	Margaret	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
58	Munro	Mary	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
59	Munro	Peter	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
60	Murphy	James	M Upper Turon	miner
61	O'BRIEN	Jeremiah	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
62	PARK	Albert Alexander	M The Gulf	dredge master
63	Pither	Richard	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
64	RANDALL	George White	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
65	Roper	William	M Bingletree	independent means
66	SCOTT	Thomas	M Palmer's Oakey	grazier
67	Shumack	Elizabeth	F Upper Turon	domestic duties
68	Shumack	George	M Upper Turon	miner
69	Smith	Alice	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
70	Smith	William	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
71	Steel	George	M Palmer's Oakey	farmer
72	Stewart	Ferdinand	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
73	TACKE	William	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
74	Theobald	Eliza Jane	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
75	Theobald	Henry	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
76	Theobald	Walter Arthur	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
77	Theobald	William	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
78	Thompson	Henry Alexander	M Warrie	overseer
79	Truscott	James	M Upper Turon	miner
80	WELCH	Edward Walter	M Bingletree	labourer
81	Wilkinson	Alfred	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
82	Wilkinson	Alfred, junior	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
83	Wilkinson	Frances	F Palmer's Oakey	domestic duties
84	Wilkinson	John	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
85	Wilkinson	William James	M Palmer's Oakey	miner
86	Wilson	Charles	M Palmer's Oakey	miner

MEADOW FLAT.

1	BAKER	Thomas	M Meadow Flat	farmer
2	Boorman	Alfred Brownhill	M Meadow Flat	domestic duties
3	Boorman	Ann Dowing	F Meadow Flat	teacher
4	Brown	Bessie Alice	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
5	Brown	Carrie Bertha	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
6	Brown	Harry Elliott	M Meadow Flat	engineer
7	Brown	Henry Gyles	M Meadow Flat	storekeeper
8	Brownlow	Annie Christina	F Hilton Park	domestic duties
9	Butfield	George William	M Meadow Flat	carpenter
10	Butfield	Mary Ann	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
11	CHAMBERS	Margaret	F Meadow Flat	farmer
12	DIBLEY	James Hezekiah	M Diamond Swamp	farmer
13	Dibley	Sarah	F Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
14	Dobbie	Ann	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
15	Dobbie	Arthur Francis	M Hilton Park	farmer
16	Dobbie	Elizabeth	F Hilton Park	domestic duties
17	Dobbie	Frances	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
18	Dobbie	George	M Meadow Flat	labourer
19	Dobbie	John	M Hilton Park	farmer
20	Dobbie	Mary Ann	F Hilton Park	domestic duties
21	Dobbie	William	M Wallerawang-road	farmer
22	EGAN	Alice Isabella	F Kirk Connell	domestic duties
23	Egan	Mary Ann	F Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
24	Egan	Patrick	M Diamond Swamp	farmer
25	HUTCHISON	George	M Yetholme	miner
26	KEARNS	William Alfred	M Meadow Flat	farmer
27	King	Christina	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
28	LAWLER	Albert	M Meadow Flat	labourer
29	Lawler	Catherine	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
30	Lawler	Emma	F Meadow Flat	farmer
31	Lawler	Margaret Elizabeth	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
32	Lawler	Mary Ann	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
33	Lawler	Walter	M Meadow Flat	farmer
34	M'DONALD	Donald	M Meadow Flat	farmer
35	M'Donald	Donald Stallwood	M Diamond Swamp	labourer
36	M'Donald	John	M Diamond Swamp	miner
37	M'Donald	Susanah	F Diamond Swamp	domestic duties
38	M'Lean	Robert	M Meadow Flat	labourer
39	M'Manus	Andrew James	M Meadow Flat	farmer
40	M'Manus	Arthur Charles	M Meadow Flat	farmer
41	M'Manus	Emily	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
42	M'Manus	James	M Meadow Flat	farmer
43	Mara	Harriett	F Kirk Connell	domestic duties
44	Mara	Mary Ann	F Kirk Connell	domestic duties
45	Marsden	Maria	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
46	Moore	John	M Meadow Flat	grazier
47	Moore	Sarah	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
48	Moore	William Henry Percy	M Meadow Flat	farmer
49	OGLETHORP	James	M Meadow Flat	blacksmith
50	Oglethorp	Mary	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
51	PARKER	William	M Meadow Flat	blacksmith
52	Pearse	Alec Hunter	M Wallerawang-road	farmer
53	Pearse	James	M Wallerawang-road	farmer
54	SCOTT	Charles Herbert	M Meadow Flat	farmer
55	Scott	Christopher Henry	M Meadow Flat	farmer
56	Scott	Mary Ann	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
57	Scott	Matilda	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
58	Scott	William John	M Meadow Flat	grazier
59	Scott	William John, junior	M Meadow Flat	farmer
60	Sharp	Alice	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
61	Sharp	Charles	M Meadow Flat	farmer
62	Sharp	Jane	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
63	Sharp	John	M Meadow Flat	farmer
64	Sharp	Maud	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
65	Sharp	Rubina	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
66	Sharp	William	M Meadow Flat	farmer
67	Sinnet	Mary	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
68	TAYLOR	Emily	F Meadow Flat	domestic duties
69	Taylor	Malcolm	M Cullen Bullen	labourer
70	Taylor	Victor Roylance	M Meadow Flat	———
71	Taylor	William Eden	M Meadow Flat	———
72	WADE	Charles John	M Dry Flat	labourer
73	Wade	James	M Dry Flat	farmer
74	Wade	John	M Dry Flat	farmer
75	Wade	Mary Ann	F Dry Flat	domestic duties
76	Wade	Michael	M Dry Flat	farmer
77	Wade	Thomas	M Dry Flat	farmer
78	YANTZ	Clara	F Kirk Connell	domestic duties
79	Yantz	Maria Alexandria	F Kirk Connell	domestic duties

6-1-1903 There were a small number of people about on New Year's Eve. A number of young men and boys promenaded the streets from house to house armed with various musical instruments, and endeavoured to convince the townspeople that they could both sing and play, about which there still exists some difference of opinion. They obtained some New Years gifts in the form of refreshments, both liquid and solid, and in many cases cash was given.

A social, proceeds in aid of the local R.C. Convent was given in the Victoria Hall on New Year's night. It was largely attended, and passed off most successfully.

The report of the death of Mrs. John Titus, which occurred at Cobar on Friday last, came as a shock to all here. The late Mrs. Titus leaves a large family of young children and numerous relatives and friends here to mourn their sad loss.

The Church of England Sunday school picnic, held near Mr. Baker's on New Year's Day, was largely attended by both old and young, who appeared to thoroughly enjoy the days outing. The same can be said regarding those who attended the Wesleyan Sunday school picnic at Blair's Flat.

8-1-1903 The mining machinery, recently delivered on Messrs. Cooper and Company mining property at Dark Corner, is being placed in position, and it is hoped that ere long the rumble of its wheels and rollers will be heard, to the general advantage of the proprietors, and the whole community generally

At Sunny Corner, the result of the last crushing from the Coronation Reef (late Frenchy's claim) realised 8dwt of gold per ton. At the same place, a parcel of stone, put through at Messrs. Murray's battery, from Mr. Kelly's reef on the Lagoon Creek, is said to have resulted in a yield of 25dwt per ton

9-1-1903 A quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnised by the Rev. E. Flanagan, in the R. C. Church at Kirkconnell on Wednesday morning last, when Miss Fanny Dowler was married to Mr. James Wade of Portland. The "best" man was Mr. Tom Dowler, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Wade (2).

16-1-1903 It is my sad duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. W. Chellew, of this place, which sad event occurred at Bathurst on Friday night last, and was as sudden as unexpected by both relatives and friends. The late Mrs. Chellew's remains were laid to rest in the Bathurst cemetery on Sunday last. General sympathy is expressed with Mr. Chellew and family in their bereavement.

The death of Mr. James Milson is reported to have taken place at his residence, North Sydney, on Monday last, at the ripe age of 89 years. The late Mr. Milson was well and favourably known by the residents of Kirkconnell, and also here, for many years.

Some considerable time has elapsed since a couple of sets of storm-water drain-pipes were put in at the intersection of Bathurst and Austral streets, immediately in front of the Royal Exchange hotel, but no cover or protecting grating has yet been placed over the opening left for the water to enter the pipes. As the opening has been a source of danger both to pedestrians and horses frequenting the locality, perhaps the road superintendent will give the matter his attention, and have the spot made safe.

The local police are busily engaged collecting the annual stock and crop returns.

Messrs. James and John Martin and E. Scott left here last week, bound for Noumea, New Caledonia, where they have secured employment.

Mail Run. West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, twice a week — William Sparks,

Sunny Corner, horse back, three years, £37 I7s per annum.

23-1-1903 Yesterday morning an old man named Bush from Palmers Oakey was taken into the Bathurst hospital by the police at Sunny Corner. The police informed the authorities of the hospital that the old fellow had been found lying on an ant-bed. He was only partially dressed, and the ants were eating his body. He was unable to help himself and the men who made the discovery removed him, and by a plentiful application of water washed off the ants and brought him to Bathurst. They took him to the hospital but as soon as the police left the old fellow said he would not stop. He then left the institution and the authorities immediately communicated with the police. Soon afterwards Senior Constable Henderson met the old fellow in Howick street, 'hobbling' along. In reply to questions the old fellow said he was going back to Palmers Oakey. When asked if the ants had been at him in the morning the old follow drily replied, 'And the uncles as well.' As the old man was quite helpless the officer placed him under arrest for protection. He was, this morning, sent to the gaol for medical observation.

30-1-1903 Our local postman, Mr. C. Greenwell, has been away enjoying a few weeks holiday in Sydney, and during that time he entered the holy bonds of matrimony. May they each live long to enjoy every happiness that this world presents.

A basket social held on Monday night in Francis-hall, was largely attended and passed off successfully,

No local sports of any kind wore provided on Anniversary Day, but several parties went elsewhere to spend the day, principally to Kirkconnell and Yetholme.

6-2-1903 It is stated that Constable Small is to be removed from here to Bathurst, to which place he proceeds during the present week. Constable Milling, of Bathurst, takes his place here. During his period of duty here Constable Small has proved himself to be an extremely smart and diligent member of the force, and appears at all times to perform his duty without fear or favour, treating all sections of the community alike. His removal from here is regretted. However, it is to be hoped that the action taken regarding him will mean advancement in the near future. He carries away the good wishes of a host of friends.

The weather has been very sultry during the forepart of the week. Rain is badly needed, but a downfall seems as far off as ever.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hodges, of West Mitchell, died on Thursday last.

Miss Colley, assistant teacher at the public school, is in receipt of instructions of removal to Orange, to which place she goes about the end of the present week, her successor here being Miss Chellew. Miss. Colley would seem to have been a

general favourite with the children during her term here, as they express disappointment at her departure. Her many friends and acquaintances here, whilst regretting her departure, express their good wishes for her prosperity, in her new sphere.

9-2-1903 Quarter Sessions. MONDAY, February 9, 1903. (Before his Honor Judge Docker.)

Mr. Dawson acted as Crown Prosecutor, and Mr. H. H. Chippendall as Clerk of the Peace.

Samuel Duggan was indicted for that he, on the 24th day of November, 1902, at Sunny Corner, did wilfully kill a sheep, the property of Richard Shumack.

Accused, who was defended by Mr. McIntosh, pleaded guilty. Remanded for sentence.

11-2-1903 At the Quarter Sessions, Samuel Duggan was found guilty of sheep stealing at Sunny Corner, and was sentenced to one week's imprisonment. The evidence showed that Duggan shot a sheep when his family was starving. When the arresting constable arrived at the house, he found the family in such a state of destitution that he left money on the table for the wife to buy necessaries. Duggan had been in gaol three months, awaiting his trial.

20-2-1903 Sunday last was one of the most unpleasant days experienced here during this summer. During the morning the atmosphere was heavily charged with a vile-smelling, fine dust, completely veiling the sun, and proving most unbearable throughout the day. Until about mid-day it was impossible to distinguish objects more than one hundred yards away. A strong wind from the west blew throughout the day, and continued almost incessantly till early on Tuesday morning.

Apparently it, is the intention of the police authorities to allow Constable Small to remain at this station. It appears that he was quite ready to "move on," when orders were received cancelling those issued regarding his removal. However, he is still here, and it is the general desire of all law-abiding citizens that he shall be allowed to remain.

Mrs. Burke suffered a loss one night last week through some mongrel dogs, of which this place contains by far too many, having killed a number of her full grown geese.

The death is reported of Mr. G. Shumack, which, sad event occurred a few days ago at Narromine, where he had just returned after spending a few weeks here with relatives and friends. Deceased was well and favourably known in this district, having resided for many years at Meadow Flat. Although he had been obtaining rather indifferent health for some time, his demise was quite unexpected.

25-2-1903 A quiet and very pretty wedding eventuated at St. Matthias' R.C. Church here yesterday morning. The contracting parties were Miss B. Murray, second daughter of Mr. John Murray, of this town, and Mr. Arthur Attwell, of Dark Corner. The bridesmaid was Miss K. Murray, sister of the bride, while Mr. R. J. Shumack acted as best man. The bride was given away by her father. The Rev. E. J. Flanagan officiated. After the ceremony Miss Mabel Duke, the organist of the church played the Wedding March. The dinner took place at Tattersall's Hotel where the usual toasts were proposed and responded to. The bride was made the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Towards evening the happy couple left for Sydney where they will spend their honeymoon.

Since that report was put into type another correspondent has sent us an account of the function, which came to hand too late to be fully published, but as the presents are not previously mentioned we give the list; as-follows : — The trousseau, Mrs. J. Murray (mother of the bride) ; carving set in case, Mr. E. Davis ; silver breakfast cruet, Mrs. G. Attwcll ; carving set in case, Mrs. Allwell ; silver dinner cruet, Mr. G. Murray and family ; pair vases, Mrs. R. Shumack ; silver brush and pin cushion, Mr. R. Shumack; pair vases, Miss G. Attwell ; pair vases, Miss K. Murray ; pair vases, Miss M. Coleman ; half-dozen silver tea-spoons and jam-spoon in case, Mr. G. Shumack ; silver butter dish, Mr. M. Wenham ; silver butter dish, Mr. U. Small ; silver-mounted biscuit barrel, Miss Rusden ; pair vases and silver butter knife. Mr. and Mrs. Corry ; pair vases, Miss N. Murray ; silver butter dish, Miss B. Flynn ; pair serviette rings in case, Mrs. S. Hodgers ; pair vases, Mrs. E. Poyitt ; pair vases, Miss A. Lawler ; pair vases, tray-cloth, and fruit dish, Miss P. Barry ; glass jug, Mrs. Glynn ; set glass dishes and moustache cup, Mrs. Rickard ; pair silver and ruby glass salts, Mrs. Tonkinson ; glass sugar basin, Miss. Glynn ; glass butter dish, Miss Attwell; pair pillow shams, Miss Duke; pair pillow shams, Mrs. S. Barry ; pair photo, frames and ornament, Miss Jones ; water-jug and glasses, Miss Ross ; pair ornaments, Miss L. Murray ; half-dozen cups and saucers and moustache cup and candle stick, S. Barry and family ; pair vases, Mr. W. Atcheson ; silver toast-rack, Mrs. Jno. Shumack; shaving mug. Mr. S. Barry ; silver butter dish and knife, Miss Worrell ; two glass fruit dishes, Mrs. Cohen ; sntcliet, Miss F. Cohen ; macrame drape, Miss E. Cohen ; silver butter knife, Mr. C. Reilly ; silver-mounted pipe in case, Mr. G. Williams ; set silver spoons, Mrs. G. Williams : silver match-box, Mr. B. Louis ; cake-stand, Mrs. Bennett.

The bride was attired in a dress of finely-tucked silver-grey voile trimmed with Brussels knot and applique, hat of white horsehair and chiffon, and a spray of orange blossoms. She also carried a most beautiful shower bouquet and wore a lovely gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid (Miss Kate Murray) wore a pretty cream cashmere with satin strapping leaf of white tucked silk chiffon, roses and gilt ornaments, and a gold brooch (gift of the bridegroom). Mr. R.J. Shumack acted as best man.

25-2-1903 A fire occurred early on Sunday morning at the residence of Mr. Charles Worrell, everything being burnt excepting a little of the furniture. How the fire started is unknown.

3-3-1903 Sickness amongst infants is very common at present. Last Thursday afternoon the youngest daughter of Mr. J. Titus succumbed to an attack of gastro-enteric fever. The mother of this child died about two months ago at Cobar, and since then the aunt, Mrs. Edwards, has had charge of the infant. Latterly the child has been very delicate, and its end was anticipated. The body was removed to Sunny Corner for interment.

5-3-1903 The reservists of the local rifle club have completed the annual course of training and musketry. Of 18 men who went through the musketry course 10 passed as marksmen, and two as first class shots. In the collective practices a percentage of 67 hits was obtained.

20-3-1903 In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, a grand social was held in the Victoria Hall, in aid of the Church funds, nearly 30 couples graced the floor during the proceedings

20-3-1903 The general appearance of the local cemetery is far from satisfactory. Quite recently a number of additional members were appointed on the board, of trustees in place of others who had left the district, and it was anticipated an infusion of new blood would have had beneficial results, but so far very little seems to have been done. It has been stated that it is difficult even now to induce members to attend the regular meetings for the transaction of business, and that at times a quorum cannot be secured. If this is so, such a state of things is to be regretted. However, there would appear to be a general state of inactivity prevailing amongst the board somewhere, judging by the appearance of the portion of ground under their control.

Although the road gang have been effecting improvements to the main street, in patches, spreading rough shingle on it without any blinding material. No attempt has yet been made to fix a grating over the trap-hole in front of the Royal Exchange hotel bar-door. Perhaps someone will have the misfortune to fall into it some dark night, and meet with an accident, when it may receive attention from whoever has control over that portion of the thoroughfare.

Among other pests frequenting this neighbourhood now is to be included the flying-fox, one having been shot in a garden in town a few nights ago. They are playing havoc with the fruit in this district.

Our Parramatta correspondent writes that a meeting of shareholders of the Kirkconnell Gold and Silver mining Syndicate was held at Parramatta on Wednesday last. The first half-yearly report showed that a trench had been cut 115ft by 10ft. by 12ft., exposing the lode the whole distance. No. 1 shaft was put down to a depth of 78ft., and a crosscut driven west across the lode 175ft, At this point No. 2 shaft was sunk 87ft. to give better ventilation, when the western crosscut was proceeded with a further distance of 175ft., making the total length of crosscut 350ft. Seventy-five assays taken from different parts of the lode gave a return of from one to five per cent of copper, gold over 21wts. silver 2oz. to 7oz. It is the intention of the management to proceed with the crosscut until the western wall is reached.

31-3-1903 A grand social was held here last night in the Victoria Hall in aid of the Sunny Corner Cricket Club when some 35 couples graced the floor to music supplied by Misses Flynn and Murray. Mr. Chiplin, our local public school master played the extras and Mr. D Odell made an efficient M.C. Dancing was kept up until the small hours, every one leaving well satisfied with the night's enjoyment.

Mining matters here are generally dull. Messrs. Bond, and Party, however, of the Coronation Reef, cleaned up yesterday crushing 60 tons of stone with the satisfactory result of ll dwts to the ton. This is considered very good taking into account the size of reef the party possess.

3-4-1903 It is reported on reliable authority that the interest held by Messrs. Simpkins and Haven in the Sunny Corner mine lease has been purchased by Mr. I. Edwards of Katoomba. It is now anticipated that the cobwebs will be brushed away and that the old mine will soon be a beehive of activity.

3-4-1903 Mail Runs Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner six times a week ; 4-wheeled coach ; two horses ; and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main Road ; three times a week ; horseback— John Case, Thorpe's Pinch, Rydal, £96 10s 6d. Two years.

West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey twice a week; horseback— William Sparks,. Sunny Corner, £37 17s. Three years.

10-4-1903 On Wednesday it was found necessary to remove Ambrose Jeffrie to Bathurst for medical attendance. He has been unwell for the past few weeks, suffering with, it is stated, congestion of the lungs. There being no improvement in his condition, the above course was taken.

During last week we had three very sharp frosts, the first of these being especially severe. On Sunday a westerly gale blew all day, making things very unpleasant. Since then the days have been warm and dry.

Nominations are called for candidates for the local Progress Committee for the ensuing year. The date of the election has not yet been fixed.

Constable Small, of this town, is now temporarily doing duty at Portland, which leaves this district to a large extent to be controlled by one officer. With the multifarious duties he has to perform it is hard to perceive how this can be satisfactorily accomplished.

15-4-1903 Mining matter still continue dull but a few items are to be noted. Mr. W. Anderson of West Mitchell cleared up on Wednesday, crushing 42 tons with the return of 11 dwts to the ton.

Within the last fortnight a slight stir was created here by a prospector's find at Daylight Creek. Three ozs were unearthed in one day, and good returns have resulted daily ever since. Some half dozen men are working in the vicinity of the find.

It is rumoured that the big mine has at last found a purchaser and this is accompanied by other rumours more or less discouraging. Residents hope however that brighter prospects are in store.

It is said that the country boarding establishments, both at Brooklands and Mount Boyd, have been crowded with visitors during the holiday season. It is about time that this beautiful district received its due share of attention from the Sydney people.

The sources of amusement here during Easter were not as numerous as they generally are, but still they were well patronised. A bazaar in aid of the Catholic Church funds was opened on Saturday night and continued on Easter Monday night. The attendance on each night was very good and the takings very satisfactory. The fancy stall was in charge of the Misses N. Murray, Bourke and Flynn assisted by Mrs, Freely Mrs. A. Attwell, Misses Lawler, Hurst, Staines, Murray, O'Reilley. The refreshment Stall was superintended by Misses Fredy, Murray and Llewellyn assisted by Mrs. T. Sparks. Misses Staines and Sparks.

The display of goods was very fine indeed and the young ladies deserve congratulations on the success of the bazaar.

There was an exodus of residents to Portland on Easter Monday, the attraction being a monster procession and sports in connection with the United Laborers Union. There were some hundreds of people present and the celebration was most successful.

On Easter Monday night a grand social was given in the Wesleyan Church Sydney, and local talent contributing to the musical programme. There was a crowded house and the concert was a successful one.

A cricket match between the Lackey Mine and Clear Creek clubs eventuated at West Mitchell on Saturday. After a good game Clear Creek were declared the winners by nine wickets.

The period for which the Sunny Corner Progress Committee was elected being about to expire, preparations are being made for a new election. The present Committee has done good work for the town and district during the past two years.

21-4-1903 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before W. O. O'Neill, P.M., L. A. Tomkinson, and. W. T. Palmer, Js.P.) .

Robert Voron, Thomas Cotterill, James Powell, and Albert Jones were charged with breaking and entering and stealing from a dwelling-house at Meadow Flat.

Senior-Constable McLean gave evidence of arrest of the four accused on the Bathurst road, near Yetholme. In answer to questions put to them, one of the accused admitted that they broke into the place and stole the articles, consisting of potted meats, jam, sugar, tea, a fountain pen, and other small articles, nearly all of which were found in their swags.

Alfred Booreman, Minnie Buttfield, Georgians Buttfield, and Albert Kable also gave evidence.

The four accused were committed for trial at the Circuit Court to be held at Bathurst on Friday, the 24th inst. Bail was not applied for.

23-4-1903 In a letter to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, M.L.A., the Undersecretary for Works points out, that under the Water and Drainage Act, a trust must be formed before any work is undertaken. Rylstone cannot therefore have a water supply unless it pays for it through a trust.

Mr. Fitzpatrick is further informed that the works at Portland and Sunny Corner were undertaken before the Act came into force.

24-4-1903 The following have been nominated as members of the local Progress Committee, viz.:— Messrs. C. W. Chiplin, F. Cook, J. Cook, J. Duke, J. Fitzgerald, R.W. Magill, C. Murray Jnr , Murray (sen.), A. C. McManus, C. G. Roberts, C. Scott, J. Simnkins. Jas. Sparks, Jas. Thomas, and G. N. Williams, Nine members are to be elected. A good deal of interest appears to be evinced in the contest, and it would be difficult to forecast the result.

The local schools resumed duty on Monday last, after the teachers and children alike had enjoyed their Easter holidays. A considerable number of people from this district have availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting Bathurst show.

29-4-1903 The election of the new Progress Committee took place on Saturday, and considering the state of the weather a large number of votes were recorded. The polling took place at the Carrington Hall, Mr. R. Llewellyn acting as returning officer. Fifteen candidates presented themselves for nine seats. Mr. J. Simpkins heading the poll with 59 votes. Then followed Mr. J. Cook with 56 votes, Mr. C. Murray 54, Mr. J. Duke 46, Mr. J. Thomas 44, Mr. R. Magill 42, Mr. F. Cook 40, Mr. C. Roberts 39, and Mr. J. Murray 35. The unsuccessful candidates were : Messrs. Sparks, Scott. Chiplin, FitzGerald, McManus and Williams. The selection of the new committee seems to have given general satisfaction, as the men chosen are in a position to push forward the claims of the district.

After a week's heavy rain Sunday brought us a few hours of sunshine, but towards evening the weather became piercingly cold, changing the aspect of the country in a few minutes. As far as one could see the mountains were covered with snow. The weather still continues cold and wet.

Mr. Stephen Kissell, one of our very oldest residents, died on Saturday evening. He leaves a grown up family, many of whom still reside in the district. His remains were re- moved on Sunday to Orange for interment.

A rifle match between the Sunny Corner Reservists and a Lithgow team is fixed to be shot off, on the local range, on May 6. The selection of the Sunny Corner team will be made to-morrow.

30-4-1903 The representatives of the Progress Committee who reported the lessees of the Sunny Corner silver mine for the non-fulfilment of the labor conditions, and who received the beforehand notice enabling them to peg out the land compulsory forfeited, have disposed of their interest in the same to a Mr. Edwards, but as a matter of fact Mr. Charleston has again become the possessor of the leases, or part of the leases, as he does not intend to hold quite as much land in the future as in the past.

Parcels of ore have been sent to America, England and Germany for experimental purposes. If the competent chemists can solve the zinc problem, and discover means not too costly whereby the 20 per cent, of the above mineral might be turned into a payable product, then we expect that Sunny Corner will again be a thriving mountain mining centre. With the zinc problem unsolved the case is hopeless, as the ore, as far as silver, gold and copper are concerned, is low grade, and the price of silver is altogether too low to allow it to pay. If the mine had been anything of an El Dorado, the Progress Committee surely could have got someone to take it off their hands, as the price they were asking was a mere bagatelle.

The great rainfall of the past few days has set the local mills working. The Big Hill mine is now employing some 20 men. The Paddy Lackey has been crushing for some considerable time, but it is difficult to ascertain with what results. They work on steadily month by month and employ a fair number of hands constantly. It is regarded generally as the most snug little mining property in the district.

Charleston's battery has work for some considerable time. It crushed some fifty tons for the Coronation recently, and the stone averaged half an ounce. Thomas and party has opened out the old Bob's Creek tunnel, and have some fifty tons ready for the mill. They are trying an experiment in calcining, and are hopeful that by this means they will get far better returns.

The election of the new Progress Committee was held on Saturday last. The event caused a little excitement. One pleasing feature of this election was the absence of the sectarian spirit. This cannot be said concerning, at least, one former election.

The Progress Committee are on the warpath again. They have demanded a public investigation from the Government. The matter in dispute is connected with some public contract recently passed. A committee from the Public Works Department is expected in Sunny Corner any day now. It was bruited about that they would be here on the 20th instant. Witnesses were summoned, and the fatted turkey was killed but no committee appeared. I will furnish you with full particulars when the inquiry is finished. The new committee have to face some unpleasant business as soon as they meet. It is to be hoped that they will succeed in accomplishing for the district that which it is entitled to.

We had a heavy fall of snow on Sunday evening. Strange phenomenon, but it is true, that after four inches of rain had fallen, we woke on Sunday morning to see what is known locally as a Cobar dust storm, and then in the afternoon to be visited quite suddenly with a severe snow storm.

The Methodist Church celebrated their anniversary on Easter Sunday and Monday. Rev, J. B. Penman was the preacher on the Sunday. The concert and social on the Monday were voted the best ever held here. Mr. J. W. Lees, of Sydney, proved himself a great entertainer. It is generally conceded that he was the best gentleman singer that has ever favored the Corner.

Lawn tennis has caught on here amazingly. There are two courts, one in connection with the Methodist Church and the other at the Anglican. There are scores of members belonging to the two teams.

1-5-1903 A very old and highly respected resident of West Mitchell, Mr. Stephen Kissell, passed over to the great majority at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. Blair on Saturday afternoon last. The deceased had attained the good old age of 83 years. His remains were convoyed to Bathurst on Sunday for the purpose of being thence conveyed per train to Orange to be laid to rest beside those of his late wife, who preceded him but only a few weeks ago.

About 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon the first fall of snow of any consequence, during this season, was experienced, within about half-an-hour the ground was covered to a depth of about three inches.

On Tuesday last week Senior-constable McLeay, assisted by Constable Grady, of Rydal, removed four prisoners from here to Bathurst gaol. Quite an unusual occurrence here during recent years to see an escort of this number of prisoners at the one time.

All old friends were pleased to see Mr. J. C. Haven's genial face once again in their midst he having spent a few days here last week on a business trip.

Rabbits are again becoming fairly numerous around this locality, and numbers of them are regularly destroyed by means of guns, dogs, etc., not forgetting that dangerous weapon, the "pea-rifle". Although the rabbits frequenting this neighbourhood are of good quality, no one seems to have yet entered upon a thorough system of trapping for market purposes. Now that the winter is fast approaching, this means of employment should be worthy of a trial by those with a knowledge of bunny and his habits.

5-5-1903 A very pleasant social was held here on Friday night in the Victoria Hall in aid of the Church of England Tennis Court Fund. About 40 couples put in an appearance, dancing being kept going till the small hours of the morning. First class music was supplied by Miss M. Sharpe other local ladies giving extras. Mr. D. Odell made an efficient M.C.

7-5-1903 When I speak of the unexploited wealth of this district I do not refer to the thousands of tons of ore which is in sight in the large silver mine, but to the innumerable gold bearing reefs which are at our very doors. It is true that most of them that have been prospected are low grade, carrying from two to ten dwts. per ton, and that the leaders, which are known to be up to four or five ounces to the ton, are very thin. But what I wish to demonstrate is that, given a proper system of prospecting and working, and then the latest and most up to-date machinery for gold saving, that millions of pounds worth of gold could be won at this place, giving fair wages to the working man and a reasonable dividend to the capitalist. Everyone here knows that there has been no deep sinking, and no powerful machinery operating, and with the primitive appliances, and the rule of thumb method of working, the diorite country has been too difficult, and as a consequence reefing here is a comparative failure. Some of our macadamized roads are made of quartz, which, if properly treated would go four or more dwts. to the ton. It is also notorious that a great deal of the quart is impregnated with mineral, or pyrites containing silver, arsenic, lead, etc., which, though it makes the ore somewhat refractory, is estimated to be worth £30 per ton.

At Charleston's battery there is a kind of shaker at work which thoroughly separates the concentrates, containing the mineral, from the sand. This is bagged and sent to Cockle Creek for final treatment. At the present time we are suffering from lack of enterprise. Fancy carting all the ore to the batteries, also the wood, and all other requirements. The consequences are that most of the profits are swallowed up in expenses, and too small a margin remains to pay for the mining of the ore. Some years ago the Little Hill was stripped from the surface and put straight through the batteries, to-day several parties are going down deeper, and one party has succeeded in striking a new reef at 100 feet level, the stone from which very much resembles the Paddy Lackey ore. If we had the go and enterprise of the Americans or even the Victorians long ago with the abundance of wealth waiting and asking for us to appropriate it would have been secured. In Victoria to-day ore, very much lower in grade than ours, is being successfully treated. And why should it not be so here?. It is quite fashionable in most circles to blame the working man with his request for a living wage, for such a state of things as obtains here. I am sick of such a gag. If you ask my opinion, it is not the working man I would blame, but the speculators, mining sharks, and the parasites who want to fatten on other people that have disgusted honest capitalists and have made the very name of the place, as a field for legitimate enterprise smell some. I know a property which is a very likely spot the owner believes thoroughly in it, but as he says he is afraid to trust the magnates of mining for fear he will be left lamenting. We want at this place enterprise, capital, careful management, and a willingness to be satisfied with legitimate demands. If we had this Sunny Corner would boom again as in

the past, and I am sure would become one of the most permanent and reliable gold fields of this State, because there is practically an inexhaustible supply of reefs.

8-5-1903 A social under the auspices of the Victory Lawn Tennis Club was held on Friday night last in the Victoria hall. Upwards of eighty persons were in attendance, and passed the evening most pleasantly tripping the light fantastic under the direction of Mr. D. O'Dell, who performed in his usual genial manner the onerous duties of M.C.

Tables were placed in position for those who desired to indulge in games of cards, chess, draughts, and other parlour games. Two ping-pong tables were at the disposal of lovers of that fascinating game. A most sumptuous and excellently prepared supper was partaken of at midnight, the tables, laden with most enticing viands, being artistically decorated for the occasion. The requirements of the guests were attentively looked after by a bevy of courteous young ladies. The whole of the proceedings were under the direct supervision of a committee of ladies, who are deserving of every commendation for their tact and judgment, and to whom the success of the evening's enjoyment is due.

At the first general meeting of the recently elected Progress Committee, held on Thursday night last, the following officers were elected President, Mr. C. Murray ; vice-presidents, Mr.. J. Cook, J. P., and Mr. R. W. Magill, J.P.; secretary, Mr. J. Simpkins ; treasurer, Mr. J. Duke.

19-5-1903 Mr. W. Sharp, of Meadow Flat, suffered the loss through death last week of his daughter, aged five years and nine months. Her remains were interned in the Meadow Flat cemetery on Thursday.

The weather during last week has been mild, with light frosts each night. .

Mrs. A. Gardiner, of Nowra, formerly of this town for many years, has been on a visit here recently for the purpose of spending a few days with old friends and acquaintances.

The Rydal-Sunny Corner mail coach was about an hour late on Thursday morning, the result of a break-down near Meadow Flat.

Mr. A. J. Milson, J.P., of Kirkconnell, takes his departure from this district on Monday, 18th inst., for Sydney, where he intends taking up his future residence. General regret is felt at Mr. Milsons departure from this district. . .

The syndicate working the Coronation (late French's) reef have completed a crushing of 65 tons stone for a yield of 60ozs. gold.

21-5-1903 A full report appears in another column of an inquiry held at Sunny Corner on Tuesday by the Public Service Board. Certain allegations were made by the Progress Committee, concerning the carrying out of building contracts in that district. The officials concerned were acquitted of any corrupt or dishonest motive.

21-5-1903 At the Orange Police Court last week a young girl named Frances Linn, aged 15, was convicted on two charges of stealing, and fined £1 and costs. It was stated in evidence that the accused's parents were in Sunny Corner.

22-5-1903 The Coronation has crushed 65 tons of quartz for 59oz. 14dwt. gold.

J. Thomas and party have completed a crushing of stone from the Mosquito reef (Bob's Creek) of 10 tons for 39oz. gold.

22-5-1903 NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Commoners will be held at Francis Hall, Sunny Corner, on Wednesday, 3rd June, 1903, at 7 p.m., to elect two (2) Trustees for the Sunny Corner Temporary Common, in lieu of Messrs. Jerome Haven and Alfred Sparks, resigned.

By order of the Trust rep, JOHN SIMPKINS, Sunny Corner, 22nd May, 1903.

23-5-1903 In Memoriam. In loving remembrance of Mr. H. Hyde, who died March 21st, 1903.

Dear friend, the years creep on apace,
But still there lingers near,
The memory of thy form and face,
The voice we loved to hear.

Inserted by his loving friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lowe and family, of Sunny Corner.

27-5-1903 Not for a long time has such regret been expressed in this town as was felt when on Saturday night last it was announced that Mrs. John Flynn had breathed her last. A resident of Sunny Corner for 14 years she had endeared herself to all by many acts of kindness and charity. She leaves a large family for the members of which great sympathy is felt. The remains were interred in the Sunny Corner Cemetery this afternoon, a very large number of residents joined in the funeral cortege. The Rev. Father Flanagan officiated at the graveside.

27-5-1903 HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint Mr. Charles Gobman, Acting Postmaster, to act in the stead of the permanent officer, Mr. L. A. Tonikinson, absent on leave, as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of Macquarie, at Sunny Corner.

11-6-1903 Some nice specimens of rough gold have been got lately on Cox's Creek, about 5 miles from Dark Corner.

Mr. John Ross struck a nice little patch of gold worth about £40 some short time since down Daylight Creek. He entered a hole which he had abandoned more than thirty years ago, and was fortunate in locating the bed of precious metal.

Pendleton came along and not in a very amiable mood either on Saturday last. He has been increasing in passion hour by hour, and is displaying himself right friskily by throwing snowflakes around and blowing great guns. The snow was fully six inches deep to-day (Monday), and there is every appearance of a very dirty night in store for us.

The individual who is not satisfied with such severity of weather, and simulates the hardy weather defier, must be more than a glutton for Arctic conditions. We have not had such severe weather for a very long time. It will be very hard on all kinds of stock.

16-6-1903 Mr. R. Paul slipped on the veranda of his residence through an accumulation of snow one day during last week. The result of the fall was a fracture of the small bone of his right leg. He is progressing slowly.

On Wednesday last the furniture, fittings, house hold effects, vehicles, horses, etc., in the intestate estate of the late Mr. L. A. Weinert, of the Star Hotel, were disposed of by public auction. Although the weather was cold and damp, a very large number of buyers and others attended. Many articles brought good prices, and a larger sum was realised on the whole of the effects than was generally anticipated. Everything appeared to have been sold.

The weather is still mild and fine, with every appearances of farther falls of snow.

25-6-1903 Messrs W.H. Lord and James Sparks have pegged out a two acre block adjoining J. Thomas' claim. The good return from the hitters crushing has galvanised some little life into mining on Bobs Creek. Why don't some syndicate claim it. There are those in our midst who have great faith in its possibilities.

The case of Police v. Haverhand, J.P., auctioneer, for selling after hours, is postponed until the 29th. ultimo. Great interest is excited in it.

26-6-1903 A lad named William Grenfell fell and broke his arm on Sunday last;

Ambrose Jeffree, Whose arm was broken some time ago, is progressing favourably, and the same may be said regarding Richard Paul.

A quiet wedding was solemnised by Ven. Archdeacon Dunstan, M. A., on Monday last, the contracting parties being Mr. G. Kearns and Miss. Baker.

Members of the Anglican Church in this portion of the Parish are sorry to lose the services of the Venerable Archdeacon Dunstan, who has been promoted to Mudgee. The Archdeacon is universally liked by all sections of the community in this parish. His successor is the Rev. Vaughan Rose, of Cudal who comes with a splendid record.

The weather during the past week has been extremely cold and boisterous,

26-6-1903 NOTICE is hereby given, for public information that Messrs. James Thomas and Robert W. Magill, J.P., have been duly elected Trustees of the Sunny Corner Common, to hold office for the unexpired period of three years from January, 1901, vice J. C. Haven and A. Sparkes, resigned.

26-6-1903 HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint Senior-constable John McLeay, stationed at Sunny Corner, to be a Sub-Inspector under the " Liquor Act, 1698," for the Licensing District of Bathurst, vice Hayes, transferred, to take effect from the 1st instant. B. R. WISE.

3-7-1903 A lad named Frank Dobson met with a rather severe accident last week whereby he received a wound on the forehead and some bruises. It appears that he was riding a horse and went to pass under a clothes line, but the line catching his body was the means of pulling him off the horse.

Through the efforts of the Progress Committee a deep well, which was a source of great danger to the general public, has been filled. This well was situated on a portion of land said to be the property of the Waverley Brewery Company.

7-7-1903 Murray and Cook's battery is running continuously, putting through stone obtained from their Big Hill mine.

It is reported that the proprietors of the Coronation 6 reef have completed another good crushing of stone, the best yet obtained, viz., 66oz. from 59 tons stone.

Messrs. Lord, Sparks, and O'Dell have commenced operations on their recently acquired property adjoining Thomas and party on the Mosquito Reef, Bob's Creek. Good results are anticipated.

Thomas and party are busily engaged raising a further parcel of stone.

At the Paddy Lackey, mine operations are being carried on as usual with a full complement of men employed.

Various rumours have been in circulation here recently regarding the future working of the old Sunny Corner mine, but nothing of a definite nature is known locally. Rumours have been so persistent for such a lengthy period regarding the ultimate working of this mine that the majority of the residents place but slight reliance in them, and nothing short of the actual commencement of work is likely to have a reassuring effect.

10-7-1903 Mr. G. T. Greenwell, local-letter carrier, met with an accident a few days ago when on his daily rounds. It appears that his horse stumbled and fell, throwing him with some force to the ground, where he lay unconscious for some time. Fortunately he escaped with a few bruises and a severe shaking.

There passed over to the great majority on Sunday last one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of this locality, in the person of Mrs. H. Hampton, at the age of 61 years. Her remains were interred on Tuesday afternoon in the Meadow Flat cemetery, the funeral cortege being a very large one. Rev. Mr. Penman officiated at the graveside. The deceased lady leaves a large family and many friends to mourn their sad loss. Her husband, Mr. Henry Hampton, who survives her, is said to have built the first house, some 19 years or so ago, where the town of Sunny Corner is now situated. The deceased lady had not obtained very good health for some time, and succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

14-7-1903 John Odgers and son have put through Bob s Creek battery a parcel of 10 tons stone from their reef at Little Hill for a return of 9oz. 2dwts of gold.

The sale, by public auction on Wednesday last at Kirkconnell, of machinery, farming and other implements, household furniture and effects, in the estate of the late Mr. James Milson, attracted a very large number of people, numbering about 400. Buyers were numerous and the bidding at times was very keen, the result being that some exceptionally good prices were realised. The whole of the effects appear to have been disposed of.

15-7-1903 Messrs Bond and party of the Coronation Mine recently crushed 59 tons of stone which gave the satisfactory yield of 22 dwts to the ton.

Messrs Odgers and party, adjoining crushed 30 tons, of stone which yielded 7 ½ dwt to the ton.

Messrs Lord and party started operations on their claim which is situated near Bobs Creek. After working a week the reef was struck, and according to prospects ought to return between 12 to 15 dwts to the ton.

24-7-1903 A very old identity named Elijah Thackney has for some little time been obtaining poor health, and at date of writing there are doubts as to his recovery.

As the old fellow has no relatives the police have been attending to him during his illness.

Mr. Paul is able to be about again with the aid of crutches. It is to be hoped that be will soon be enabled to dispense with this means of assistance in getting about.

The weather during the past few days has been mild.

Farmers in this neighbourhood are busy ploughing and putting in their crops.

The local police have been for some time busy collecting the electoral rolls, and have almost completed their task.

Thursday. Elijah Thackney died yesterday afternoon, and his remains were interred in the local cemetery this afternoon. His age was 68 years.

4-8-1903 The following have been appointed trustees of the racecourse reserve at Sunny Corner. Messrs. Robert Walter Magill, John Sparks Murray, John Duke, George Shumack, and Edward Grabham ; in lieu of Messrs. J. Crossley, T. J. Eather, A. H. Bryant, J. Holt, and W. G. Bryant, resigned.

7-8-1903 THE Bench of Magistrates at Sunny Corner, assembled on the 29th ultiiuo, appointed Mr. Samuel Calladine to be Bailiff of the Small Debts Court for the District of Sunny Corner,to take effect from the 1st instant.

N. 0. O'NEILL, PM. L. A. TOMKINSON, J.P. (Sgd.) B. W. MAGILL, J.P W.T.A. PALMER, J.P, JOHN COOK, J.P,

Court-house, Sunny Corner, 7th August, 1903.

11-8-1903 A quiet wedding was celebrate in Capertee on Monday. The contracting parties were Mr. John Redman, eldest son of Mr. William Redman, formerly of Hartley Vale, and Miss Florence Montgomery, daughter of Mr. William Montgomery, of Sunny Corner. The ceremony was performed by Rev E. H. Walker (C.E.). After the service the wedding party returned to Airly, where a reception was held at Mr. W. Edwards in honour of the event. The newly wedded couple were the recipients of many useful presents.

14-8-1903 A young man named Stack was out possum shooting, on last Tuesday night, when his gun by some means exploded. A portion of the weapon struck him on the cheek, inflicting a nasty wound, which necessitated the insertion of several stitches.

Mr. E. Payne's old stores, situated in Bathurst street, and which have lain unoccupied for many years, are now being demolished. It is the owners intention to re-erect the buildings at Tarana.

Mr. J. Cook is having buildings erected adjoining his residence, wherein it is stated he purposes to carryon assaying and cyaniding.

18-8-1903 Sunny Corner Rifle Club

300 yards. Conditions: Each man has all his shots whilst the target is moving across his front, a distance of about 100 yards in the space of about 60 seconds.

Two lines are drawn across the centre of the "man", invisible to the firer, eight inches apart. Hits between the lines count four, and hits above or below on the figure count, two points.

	Hits.	Score.
J. McLeay	8	22
W. T. Palmer	8	10
G. McManus ..	5	14
W.Scott ..	5	10
J. Simpkins ,,	4	10
S. McManus	2	4
F. S. Withers ..	1	2

Seven shots each at 400 yards, 20-inch bull's eye :—

G. McManus .. -	32
J. McLeay .'. . . ;	32
W. T. Palmer ...	31
F. S. Withers . .	24
S. McManus . ..	28
J. Simpkins	22
W. Scott	18

18-8-1903 The annual general meeting of the Rifle club was held on Wednesday evening, 12th inst., Mr. Chas. Murray in the chair. There was an exceptionally large number of members in attendance, and keen interest in the proceedings was evinced throughout, it being close on 11 o'clock before the meeting adjourned. The secretary's report went to show that the club was on a sound basis generally, having 33 members on the roll. The range equipment's and other club property valued at £21 2s 9d were stated to be in good order. Eighteen members were put through the last annual musketry course, 16 qualifying as marksmen, and two as first-class shots.

The treasurer submitted his balance sheet for the year, which showed that, after allowing for an expenditure of about £16 for the year on improvements at the rifle range, there still remained a small credit balance. Both report and balance-sheet were received and adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded each officer, Mr. Palmer, secretary, and Mr. Simpkins, treasurer for their indefatigable efforts and past services on behalf of the club. A revised code of by-laws was submitted to the meeting and adopted. The new regulations and standard rules for rifle clubs were discussed and generally accepted as being, in many respects an improvement.

Nomination and election of office-bearers caused some keen contests. Mr. W. T. Palmer was elected captain, unopposed. For the position of secretary two nominations were received, and the result of the ballot was in favour of Mr. C. T. Greenwell, who was duly elected. Three nominations were received for the position of treasurer, and Mr. A. H. Platt was elected. For four members of committee nine nominations were handed in, the ballot gave Messrs. J. Simpkins, J. Cook, and G, Shumack a safe majority. Messrs. C. Murray and C. H, Scott being a tie for fourth place. These two candidates being then balloted for, the result was in favour of Mr. C. H. Scott. Messrs. J. Simpkins, J. Cook, G. Shumack, and C. H. Scott were declared duly elected. These four gentlemen, together with the captain, secretary, and treasurer to form the general committee of management. Messrs. C. Murray and G. Brown were appointed auditors. A handicap committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Simpkins, J. Cook, and N. A. Poyitt, were appointed. A vote of thanks having been accorded the chairman and the scrutineers, a most enthusiastic, although lengthy, meeting terminated.

19-8-1903 This morning, before the relieving Police Magistrate (Mr. Meares), and Mr. Gloster S. White, J.P., a miner, named John Henry Hackason Iverson, was charged with being of unsound mind. Senior constable McLeay, of Sunny Corner, deposed that on Monday evening the man rushed into the police Station and complained that he was pursued by spirits, and that the people had been driving needles into his body, and the pricking sensation was taking all the vitality out of his body. The man was in a filthy condition and was only partially dressed. Because of his strange manner and his stranger remarks witness looked him up and brought him to Bathurst. This morning the patient was examined by Dr. W. F. Bassett and Mackattie, who said that they were of opinion that he was insane, and should be placed under restraint. An order for his admission to the Asylum for Insane, Parramatta, was issued.

20-8-1903 On Sunday morning a Sunny Corner lad Percy Hurst son of Mr. John Hurst, met with a very painful accident at the Portland Cement Works. While going round the quarry where he is employed he missed his footing and fell a distance of 40 feet. When examined by the doctor it was found that his collar bone was broken besides receiving a very severe shaking.

21-8-1903 After an enforced short spell of idleness through want of sufficient stone, Murray and Cook's battery is again working.

It is reported that the proprietors of the Lackey mine have, after driving some distance, cut the reef again, and the prospects are said to be highly satisfactory.

Nothing seems to be done locally regarding the ultimate working of the old Sunny Corner mine.

Poyitt and party are engaged prospecting their lease at Little Hill.

At the Coronation reef work is progressing steadily.

Lord and party, also Thomas and party, are working steadily on their properties at Bob's Creek.

Stone is being raised at the Big Hill mine as heretofore.

The various syndicates and parties working the various reefs in this locality deserve well for their indomitable pluck and perseverance

28-8-1903 The spinsters tendered the bachelors a social on last Monday night in the Victoria-hall, which passed off very successfully, there being a large number in attendance. A sumptuous supper was provided and partaken of at Tattersall's Hotel, Dancing was continued until about three A.M.

2-9-1903 Messrs. Murray and Cook's battery, at Sunny Corner, started to operate on a fine pile of quartz recently. The run will be quite a fortnight in extent.

Regarding the re-opening of the old Sunny Corner Silver and Gold Mine, about which many rumours have from time to time been circulated as to its opening in a short time, there is really nothing yet to go upon as to its ultimate starting, though it is hoped that it will not be long before something definite is known, and something practical is done.

At Sunny Corner, Messrs. Poyitt and party are now busily engaged with a staff of men prospecting their Little Hill leases. At the Coronation Reef (same place) reef work is progressing steadily and favourably.

At Bob's Creek, still, in the vicinity, Messrs. Lord and party also Messrs. Thomas and party, are working along steadily on their properties, from which stone of a good finality is anticipated as development is proceeded with.

The Big Hill people are also getting some nice looking stone to grass, and the crushing is being looked forward to with much expectancy. All other parties in and around Sunny Corner are working away in a most indomitable manner, and deserve the very best results for their industry and persistency.

4-9-1903 From several applicants for the position of doctor to the Portland Medical Club, the committee have decided to offer the position to Dr. A. Henry, at present practising in Hill End. That gentleman paid a visit to Portland on Monday, and was pleased with the prospects. Dr. Henry is well known here, as he was living in Sunny Corner for some years, and was also resident-medical officer at the Bathurst District Hospital.

8-9-1903 Among the candidates who presented theirselves for the Trinity College, London, examinations in music (theory) during June last at Bathurst, Miss Rita Llewellyn (St. Joseph's Convent, Sunny Corner) .was successful in obtaining a pass with 75 marks in the intermediate division. In the preparatory division, William L. Murray (St, Joseph's Convent, Sunny Corner) obtained a pass with 98 marks

8-9-1903 News has been received by a recent mail of the death of Captain Richard N. Williams, at Cornwall. England. The deceased was well known in mining circles in Australia, having been manager of the Great Cobar Copper Mine. For many years subsequently he managed the Broken Hill Silver Mining Company and the Sunny Corner silver mine.

11-9-1903 At West Mitchell, on Monday night, two places were broken into by some person apparently a professional burglar but, fortunately, nothing appears to have been stolen, as one of the houses was vacant.

The occupant of the other, a man named Mallen, was in bed asleep, when he was aroused by hearing a noise in the adjoining room. On getting up to investigate, he found the unwelcome intruder busily engaged packing up all his (Mallen's) provisions.

Having been so unexpectedly surprised, the intruder leaped through the window, and made good his escape, but had no opportunity of taking away any of the provender which he had so carefully packed up. The local police are now on the tracks, and an arrest is hoped for.

15-9-1903 Mr. W, Bradley, youngest son of Mr. L. Bradley, has been laid up during the past few days with an attack of pneumonia. His speedy recovery is earnestly hoped for by all of his many friends.

Quite a number of local and district residents availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the metropolis per medium of last week's special excursion trains.

18-9-1903 Mr. John Simpkins' eldest son met with a rather severe accident on Tuesday last, through having been thrown heavily on the hard metalled road from a horse he was riding at the time. He received several lacerations and abrasions to the face and body, together with a general shaking. It is said that he remained unconscious for some time after being picked up. Fortunately he escaped more serious injury. He is now progressing as well as can be expected under the circumstances. The cause of the accident appears to be that a couple of dogs set in to settle a grievance between the horse's legs. The animal being surprised, and naturally resenting such a thing as a dog fight in such close proximity, was not long in unseating its rider with the above unfortunate result.

William Bradley's case was deemed so serious that it was decided to summon Dr. Machattie from Bathurst. The doctor arrived during the afternoon.

22-9-1903 Application has been lodged by Lord and party for one acre additional ground adjoining their present holding at Bobs Creek. It is stated that the stone in sight has every appearance of giving satisfactory returns.

Application by Thomas and Alfred Sparks and party for two acres near Lord and party has been made, and also C Murray and party have made application for three acres adjoining Lord and party.

It is stated that Freely and party propose working a property recently held by a Sydney syndicate, situated a short distance from Lord and party, and commonly referred to as the "Rip and Tear". A fair amount of labour and capital have in the past been spent on this reef and the ground is said to be hard and a considerable inrush of water has to be contended with.

Murray and Cook's battery is at present temporarily idle awaiting a supply of stone from their Big Hill property.

Murray and McCauley are prospecting to cut a reef known to exist at Bushrangers Flat, about five miles out. Some payable stone has in the past been obtained, in this particular locality.

At the Lackey, Coronation, and other mines work is progressing steadily. '

25-9-1903 Death From Snake Bite. On Wednesday a young woman aged 21 years, named Ethel Staines, was out near Sunny Corner in company with Mrs. Bell, looking for cows. Miss Staines placed her hand on a log, and was bitten on the thumb by a snake.

The couple then hurried towards Sunny Corner, a distance of three miles. They called on the way where a poultice of salt was placed on the wound. On arrival at the rifle butts they met Captain Palmer and Senior-Constable McLeay. The latter with commendable promptness, cut away the poisoned portion of the flesh and sucked the wound. Having affixed ligatures to the thumb and wrist, he made a poultice of salt and onions, which he applied. The senior-constable then went in search of Dr. Clay, who saw the patient about 6 o'clock. He treated her and remained in attendance throughout the night. Next morning she complained of a sore throat and swollen tongue, but otherwise appeared no worse. Dr. Machattie was at the Corner yesterday on professional business, and the friends called him in to see Miss Staines. He applied the usual remedies and until about 8 o'clock this morning she was progressing favourably. About that time a change set in and she died within an hour. The deputy coroner (Mr. W. C. Kelk, J.P.) was communicated with, but after consultation with Dr. Machattie, the inquest was dispensed with.

Senior-Constable McLeay is to be complimented for the prompt action he took in treating the case. The Staines family have been particularly unfortunate lately, Three years ago one of her sisters was burnt to death at Burraga and at the present time her father is lying seriously ill at Lithgow.

On Monday morning, the 14th inst, in the Convent school, Miss Rita Llewellyn and Master W. Murray, who recently passed the theory examination, Trinity College, were each presented with a handsome gold medal. Father Flanagan, after making the presentation, made the usual complimentary remarks, and the children were, afterwards regaled with refreshments.

29-9-1903 It was necessary on Thursday last to wire for Dr. Machattie on behalf of Mr. J Odgers, sen., of West Mitchell, who was deemed to be seriously ill. The doctor ordered his removal to Bathurst, which order was complied with as speedily as possible.

Mr. W. Bradley's condition is, unfortunately said to be serious. It is to be hoped that all doubts will speedily be removed, and that the young fellow will pull through safely.

2-10-1903 The remains of the late Miss Staines were laid to rest in the Roman Catholic portion of the Sunny Corner cemetery on Sunday afternoon last, the Rev. Father Flanagan officiating at the grave side. The funeral cortege was the largest seen here for many years. The sad circumstances surrounding the case being no doubt accountable for such a large number attending as a mark of sympathy and respect.

On Monday a party was organised, consisting mostly of relatives of the deceased Miss Staines, and the spot was pointed out by Mrs. Bell, where the snake had his abode. Members of the party were not long in unearthing a large snake of the tiger species, some four feet six inches in length. There is not the least doubt that this is the reptile that accounted for the young women's death.

6-10-1903 A meeting was held at Murray s Tattersails Hotel on Wednesday night for the purpose of discussing a proposal to render some assistance financially to the Staines family, who have met with such sad reverses recently. Through a protracted illness Mr. Staines has not been able to earn anything towards supporting the family for some time. It is stated that

in consequence the family are in very straitened circumstances. As a result of the meeting it was decided to hold a social on the 16th instant, the proceeds to be devoted to relieving the family.

At the time of writing "Wall" Bradley is reported to be somewhat improved, but is not yet unfortunately out of danger.

Very unsettled weather with sudden cold changes has been experienced. The ground has not had such a soaking for some years.

The Coronation reef syndicate have completed a crushing of 40 tons stone for the splendid yield of 2½ oz. per ton. The stone now in sight will, it is considered, give a return equal to, if not better than, the above.

Sunny Corner Police Court, Oct 2. (Before R. W. Magill and W. T. Palmer, Js.P.)

Henry Wilson, alias Wilkinson, was charged with stealing one swag, the property of Arthur Gillard.

Constable Small deposed: On the 1st instant I went along the Bathurst road and saw the accused at Green Swamp 13 miles from Sunny Corner. He had a swag. I said, "Is that 'your' swag He said "Yes" I said,'" Where did you get it?" He said, "brought it with me from Newcastle." I said, "Open it, I want to see it." He opened the swag. I said, "Do you own that blanket and clothing" He said, "Well, it is no use telling any more lies. I took the swag from a bloke at Sunny Corner, I was drunk and did not know what I was doing" I then, arrested accused, and charged him with stealing one swag valued at 20s. He made no reply.

Arthur Gillard deposed: I know accused by sight. I met him at Murray's Hotel on the evening of the 30th ult. 1 shouted five or six times for him. He said he had no money. I got drunk, and don't recollect anything until next morning. I found myself lying in the bush without any swag, and accused was gone, I never gave accused or anyone permission to take my swag. I identify the swag as mine, but there is a rug and pair of trousers that is not mine, I identify the trousers the accused is now wearing as my property. I value the lot at 20s.

Accused pleaded guilty, and elected to be summarily dealt with. He was fined £5 in default two months in Bathurst Gaol.

9-10-1903 Public Works Department, Sydney, September 16 1903.— Sir, In reply to a letter presented by you from Mr. John Simpkins, hon. Secretary Sunny Corner Progress Committee, calling attention to the necessity for blocks or brick piers being placed under the foundations of the police buildings at Sunny Corner, I have the honour to inform you that the Minister has approved of the necessary work being done.

A concert was held in the Victoria hall on Monday night last, under the auspices of the Methodist Church, considering the unsettled state of the weather, the attendance was very good.

Heavy rain fell here on Monday afternoon, and present indications point to a continuance of unsettled weather conditions.

A stage coach license was issued to Archibald H. Cale for a vehicle to carry 5 passengers between Sunny Corner, Rydal, and Jenolan Caves,

9-10-1904 L. A. Tomlinson, Post and Telegraph Master, Sunny Corner, to be Post and Telegraph Master, Burrowa, vice Elliott, transferred ;

I. C. J. Mower, Post and Telegraph Master, Moulamein, to be Post and Telegraph Master, Sunny Corner, vice Tomkinson, transferred ;

10-10-1903 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Church of England Burial Ground:—John Simpkins, Esquire (in lieu of Thomas Baker, Esquire, resigned).

13-10-1903 Mr. John.Flynn is laid up with a severe attack of influenza, and it is said that he is at the same time suffering from a slight attack of heart failure. His condition was such on Thursday that it was deemed advisable to summon the assistance of Dr. Brook-Moore from Bathurst. Mr. Flynn is at time of writing somewhat improved, and his speedy recovery is hoped for by his numerous friends.

Mr. W. Bradley is slowly improving, and is now able to leave his bed each day for a time. As may be expected, be is still weak. At the same, time it is considered that all immediate danger is past.

Influenza and colds in different forms are very prevalent here at present.

Mr. W. Rickard has been obtaining rather indifferent health recently.

16-10-1903 Mr. L. E. Lawford, District Inspector of Schools has just completed an extended examination of the various schools in this district.

A number of local people took advantage of the opportunity to visit Lithgow for the purpose of being present at the Eight-hours Day celebration.

Messrs. Palmer and Poyitt, members of the local Rifle Club, left during the week for Sydney, where they are to take part in the rifle shooting matches.

Mr. Flynn's condition is at time of writing, some what improved. .

Several local residents have been called to Bathurst as jurymen on the current sessions

Snakes would appear to be exceptionally numerous in the locality this season, and from reports received many of the reptiles have been killed in the neighbourhood by residents. It is stated that Mr. Chiplin, head master of the public school, had a battle with a large one during the week at the school residence, under which it made good its escape for a time. He however, succeeded in killing it. Apparently it behoves those who take strolls around in the bush to be very careful.

Rumour has it that "Tatt's" Adams intends to give the Sunny Corner mine a further trial. A few fortunes have been made out of Sunny Corner, but for every fortune there have been a dozen failures. If there is a hope for Sunny Corner it is in deep sinking to determine whether or not there is a decrease in zinc, or such an increase of that metal as to make it a payable proposition for zinc.

This will mean a big sink, into which to pour the gains from "Tatt's" sweeps.

"Tatt's" is recognised as a plucky mining speculator, reopening the Sunny Corner mine will mean the pluckiest enterprise ever undertaken in N.S.W.

The annual concert in aid of the Methodist Church funds was held in the Victoria-hall, Sunny Corner, on the 5th inst. Considering the depressed state of things here and the unfavourable conditions of the weather, the function proved highly successful. The Rev. Mr. Penman was again fortunate in securing the valuable assistance of his Sydney friends, who on this, as on former occasions, proved a great acquisition to the performance

20-10-1903 The social organised in aid of the Staines family passed off most successfully on Friday night, in the Victoria hall, there being about 15 couples in attendance. The duties of M.C. were satisfactorily performed by Mr. T. Macauley, the music being supplied by Mrs. W. Lawlor (violin) and Miss Lawlor (piano).

23-10-1903 The estate and effects of the late Mr. B. Sparks, of Tindall Flat, were sold by auction on Wednesday, Mr. G. Francis being the purchaser.

The local Cricket Club has commenced the season's operations by electing officers and arranging for practice.

Mr. Joseph Thomas, of Bob's Creek, is crushing a parcel of stone from his claim, which is reported to be looking well.

Mr. John Fiynn.is still confined to his bed, but is said to be slowly improving.

The surrounding country, looks splendid, and all kinds of stock are putting on condition fast.

24-10-1903 N.S.W. RIFLE MEETING. International match. SYDNEY, Friday.

In the Finn or Running Man Match, 300 yards, 8 shots, Captain W T. Palmer, of Sunny Corner, S. A. Kefford, of Victoria, and H. C. Lawson, of Sydney, each scored 22 points, taking £5

The social in aid of Mr. Staines and family netted about £9.

27-10-1903 J. Thomas' crushing of 50 tons from Bob's Creek yielded 14dwts. per ton. The parcel is said to be a fair average of the reef.

Lord and party are sinking to put this reef at a depth.

Mr. W. Richard has disposed of his share in the Coronation mine. Mr. L. Dobson being the purchaser. This claim improves with every crushing, and is one of' the best shows here.

Mr. Murray and Cook are crushing a parcel of stone from their Big Hill property.

Several other parties are taking out trial parcels around the little Hill.

It is rumoured that the Sunny Corner mine will start shortly under new management. '

6-11-1903 The licenses of the Royal Exchange Hotel and Tattersall's Hotel, Sunny Corner, were renewed, on the application of Charles Murray and John Murray.

10-11-1903 The 15tth anniversary of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., was celebrated on Friday evening last by a most brilliant and successful ball, held in the Victoria hall. The ball-room was neatly decorated for the occasion. This function is each year looked forward to for some time, the present occasion being no exception to that rule

The Land Board for the land district of Bathurst will investigate at their sitting to be held on the 20th instant concerning numerous lease applications lodged by the trustees of The Sunny Corner Common for l920 acres, and George Hemsworth for 1280 acres of land situated near Sunny Corner. The trustees require the land so as to increase the area at present under their control, which it is said is not quite large enough to meet their requirements.

Mr. John Flynn has so far sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to permit of his taking a trip to Sydney for the purpose of recuperating. It is hoped that the change will have the desired effect.

Mr. David Jones, an old and well-known resident, is stated to be stricken down with a very severe illness.

17-11-1903 The Coronation Reef has completed another crushing of 30 tons of stone for a yield of 2oz. 2dwt. gold per ton.

20-11-1903 Amelia Chapman, aged 5 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Chapman, died on Sunday night last after a long and painful illness, her remains were laid to rest, in the local cemetery on Tuesday.

Stormy and unsettled weather has prevailed generally during the past few days. Warm weather is required to induce growth of herbage generally.

The members of the L.O.L., No. 245, celebrated their fourteenth anniversary on Thursday night (12th inst.) by holding a social in the Presbyterian Church. Invitations were issued, and about 150 persons responded. The W.M, briefly, extended a cordial welcome to all present.

21-11-1903 The Bathurst Land Board concluded its sittings yesterday, when a large number of cases were dealt with. For Investigation. The application of George Hemsworth for an annual lease (03/36), of 1280 acres, was refused.

A.L. 03/43 was applied for by John Simpkins, on behalf of the trustees of the Sunny Corner Temporary Common, and 1180 acres were allotted, at a rental of £4 18s 4d.

27-11-1903 Mr John Flynn has returned from his trip to the metropolis, looking considerably benefited.

The Hon. John Meagher, M.L.C., spent a couple of days here at the beginning of the week.

Mr. C. T. Greenwell, letter carrier at the local post office, has received notice of his promotion to the Bathurst office.

Thomas Lawler is laid up, suffering from an attack of pneumonia, which he contracted on the Mountains, where he had only recently obtained employment. He was brought home on Sunday last.

The annual services in connection with the Methodist Sunday-school were held on Sunday last. Large congregations attended each of the three services held in the local church. On Monday evening a children's concert and tea-meeting was held, a small charge being made for admission. The attendance was large.

Pleasant weather has been experienced during the past few days.

Constable Small was on Sunday night seized with a severe and sudden illness. His condition being consider serious, Senior-Const. McLeay and Mr. G. Shumack procured a vehicle and removed him to Bathurst with all speed. He was admitted to the hospital there.

A form of influenza appears to be raging throughout this district at present, numbers of persons, both young and old, being attacked.

1-12-1903 Immense numbers of white butterflies with black markings have been passing over this district for several days. A peculiarity is that they are all travelling in a northerly direction.

2-12-1903 A small rush took place last, week at Little Hill, near Sunny Corner, about a dozen claims being pegged out. The results obtained, however, are reported to have been disappointing

3-12-1903 The annual concert in connection with the local Convent took place in the Victoria Hall here last night. The attendance was very large, and the children acquitted themselves with great credit both to themselves and to their teachers.

4-12-1903 Portland cricketers journeyed to Sunny Corner last Saturday and played a friendly game with the Corner cricketers. Sunny Corner, batting first, knocked up 58, the only one to reach double figures being J. Harris with 26. Portland lost five wickets for 139, Lehane 17, G. Toyer 10, Johnson 15, E. Mason (not out) .84, F. Wetting 40, and McManus 8."

7-12-1903 Mr, Charles Murray one of our best known Residents met with a serious accident at Mitchell's Creek on Friday. He and his partners were engaged erecting a large furnace in connection with their battery, and a large flue was being rolled to the furnace. During the progress of the work Mr. Murray accidentally fell into a digger's hole dislocating his shoulder and receiving a severe shaking. It will be sometime before he fully recovers from the effects of the accident.

A number of residents have gone to the rush at Glanmire, but so far no report is to hand as to any of them meeting with any good luck.

News has reached us that Mr. Smith is being well received throughout the electorate. He had an enthusiast meeting on Saturday night at Sunny Corner, where a vote of confidence was passed.

11-12-1903 Sports will be held on Saturday, the 26th inst., under the auspices of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge, Sunny Corner, on the racecourse of that township. The programme, includes six events, with £13 in prizes. Entries for Opening and Sunny Corner Handicaps to be in the hands of the secretary not later than the 17th instan.

14-12-1903 Mr. Sandford, the National Candidate, addressed a crowded meeting here last night in the Victoria Hall. Mr. R Llewellyn was in the chair.

Mr. Sandford spoke for upwards of two hours and his speech seemed to make a good impression, except for one man who continually interrupted. Mrs. Sandford is to address the electors here on Monday night.

15-12-1903 Mr. L. Bradley, sen., has, during the past week or so, obtained rather indifferent health.

After a few days of dry sultry weather a thunder storm broke over the town on Friday afternoon, a good rainfall resulting.

Mr. C, Murray is making satisfactory progress towards recovery, and hopes to be able to again use his arm in the course of a couple of weeks.

18-12-1903 A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Sunny Corner Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 10th. The contracting parties were Mr. Francis R. Lord, of Cobar and Miss Lillian Harris, of Sunny Corner. The Rev. J. B. Penman officiated. The church was beautifully decorated and was packed to overflowing, the public holiday for the general election giving the townspeople an opportunity of witnessing the ceremony. The bride was escorted to church by her step-father, Mr. Joseph Thomas, and as the bridal party entered the church the choir sang the hymn "The voice that breathed o'er Eden", and on retiring Miss Bickford played the wedding march.

On Monday night last Mr. L. Bradley, senr. passed away at the good old age of 71 years. His remains were interred in the Kirkconnel cemetery on Wednesday afternoon, the Rev Father Flannigan officiating at the graveside. Deceased was an old resident here, being well known and most highly respected by all. His wife and three sons survive him, with whom the utmost sympathy is felt in their sad bereavement.

26-12-1903 Horse races held at the racetrack at Sunny Corner.

29-12-1903 On Sunday afternoon a change set in, and heavy rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning fell. During the night heavy rain also fell, the total registered amounted to five inches. All creeks were running bankers, and a considerable amount of damage was done, numerous fences being swept away, crops destroyed, and houses flooded.

The Bob's Creek battery dam, also what is known as the "Silver King" dam, were both swept away by the flood. J. Fitzgerald's buggy was carried away by the flood in Bob's Creek and completely smashed up. The approaches, to the Mitchell's Creek were washed away. A number of townspeople were out driving near Yetholme, and seeing the storm approaching, made homewards. Having arrived at Mitchell's Creek they were unable to cross, and had to seek shelter for the night at Mr. Odgers residence. About thirty persons were afforded shelter for the night at Mr. E. Mara's residence, near Kirkconnell. Mrs. Poyitt, senr., at Mitchell's Creek, suffered considerably, her house being completely flooded, furniture and other house hold effects being damaged. The fences and all vegetables, &c., in her garden were washed away. It is stated that at one time there was some four feet of water in the house. Mrs. Poyitt and her daughter, with some difficulty and risk, escaped through the flood and sought shelter at a neighbour's. A Chinamans garden situated on Mitchell's Creek was completely ruined, all the vegetables, &c., being washed away.

In the town numbers of houses were flooded, the greatest sufferer being, perhaps, Thomas Penno. The flood water reached almost level with the window-sills, and the weight of water eventually forced in the front door, doing considerable damage to furniture and other effects. The oldest residents say that they have never experienced anything like this storm; and the rainfall (5in.) is undoubtedly a record for this district, 235 points fell within one hour. The roads have suffered considerably in many

places. Fortunately the storm was not accompanied by a heavy wind, otherwise standing crops would have been completely ruined.

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1-1-1904 We have received from Mr. Joseph Thomas, of Sunny Corner, a sample of gooseberries grown by him. Some of the gooseberries measured about 1½ inches (37mm) in length, and are a credit to the grower, as well as to the Corner, where they were "raised."

5-1-1904 A most successful social, under the auspices of the Sunny Corner Convent, was held in the Victoria Hall on New Year's Night, upwards of forty couples being in attendance Miss B. Flynn presided at the piano, being assisted during the evening by Miss N. Murray. Mr. O'Dell performed the onerous duties of M C, The catering was in the efficient hands of Mr. J. Flynn. The function being an annual one, it had been looked forward to, and was voted one of the most successful, from every point of view, held here for some time

Mr. M. Burke and Miss J. Stait, both of Sunny Corner, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Kelso on Tuesday last.

Constable H, Head, of Eugowra, succeeds Constable Small at the local station. He is due to arrive in a day or so.

There has been quite an exodus from here during the past few days, of people who have been spending their holidays with friends and relatives.

Last week we published a paragraph about some big gooseberries measuring 1½ inches, grown at Sunny Corner. Mr. Harry Lamb, late of Wolgan, and now of Blayney, sends us along some gooseberries which put the Corner completely in the shade. Mr. Lamb's measure two inches long, and one at least is four inches in circumference.

8-1-1904 At the Sunny Corner mine Mr. Charleston has made a start in the way of making preparations for, it is hoped, the future working of the mine. A few men and some youths, about ten in all, are employed repairing and fixing up the road leading to the mine.

An assayer is also employed at the mine. Some 30 tons of loading, consisting chiefly of bricks, are being delivered at the mine. It is stated that it is Mr. Charleston's intention to erect for the time being an experimental plant for the purpose of turning the zinc, a large percentage of which is known to exist in the ore into a marketable product. Should this prove a success, it is further stated that operations will be carried out on a larger scale in the near future.

It is reported that John Hemsworth has a very good show situated adjacent to the Old Nevada Mine. A trial parcel of some five tons was put through Murray and Cook's mill recently, and gave a return of ½ oz gold per ton. The ore is easily mined, and a large body of it is said to be in sight.

8-1-1904 We have received on advance copy of the report of the central executive committee of the Lord Mayor's Drought Relief Fund. (Lithgow)

The balance-sheet shows a balance of £289-14s-9d, which will be distributed amongst country hospitals. From the statement of relief disbursed, it appears that residents in the following localities in this district received aid from the fund. Capertee, £10; Katoomba, £10; Oberon. £13; Sunny Corner, £23; West Mitchell, £6.

14-1-1904 The glories of the Palmer's Oakey hotel have departed like the glories of many another spots famous in the days of the diggings. When Senior-constable McLeay, of Sunny Corner, visited the hotel recently he found the licensee, Charles Franks, the only living soul on the dilapidated premises.

The landlord did his own cooking, and presumably his own washing, and as no one seems to have gone near the place it appears that any drinking to be done had to be done by the landlord himself. Under the circumstances the Bathurst Licensing Bench refused a licence. Mr. L. Edgley, of Bathurst, is the owner of this very desirable property. He would no doubt be very glad to hear of a suitable tenant.

15-1-1904 A meeting of commoners was held at Francis hall on Tuesday night last for the purpose of receiving reports and balance sheets, and electing five trustees for the Sunny Corner Common. In consequence of a very heavy thunderstorm the attendance was not as large as was anticipated. Still a fair number braved the elements and took an active part in the proceedings. A lengthy report, dealing with the actions of the retiring trustees, was adopted.

The balance-sheet showed that the receipts since March, 1903, were £27 3s 2d, and the expenditure for the same period amounted to £24 19s 3d. The balance-sheet was unanimously adopted. Nominations were then received for candidates willing to act as trustees for the ensuing three years, with the result that the following five were elected, viz..

Messrs J. Simpkins, Jas. Thomas, A. Sparks, B.W. Magill, and E. Scott.

An amount of routine business was transacted, and a number of interesting points in connection with the Common discussed and explained. A vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. C. Murray) having been accorded and acknowledged, the meeting adjourned.

15-1-1904 New Palmers Oakey school opened with Miss M J Deasey as teacher. *(Later married Duncan Ferguson)*

19-1-1904 A very nice social eventuated at Mr, John Shumack's last night on the Dark Corner road. About 30 couples put in an appearance to first class music supplied by Misses B. Flynn and N. Murray. Extras were given by Mr. G. Parr.

Several songs were rendered during, the evening. Mr. Tom McCauley made an efficient M. C.

Mr. W. F. Hurley, member for the district, has been on a visit here during the last 3 or 4 days. According to rumours Mr. Hurley intends to have a parcel of stone treated which is at the old St, George property and which was mined by Messrs Sand Bros over a year ago

22-1-1904 Another old resident, in the person of Mr. J. C. Haven, was here on a visit for a couple of days during this week. Needless to say, all his old friends were pleased to see him again.

Harvesting, operations are being pushed on throughout this district. The majority of the crops look well, and an excellent yield is anticipated generally.

The weather for the past week has been warm, with occasional thunderstorms.

26-1-1904 An accident of a serious nature was met with by Mrs. G. White of this town on Saturday. From what can be ascertained, it appears that Mrs. White was, with others, being driven to Rydal railway station by her grandson, William Francis, intending to catch the morning passenger train for Sydney.

All went well with the party until nearing Mr. Lemon's residence, near Rydal, when, it appears, the bolt connecting the shafts to the buggy fell out. The vehicle swerved to one side and startled the horse, the result being an unavoidable capsize, by which the whole of the occupants were thrown on the road, Mrs. White appears to have suffered more severely than her companions, and it is stated that she received two severe cuts on her face, and another on the leg necessitated the insertion of some twelve stitches. Another vehicle was procured as soon as possible after the above unfortunate occurrence, and Rydal was reached in time to catch the train, Mrs. White being conveyed to Lithgow for medical treatment, In addition to the above lacerations it was found that she had sustained numerous bruises and was suffering from shook to the system. The driver of the vehicle (Francis) and a younger brother, together with another occupant of serious character, their escape being fortunate. Very little damage appears to have resulted to the vehicle, the horse also escaping fairly well.

28-1-1904 The old Sunny Corner mine seems to be taking on a new lease of life. Some time back the manager, Mr. J, Kemp Charleston, had his attention drawn to the Cotton Fuel Burner then working at the Technical College, Sydney. A series of experiments conducted under his personal supervision convinced him that the Burner offered unique opportunities for treating the Sunny Corner ore and slag. Speaking of the invention in a letter to the patentee he says, 'It gave the greatest hydro-carbon flame I have ever seen, and I was astonished at the complete control'. Negotiations were at once opened between the Burner Co. and Messrs. Charleston and Co., the proprietors of the Sunny Corner Mine.

Mr Frank Gardiner, the European representative of the latter company, was communicated with, and he authorised the conclusion of a contract for the use of the Cotton Burner on royalty for the treatment of 150,000 tons of zinc slag, and a large furnace is in course of construction at Sunny Corner for that purpose.

29-1-1904 Tuesday was observed as a close holiday here. The only sport provided was an all day cricket match on the local ground between the Sunny Corner and Portland clubs. The result was a win for the home team by one run. "Alf." Weinert, playing for the visiting team, was the only batsman to show up brilliantly, compiling a well made total of 81 runs. The game was a most enjoyable one, and the day fine and warm. A social was held in the Victoria-hall at night, about 25 couples attending.

Thunderstorms have been very prevalent during the past few weeks, and in consequence of the very unsettled state of the weather many of the crops in the district have been considerably damaged. The weather to-day (Wednesday) is extremely cold and unseasonable for this period of the year.

The latest regarding Mrs. White is that she is progressing as favourably, as can be expected under the circumstances, but it is estimated that several weeks must elapse before she will be sufficiently recovered to permit of her returning home.

4-2-1904 In every direction crushing’s are being taken out, one of the latest from Palmer's Oakey way is to be tested at Atherton's battery, at Wattle Flat. The stone looks very well, and for the sake of the plucky owners I hope it turns out well.

5-2-1904 Messrs. Murray and Cook's battery is running continuously, crushing stone from their Big Hill mine. At the Lackey mine work is being proceeded with, and it is stated that the battery will be set in motion again shorty. At Hemsworth's claim near the old Nevada mine, ore of good appearance is being raised. At Murray's claim, adjoining, development work is being pushed on with. The appearance and quality of the ore at each of the above claims are very satisfactory. Stone is being raised at the Coronation mine preparatory for another crushing. Lord and party, also Thomas and party, are pushing on with operations. At the Sunny Corner mine a few men and youths are employed.

9-2-1904 Sunny Corner appears to have lately suffered a great deprivation in the suspension delivery by carrier of its letters and telegrams. Now is the time for member William Hurley to strike hard on behalf of the old milling township.

12-2-1904 A very cold snap was experienced here on Sunday, the temperature being unseasonably low,

A complimentary concert was tendered to Mrs. J. B. Penman on Saturday night last in the Victoria hall, there being a very good attendance, and everything passed off successfully.

On Monday night a number of their friends tendered Mr. and Mrs, Greenwell a "send off" on the eve of their departure for Bathurst, and they were presented by J. B. Cohen, on behalf of the subscribers with an eight-day clock.

Harvesting operations in this district are now almost finished. .

It was reported here on Wednesday last that Mr. W. Shipley had met with a serious accident whilst following his occupation at one of the shale mines at Airly, through a quantity of earth or shale falling on him. His wife and family reside here, and it is stated that his wife had been communicated with, giving particulars of the unfortunate occurrence with a view of going up to Airly for the purpose of attending on him. But as the postal authorities have deprived the residents of the privilege of having their letters delivered, it is stated that Mrs. Shipley did not receive the communication until about noon on Wednesday, consequently several hours would have to elapse before she could proceed to Piper's Flat to catch a train at midnight. Had letters been delivered as usual, Mrs. Shipley would have had ample time to allow her to catch the "shunter" at Piper's Flat about noon the same day, reaching Airly a few hours later. This is probably the first of many inconveniences that it will be necessary to draw attention to, through the columns of the "Mercury" in consequence of the non delivery of letters by carrier. Very slight details are obtainable regarding Mr. Shipley.

19-2-1904 Lennons circus pitched their tent here on Saturday night last, and were rewarded with a big "house".

Grass in the neighbourhood is beginning to assume a dried-up appearance. A fall of rain would do a vast amount of good.

An old resident, in the person of Mrs. McAndrew, has been on a visit here, spending a few weeks with friends and acquaintances.

26-2-1904 Captain Palmer, Messrs. Macleay, Cook and Poyitt, members of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, left here through the week for the purpose of taking part in the Kiama Rifle meeting which commences on Wednesday. Judging by the performances of these members on the local range they should have a good chance of coming to the front.

Mining matters here of late have been quiet. Murray and party are having a parcel of 80 tons of stone put through the battery from the old Nevada property. According to prospects the return should be good for although the Nevada has never before been worked for gold, the percentage of copper has always been good.

4-3-1904 About 20 tons of ore are being delivered at Murray and Cook's mill for treatment from the Hemsworth's Mine..

Murray and Sons, who hold the adjoining property, have about 40 tons ready for treatment.

In consequence of certain repairs not having been effected at the Bobs Creek battery dam, the Coronation Reef Syndicate are unable to treat a quantity of stone at grass.

Development work is being carried on at the Lackey mine.

Work at other mines is being pushed on steadily.

15-3-1904 John Jones, an old and very highly respected resident, died suddenly on Saturday.

The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Davies, of Dark Corner, died in Bathurst on Saturday.

16-3-1904 THE UNDERSIGNED beg to RETURN their SINCERE THANKS to the many Kind Friends who assisted them in their late sad Bereavement, and wish to Especially Thank the Rev. Mr. Homfray (O.E.), Mr. Calladine, Mrs. Simpkins, and Mrs. Magill, for their untiring efforts on our behalf during the whole time of our trouble. JOHN L. JONES, AGNES JONES, Mrs. R. H. QUICK. Sunny Corner, March 16.

17-3-1904 The revival in mining noted in my last communication is being sustained throughout the district. The trial crushing put through by Messrs. Flynn and McDonald from their property at Palmer's Oakey was eminently satisfactory, so much so in fact, that immediately the result was known, steps were taken to secure a crushing plant. This fortunately, was not a difficult matter, as the plant erected by Mr. King at Back Creek, Crudine, some years ago, was in the market, and was purchased without any delay. Tenders have been accepted for the delivery at Palmer's Oakey of the machinery at an early date, and in all probability very soon the ringing of the stampers will be heard in that somewhat somnolent locality.

18-3-1904 MEMORIES OF THE PAST. (From the “Bathurst Times," May 22 1858.)

Palmer's Oakey Creek. —A nugget weighing 6 oz. was found in this locality last week by John Sullivan, who came to town with it yesterday. It was discovered on the hillside, near the junction of the creek with the Turon, only two feet below the surface, together with about 2 oz, of small nuggetty gold. This creek is famous for the number of nuggets that have been found in it.

Altogether there are about 150 diggers working in and about Palmer's Oakey Creek, and they are all doing pretty well.'

22-3-1904 On St. Patrick's night a very enjoyable social was held in the Victoria Hall under the auspices of the R.C. Church. About 25 couples were in attendance. Mr. D. O'Dell officiated as M.C., and excellent refreshments were provided. .

A lad about seven years of age, son of Mr. J. Fitzgerald, was playing cricket on Friday, and by some means fell and dislocated his shoulder.

Mr. B. Sharp's baby was rather badly scalded on Saturday morning. It appears that the little child crawled to the fire, and, catching hold of the kettle, upset it. The contents were emptied on to her legs.

22-3-1904 The Rev. F. J., Branch will take up his residence at Sunny Corner when he assumes control of the new circuit in April. It is proposed to tender him a farewell, social and presentation at the Lithgow Methodist Church at an early date.

24-3-1904 The Rev. J. B. Penman will be shortly leaving Sunny Corner to take up his new charge at Gunning

The British Lion mine in Palmers Oakey, is erecting a crushing plant on the property. Their test trials are very satisfactory.

25-3-1904 The Rev. Vaughan Rose gave a lantern service in the Church of England on Tuesday night. The church was packed. A collection was taken up in aid of the church funds.

A snow storm passed over on Sunday night, about an inch of rain being registered.

Mr. J. Sparks is here at present, having returned from Bathurst, where he has been for a few weeks under medical treatment. His eye still gives him a deal of pain and causes him considerable inconvenience.

Mr. W. Shipley, who met with an accident recently at Airly, is slowly recovering

It is stated that Mr; Fitzgerald's boy was, on having, been taken to Bathurst, found to have sustained a dislocation of the shoulder and a fracture of the collar bone.

Mr. J. Shumack has taken away several tons of excellent samples of wattle bark recently, intended for the Sydney market.

1-4-1904 "Sunny Corner's dead". Such is the opinion of a number of the residents on the future of the Silver City. And there is no denying the fact that sufficient justification has been given for such a pessimistic view. For long years the residents of Sunny Corner have been like Mr. Micawber, "Waiting for something to turn up". But hope deferred maketh the heart sick, and hopes that the Sunny Corner mine would assume its former vigour and activity has waned.

Of course, the hopes centre on the Sunny Corner mine. In times gone by this was the industry which employed hundreds of men and was the means of distributing thousands of pounds in wages every month.

But alas! evil days came upon the silver market, and the price of the metal fell below the paying level. The grade of ore in the mine is low, and the only hope seems to be, expressed by Mr. J. K. Charleston, at the inquiry a couple of years ago, that some means may be devised for the successful treatment of the zinc in the ore.

Some few weeks ago a report was printed in the "Mercury" that a process had been adopted for the treatment of the ore by which a greater heat was generated than by other means. The writer was on a visit to Sunny Corner recently, and paid a visit to the mine. The absence of a local guide was somewhat of an inconvenience, but in this article an idea of the mine as it presents itself to the ordinary stranger will be presented.

Lying to the north of the town, the mine is reached after the summit of a hill has been surmounted. The spectacle presented from the summit is not a pleasing one. Running along to the north for a mile or more is a reddish looking mountain upon which all the trees have died, evidently killed years ago when smelting in the valley beneath was in full swing. A little vegetation of stunted growth is apparent, and the sides of the mountain are all seared by rains. Near the spot where this view is obtained are situated the shaft of the mine and the poppet heads. The shaft is of considerable depth, but operations have seemingly been suspended at this spot for years. Looking down the mountain one obtains a full view of the onetime flourishing industry. Upon all there seems to hang a pall, and desolation reigns everywhere. But a nearer inspection is necessary to make this more apparent, and so a descent is made. About half way down the mountain the works are situated. In some places the ore seems to have been quarried, at other spots tunnels have been put in, and tramways laid. But at none of these has work been carried on for years, judging by the signs of disuse and decay that are evident. One is, however, impressed with the magnitude of the works. From the mouths of the tunnels tramways had been run out; upon these the trucks were run until they reached shutes. Down which the ore was tipped to be received by other skips at a lower level, and so the ore was carried to the furnaces. Here is what once did duty as a blacksmith's shop, but the iron on the roof and sides is all rusted, and the fires have not been kindled for many a day. The shutes too are in a state of disrepair, and all around lie rusty rails and rotten pieces of wood. On a flat at the bottom are situated the smelting works, etc. The furnaces seem much like the style of the Cobar syndicate's water jacket at Lithgow. The engine room adjoins, and here the machinery is in good order. A fan supplies the necessary draught to the furnaces, the air being carried along a very large tube. The boiler room is situated, on the opposite side of the engine room from the furnaces.

Of the furnaces themselves little can be said except that they show a state of disrepair in keeping with most of the other things. That some work has been done in the vicinity, however, is evident, for a bed of cement has been laid in a structure of iron bars and plates, near the furnaces. The furnaces are connected with a square stack about 80ft. or 90 ft. high by a large brick culvert. Further up the mountain is another stack, circular in shape, which is connected with another portion of the works. Above the furnaces are the floors where the ore was stacked, whence it was shovelled right into the furnaces.

Adjoining is the fitter's shop, where work has been done on a more or less extended scale recently. While on the subject of work at the mine, the remarkably diversified reports as to the number of men employed may be commented upon. One person had it that only a couple of boys and Mr. Charleston were working there. Others thought about ten hands were at work at the mine. At any rate, there is a rather large stack of wood near the engine room, and this would indicate that work has not ceased completely. There are two or three large water tanks on the ground, and away to the north is to be seen the place where large quantities of wood have in times gone by been stacked, there is room to stack thousands of tons of firewood. Some of the wood still remains.

To the south-west of the smelting works were situated two nice houses, with blooming gardens attached. Time would not allow of closer inspection of the property, but to the casual observer it would seem that the word Ichabod— "The glory is departed" is writ in large letters over this property.

There appears to be no prospect of a rise in the silver market such as would enable the mine to be again worked profitably, and even if such were the case, it would require considerable capital to effect repairs and improvements before work could be started. However, the hope is here expressed that fortune may yet smile upon the Corner, that the mine may again be prosperous, and that the residents may share in the prosperity.

It was not the writer's good fortune to visit the Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner. It seems generally admitted, however, that none of the mines around Sunny Corner are doing much at present.

Of the town itself, perhaps the most remarkable characteristics are the clear air and the piercing cold. The Corner is at a very great altitude, which makes the air clearer, but also tends to accentuate the biting cold. A number of years ago a hospital was built there, but never opened. The town went down, and for years the hospital, a wooden structure, in two separate sections remained empty, and forlorn looking. Now, however, one building is tenanted. The public school is of fair size and the police station is situated nearby. The cyclist who contemplates a trip to the Corner will find that after he leaves Meadow Flat he's got a pretty stiff climb before he reaches his destination, but he is more than rewarded on the return journey, provided he has a stout brake and free wheel. The road through Wallerawang, past Greenhalgh's old place, and through Meadow Flat, is in very good order.

1-4-1905 On Tuesday afternoon the townspeople were shocked to learn that Mr. Poyitt had received a cable message from Noumea, New Caledonia, announcing briefly the death, through an accident in a mine there, of his brother-in-law, Mr. George Williams. The message was all the more sad and shocking to his wife, who it appears had only that morning received a letter from her husband, wherein he stated that he was in the best of health and spirits and doing well. There are several relatives residing here, and his father resides at Little Hartley.

Several houses are being removed for re-erection at Portland, leaving conspicuous gaps in our principal street. The local mine manager has, it is said, predicted that they will be brought back in the near future. It is hoped that the prediction will be verified.

Mining matters are quiet. At the Coronation Reef sixty tons were crushed for 15dwts.

No other transactions of any importance have been recorded.

2-4-1904 When I wrote a few reminiscent notes for last week's issue of the Gazette anent the late Mrs Fanny Armour, I had no idea that her husband would be the subject of my next paper. But so it is, and wisely, perhaps, it is so ordained that

we know not what a day will bring forth. My old friend stood at the graveside of his wife in Rookwood Wesleyan Cemetery one week, and a week later he himself was laid to rest close by. Of course, had I known, one notice might have sufficed for both as it is, I will simply supplement what I wrote last week by jotting down a few reminiscences of the husband. I had always been under the impression that the late Mr, Samuel Armour and his sister, Mrs Drew, were native born Australians, They were not, both having come to the colony with their parents (the late Samuel Armour and his wife, of McGrath's Hill) in the year 1839. They came out in the same ship as the late Mr James Melville and his wife, Mary, both well-known in Windsor, and with whom they were close friends until they died The year 1839 seems to have been a famous year for the incoming of immigrants from the old country for not only did the Melvilles and Armours arrive in that year, but so, also, did the Taylors, Mr and Mrs Taylor, and their daughters, whom we have known as Mrs Fanny Armour, and Mrs Tobin. My first personal recollection of the late Samuel Armour was, as I stated in a previous paper, at Mitchell's Creek (now known as Sunny Corner) at the end of the year 1863, when he took over the 'Star' Hotel from his father-in-law. I had heard of the Armours, both father and son, when on the Turon, but had never met them, in fact, I think 'Young Sam' had left there before my time. However, we soon became chummy on the Creek, for there was a billiard table at the 'Star' and Sam was a doc at the game. There were others also very good, and I think I may fairly say that Sam Armour, Robert Drew, Jem McCloy, and the writer formed the champion quartette. McCoy had been a crack player at Sofala, and Drew at Bathurst, while I had studied the game very closely at Wattle Flat with such clever cueists as Bill Luft, Bill Bentley, Sam Jago, and 'Mick' Veney, so that when I joined the players at the Creek we made the champion four, Sam Armour being, I think, the best of the bunch. Sam was always a horsey man, he was fond of horses, and understood them in fact, he was considered to be a very competent 'vet.' He carried on a successful business as a veterinary surgeon in Bathurst, Orange, and in Sydney until a few years prior to his death. He used to ride a great deal in those diggings days, long journeys were his forte, and I remember well the big, ugly looking roadster he used to ride, but ugly and gaunt as he was (he stood seventeen hands high) the old horse could carry Sam (a heavy man) seventy miles a day for days running, and I have heard Sam say that, when on urgent business, the old nag had carried him a hundred miles within the 24 hours. These were the days when Butcher Skillicorn, of Bathurst, performed his, celebrated riding feats, riding from Bathurst to Sydney within a given time, when George Hodgson, of Mitchell's Creek, rode his old black horse (of no particular breed) against George McLeod's little racing mare into Bathurst and home again inside eight hours Anyway, Hodgson's horse, profiting by the training he got from my friend McCloy, won the race and, of course, the prize, albeit there was a barney about it. Hodgson's horse was a strong, unwieldly animal, used as a storekeeper's utility horse, and Hodgson was a poor rider; while McLeod's mare was a known racer, and a good one. McLeod, however, was a heavy man (he was, I should say, 13 stone, and Hodgson not much more than ten, but then, the Palmers Oakey man was a good horseman. Of course, the new landlord of the 'Star' Hotel encouraged these sort of races, there was no level ground on the creek suitable for a race course, thus the idea of road-racing was a happy one in a community fond of sport, and having money to indulge in it. When I left the creek the late Mr Armour was still the licensee of its principal hotel. But from then until we met again in Windsor in the eighties we were pretty well strangers, though we soon renewed our old acquaintance. Circumstances, however, again intervened, and of late years we rarely met, when we did, we 'freshened the nip ' and chatted of old times. His death, so soon after his wife's, came upon one as a shock, and it was difficult to realise that two old friends of so many years standing should follow each other so quickly, especially as Mr Armour had not been to say ill though, of course, old age had begun to tell on him. Having been absent at the wife's interment, I resolved to be present at the husband's, and there I met quite a number of the two families that I had not seen for years, all of the sons of the deceased, Mr Green (son-in-law) and his boys, the sons of Mrs Davis and the late Mrs Tobin, sisters of husband and wife, Mr James McCloy, an old friend and relative, Mr James A, Magrath, and other friends of the family. The Rev. Dr. Woolls-Rutledge conducted the funeral services, and then fell the earth upon the polished cedar casket, leaving him, whose life had been a somewhat migratory one, at rest. In one of the prettiest sections of the big 'City of the Dead' at Rookwood a city whose inhabitants number close upon 200,000, and whose extending suburbs are ready to receive as many more. In my paper in your last issue I wrote ' Mrs O'Neil (Mary) being the first to die, which is right in one sense though not in another. Mary was the first daughter, but not the first of the family to die. Benjamin, a younger brother, was interred at Rookwood in 1874, and Mary (Mrs O'Neill) not until May 27, 1878, her mother (Mrs Taylor) followed in 1884, Mr Joseph Taylor (uncle) in 1890, and the head of the family (the late Samuel Taylor) in 1895. And now the last of the first family of Taylors, and her husband, in 1904.

In our obituary notice of the late Mrs Armour we missed one of the sons when enumerating the deceased lady's family Mr Samuel Armour, who like all his brothers and sisters, is a respected member of the community where he resides.

8-4-1904 No fuller information is obtainable concerning the sad event which was the cause of the late Mr. Williams death in New Caledonia. The relatives of the deceased have been informed that his remains cannot be removed from New Caledonia for twelve months. Mrs. Williams and Mr. Poyitt are to leave Sydney this week by one of the French mail steamers for New Caledonia.

The Easter holidays passed over quietly here. A bazaar, under the auspices of the R.C. Church was opened on Saturday night, and continued on Monday night. Considering the general dullness, good business resulted.

9-4-1904 With the exception of rain on Good Friday morning and a shower on Monday afternoon holiday-makers were favoured with beautiful weather. The big attraction for Easter Monday was a race and sports meeting, held under the auspices of the local branch of the United Labourers' Protective Society. The meeting was largely patronised, and a good day's sport was provided. The big event, the Demonstration Handicap, was won by Warpaint.

10-4-1904 Nor is the liquid fuel with the Cotton burner only of use to the Navy. Mr. Cotton claims to be a benefactor to the Arts of Peace as well as those of War. Experiments with refractory ores have led to the belief that there is no ore which the oil gas will not break down. Possibly coal gas would do as much, but it is too dear, and refuse mineral oil 'Cottonised,' fills the bill both as to effectiveness and price. In an experiment with a small parcel of Mount Bischoff ore, forty minutes did what

would take eight hours of the ordinary roasting process. Mr. Cotton states that he has tried his method successfully with New Caledonia nickel ore, and with other refractory tin and zinc ores, some of which had never been successfully dealt with before. In the course of a few weeks experiments are to be carried out in a large way at Sunny Corner, the mine which, until the zinc was struck, paid such enormous dividends.

All over Australia there are huge deposits of metalliferous ores which will not yield up their wealth. Mr. Cotton says that he has the key which will unlock this treasure-house. All Australia must surely hope that he is not deceived.

11-4-1904 After a brave struggle Sunny Corner seems to have had its day. The dreams of riches have been cruelly dispelled, and both gold and silver mining, has come to a full stop.

Whether a new sentence will ever commence time alone can tell, but just at present The Corner is undergoing a process of gradual abandonment, and many houses have been shifted bodily to the more prosperous locality of Portland.

12-4-1904 Lord and party from their reef at Bob's Creek crushed about 70 tons of ore for a return of 6dwt of gold per ton"

Turner and Party, from their Little Hill crushed 22 tons of stone for a yield of one oz. per ton.

The anniversary of the Methodist Church at Sunny Corner was celebrated on Easter Sunday and Monday. Mr. J. Blanksby, of Mosman, preached in the morning and afternoon to good congregations. His sermons were very impressive. In the evening, Rev. J. B. Penman delivered his farewell address to a crowded church

14-4-1904 News of great depression comes from Sunny Corner, and the town is practically abandoned. Both the Paddy Lackey gold and the silver lodes seem to have blown completely out.

10-5-1904 At the last general meeting of the Progress Committee, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year. President. Mr. C. Murray, vice-presidents. Messrs. J. Duke and C. H. Scott: secretary. Mr. J. Simpkins: treasurer. Mr. J. Duke.

A report was submitted to the meeting stating that the Dark Corner public school had remained closed during the past month or so. .It was decided to make enquiries into the matter and ascertain the reason why the school had been closed during the time stated.

A copy of the "Water Supply and Drainage Act. 1002." was placed before the committee and the contents carefully perused. A long discussion ensued, the Act being very adversely criticised. The meeting appeared unanimous on the point that every endeavour should be made to prevent if possible, its introduction as applying locally. No vote was taken other than the matter should lie on the table and the committee await developments. The above Act is one having for its object the placing of certain country water supplies under the control of a board of trustees and the fixing of certain boundaries defining the area which it is considered would be benefited by such water supply for domestic, stock, irrigation, drainage, and other purposes. All persons residing within the area so prescribed become ratepayers and are liable, for payment of the rates as may be fixed.

Provision is made for the levying of rates sufficient to meet all items of maintenance and repairs to the works, to pay interest on cost of construction, etc. and to provide in addition for a sinking fund.

A considerable amount of minor routine business was also transacted by the committee before the adjournment was moved.

Surveyor K. F. von Arnheim is still busy engaged here. He has been conferring with numbers of the townspeople and residents of the outlying district, regarding the probable purchase of the allotments, etc., on which they reside. It is quite probable that many residents would purchase their present holdings if such could be secured at a reasonable price. The upset price fixed on allotments, in the town is in every instance prohibitive, and no resident would even think of purchasing unless a very substantial reduction in the price can be obtained.

13-5-1904 Return Thanks. Mrs. Williams ("Warragulla," Sunny Corner), having returned from New Caledonia, desires to thank all kind friends who sent letters of sympathy during her absence.

20-5-1904 Mr. C. Murray, president of the Progress Committee, has been appointed as a delegate to represent that body at the local government convention.

The Dark Corner School, it is reported will re-open next week. Parents of the children attending that school are very dissatisfied in consequence of the school being permitted to remain closed for such a time.

23-5-1904 In sad but loving remembrance of my dearly beloved wife and our dear mother, Caroline Flynn who departed this life May third, 1903, at her late residence Bathurst St. Sunny Corner.

6-6-1904 At Sunny Corner the Coronation Mining Syndicate has completed a crushing of 75 tons of stone for a return of 19dwt of gold to the ton.

Messrs. Thomas and party, also Messrs. Lord and party, are to crush a quantity of stone.

Work at Big Hill and mines at Sunny Corner and Dark Corner to progressing favourably.

27-5-1904 The local Oddfellows held a most enjoyable social in their hall on Friday night last.

The weather during the past week has been very cold and unsettled.

The remains of the late Mr. R. J. Curnow were laid to rest in the Dark Corner cemetery on Saturday last. The Rev. Mr. Branch performed the last sad rites at the graveside. The late Mr. Curnow was well known and highly respected here. A native of Victoria, he came to this district with his parents when very young, and the family settled at West Mitchell, where his father engaged in storekeeping for some years. Ultimately moving to Wattle Flat, and acquiring some land, he stocked it with sheep. The late Mr. Curnow was but 45 years of age, and was of unassuming manner. He had been ailing for some time, and about 12 months ago his medical adviser gave no hopes of his ultimate recovery. During the brisk mining days he followed that calling, and was for a time shift boss at the Silver King mine. The family were well known and greatly respected identities of this district. Their many friends and acquaintances deeply sympathise in their bereavement.

Mrs. C. Murray has been obtaining very indifferent health for some time. A week or so ago she decided on going to Sydney to secure the very best medical treatment. It is hoped by her many friends that the change and treatment will be the means of restoring her to good health again.

27-5-1904 The news of the death of Mr. Lawler, in Queensland, through having contracted fever, was received Tuesday. A large number of the friends of the late Mr. Lawler reside here and at Meadow Flat, to whom the news of his unexpected end came as a shock.

The first snow for the present winter fell on Tuesday night. Although the fall was of short duration the ground and buildings were covered.

The Rev. Mr. McDade held a service in the Victoria hall on Sunday under the auspices of the Methodist Church. The service was illustrated throughout with very clear lantern slides. On Monday night in the same building he gave a lantern entertainment of great merit, the subjects being very interesting slides as thrown upon the screen were clear and well defined. There were huge attendances on both evenings, and although the rain interfered to some extent on Monday evening everything in connection with the entertainment passed off most successfully and those who attended were well rewarded.

1-6-1904 At Sunny Corner the Coronation Mine Syndicate has completed crushing 74 tons of stone for a return of 19dwt per

Thomas and party and Lord and party are preparing to crush a quantity of stone.

Work at the Big Hill and other mines is progressing satisfactorily.

7-6-1904 A quantity of Mr. Tomkinson's (postmaster) household and other effects was disposed of by auction on Wednesday last. Although the day was bitterly cold and wet, there were a large number of people in attendance at the sale

10-6-1904 Thomas and party have completed crushing a parcel of 45 tons of quartz from their reef for a return of 1/2 oz. per ton.

Fatta Dean, an Indian magician and conjurer, gave a display of his abilities as such in the Victoria-hall on Saturday night. There was a good attendance.

Monday was recognised as a holiday here, business places being closed for the day.

16-6-1904 A wedding of great local interest will eventuate in the R.C. Church here in a few weeks' time. Full particulars in a future issue.

The erection of furnaces in connection with the Sunny Corner mine is still being proceeded with. Good things are still in store for us if we can wait long enough.

At the Coronation Reef 73 tons produced 69 ounces of gold. Other smaller crushing's produced 10dwts per ton.

17-6-1904 At Sunny Corner, Messrs. Lord, O'Dell, and party have completed another crushing of 50 tons of quartz from their reef, for a return of 7dwt per ton.

A trial parcel of quartz from Messrs. Smith and party's reef, at Palmer's Oakey, was put through Messrs. Murray and Cook's battery last week. The result of the yield gave a return of half an ounce of refined gold per ton.

21-6-1904 Mr. Samuel Lean, a very old and highly respected resident, passed over to the great majority on Saturday last, his age being 62 years. His end did not come altogether unexpectedly, as he had been ailing for some considerable time. The late Mr. Lean had been for many, years closely connected with mining matters, and as such was known in many parts of the State as well as here. His wife and one son survive him, with whom and other relations the deepest sympathy is expressed. The funeral cortege was very large, many old friends and acquaintances having followed his remains to their last resting place on Sunday afternoon at the local cemetery. The Rev. F. J. Branch officiated at the graveside.

Mr. Thomas Penno met with a painful accident last Thursday night, whereby he sustained numerous abrasions, and it is feared that he is injured internally as well. Near his residence is a very deep drain, over which is placed a small foot-bridge. The night being very dark, it appears that he missed the bridge and fell into the drain.

24-6-1904 The annual meeting or the Rifle club, was held on Wednesday night, 15th inst., Capt. W. T. Palmer being in the chair, and there was an attendance of over 30 members. Apologies were received from other members who were unable to attend. The auditors reported having examined the books, etc., and found everything correct and very satisfactory. The treasurer's balance sheet went to show that the receipts for the year were £23 3s 2d, and the expenditure, £19-4s-4d, leaving a balance of cash in hand, £3 8s 10d. This, together with the sum of £6 5s in the Government Savings Bank, made, a total credit balance of £9 13s 10d. Both report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted, and the treasurer was congratulated

The secretary read a lengthy report, covering the working of the club during the last year. The membership had increased to 45 financial members. Among the most recent additions were three of the brothers Cutler, the well-known crack shots of the West. The new musketry regulations were referred to as being a decided improvement, and the members were congratulated on the way they attended the musketry course, 41 having fired, the result being 17 marksmen and 24 first-class. Better results would have been secured if some of the members had attended practice earlier.

The rifle range and all equipment's were reported to be in good order. All ranges up to 1000 yards could now be fired at, there being a full supply of canvas targets, together with vanishing and moving figure targets. Provision had been made for three second class targets being used at the one time.

Half a dozen new M.L.E. rifles were expected to arrive.

The club had been represented at prize meetings during the year at Randwick, Bathurst, and Kiama. '

Capt. Palmer won the "Finn" match at Randwick from amongst 812 competitors, including the best shots of the Commonwealth, and succeeded in establishing a record score for this match. He received considerable praise in the press for his fine performance, and had been congratulated all round.

In the matter of club prizes a fair number had been received during the year from various donors. The club had not yet affiliated with the N.R.A., but it was hoped that this question would receive favourable consideration.

Mention was made of the good feeling existing between members. The secretary on resuming his seat was applauded and congratulated on presenting such an extensive and favourable report. The report was unanimously adopted.
Regarding the proposed annual celebration it was unanimously decided, after lengthy discussion, to hold a general social, a suitable date to be fixed, and that the Lithgow Rifle Club be invited to send a team to shoot a friendly match here on that day. The following members were then appointed a committee to arrange all details, viz., Capt. Palmer, J. McLeay, G. Shumack, A. McDonald, J. O. Murray, A. R. Thomas, T. Thomas, and Secretary Mann. The following motion was tabled,
viz.:— "That this meeting expresses its regret at the loss sustained by the club in the accidental death of the late Mr. G. N. Williams. Several of the members having expressed their regret at the sad end of our late comrade, the motion was adopted by the whole of those present rising in silence.
A motion was adopted expressing regret at the departure of Major MacLagan, and it was ordered that he should be notified to this effect.
Nomination and election of officers, committee, etc., for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, with the following results, viz.: — Captain, Mr. W. T, Palmer (re-elected unopposed); secretary, Mr, A. Mann .(re-elected unopposed); treasurer, Mr. A. H. Platt (re-elected, unopposed), For four members of committee eleven nominations were received, the result of the ballot being — Mr. J. Simpkins 21, Mr. G. Shumack 17, Mr. N. A. Poyitt 15, Mr. H E. Brown 15., Those members were declared elected. Auditors, Senior-Const. J. McLeay and Mr. C. Murray. Handicap Committee Senior-Const. J. McLeay and Messrs. J. Cook and C. H. Scott. The various officers and members of committee having returned thanks for the confidence placed in them by the members, and a vote of thanks having been accorded the chairman, a most enthusiastic, if somewhat lengthy, meeting terminated.-

1-7-1904 On Wednesday last Helen, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray the popular host and hostess of the Royal Exchange Hotel was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Shumack. sen., of Dark Corner.
The ceremony was performed at the R.C. Church at 3 p.m. the Rev. Father Flanagan officiating. Needless to say the church was filled to overflowing, standing room only being with difficulty obtainable. The bride was charmingly attired in a wedding dress of grey silk voile, linked with white silk of Brussels net over glace silk, trimmed with applique, hat of white beaver, trimmed with ostrich tips and chiffon. She wore a very handsome gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a neat shower bouquet. She entered the church on her father s arm and was by him given away.
Her sister Miss .Kate Murray, acted as bridesmaid and was most becomingly attired in wedge wood blue with fluked French canvas, cream Brussels net vest and applique trimmings, and black picture hat. She wore a handsome gold brooch the gift of the bridegroom. Mr C. A. Murray filled the position of best man. Mendelssohn's Wedding March was most admirably played by an orchestra under the very able conductorship of Mr. R. Llewellyn. The happy couple had to submit to the usual showers of rice and confetti amidst the hearty congratulations of hosts of friends and well wishers. The afternoon being beautiful and an extensive drive had been arranged for the party, who returned punctually at 5 o'clock, at which hour the wedding breakfast had been arranged. A huge number of invitations were issued resulting in about 200 well-wishers putting in an appearance to do honour to the happy couple and their respective parents.
The breakfast was served in the spacious dining-room of the Royal Exchange Hotel. The tables, prior to the onslaught, being made thereon, were a perfect treat to behold laden with a display, of enticing viands.
The Rev. Father Flanagan presided, and spoke in most, eulogistic terms of the bride and bridegroom and also of their respective parents, whom he had known for twelve years.
The customary toasts were duly proposed and responded to. Several apologies were received from friends who found it impossible to be present, and numerous telegrams of congratulation were read.
Breakfast being over, the guests proceeded to indulge in various forms of amusement provided. A parlour was set apart for the display of the wedding gifts, list below, and this naturally was well patronised.
The billiard room gave many an opportunity to pass a few pleasant hours. In the various rooms of the spacious hotel friends chatted together pleasantly, but by far the greater number adjourned to the Oddfellows Hall, where a dance was held in honour of the happy event. Punctually at 9 p.m. all forms of amusement were temporarily suspended for the purpose of bidding *"bon voyage'* to the happy pair, who were sent away with ringing cheers on their honeymoon, which is to be spent in the metropolis. The bride's travelling dress consisted of emerald green hopsack, with white chiffon vest, satin trimmings, black hat trimmed with cerise.
The wedding gifts contained many valuable, useful and ornamental articles, and were displayed to advantage, following is a list of the gifts and donors names as far as it has been possible to procure them. There were in addition several articles, but the donors in these instances omitted to supply their names

Mr and Mrs J Shumack and family, chased silver biscuit box
Mr and Mrs Simkins, pair of pickle forks and vases
Mr J S Murray, silver afternoon teapot and vases
Mr and Mrs John Murray and son, silver breakfast cruet
Mr and Mrs Aiden Shumack, silver mounted card case and prayer book
Mr and Mrs Arthur Attwell, solid silver butter dish
Mr and Mrs Shumack, silver candlestick and ivory serviette rings and serviettes
Mr and Mrs W T Palmer, pair of silver serviette rings
Mrs Mann, pair of photo frames
Miss Turner, vases
Miss Kessell, butter dish

Mrs Bennett, jam dish
Miss Montgomery, honey jars
Mr and Mrs Worrell, decanter
Mrs J Odgers, sugar basin
Mrs Jack Odgers, tea set
Mrs W Smith, jug
Miss Barry, butter dish
Mrs Parr, work basket
Miss Case, vases
Mr and Mrs Case, cake stand
Mr J Flynn, silver butter dish
Miss Flynn, point lace centre piece
Mr and Mrs Murray, family bible
Hon J Meagher, M.L.C., silver cruet
Mr R H Bulkeley, silver pickle jar
Mr and Mrs A J Corry, one case of afternoon silver spoons and tongs
Mr and Mrs L A Tomkinson, one pair of silver serviette rings
Mr and Mrs Shumack, sen., one polished metal fender
Mr and Mrs Martin, ruby and silver jam dish
Mr and Mrs Duke and family, ruby and silver butter dish
Mr and Mrs Chiplin, Standard lamp
Mr and Mrs Jas Murray and family, lamp
Mr and Mrs McLeay, hand made picture frame
Miss Osbourn, set Venetian glasses
Mrs D Scott, pair vases
Mr and Mrs Fitzgerald and family, oak and silver biscuit barrel
Mr E Scott, double Doulton toilet set
Mr and Mrs McCulla, set of glasses
Miss Llewellyn, afternoon tray cloth
Mr and Mrs Attwell, pair of vases and pickle jar
Miss Freely, butter basin
Miss Ross, silver knife rests
Miss Dunlevy, Axminister rug
Miss Worrell, set of carvers
Miss Lord, jug .
Mrs S Barry, glass butter dish and jug
Miss Lalla Murray, salt cellars
Master W Murray, egg cups
Mr E Jeffree, six dessert spoons
Mrs Conlon, silver jam spoons in case
Miss N Conlon, biscuit barrel
Miss J Sparks, silver butter knife
Miss K Sparks, silver sugar spoon
Master Gus Sparks, silver thimble
Mr C O'Reilly, ruby and silver jam jar and spoons
Miss K Murray, silver table spoons and painted cushion
Mr A Murray, set of carvers in case
Mr D Symons, pair of vases
Miss Hurst, honey jar, moustache cup and vases
Miss Freely, pair of pillow shams and sachet
Mrs J Sparks, set of decanters
Mr Coleman, six cups and saucers
Mr and Mrs A Sparks, biscuit barrel and silver mounted pipe.
Mr and Mrs Jack Sparks, clock
Mr T Carter, teapot
Miss Odgers, biscuit barrel
Mr T McCanley, silver mounted pipe
Mrs Montgomery, glasses and jug.

8-7-1904 A number of residents in this district, are suffering from a severe attack of influenza.

Snow fell here for couple of days at the latter end of last week. The weather is still very unsettled.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haven are spending a few days here at present with their old friends and acquaintances.

The trustees of the local hospital buildings have under consideration a departmental proposal to remove these buildings elsewhere. The progress Committee also had the matter under consideration at their last regular meeting. The

proposal to remove the buildings is strongly opposed by both bodies together with the public. The almost unanimous feeling seems to be that if, the buildings are to be removed at all, considering that almost everyone in the district contributed in some way towards their erection, they may be re-erected somewhere in the town and put to some public use.

A very old and highly respected resident of the district in the person of Mrs. Shipley, sen. passed over to the great majority on Wednesday morning after a lingering illness of several years duration. She leaves a large family of sons and daughters all grown up, her husband also survives her, with whom the greatest sympathy is expressed.

Mr. T. Penno who met with an accident, previously reported, found it necessary to go to Lithgow for medical attendance. It was found, on examination that one rib was fractured and another dislocated, it is now reported that he is improving satisfactorily and hopes to return home this week.

14-7-1904 The weather for the last ten days has been most inclement here, the residents having been treated to several small falls of snow, Friday, Saturday and Sunday were particularly trying. Early on Sunday morning snow fell to a depth of fully ten inches, but it soon disappeared after five hour of heavy rain. In consequence of the rain and snow mining operations are partially suspended.

A mission, to be conducted by the Rev. Father Hegarty, CM., of Ashfield, will open in the Catholic Church here on Sunday evening next.

22-7-1904 (Before the Warden, Mr. N. C. O'Neil, P.M)

The application of G. F. Moore for suspension of labour for one month in connection with his gold claim at Turpin Creek, near Sunny Corner, was granted.

During, the past few nights extremely heavy frosts have been experienced, followed by bright, fine days. The weather is again dull and threatening.

The recent heavy rains have flooded all the mines in the locality, causing considerable inconvenience.

About 15 tons, of wolfram were landed here last week for treatment at Charleston's Bob's Creek battery. The parcel is from the New England district, and is a trial sample. It is stated that a further consignment is expected from the same neighbourhood.

29-7-1904 Sir James Graham left town yesterday morning with Mr. W. H. Webb and is now touring the eastern portion of the electorate. He addressed meetings yesterday at Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner, and will speak to-day at Dark Corner and Palmer's Oakey. To-morrow he will meet the electors at Limekilns in the afternoon, and will address a public meeting at Wattle Flat in the evening. Next week Sir James will address several meetings in Bathurst, commencing on Monday, when he will speak at the Masonic Hall.

Serious mine activity at Sunny Corner seems to have come to an end about 1900. At the beginning of that year the enrolment at the school was still over 200, but it then declined rapidly, and by the end of 1904 it was only 101, with an average attendance of 72.6. Numbers remained at about this level for some time thereafter.

However, the school fence seems to have been in bad repair, and in 1904 Mr. Chiplin reported that it was in danger of falling down, and that the gate bad already done so. Repairs were done by John Simpkins for £8.4.0.

Owing to the size of the buildings, and the severity of the winter climate, the school had previously received what was then the very large fuel allowance of £4.10.0 per annum. But in 1904, probably owing to the falling enrolment, this was reduced to £2.5.0. Mr. Chiplin immediately protested that the winter was long and severe, and that the parents were too poor to supplement the allowance.

The school rooms are very large. The main room has two fireplaces and is 54' by 25' by 14'. The classroom used by 1st class is 38' by 24' by 14', with one fireplace.

We have been compelled to have fires during the past four weeks" (the date as 2nd July), "and the winter lasts till almost the end of September." The allowance was restored to £4.10.0.

2-8-1904 A very quiet wedding, but one in which great local interest was taken, was solemnised yesterday morning at St. Matthias Catholic Church, Sunny Corner, in the presence of a large congregation. The bride was Miss Anna Isabella (Cissie) Duke, daughter of Mr. John Duke, of this town, and the bridegroom, Mr. Ernest Walton, of Melbourne. Mr. Albert Duke (brother of the bride) acted as best man, and Miss Mabel Duke (sister of the bride) was the only bridesmaid.

Rev. E. J. Flanagan performed the marriage ceremony, and immediately afterwards the Nuptial Mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Hegarty, C.M.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in cream silk voile, with trimmings of lace medallions, applique and silk ruching streamers to match. She wore a wreath and veil, and carried the usual bouquet. She also wore an opal necklace, gold heart and cross, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid was dressed in white grass lawn, finely tucked and inserted with real Torchon, bertha of lace and satin strings, hat of cream net and lace. The also wore a gold and opal brooch, and gold Maltese cross, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bride was formerly a prominent member of the choir. At the appropriate time Mendelsohns Wedding march was rendered by Miss Blanche Flynn (organ), Miss Rita Llewellyn (violin), Mr, K. Llewellyn (cello)

The wedding breakfast was held immediately after the ceremony at the bride's parents, the usual toasts being honored, Father Flanagan proposing that of the bride and bridegroom. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Walton left for Bathurst en route for Melbourne. The going away dress was a grey flaked tweed with vest of cream lace and spotted net, hat of black satin straw and chiffon with plumes and silk lace. The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents

19-8-1904 An old identity of somewhat eccentric manner, named, Alfred Benson, is reported to have died a few days ago at The Bathurst Hospital, whither he was taken about a fortnight ago by the local police in consequence of illness. His age is generally given as being about 80 years. For many years he lived a somewhat secluded life in the vicinity of the old, Nevada mine.

Some former residents who have recently been employed at the Burraga mine have returned in consequence of the stoppage of work there.

Alter having enjoyed a couple of weeks fine weather, rain set in again on Sunday

Tenders are being called for the erection of a new fence at the public school here, a much needed improvement.

Matters generally in this district are quiet. Work at the various mines is progressing in the usual manner.

24-8-1904 As the result of information received, Constable McLeay, of Sunny Corner, proceeded on Monday evening to a house in that locality, where he saw a young man named James Hayes Dando, who exhibited evidences of insanity. With the exception of a towel round his loins, the unfortunate man was naked, and said that it had been decreed that no clothes should be worn. He further said that he was Jesus Christ, and on that day been in the bush, where he had exterminated the devil, who called himself O'Reilly. After the man had been dressed, the constable brought him on to Bathurst in a cart. At the Police Court this morning, before the Police Magistrate and Mr. G. Addison, J, P., he was charged with being of unsound mind. Dr. W. F. Bassett and Dr. Brooke-Moore gave evidence to the effect that the patient was unfit to be at large, and recommended his removal to a hospital for the insane. The Bench accordingly ordered him to be sent to the Hospital for Insane, Parramatta.

30-8-1904 A most enjoyable and successful social was held in the Victoria-hall on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, when about sixty couples put in an appearance and kept things going merrily until the small hours of the following morning.

31-8-1904 Sunny Corner was en fete on Wednesday last, the occasion being the annual rifle match between the Sunny Corner and Lithgow Clubs, the customary banquet after the match, and a grand ball at night. The shooting took place at the Sunny Corner rifle range, the local club winning by 13 point. As the day was very windy good scores were not quite the order of the day. Mr. Tessimond, of the Lithgow club, was top scorer for the day with 64 out of a possible 70. Mr. Poyitt, of Sunny Corner, came next with 63. Following are the scores : —

Sunny Corner.

	500yds	600yds	Tl.	
N. Poyitt ...	32		31	63
A. Mann	26		32	58
Capt. Palmer	33		23	66
A.Thomas ...	31		25	56
W, Cutler ... '	29		25	54
E, Cutler ...	31		23	54
J. Cook	31		22	53
8. Withers ...	27		25	52
J, McCleay ..	19		21	40
A. McDonald	.23		8	31
Grand Total				517

Lithgow,

:	500yds	600yds	Tl	
M. Tessimond	32		32	64
P. Kennedy ..	31		26	57
J. Delaney ...	31		23	54
B. Moore	27		25	52
J. Chalenor ...	27		24	51
Capt. Phillips	28 . .		19	47
W. Moscrop	24 .		23	47
C. Clarke.	23 .		23	46
Capt. Baxter .	25		18	43
P. Corderoy.	27 .		16	13
Grand Total ..				504

After the match the visitors were entertained at dinner at the Royal Exchange Hotel by the Sunny Corner club. When justice had been done to the good things provided. Captain Palmer, on behalf of the locals, welcomed his confreres from Lithgow, and spoke at length of the kindly feelings that existed between the two clubs and the healthy spirit of rivalry created by such meetings as were held that day.

He also congratulated Messrs. Tessimond and Poyitt, on the excellent scores they had made and expressed the hope that the annual match between the two clubs would be a permanent fixture in the future. At night the Victoria Hall was crowded, full 50 couples being present.

The music was supplied by Miss Blanche Flynn, extras being given by Mrs. G. Shumack. Mr. D. Odell, was M.C. The catering was done in tip top style by Messrs. J. Loneragan and Co., of Portland. Several musical items were also rendered during the evening, while a first class phonograph kindly supplied by Mr. Paul, of Lithgow, added to the general entertainment. The committee in charge of the day's arrangement have every reason to congratulate themselves on the success which attended their efforts.

6-9-1904 A quantity of wolfram ore has been received at the Pipers Flat railway station for Sunny Corner during the past month. This ore is brought from Deepwater, a distance of over 500 .miles, and sent out to Sunny Corner for treatment. We understand that a considerable quantity of this mineral is expected to arrive here during the next few months.

13-9-1904 Beautiful spring weather has prevailed during the past few days,

The common trustees arc making a raid on the rabbits in the neighbourhood, a large quantity of poison having been laid during the past week in addition to what has been served out to and laid by the various landholders situated on the common.

A quiet wedding was celebrated here last week, when Miss Bell, daughter of Mr. B. Bell, was united in the holy bonds to Mr. Simons, of Lithgow, The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. J. Branch, at the residence of the bride's parents.

The recent warm days have been the means of inducing the snakes to vacate their winter quarters, for according to several reports quite a number have been seen basking in the sun. Evidently the reptiles will be somewhat numerous this coming summer, therefore it behoves those who venture into the bush to be careful.

Something like 200 tons of wolfram has been landed here, and is still arriving regularly, from Deepwater, in the New England district, for treatment at Charleston's battery. Wolfram is now fetching a high price, being worth in the vicinity of £140 per ton.

When Mr. S. Withers had completed his customary rounds delivering fish on Friday he left his horse and sulky for a few moments in the vicinity of Mr. Duke's blacksmith's shop. The horse took fright at something and bolted. It got only a short distance when the sulky capsized, and after careering wildly about the street for a time he turned down a lane, where the vehicle, was smashed to pieces.

Another horse attached to a sulky, belonging to Mr. Franks, of Palmers Oakey, was standing in front of Mr. Sparks butchers shop, and took fright and run away also in the direction of his home. He was overtaken some five miles along the Palmers Oakey road, and although he had got off the road in different places and passed over stumps and other obstructions, the vehicle was not injured. It is unfortunate for Mr. Withers, as he can ill afford to suffer the loss, and the inconvenience will be felt greatly also.

Sickness, generally in the form of colds and influenza is very prevalent here at present, quite a number of persons both old and young being affected.

17-9-1904 Reports from Sunny Corner state that the Coronation Reef Syndicate has completed another crushing of stone, about 80 tons, for a yield of 15dwt per ton. Work at the Phoenix Copper, Mine is being vigorously pushed forward. Among surface improvements is the remodelling of the smelting furnace. This has been found necessary in consequences of the peculiar and rich character of the ore now, being met with.

22-9-1904 A sale of Crown lands was held at the Bathurst Court House at noon yesterday, when the following allotments were disposed of :— Nos. of allotments, 5 and 6 ;No, of section, 6 ; areas, 39 ¾ perches and 32 ½ perches ; upset prices per lot, £117 and £162 ; county, Roxburgh ; parish, Castleton, situation, in the town of Sunny Corner, fronting Bathurst-street, and lying between allotments 4, 6, 5 and 21 ; purchaser, Ludwig Adolph Weinert.

23-9-1904 Rev, Father Bropby, Inspector of Catholic Schools, paid the local Convent Schools a visit during the week, and I understand that he is very satisfied with the progress made by the children during the year.

Mining matters are very quiet, Messrs. Cook and Murray are putting through their battery 400 tons of stone from their mine at Mitchell's Creek. According to reports the returns should be fair.

Bond and party recently cleaned up a crushing from the Coronation Reef with a return of 16dwt to the ton. Rumor has it that a sale in connection with this mine will take place within a week or two.

Thomas and Sons are getting very fair stone at Bob's Creek, and have about 10 tons at grass,

27-9-1904 The cemetery trustees, organised a "bee" last week, and a number of persons turned; up to assist in improving the general appearance of "God's Acre".

The tender of Mr. J. Simpkins has been accepted for repairs and improvements to the fences at the public school.

28-09-1904 Duncan Ferguson of Palmers Oakey married Matilda Deasey (the Palmers Oakey school teacher) at her parents house 154 Bay St Rockdale. They caught the train to Capertee and Duncans brother Ewen met them with horses and they rode to Palmers Oakey.

30-9-1904 A very enjoyable concert was given in the Victoria-hall on Friday night under the auspices of the local Methodist Church. There was a splendid attendance of the public, usual assistants came from Lithgow, Wallerawang, Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Portland. The Rev. W. T. Dyer, who acted as chairman, in opening the proceedings apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rev. F. J. Branch through illness.

The opening item was a quartette by Miss Bickford, and Messrs. Bickford, Nicholes, and Thomas entitled "Sadie Ray" for which they were richly applauded. The tableau, "A Fall in China" was followed with a solo by Miss Hoy. The Rev. W. T. Dyer was recalled for his recitation, "How Mcdougall Topped the Score." The tableau "You Dirty Boy" was very effective. Miss Wearne sang "Whisper and I Shall Hear" effectively. Following the tableau, "L.S.D.," Mr. Boorman was applauded for his solo, after, which Miss Dennis was recalled for recitation entitled "The Irish Schoolmaster.": Following a solo by Miss Brown a party of young ladles from Wang appeared, in a sketch entitled "A Japanese Tea House," for which they were recalled. The next item was a tableau, "His Only Pants" after which Mrs Holmes sang "Island of Dreams". The tableau, "The Soldier's Farewell" in two scenes was effective. A solo by Miss Simms was well received. The tableau, "A Swell Affair" was followed by Messrs. Bickford and Nicholas with the duet "All's Well" given in good style. Mr. Doorman sang in good voice 'Good-bye, Sweetheart, Good-bye". The tableau, "When the Heart is Young" was very good. Mr. Brickford was deservedly encored for his rendering of "They All Love Jack", Miss Dennis having given another interesting recitation, the young ladies from Wang appeared in the chorus, "The Japanese Singing Girls" for which they were recalled. Mr. Reg. Wearne was encored for his comic solo, in character, "Old Bob Ridley, O.I.O". The tableau, "Before and After Marriage" in two scenes, was followed by Miss Jessie Bryant with the solo, "Daddy" for which she received an encore. The tableau, "Rock of Ages" in two scenes, was very good. A solo by Mrs. Holmes having been rendered and rightly applauded, the concluding item on the programme was reached in a tableau entitled "The Angles Watch" two scenes, which was very effective and highly appreciated. The Rev.

chairman thanked the audience for their kind patronage, and asked the various performers to accept his thanks for their assistance.

The accompanists were Miss Wearne Miss Bickford, and Mrs. Boorman, who performed their respective duties most creditably.

7-10-1904 Steady rain set in on Tuesday morning and was followed by a dense fog. Further showers fell through the night, accompanied by Thunder.

The schools reopened on Monday after a weeks vacation.

Quite a number of snakes have been killed in this locality recently. The reptiles appear to be very numerous this season.

Wolfram ore from Deepwater, has been, delivered here. Somewhere in the vicinity of 300 tons has been landed. A local find of wolfram was reported a few days ago, but the report lacks confirmation. It is easy to be led astray with wolfram there are lots of things that look like this metal, and anyone with but slight knowledge of this metal may really find one of the other things when he is in search of the metal responsible for the present boom. Until recently wolfram was an unknown quantity as far as the majority of mining communities were concerned, and was only to be met with to be cast aside as worthless, until it was found to be of great value to harden steel, and for making edged tools. Associated metals tin and wolfram are found together, but the latter usually spoils the smooth working of the former.

A few years ago the market value, of wolfram was not more than about £7 per Ton, but prices have been gradually moving tup, and it is now worth about; £140 per ton with an erratic market and the danger of a slump at any time.

7-10-1904 L. A. Tomkinson, Post and Telegraph Master, Sunny Corner, to be Post and Telegraph Master Burrowa, vice Elliott, transferred ;

I. C. J. Mower, Post and Telegraph Master, Moulamein, to be Post and Telegraph Master, Sunny Corner, vice Tomkinson, transferred.

8-10-1904 A movement is afoot at Sunny Corner to present Mr. W. F. Hurley, ex M.L.A., with a purse of sovereigns.

11-10-1904 A quarterly licensing court in connection with the Bathurst licensing district was held at the Bathurst Court House yesterday, when Mr. N. C. O'Neill, P.M., and Drs, Brook-Moore and W. P. Bassett Constituted the bench.

Thomas Maccabee, of Yetholme, applied for a colonial wine license. The police objected to the application being granted on the ground that the requirements of the neighbourhood of Yetholme were insufficient to warrant the establishment of a depot in that locality. The Bench ultimately decided in favor of the application.

Charles Murray, licensee of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, was granted a renewal of his license.

13-10-1904 Crown Land Sale. price per acre, £1 4s 2d ; county, Roxburgh; parish, Coolamigal ; situation, about 5 miles from Sunny Corner, and 32 miles from Rydal Railway Station, fronting the road from Sunny Corner to Palmer's Oakey and separated from portions 7 and 9 on the south by a 1 chain road ; purchaser, John William Schumack, Dark Corner.

18-10-1904 Captain Palmer and Mr. Poyrtt, of the local rifle club, have left for Sydney to take part in the rifle match.

Influenza in a mild form is still very prevalent throughout this district.

Through the system of poisoning that is being earned out by the landholders in this district, thousands of rabbits have been poisoned, but still their numbers do not appear to have decreased, and they seem to be as numerous as ever in the bush.

A storm, accompanied by heavy thunder and vivid lightning, passed over on Friday.

18-10-1904 The forty-fifth prize meeting of the National Rifle Association was at the Randwick rifle range on Saturday, with beautiful weather. In "The Lewington" Capt. Palmer, of Sunny Corner, last year's winner of "The Finn," came second.

21-10-1904 Robert Herron, in custody, on remand from Sunny Corner, charged, on warrant with using threatening language to his wife, Edith Herron. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Edith Herron stated the particulars of the charge, but said she did not wish for severe punishment. Defendant was bound over in his own recognisances in the sum of £30 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, and to pay costs, 16s 2d, or to be imprisoned in Bathurst gaol for three months. One month allowed to pay.

25-10-1904 The many friends of Mr. Robert Sparks will be glad to learn that he is improving from the severe attack of influenza and sciatica.

A very painful accident happened to Mr. Vipen a short time back while engaged in getting wood, a piece struck him near the eye. He was treated locally, but was taken to Bathurst Hospital, where he will have to undergo an operation.

4-11-1904 A strong westerly wind has been blowing during the last couple of days, causing a certain amount of damage to the young fruit crops. There is every indication of rain, and a moderate fall now would do a vast amount of good.

Constable Head left during the week, on a well earned holiday trip.

Everything is very dull throughout this district, nothing doing except at the various gold mines, which are working along steadily as heretofore.

5-11-1904 Renewals of License. At the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday, James Murray, of Tattersall's Hotel, Sunny Corner, and Andrew A. Stewart, of Lamerton's Hotel, Bathurst, were granted renewals of license

10-11-1904 A very old resident of this place in the person of Mrs. Curnow, died yesterday morning at the age of 60 years. The old lady has been suffering for a long time and her death was not unexpected. She leaves a grown up family 2 sons and two daughters,

12-11-1904 Knight-Attwell October 15 at St. Matthias Church Paddington by the Rev. G W Gillett. Alfred the only son of Joseph Knight, Jersey Road Paddington late of Worcester England to Amy Isabel third daughter of James Lewis Attwell of Sunny Corner NSW

15-11-1904 Mr Harold Head, a one time resident of Dungog, was back in town yesterday looking up old friends. He is now serving as a mounted trooper in the police force, being stationed at Sunny Corner.

17-11-1904 Mining at Sunny Corner. Work at the local mines is being carried on as usual. There is no work at the Sunny Corner silver mine.

A good find of alluvial gold is reported to have been made at Palmers Oakey, but full particulars are not obtainable.

Ross is reported to have obtained over two ounces at Daylight Creek last week, and another man working in the vicinity of Bushranger's Creek is reported to have obtained a four ounce nugget, in addition to smaller ones.

18-11-1904 Mrs. G. Williams met with an accident last week, from which she fortunately escaped without serious injury. It appears that she was driving along the road when a boy riding a tricycle was suddenly met. The horse; usually a very quiet animal, took fright, and became unmanageable, the result being that the sulky with its occupant was upset. Mrs. Williams is reported to have sustained no injury further than a shock. The vehicle was somewhat knocked about and damaged.

A further fall of rain is needed as the recent winds have dried the ground.

King's Birthday was observed, as a holiday, and a glorious day it was. The chief events of the day were a picnic and concert at Mount Lambie. Most of the folk of Sunny Corner journeyed there. '

The friends of Mr. W. H, Cutler will be pleased to learn of his success in winning second stage of the King's at the S.A. meeting Goulburn. He is a member of the local rifle club.

A lad named Fitzgerald met with a painful accident while out riding. He was thrown from his horse, his arm being broken and thumb dislocated.

2-12-1904 Constable and Mrs. Head returned last week after spending an enjoyable holiday with their friends.

Mr. Palmer also returned last week from the Melbourne shooting matches, after having a pleasant trip, he expresses himself as being well satisfied with his winnings over there.

The tender of Mr. C. Roberts has been accepted for repairs to the racecourse paddock fence.

Rumour says that a local wedding will eventuate very shortly.

The weather is keeping very dry and warm. A good fall of rain is badly wanted.

The Coronation mine has completed a crushing of 100 tons of quartz for a yield of half ounce per ton. This return is said to be fully up to expectations, and is considered satisfactory.

A quantity or mining machinery left here last week, said to be bound for Torrington wolfram mines, in the New England district.

The annual musical and dramatic entertainment of the local convent pupils was held in the Victoria-hall on Monday night, when a first rate programme was submitted. The entertainment was from every point of view a huge success, the attendance of the public being far beyond expectations.

3-12-1904 Crushing operations have been in progress here recently, and good returns generally have resulted. Bond and party of the Coronation Reef obtained 47oz from 102 tons of stone. Thomas and Sons, of Bob's Creek, got 58 oz from 85 tons.

Lord and party are at present putting 100 tons through, and have good expectations. Cook and Murray are crushing a 300 ton lot from their mine at Mitchells Creek, and have good prospects.

Nothing has been done with the old Sunny Corner mine for a long time past. It is a pity to see a property like this lying idle. Old miners are still confident that the copper lodes could still be worked and made to yield handsome profits.

7-12-1904 The friends of the late Mr Andrew C. Curnow, sen., are respectfully invited to follow his remains to the place of interment, the Ballarat Old Cemetery.

The funeral cortege is appointed to leave his late residence. Sunny Corner.

9-12-1904 Mail Contracts. Rydal, Meadow Flat, Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main road, six times a week.— John Case, Rydal four-wheeled coach and two horses, between Rydal and Sunny Corner, and horse back between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, three years, £114 7s 6d per annum.

A public meeting will be held at Sunny Corner on Monday evening, to consider Government proposal to dispose of the buildings on the hospital site.

13-12-1904 Mr. R. Shumack, jun., met with a very painful accident during the week. It appears that he was dressing some timber with an adze when the implement slipped and entered his foot, making a gaping wound several inches in length. The loss of blood from the wound was considerable.

The sufferer was conveyed to Bathurst for medical attendance, with all possible speed. It was found necessary to insert several stitches in the wound. At latest advices he was stated to be progressing favourably, but it will be some time before he is again able to go to work.

16-12-1904 The grazing rights for the race course paddock were sold on Saturday afternoon by public auction, the purchaser being Mr. J. Flynn, and the price was £5 15s.

For the Oddfellows sports to be held on Boxing Day, the publican's booth rights were purchased by Mr. C. Murray, of the Royal Exchange Hotel, for £4 10s., the rights to sell fruit, ete., were purchased by Mr. J. Gant for 10s. The stripping rights were knocked down to the local blacksmith, Mr. J. Duke.

A thunderstorm passed over on Sunday night about half an inch being recorded.

On Monday night a public meeting of residents was held in the Victoria-hall to take into consideration the proposal of the Minister for Lands to dispose of the hospital buildings. Mr. C. Murray was voted to the chair, Mr. Simpkins acting as secretary. The notice convening the meeting, also correspondence received from the Under-Secretary for Lands was read.

The chairman explained several points which were in doubt, and answered numerous questions. The first motion submitted to the meeting was to the effect that suggestions be made and submitted to the Minister for Lands through the local member, Mr.

W. W. Young, for the purpose of settling the question of the disposal or otherwise of the buildings. The second motion was to the effect that that meeting strongly opposed any proposal having for its object the removal of the buildings from Sunny Corner. The next motion was to the effect that the Minister be asked to allow the trustees to dispose of the buildings so that the proceeds could be devoted to the purchasing or building of a hall and School of Arts at Sunny Corner for the benefit of the residents generally. Each motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was largely attended, and fully representative. Votes of thanks to the chairman, and secretary terminated the proceedings, which were somewhat lengthy, each point being fully discussed. Rain is very badly needed, and for the want of it many crops in this neighbourhood ruined.

17-12-1904 At the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday, Charles Murray, of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, was granted a renewal of his billiard license, while C. Hyland, of the Commercial Hotel, Sofala, was granted a booth license for the Sofala races on January 26 next.

21-12-1904 Messrs. Lord, Odell, and party treated 110 tons at Bob's Creek Battery, Sunny Corner, for a return of 9dwt per ton. The yield is considered satisfactory.

29-12-1904 A very quiet wedding took place at Kirkconnell on Saturday last. The contracting parties were Mr. Ted Bennett, fourth son of the late Mr. William Bennett, of this place, and Miss Ada Knight, eldest daughter of Mr. John Knight, also of this town. Rev. Father Flanagan was the officiating clergyman. The happy couple left for Bathurst en route to Sydney for their honeymoon.

30-12-1904 A Christmas tree and sale of gifts in aid of the Methodist Sunday-school was opened at the Victoria-Hall on Friday night and continued on Christmas Eve, being well patronised on both nights.

Very hot and dry weather has prevailed for the past week. Rain is badly needed. The grass is drying up fast.

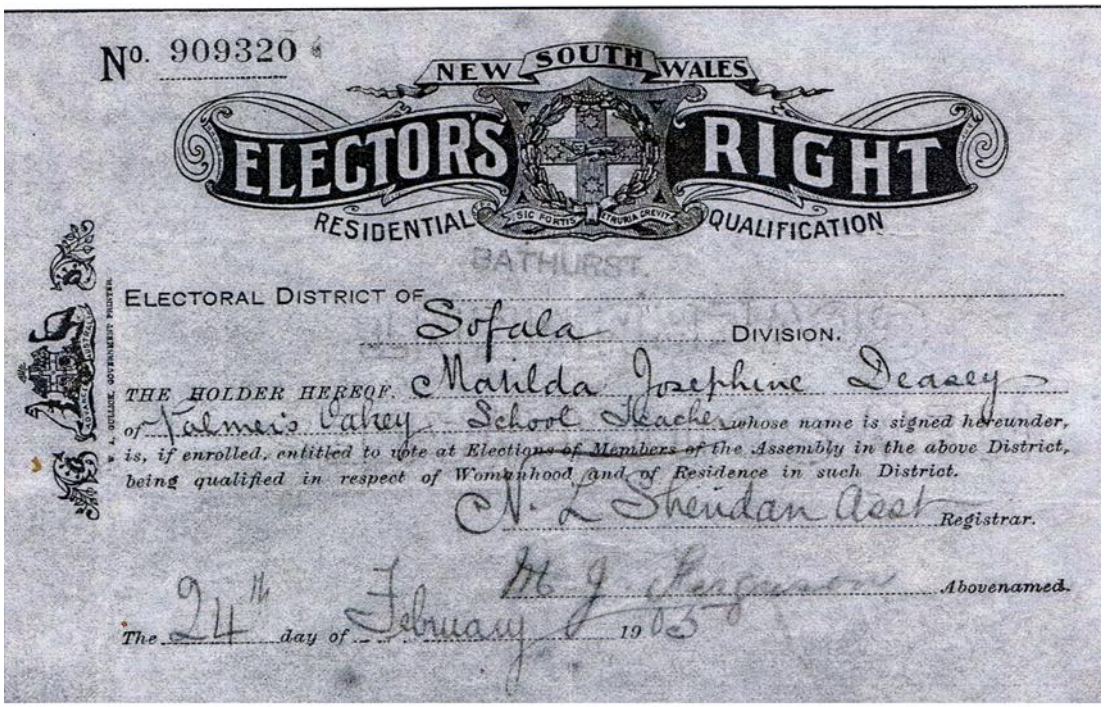
The Christmas holidays passed off pleasantly being somewhat quiet, but still not so dull as people expected, as many came front other parts to spend a few days with relatives and friends.

Boxing Day turned out warm, windy, and dusty, being most disagreeable for all those who were looking forward to a day's outing. The Oddfellows' sports at the racecourse attracted a large number, many coming long distances to spend the day there. Arrangements were made for the Portland Brass Band to be in attendance, but for some reason or other they did not put in an appearance. Their non-appearance is to be regretted, as their presence on the ground would have enlivened the proceedings. Quite a number journeyed to Meadow Flat spent a pleasant time at a picnic there. At night a dance in the Victoria-hall was largely patronised.

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4-2-1905 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1857, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground:—The Right Reverend John Dunne, John Flynn, Esquire (in lieu of The Right Reverend J. P. Byrne and Mr. L, Bradley, deceased).

8-2-1905 News was received here to-day of the death of Mrs. D. Ferguson, senr., of Palmer Oakey. It was only last Monday that one of the deceased lady's daughters Mrs. W. Smith, passed away with some lung trouble which she was suffering from for some months. Mrs. Ferguson leaves a grown up family to mourn their loss.


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NEW SOUTH WALES

ELECTOR'S RIGHT

RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATION

SIC FORTIS ETNUNIA BREVIT

BATHURST.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF Sofala DIVISION.

THE HOLDER HEREOF, Matilda Josephine Deasey

of Palmer's Oakey School Teacher whose name is signed hereunder, is, if enrolled, entitled to vote at Elections of Members of the Assembly in the above District, being qualified in respect of Womanhood and of Residence in such District.

N. L Sheridan Asst Registrar.

M. J. Ferguson Abovenamed.

The 24th day of February 1903

28-02-1905 Mrs Hyde Post Mistress at Upper Turon Post Office.

3-3-1905 A very pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Marys Church, Kirkconnell yesterday morning, the contracting parties being Mr James Murray, only son of Mr James Murray, of West Mitchell and Maggie, youngest daughter of Mr. James O'Leary, of Glanmire. Rev. Father Flanagan, assisted by Rev Father Hall of Bathurst performed the ceremony. Mr T P Moran acted as best man and Miss M O'Leary of Sydney was bridesmaid.

The bride who was given away by her brother was attired in white Swiss muslin trimmed with real lace and wore a white chiffon hat with streamers. She also wore a handsome gold necklet with pendant and carried an ivory bound prayer book, both

the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid was attired in a handsome cream voile with large picture hat and wore a gold necklet and bangle the gifts of the bridegroom. The wedding party afterwards adjourned to the residence of the brides parents at Glanmire where the usual toasts were proposed. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Later in the afternoon Mr and Mrs Murray left for Raglan, en route for Sydney.

7-3-1905 Suicide by Poisoning. An inquest touching the death of an old-age pensioner named George Bowers, who was found dead at Palmers Oakey, was held at Sofala, and as a result a verdict of suicide from poisoning was returned. A few weeks back the old fellow appeared before the Bathurst Police Court on a charge of failing to support his wife. It was then stated that he was the father of 16 children, 13 of whom were living. An order for 5s a week was made against him, but he said that he would not pay it. He continued in this mood until one day last week, when he was summoned for the amount due, viz., £1, which he paid into court. Shortly after leaving the Court he was heard to say that he would die rather than make another payment.

23-3-1905 Some week or so back I referred to the deaths of Mrs. D. Ferguson and her daughter, Mrs. Smith, of Palmers Oakey. I have now the sad duty of recording the death of Mr. W. Smith, husband of the deceased Mrs. Smith. This took place at the Sofala Hospital on Friday about midday, and on Saturday the remains were conveyed to Palmer's Oakey and laid to rest be side those of his wife and mother in law. There is something tragic and maybe mysterious in the deaths of these three people all from the one house in a very short space of time. Myself and others have been wondering whether the health authorities should not take cognizance of this and institute enquiries as to the exact nature of the malady that caused the deaths of three persons within so short a time.

(Locals burnt the house down to rid it of evil sprits. I think it was the flu from the Boer War. CF).

27-3-1905 A correspondent writing to the Lithgow Mercury says that a good patch of alluvial gold has been struck at Palmers Oakey, where a few days ago, one man got over 2½ ozs. The new ground has all been pegged out. Unfortunately, there is a scarcity of water for washing purposes.

1-4-1905 It is hereby notified, for public information, that, in accordance with the provisions of the 106th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the undermentioned gentlemen as Trustees respectively of the portions of land hereinafter particularised, namely:—

Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894:—James Thomas, Esquire(in lieu of L. A. Tomkinson, Esquire, removed),

8-4-1905 An additional Trustee of the portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Presbyterian Burial Ground, namely: John Murray, Esquire. James Ashton accordingly removed.

The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Presbyterian Burial Ground;—Messrs. Alan Mann, George Murray (in lieu of Messrs. A. Bryant, resigned, and A. Peters, removed).

11-4-1905 Mail contracts West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmer's Oakey, 15 miles, twice a week, horseback William Sparks, Sunny Corner, £37 17s; terminate 31st 12, 1905.

4-5-1905 Mr. Lewis, an old gentleman who for a very long time has resided at Palmers Oakey, also met with a severe accident some days ago by being thrown out of a sulky. His head was much cut about, and Dr. Cobb, who attended him, found it necessary to put in several stitches

30-5-1905 Public Service Board, has approved of Miss Mary J. Chellew, Assistant Teacher, Public School, Sunny Corner, being retired from the Public Service, without gratuity,—as from the 10th March, 1905.

2-6-1905 During the heavy thunderstorm that raged on Friday night Constable Head had a very narrow escape from being 'struck with lightning'. It appears that he was returning from a trip out in the vicinity of Yetholme, when the storm overtook him. A flash of lightning passed so close that his horse fell prone to the ground and he does not clearly remember what occurred afterwards for a space of a couple of hours, when he regained consciousness, and found that he was in the vicinity of West Mitchell, lending his horse and thoroughly drenched with the heavy rain that had fallen.

He had thus evidently wandered on, in an aimless way, and traversed upwards of two miles. The effects of the shock could be felt during the following day. He sustained a few slight bruises, received no doubt during the fall. His horse received a few scratches and bruises, but to all appearances was otherwise right.

14-6-1905 Department of Lands, Sydney, 14th June, 1905. Proposals under section 105, Crown Lands Act of 1884, in respect of the Hospital site at Sunny Corner.

WHEREAS His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, being of opinion that the purposes for which the land at Sunny Corner, area 6 acres 1 rood and 9 perches, and described in the Schedule hereto, was, on the 10th September, 1886, dedicated, namely, a site for a Hospital, has wholly failed, and that it is expedient in the public interest to resume the whole of the said land, has directed that this notice under my hand shall be published in the Government Gazette, setting forth the mode in which it is proposed to deal with the land in question: Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, in pursuance of such direction, and in accordance with the provisions of the 105th section of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, that it is proposed to deal with the said lands in the manner following, that is to say,—to revoke the dedication thereof heretofore made, and to sell the said land by public auction. JAMES ASHTON.

20-7-1905 At Palmers Oakey, Theobald Bros crushed 15 tons, which averaged about 11 dwt. to the ton. Sluicing is still being vigorously carried out by several parties, who are on payable alluvial. Several claims have had to stop work owing to too much water. A pumping plant is being transported from Willewa to the Oakey, to enable these wet claims to be worked successfully. At the old British Lion lease, a new reef has been discovered, 3ft. wide, and a prospect from which went ½ oz. to the ton.

25-7-1905 Young Strudwicke and some others went out on Sunday. They saw the wild animal, and say it is a tiger. It is of blackish color with yellow stripes. They took a shot at it with a rifle, but failed to hit it. It was seen somewhere in the neighborhood of Garlands. Mr. Samuel Dodd, who lives at Sunny Corner, and a well known and reliable man, told the writer that when coming down on Monday morning past Garlands at about 5 o'clock he distinctly heard the loud roaring of some strange beast quite close to him. He has no hesitation in saying it was the roar of a tiger.

4-9-1905 Splendid and encouraging news comes from Sunny Corner. It is to the effect that the Old Sunny Corner Silver Mine is to commence work again next week. Nothing is known outside as to the number of men required to work the mine in its earlier stages; but it is quite probable that a fair number will find employment after a little while.

It is said that splendid gold is now being obtained at the head of Palmers Oakey Creek, about 10 miles from here.

The Paddy Lackey Gold Mine, at Dark Corner, is working with a full complement of men.

Messrs. Lord and party have nearly 100 tons of good looking stone at grass on their claim. Several other parties in the same locality are busy raising stone preparatory to milling.

12-9-1905 In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Probate Jurisdiction.

In the estate of Ludwig Adolph Weinert, late of Sunny Corner, in the State of New South Wales, hotelkeeper, deceased, intestate. NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the estate of Ludwig Adolph Weinert, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the 12th day of July, 1901, and letters of administration of whose estate was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 29th day of November, 1901, to Ludwig Adolph Weinert, a son of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said Ludwig Adolph Weinert, or to the undersigned proctor, on or before the 21st day of October next, at the expiration of which time the said Ludwig Adolph Weinert will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which he shall then have had notice; and the said Ludwig Adolph Weinert will not be liable, for the assets so distributed, to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution.—Dated the 5th day of September, 1905.

F. B. KENNY, Proctor for the said Ludwig Adolph Weinert, Bathurst.

19-9-1905 Edward Eaves, a resident of Dark Corner, was handling a Winchester rifle by the fireside on Tuesday night, and having removed some of the cartridges evident he thought that the chamber was empty. An explosion took place, and live bullet struck the bricks in the fire-place and, rebounding, entered his son's foot near the ankle.

The lad was taken to Dr. Murray, who removed the greater part of the pieces of the bullet. No serious results are anticipated.

Some road contracts are out in this district, and specifications are to be seen at the post -office. Strange to say that only one job is to be gone on with in the immediate neighbourhood, being on the road from West Mitchell to Palmers Oakey, where there is but little traffic, and the road is used by but a few.

6-10-1905 Mr. C. Stewart, from Cardungle, Half-time to Dark Corner, as Teacher.

10-10-1905 On Wednesday last week a quiet wedding was celebrated at West Mitchell, when Miss Montgomery and Mr. W. Turner were, united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. W. Vaughan Rose. Only relations of the bride and bridegroom were present. The happy couple left after the wedding breakfast on their honeymoon trip, carrying with them the good wishes of a wide circle of friends for their future happiness and prosperity.

27-10-1905 On Friday last a party of ladies and gentlemen from this part wended their way on horseback to Palmers Oakey, a distance of thirteen miles, over rough mountain tracks. The ride proved most enjoyable, the day being perfect,

The object of the outing was to attend a tea and concert at Palmers Oakey, held in aid of the church repairs fund. The church, which was built some few years ago, entirely of iron, has never been lined, and so to make it more comfortable both during, hot and cold weather, the congregation decided to line the building. With Mr. R. D. Howard as organising secretary, the people set to work, with the result that a most successful and enjoyable function has been held.

After all expenses were paid, I believe the committee have about £7 to their credit which is most satisfactory. About 11 a.m. on the day mentioned people began to roll up from all directions, all eager to make the best of a bright day, and have a good time. Swings had been erected on the ground, and a large booth built. At 12.30. an adjournment was made to the booth, where tables were spread with all manner of good things provided by the ladies of the Oakey. About 150 persons sat down to lunch, and ample justice was done to the good things provided. It was rather noticeable that the long distance visitors were the last to leave the tables, the rough journey must have been responsible. During the afternoon, all the games incidental to an affair of this kind were freely indulged in by old as well as young. Your correspondent noticed that some young men were most "obliging" to the ladies on the swings. At 5 p.m. another spread was ready, and all, apparently tired out with the afternoon's exertions were not long in directing their steps thither. After tea, games were again indulged in and bonfires lit, to the great delight of the children.

Great credit is due to the ladies of the Oakey for the able way in which they carried out their duties, and I am sure that the success of the function must have fully compensated the workers for any trouble they had gone to.

During the evening a concert was held, Mr, W. J. Galagher was called upon to take the chair, and in doing so thanked those present for the honour conferred on him. During the entertainment, Mr. Galagher kept the ball rolling in his usual genial and hearty manner.

Master Walter Barbany at intervals played three violin solos in good style. This young player is improving, and with careful attention to his studies, should one day make a name for himself. Songs "Our Jack comes Home To-day" and "A Soldier True', Mr. Victor Howard duets, "Larboard Watch and All's Well". Messrs. C. and H. Howard; songs "Mush-Mush" and "Polly Wolly Doodle" (both encored). Master Tim Galagher, this young singer was certainly the favourite of the evening. Recitations, "Lost and The Burial of Moses" Miss A. Franks, songs, "Blue Eyes" and 'The Glory of England", Mr. Ernest Howard (Cherry Tree Hill); readings, "The Bashful Man "and "The Lawsuit," Mr, D. R. Howard (Hiawatha) song, "Queen of the Earth", Mr. Druit,

recitations, "Confession" and "Only a Pin", Mr. Cook; readings, "Saltbush Bill's First and Second Fight", Mr, W. J. Galagher duet, Misses A. and C Hyde quartette, "Sunshine" Sunday-school girls Trio, "The Singers". Messrs. A. D. and A. Bowers; song (comic). E. A. Howard songs, "Clorine," and Dixie". Mr. Cyril Howard, Song, "Bobbie,' Mr. Hopkins.

The usual votes of thanks and the singing of the National Anthem, brought a most enjoyable concert to a close.

The ride back at night was a pleasurable feature of the days outing for "some" of the visitors. Your correspondent is looking forward to another such outing.

Mr. Chiplin reported to the Department in November 1905 that he had raised £3 locally to fence off part of the playground with wire netting. In this enclosure 30 trees and shrubs had been planted, and flower beds formed. He asked the Department for £1 more, to fence off a further plot for 24 more trees and shrubs. His request was granted.

9-11-1905 A Dear Two Shillings. At the Bathurst Police Court on Monday, Acting-Judge Browning made some strong remarks concerning a case in which Cecil Donaldson, of Yetholme, sought to recover £200 damages from Stephen Maccabee, also of Yetholme.

The case arose out of a transaction over some apples. The defendant had plaintiff arrested on a charge of obtaining two shilling's worth of apples by means of a false pretence. Donaldson remained in custody for two days, and at the Police Court at Sunny Corner the case against him was dismissed. Judge Browning, after hearing evidence, awarded the plaintiff £100 damages. He found there was no reasonable or probable excuse for the prosecution. His Honor expressed the opinion that the prosecution of Donaldson was monstrous, and outrageously tyrannical, and due either to spite or ignorance of the law. Both the police and the magistrate were to blame for arresting him on a trumpery charge, and it was deplorable that a justice of the peace did not know, the difference between a criminal prosecution and a criminal summons.

28-11-1905 THE Bench of Magistrates have this day appointed Constable Harold Head Bailiff of the Small Debts Court for the District of Sunny Corner, in place of Samuel Calladin, resigned.

By order of the Bench, JNO. McLEAY, Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions. Court-house, Sunny Corner,

1-12-1905 Tenders are invited by the Postal Department in this issue for the conveyance of mails between Bell and Mount Wilson and West Mitchell and Palmers Oakey.

21-12-1905 On Tuesday afternoon last the residence of Mr McKinnon, of Palmer's Oakey, was together with all its contents, totally destroyed by fire. The baby of the family had been put to sleep in a cot in a room which was rather dark, and one of the little girls, wishing to attend to the infant, went into the room with a lighted candle, when she accidentally ignited the curtains of the cot. The baby was rescued but the house was totally demolished.

In connection with the unfortunate occurrence the 'Western Post' says :—

"Mr McKinnon has been extremely unfortunate during the past few years. It is not long since he had both his legs broken, his family has hardly ever been free of illness, and now comes the total loss of his house. The building, which was uninsured, was the property of Mr W W Millett, of Mudgee, of whom Mrs McKinnon is a daughter.

The residence, together with the store premises, were erected in the good old golden days at a cost of about £8oo. It was while living there, when on his way to Bathurst one day, with £700 worth of gold, that Mr Millett was fired upon and wounded by bushrangers. *(Was rebuilt and is now known as "Nebo")*

29-12-1905 WHEREAS I, Sir Frederick Matthew Darley, the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, have directed that a certain public work, that is to say, Sunny Corner Water Supply, in the said State, the estimated cost of which does not exceed twenty thousand pounds, shall be carried out under the provisions of the "Public Works Act, 1900," as an authorised work by the Minister for Public Works as Constructing Authority;

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3-1-1906 At Sunny Corner, Kathleen Sparks, a young woman, has been severely burned about the body through her clothes catching fire.

3-1-1906 At Sunny Corner Messrs. Boyd and party have completed a crushing of 20 tons good stone from the Frenchy Mine for a return of 27dwt per ton.

Messrs. Lord and party have cleaned up a crushing of 120 tons of stone for 6dwt of gold to the ton. This yield is, unfortunately, not up to general expectations.

The Big Hill and Paddy Lackey batteries are both running full time, and have been for a considerable period past.

4-1-1906 The annual bazaar in connection with the Roman Catholic Church was held in the Victoria-hall on Friday and Saturday nights, and was well attended. The bazaar was followed by a social last night.

At Yetholme yesterday a market day and fancy fair was held in aid of the Church of England building fund. The fair proved a great attraction, and the financial result should be substantial.

9-1-1906 A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Union Church, West Mitchell, on the 3rd instant, when Miss Maria Odgers, second daughter of Mr John Odgers of West Mitchell, was united in the bonds of matrimony with Mr Edward Maurice Scott, youngest son of Mr Robert Scott, Dark Corner. The Rev W Vaughan Rose officiated.

The bride was given away by her father, and was attended by Misses Lizzie Odgers and Sadie McLachlan as bridesmaids. Mr Jas Martin acted as best man. The bride was tastefully attired in white ivory silk, trimmed with Brussels lace, and satin ribbon, tulle veil, and coronet of orange blossoms, and wore a gold brooch, gift of the bridegroom. Of the bridesmaids Miss McLachlan wore cream mosselin desoie, trimmed with lace and heliotrope ribbons, and hat to match, and both wore gold brooches, gifts of the bridegroom. The church was tastefully decorated, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, the choir sang "The voice that breathed o'er Eden." About 50 couples sat down to the wedding breakfast at the home of the bride's parents, after which the newly wedded couple left on their honeymoon for Bathurst and Jenolan Caves. The bride's travelling dress was of navy blue silk voile.

The wedding presents were numerous, including many useful, as well as beautiful articles.

Many of those who were spending a few days with their relatives and friends have departed since the end of the New Year.

The annual picnic in connection with the Methodist Sunday School was held on New Years Day at the Dark Corner recreation ground. There was a good attendance, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Mr. H. Cook was suddenly stricken down with illness a few days ago, which has in capacitated him from his ordinary work. It is stated that he is suffering from a severe attack of rheumatic fever.,

Contractors Simpkins and Cook are making good headway with the repairs and improvements at the post office.

The common trustees have been causing quite a number of trespassing stock to be impounded recently. This is as it should be, for those who regularly pay for the right to depasture their stock on the common do not appreciate seeing several head of other peoples stock eating up grass that is not being paid for.

Mining matters are at present at a standstill as the various mines have not got into working order since closing down for the holidays.

12-1-1906 The Right Rev. Dr. Dunne, R C Bishop of Bathurst held confirmation service here on Sunday afternoon when twenty candidates received the rite of conformation. The church was crowded with representatives of all denominations being present.

The excessive heat of last week has been followed by a somewhat sudden cold change, the result being that quite a number of people are suffering with severe colds.

Mr. R Bond has disposed of his share in the Frenchy mine to Mr. D. O'Dell. In consequence of having accepted a responsible position in another mine in the Marulan district. ,

Mr. J. Duke is in receipt of information concerning his brother, who is now an inmate of St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, where he has just undergone a most trying operation, which was successfully performed. At latest advices he was progressing towards recovery as well as could he anticipated under the trying circumstances being present.

19-1-1906 Mr. H. Havenhand was driving to Sunny Corner during the week in a sulky, accompanied by two children. The horse he was driving shied, and swerving up against the bank at the side of the road caused the vehicle to overturn. All were thrown out, but beyond a shaking no damage was sustained by the occupants, while the sulky was almost uninjured.

20-1-1906 Last evening a young woman named Maggie Ossington, daughter of Mr. William Ossington of Sunny Corner, met with a serious accident through her clothes catching fire.

She was lifting a fountain off the fire when her dress became ignited. She tried frantically to put the fire out, without avail, and then rushed out into the yard enveloped in flames. Here she was met by Mr. George Strickland, who promptly tore off her clothes, severely burning his bands in so doing.

His prompt and plucky action saved the girl's life. She was terribly burned about the legs, thighs, arms, and hands, but is now apparently out of danger.

23-1-1906 During the afternoon of Tuesday last a fire was discovered in a stack of wood at the Lagoon Creek battery by two miners, Messrs. J Riley and L Kelly who happened to be working in the vicinity. Some of the buildings had become ignited, but by dint of hard work the two men succeeded in getting it under control, and thereby effected a most valuable save, there being hundreds of pounds worth of valuable machinery and buildings in jeopardy. Riley made all haste to town a distance of about four miles over a rough mountainous track, and obtained assistance. Several of the townspeople responded, and on arrival prevented the fire from spreading.

There is no clue whatever to the origin of the fire. No one appears to have been seen in the vicinity. This valuable property is situated in a rough gorge in the Lagoon Creek with no one to look after it. There have not been any bush fires in the neighbourhood. Every praise is due to Riley arid Kelly for their prompt action in dealing with the fire.

26-1-1906 Tenders are invited for general repairs to teacher's residence and public school, at Sunny Corner.

Mining matters are quiet here generally. The "Frenchy" mine party are raising stone preparatory to another crushing.

Stone is being raised at the Big Hill and other small mines.

At the Sunny Corner mine little more than what appears to be experimental work is carried, on, a few men and several boys being employed, the ultimate working of this property seems to be as far off as ever. The majority of local residents appear to treat the experiments that are being carried out with the new furnace with the utmost indifference, and very few, if any, will be surprised if the whole things ends in failure.

A quantity of one hundred tons of stone is expected here about the end of the present week from Condobolin for treatment at the Bob's Creek battery.

The annual general meeting of those residing on the Sunny Corner common was held in the Victoria hall on Wednesday night, Mr. R. W. Magill, trustee, being in the chair. There was a fair attendance of the public. The balance sheet showing the past year's transactions was read by Mr. J. Simpkins, secretary, and went to show that the income was a substantial one. After paying for a considerable amount of improvements, which had been carried out, the trustees were able to carry forward to the incoming year a credit balance of over £7. The balance sheet was received and adopted. Several matters that required attention were submitted for the consideration of the trustees, one of the most important being the filling in or otherwise dealing with a number of dangerous holes in the common. Several questions were asked regarding the common generally, satisfactory replies being furnished. The trustees mentioned that although had commenced a system of impounding all trespassing stock found on the common, and they intended to continue this crusade rigorously. A vote of thanks to the chairman brought the meeting to a close about ten p.m.

30-1-1906 The recent hot weather has been accountable for a number of bush fires via this district. Mr. G Hemsworth, of Dog Trap, has been fighting the fires in his paddocks for about a week. A considerable quantity of natural grass has been burnt, but otherwise no great loss has occurred.

The Church of England Sunday school annual picnic was held on Friday in the local recreation ground. There was a large attendance of children; together with their parents and friends, and a most enjoyable time was spent, the weather being pleasant for an outing of this kind.

A bazaar in aid of the R.C. Church funds was opened on Friday night, and continued on Saturday night in the Victoria hall. The attendance on each night was followed by a thunderstorm passing over, but only a very small quantity of rain fell.
Miss Sparks is still unable to leave the Bathurst hospital.

2-2-1906 The Rev. Father Flanagan is severing his connection with his old parish, in which he has been so successfully engaged for a number of years, and the scene of his future labours will be in Bathurst. He delivered his farewell discourse to the members of his congregation on Sunday evening last, and needless to say, there was a large attendance. As a mark of their esteem, the members of the Church here are preparing to make him a suitable and fitting presentation on the eve of his departure. His genial face will be missed here by a host of friends, and well wishers of all denominations.

3-2-1906 At Sunny Corner Mining Surveyor Grey is engaged in surveying a number of leases which have been applied for.

Full time is being worked at the Lackey mine, with the usual number of men. Rain is badly needed, as the scarcity of water is interfering with mining operations.

9-3-1906 The weather continues dry and warm and rain is badly wanted,

Mr. R. Lean met with a nasty accident when returning from work from the Lackey mine on Monday Inst. The road leading from the mine to the main road is somewhat rough, and when negotiating a curve he was thrown heavily from his bicycle, and remained unconscious for about fifteen minutes. He sustained a very severe shaking and several abrasions. Assistance was rendered by those of his mates who were also returning from work, and who conveyed him to his home.

Messrs. J. Price and J. McCauley met with an accident, fortunately without any serious results on Monday. They were in a sulky, when the horse suddenly swerved round and capsized the vehicle, throwing the occupants on to the road way.

Mr. F. Cook is slowly recovering from his attack of rheumatic fever. Although able to get about alright, he is not yet sufficiently well to follow his usual occupation.

Miss Ossington is making but slow progress towards recovery from her recent burning accident.

About half a dozen men left here on Monday for Walla Walla where they are to be employed by Mr. Charleston at smelting a trial parcel of ore at a mine there. It is stated that they have been guaranteed employment for six weeks work. From what can be ascertained it would seem as if the experiments that have been carried out at the Sunny Corner mine have ended in failure so far, as the whole of the work has been suspended, and some of the men who were working there have gone to Walla Walla, including the assayer. No one is employed about the mine now.

13-2-1906 A report was received here at the beginning of the week that a digger named Emmett was ill at his camp in Palmer's Oakey Creek. Sergt. McLeay proceeded to the scene at once and found the man to be in a serious condition. He decided on having him removed at once to the Bathurst hospital. This was no easy task, as he had to be carried on a stretcher for a distance of two miles up the side of a mountain steeper than the proverbial "roof of a house;" However, the task was at last accomplished, and the sufferer lodged safely in the above institution.

Saturday.

The man Emmett, who was removed to the Bathurst hospital by Sergt. McLeay during the week, is reported to have since died in that institution.

14-2-1906 The weather still remains dry, and rain is badly wanted. The vegetable gardens are suffering severely, also the standing crops, most of the crops have been harvested fortunately.

Business in very dull here owing to the uncertainty regarding the opening of the Sunny Corner mine.

Tenders closed to-day for extensive repairs to the Public School and residence.

Mr. W. T Palmer, who has charge pf the water supply at Sunny Corner is investigating the matter. The present storage dam is altogether too small, but a site for a larger dam has been selected and surveyed, in an admirable position higher up the watershed. The dam could be constructed for less than £2000, and would have a holding capacity of about 5,000,000 gallons.

20-2-1906 The musketry returns from 1904-5, just completed, show that the district badge for the western district was won by W. T. Palmer, Sunny Corner club, with a score of 157.

Rain is badly wanted throughout the district.

When Mr. Jas. Thomas was returning from Portland on Wednesday the horse he was driving began to play up, with the result that the vehicle was somewhat damaged. Fortunately Mr. Thomas and a young lady occupant of the vehicle escaped serious injury.

A very enjoyable social was held in the Victoria hall on Friday night, under the auspices of the Tennis Club, dancing, being continued with great vim till past midnight. The music was supplied by Miss Flynn and Mr. C. W. Chiplin (piano), and Mr. W. T. Palmer (Edison phonograph). The duties of M.C. being as usual faithfully performed by Mr. D. O'Dell.
Ample provision had been made for those who cared to indulge in various parlour games.

22-2-1906 An exciting cricket match was played at Meadow Flat between Dark Corner and Meadow Flat teams, the former winning by 8 runs. The feature of the game was the fine batting by C. W Chiplin who made top score. Bowling honors were divided between C Scott and C W Chiplin.

Appended are the scores : — **Dark Corner :**

T Rinning,	c C Scott	b C Scott	4
A Shumack,	c. B Scott,	b C Scott	10
C Stewart,	c H Brown,	b C Scott	6
W. Grabnam,		b C Scott	0
Wed Grabham,	c H Bedford,	b Lawler	6
C W Chiplin,		b W Bedford	32
J Grabham,		b G Goodwin	14
A McDonald,	c H Brown,	b G Goodwin	11
A McLachlan,	c C Scott,	b W Bedford	9 ;
H Shumack,		b Goodwin	0 ;
E Grabham,	not out 2,	byes 14, total,	108.

Meadow Flat :

H Brown,	c McDonald,	b C Chiplin	15
W Bedford,		b W Grabham	0
G Thomas,		b H Shumack	31
G Goodwin,	c A Shumack,	b C Chiplin	19
A McDonald,		run out	9
C Scott,		b C Chiplin	10
W Lawler,		b C Chiplin	0
H Bedford,	c Stewart,	b H Shumack	4
A McManus,		b Stewart	10
C Scott,		not out	5
W Scott,		b Stewart	11,
		Byes 2,	total, 116.

23-2-1906 An old man named George McMullen was found to be in a low state of health, and was removed to Bathurst hospital by Constable Head last Saturday.

27-2-1906 Mr. George Case met with an accident while returning from Yetholme with the daily mail on Wednesday afternoon. All went well till descending the hill towards the Oddfellows hall, when through some reason or another, the horse he was driving became unmanageably and ran off the road, capsizing the Sulky and throwing young Case out heavily. The wheel of the vehicle passed over his neck. He was picked up at once and remained in a dazed condition for some time, but did not appear to be seriously injured beyond a general shaking. The horse careered wildly around some fences, and got rid of the sulky, taking part of the shafts with it. He was eventually caught in the vicinity of Mitchell's Creek, apparently none the worse for his adventure. The sulky was considerably damaged.

The Rev. W. Vaughan Rose distributed on Sunday last to the children attending the Church of England Sunday-School the prizes won for the year. The prizes consisted of a number of well-bound handsome books of an expensive and 'appropriate' class.

3-3-1906 A welcome change has taken place in the weather. Several dull foggy days were followed to-day by some welcome showers, and there is every prospect of another downpour. Great benefit should result to the crops and grass, which had suffered severely by the continued dry weather.

A six aside tennis match was played at Portland on Saturday last between the Sunny Corner and Portland clubs. The Sunny Corner players were captained by Mr C W Chiplin and Portland by Mr Goodwin. The match resulted in a win for Sunny Corner by 5 sets 39 games to Portland's 4 sets 33 games. Messrs Stewart and Chiplin of Sunny Corner, practically won the match for Sunny Corner by putting up the fine performance of winning their three sets easily, scoring 18 games to their opponents five games, viz, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1, and thus placing Sunny Corner 13 games to the good. The other Portland pairs reduced this lead to six games.

There is great dissatisfaction here at The Department of Public Instruction not sending a teacher in Mrs Williams place during her absence.

13-3-1906 Miss West, of Mt. Rankin school has been appointed assistant at the local school during the time Mrs. Williams is absent on leave.

Although we have had a lengthy spell of cool misty weather, no rain of any beneficial nature has fallen. The want of a good fall is being severely felt throughout the district.

16-3-1906 Steady, soaking rain set in on Sunday and continued throughout the day, 105 points being registered. A lot more however is badly required before the winter sets in.

A very old identity, in the person of Mrs. Barnett of Yetholme, passed over to the great majority on Sunday night. The deceased lady, who was 84 years of age, had resided at Yetholme together with her husband, who is still alive, and has seen over 90 summers. Deceased leaves a large number of descendants and relatives to mourn their loss.

20-3-1906 Mrs. Head took seriously ill, her condition being such that it was deemed advisable to telegraph for a doctor, and in response Dr. Wilson came from Portland. She is now progressing favourably towards recovery.

Dull, cool weather has boon experienced during the past few days.

Abandoning a Hotel. Licensing Inspector Morris yesterday applied to the Bathurst Licensing Bench (Mr T O K McKell, P.M., and Dr W P Bassett, J.P. being in attendance), for a summons against John Murray for abandoning Tattersall's Hotel, Sunny Corner. The application was granted.

23-3-1906 An important auction sale took place last Saturday in the Victoria Hall, the furniture and effects of Tattersell's hotel being offered by Mr. J. Simpkins, auctioneer. There was a very large assortment, the whole of the dance floor of the above large hall being occupied, and this, together with the number of people who put in an appearance, taxed the holding capacity of the building to its utmost. The sale was held under instructions of Mr. R. J. Shumack.

Previous to the commencement of the sale, the opinion of the "man in the street" was that but little would be sold, and that prices would be low, this in consequence of the general dullness prevailing locally. It was at once apparent, at the commencement that the above theories were soon to be exploded, as biding was very spirited, and competition keen right up to the end. Every article was disposed of, not even a set of beer engines having been passed in. Prices all round were high, in fact many articles realised prices beyond what they could perhaps be purchased for new in city retail establishments. If this sale is anything to judge by, there would appear to be a fair amount of cash in the district yet, even if times are dull.

The auctioneer and vendor are to be congratulated on effecting perhaps, the most successful sale that has ever taken place here.

Mr. John Flynn has been laid up with sickness during the past few days, the cause of his trouble being an attack of pneumonia.

A much needed improvement is being effected at the local post office: A pair of glass panel self-closing doors are being erected between the entrance and the public counter: This will be a great, boon to officials and public alike, and will add materially to the general appearance of the premises.

27-3-1906 Grabham and Upton have completed a trial crushing of nine tons of quartz at Murray and Cook's battery from their reef situated at Dark Corner, for a return of 11 dwts. per ton. This yield is regarded as very satisfactory.

30-3-1906 On last Thursday the pupils attending the convent school gave a picnic and concert in honour of the Rev. Father Flanagan, and also presented him with a gold pendant cross as a mark of their esteem and respect for one who always took such a kind interest in their welfare in the past. A number of the children's parents, together with several ex-pupils, were present at the gathering, which passed off most enjoyably and successfully.

On Sunday night, immediately following the ordinary service at the Church of England, the Rev. W. Vaughan Rose, on behalf of the pupils attending the Sunday school, presented Miss Lord with a neatly bound prayer-book and hymn-book, both enclosed in a neat morocco sachet. The recipient has been identified with the Teaching staff for a number of years, and the presentation was made as a mark of esteem and respect and in recognition of her past services on the eve of her departure for Sydney.

Splendid steady rain has fallen since Sunday, nearly two inches having been recorded. The rain was badly needed; and will have a most beneficial effect throughout the district.

The local Lawn Tennis Club played a series of games with a team of the Portland Club on the local court on Saturday afternoon, which resulted in a win for the visitors by six games. Afternoon tea was provided by the lady members of the local club. There was a number of spectators in attendance, who evinced a keen interest in the game.

Mr. Flynn is slowly recovering from his recent illness and is now enabled to move about again.

2-4-1906 Report from the Sunny Corner field states that Messrs. O'Dell, Turner, and party have cleaned up a crushing of 22 tons of stone from the company's Frenchy Mine, for the tidy return of 27dwt of refined gold to the ton.

13-4-1906 On Monday morning last Mrs. McCaulay received from her son in Tasmania a £5 note, and went to one of the local business-houses to have it changed. The note, however, was lost on the way. Diligent search was instituted by searchers about the street.

A traveller, loaded with the usual swag passed through, but no one paid any heed to his actions. Sometime later he came in contact with Father Heath, and requested him to say if a certain Tasmanian £5 bank note was genuine or not, at the same time stating that he had picked it up in the street. Having, been informed that it was genuine and that search was at that time actually being made for the missing note, it was at once arranged by the pair that they should return and restore the money to Mrs. McCaulay. The finder was handsomely rewarded, after which it was ascertained that the man was without a penny in his possession when he picked up the lost note. His circumstances were of such a reduced nature that he was compelled to beg food on his way along.

17-4-1906 Mr John Shumack of Dark Corner met with a nasty accident on Friday while driving his daughter home from Sunny Corner in a sulky About a mile from home the mare suddenly stumbled and fell. Mr Shumack was thrown out over the horse and struck the road heavily, falling on his head. He was unconscious for some time afterwards, but is now better and no serious results are feared. Miss Shumack escaped with a fall and a shaking. The mare was much hurt, having a wound in forehead, and seemed dazed for some time afterwards.

There is a prospect of the Tonkin and. the Nevada mines, Sunny Corner, resuming operations at an early date.

At the Paddy Lackey mine Mr. Cook has closed down, but Messrs Grabham Bros, are sinking a new shaft in the hope of striking the lost reef.

18-4-1906 The tender of W G Butfield of Meadow Flat, for repairs to the teacher's residence and public school at Sunny Corner has been accepted. The amount of the tender is £42 15s.

19-4-1906 NOTICE is hereby given that at a Quarterly Licensing Court held at the Court-house, Bathurst, this day, the license granted under the Liquor Act, 1898, to John Murray, of Sunny Corner, for the house known by the sign of the " Tattersall's Hotel," situate at Sunny Corner, was cancelled by the Court. Court-house, Bathurst, 16th April, 1906. C. A. ARNOLD, Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions.

20-4-1906 Several people returned here for the purpose of spending their Easter holidays with friends and relatives. Beautiful weather prevailed for the Easter holidays.

A man named Prescott who has been camped at Daylight Creek for a long time, was found last week in a very weak state. He was removed after some difficulty by the police, and conveyed to Bathurst Hospital. The than would appear to have

been much of a miser, and the want of sufficient food being mainly accountable for the state he was found to be in. He was not short of the means to provide himself with all that was necessary, as it is stated that on investigation of his camp some £80 and about 2oz. of gold were found secreted in old tins and other hiding places.

Mrs. Wallace has returned from the Bathurst Hospital, where she underwent a serious operation. She is now progressing as favourably as can be expected under the circumstances.

Sergeant McLeay has gone away for a few weeks holiday. Constable Head is now in charge at the local police station.

A bazaar in aid of St Mathias R C Church, Sunny Corner was held in the Victoria Hall on Saturday and Monday nights and proved a success, financially and socially. The bazaar was conducted by a Committee under the management of the Rev Father Heath. The refreshment stall was under the capable management of Misses B Flynn and R Llewellyn and the fancy goods stall was well looked after by Messes K Murray and K Freely. Dancing was indulged in at intervals, the music as usual being supplied by Miss B Flynn (piano.)

A large number of residents from the surrounding district patronised the Bazaar and the Church funds will be appreciably augmented.

Tenders are invited in this issue for repairs to the police buildings Sunny Corner. Tenders close on 30th April.

21-4-1906 All work at Old Sunny Corner silver mine has been suspended for about two months, and there are no prospects of a fresh start being made.

A party of gentlemen interested in the Tonkin mine have paid a visit of inspection to the property, and it is hoped that work will soon be resumed,

O'Dell and party are busy raising a further quantity of good-looking stone at their mine at Sunny Corner.

1-5-1906 The tender of Frank Cook, Mitchells Creek (£10 10s), for repairs to police buildings Sunny Corner, was yesterday accepted by Mr J W Dowell, District Architect. ,

4-5-1906 Very cold wintry conditions have prevailed during the past week. Mr. J. Simpkins, auctioneer, held a successful auction sale of furniture and other effects in the Victoria hall on Saturday last.

Sergt. J. McLeay has resumed duty after his holidays, which were spent touring numerous places of interest.

Mr. J. Cook has returned from a tour of New Zealand, which extended over a period of several years.

The members of the Rifle Club, who went to Bathurst did very well there, each one securing a fair share of the prize money.

Miss West, who, has been attached to the public school here for some time, left during the week for Bathurst, having received an appointment at the public school there.

14-5-1906 Breaking and Entering. Three youths named George Wilson, Joseph Henry Jones, and Roy Potter, all 18 years of age, were, at the Sunny Corner Police Court a few days ago, committed to take their trial at the Bathurst Quarter Sessions on June 12 on a charge of breaking, entering, and stealing at Yetholme.

15-5-1906 An Invitation social evening was given by the members of the local Oddfellows lodge on Wednesday last, in the Oddfellows hall. Dancing was kept up till midnight, under the direction of Bro D Odell, who officiated as M.C. Some twenty couples being in attendance. All present thoroughly enjoyed themselves, everything having passed off with marked success.

16-5-1906 After four weeks illness at the Bathurst District Hospital, a septuagenarian named John Prescott, of Sunny Corner, passed away on Sunday and was buried yesterday in the Church of England portion of the Bathurst General Cemetery,

18-5-1906 (To the Editor, National Advocate)

Dear Sir, — You would confer a great favor on the people of Sunny Corner if you would use your influence to back up a movement on foot here to help us to get the route for the cycle road race (Bathurst to Sydney) altered so as to allow of the route passing through Sunny Corner. The route at present goes within four miles of the town, and to bring it through Sunny Corner it would only mean an additional four miles on the total of the route. The advantages to be gained by the alteration of the route would more than compensate for any little trouble the committee might be put to in making the alteration in their road maps.

The advantages may be summed up briefly as follows

(a). The road is equally as good as the original route, with the advantage of providing an additional 2 or 3 miles of rising ground, a fact that will be appreciated by the track markers,

(b). Sunny Corner is provided with a telegraph office, from which the results to this point could be wired to the Sydney and Bathurst papers.

(c). This could be made the first refreshment depot, and a drink and a sandwich, or equivalent, would not be amiss after the climb of 25 miles from Bathurst.

(d). In case of accident anywhere near, medical assistance, or repair to machines may be had here.

(e). The men training on the road would appreciate the above conveniences when training on that track preparing for the event.

Add to the above the fact that hundreds of people would come here from all around to see the race, and I think it will be acknowledged by both riders and general public that the slight change in the route is very desirable.

I believe the officials have been approached through Mr A Rigby, and would be glad if you will add your weight to try and secure the concession. I am, etc. Your Correspondent.

19-5-1906 National Advocate The request that the Bathurst to Sydney road race should pass through Sunny Corner is worthy of the consideration, of the authorities.

22-5-1906 Miss Ossington, who was so badly burned some time ago, has been making such slow recovery that it was deemed advisable to remove her to the Lithgow Hospital last week.

Several foxes are reported to have been seen recently. A fine specimen was shot a few days ago near the racecourse.

Local owners are removing their stock to warmer parts before the winter sets in. Several did this last year, with excellent results.

26-5-1906 The general rainfall reached Sunny Corner yesterday morning, and was ushered in by mountain mists, and occasional driving showers of rain with a heavy gale of wind. This state of things has lasted ever since and shows no signs of abating for days.

The rainfall will do an immense amount of good, but it spoiled the local Empire Day demonstration intended by the Public School. Despite the disastrous weather, a goodly number of children turned up at the school. They were entertained by the teacher with a lecture on British Heroes, and then spent an hour or so in singing and recitations.

The flag was hoisted in the main room, and the children marched past it saluting and singing the patriotic song ' Our Flag,' which was specially written for the unveiling of flags during last year's patriotic demonstrations, in Sydney, by the present principal teacher.

The sports programme which was to have followed has been postponed, until the elements are more propitious.

28-5-1906 The people in the western district are evincing a great interest in the Bathurst-Sydney road race, which is to be held under the auspices of the League of New South Wales Wheelmen on August 18.

At Sunny Corner last Wednesday night a public meeting was held, when a resolution was carried. "That the League of New South Wales Wheelmen and the Continental Tyre Company be communicated with, with a view to having Sunny Corner included in the route for the forthcoming Bathurst-Sydney road race on August 18."

4-6-1906 The postponed sports in connection with the Public School Empire Day celebrations took place yesterday afternoon. There was a good muster of scholars and friends.

Altogether 76 prizes were given, the competitions including foot-running, high jumping, throwing at wicket, etc, interspaced with games, lolly scrambles, and other amusements. The afternoon was perfect as regards weather, and everything passed successfully, the utmost enthusiasm being manifested. At the conclusion, hearty cheers were given for the King and for the principal teacher, Mr Chiplin, to whose efforts the success of the sports meeting was due.

9-6-1906 The weather has turned very cold, and there is every likelihood of snow. Stock-owners are already removing cattle to warmer districts. This week 100 head went to Woodstock; 120 head are to go to Eugowra to-morrow, and another lot go to Canowindra next week.

9-6-1906 The Portland Civilian Rifle Club celebrated the opening of their range at Portland last Saturday afternoon. The first shot was fired by Captain Palmer, of the Sunny Corner Club.

The club has an enrolment of 70 members, and has about 30 more waiting to take the oath. In the evening a smoke concert was held to welcome the visiting riflemen, representing Lithgow, Sunny Corner, and Wallerawang Clubs. The usual toasts were honoured, and the evening was spent in harmony.

11-6-1906 Cook and Murray are busy crushing at their Mitchells Creek battery.

O' Dell and party put through 28½ tons from the Frenchy, which gave a good return.

Murray Bros crushed 17 tons, and Murray and Coleman 12 tons.

Turner Bros have 15 tons ready, and Messrs Cook and Murray have 100 tons at grass, which will be put through after Turner Bros' stone,

On the old Paddy Lackey lease Grabham Bros are sinking a new shaft to try and find the reef, while N Poyitt has taken up an adjoining lease.

At the Big Mine, Mr Charlestone is cleaning up the old workings and timbering, with the object of getting out several tons of ore to be sent to London.

14-6-1906 The Council of the League of Wheelmen have decided to include Sunny Corner in the route of the Bathurst Sydney road race, to be held on August 18 next, if the Sunny Corner residents will defray the cost of a new map of the course (about £5). By the alteration in the route, the distance will be increased from 127 to 133 miles.

15-6-1906 A man named Priest left here for Bathurst, riding a bicycle, on Monday afternoon, and when going along a comparatively level piece of road near Dando's, on the Bathurst road, the front fork of the machine broke and he was thrown on to the roadway and rendered unconscious. He evidently was travelling at a fairly high rate of speed, as when picked up it was found, that he had sustained very severe injuries. Dr. Coombes happened to be within a short distance of the scene of the accident, and rendered timely assistance. The injuries were a severed artery near the temple, also other deep cuts and bruises about the head and face, to such an extent that the man's features were hardly recognisable. Several teeth were knocked out. The man was removed to Bathurst hospital on Tuesday morning having remained unconscious nearly the whole of the time up till then.

It is reported that about fifty tons of ore from the Sunny Corner mine is to be sent to Europe for purposes of treatment or experiment, or something. Matters are assuming a somewhat brisk appearance at this mine, about fifty tons of old iron is being carted away by a couple of bullock teams to Piper's Flat, its destination being, it is said, Newcastle.

John Shumack has been busy during the past few weeks carting a splendid sample of wattle bark to Piper's Flat. About fifty tons have so far been taken there by him.

Dull, mild weather has prevailed during the past few days.

A further mob of local cattle were taken away from here on Monday for the warmer districts of the west.

The secretary of the League of Wheelmen has informed the local committee that if they can contribute sufficient to meet the costs that will be incurred in altering the course of the Bathurst to Sydney bicycle road race, so as to include Sunny Corner, their request will be granted.

Lists were issued a few days ago for the purpose of collecting the required amount, the public subscribing thereto most willingly, the movement being regarded with the utmost favour.

18-6-1906 Several new mining leases have recently been taken up in the vicinity of Sunny Corner, Wattle Flat, and Sofala.

Messrs Odell and party have taken up an additional two acres adjoining their claim at Little Hill Sunny Corner, a recent crushing of 28 tons from which yielded 52 ozs retorted gold.

Messrs Saville and party have applied for a mining lease of 50 acres on the Turon River, near Sofala, upon which they propose to erect a dredge at an early date.

The old Queensland Mine at Spring Creek Wattle Flat, is shortly to be worked by a Mr Bolton, who has also acquired two adjacent leases of 20 acres each. It is intention, also, to remove the 10 head battery at Spring Creek to the Turon River, about 2½ miles distant.

20-6-1906 Further experiments are about to be made abroad with the view of discovering a suitable process of treating the zinc ore obtained from the old Sunny Corner mine, which is of an entirely different formation to that found in other parts of the state and which has defied every treatment known in the world at the present time.

Fifty tons of stone are now being raised for the purpose of carrying out the experiments. Forty tons of these are to be despatched to London and Swansea, whilst the balance will be sent to Berlin. Since the mine was taken over in August, 1893, by Mr J Kemp Charleston, who has since been joined by Mr Frank L Gardiner, 57,286 tons of ore have been treated, an average of 30 tons ½ cwt being reduced by concentration to one ton of matte, yielding .79 copper, 7 ozs, 8dwts, 16grs silver, and 1 dwt gold. This treatment cost £60,000 in wages and carriage, irrespective of £140 per month for firewood and mine timber and expenditure for coke and stores.

The return for this outlay was not sufficient, and it is now the object of the proprietors to convert the zincs of which there is believed to be 30 per Cent, into the product, with silver and copper as bye-products

22-6-1906 A very old resident in Nicholas Pablicevitch died on Sunday night, and was buried yesterday at Dark Corner.

Mrs. R. A. Hore, of Sunny Corner, had the misfortune to break her arm last week, and is now in Albury under medical care.

25-6-1906 Another cold change in the weather, accompanied by heavy rain, has made stock owners who removed their cattle last week rejoice at their having done so in time.

Altogether 130 points fell between 8pm last night and 9 am this morning. It is bitterly cold, and poor stock here will have a hard time to weather the winter.

Another load of wattle bark went from Dark Corner to Piper's Flat for transit to Sydney this week. Quite a number of people in this district are now employed in this industry, the bark being of good quality and fetching a high price in Sydney.

28-6-1906 Dingoes and foxes have been very troublesome for some time past, and another organised hunt for their destruction has been planned.

Timber getters and teams drawing wattle bark will be idle for at least a week, owing to the heavy rains having rendered the country boggy, and in parts almost dangerous.

28-6-1906 Yesterday's English mail brought news of the death of Mr. Edgar Vallentine Bensusan on May 8, on the voyage from Capo Town to England on board the Union Castle liner Briton.

Mr. Bensusan, who was only in his 42nd year, was an old student of the Royal School of Mines, and formerly manager of Silver Refinery Sunny Corner silver mine, late general manager Cullen Bullen Colliery, owner and manager of Butler's and Dutchman's tin mines New England, and member of the firm of E. and A. Bensusan, mining engineers and metallurgists, etc., Sydney, his partner being Mr. A. J. Bensusan, who is now manager of the Quro Preto gold mines of Brazil, Ltd.

29-6-1906 The annual general meeting of members of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club was held at Murray's hotel on Wednesday night, Captain W. T. Palmer presiding.

An invitation from the secretary Capertee Rifle Club, requesting the attendance of representatives at the official opening of their range, was received, and representatives appointed.

The secretary presented his annual report. This showed that the Club had met with considerable success during the year. Extensive improvements had been effected on the range, which was now one of the most up-to-date and convenient rifle ranges in the country.

Following are the results of the present year's musketry course as completed to date: —

MARKSMEN.

Name.	**200**	**300**	**500**	**600**	**300***	**300+**	**Tl.**
J. Cook	37	32	39	34	18	18	178
W. T. Palmer	36	33	37	36	16	18	176
A. Mann	36	35	36	35	16	18	176
N. A. Poyett	34	84	37	36	16	18	175
A. S. Maccabee	35	36	33	34	18	18	174
G. Shumack	34	35	37	32	16	18	172
B. Murray	37	30	36	31	18	18	170
H. E. Brown	34	36	38	34	8	16	166
J. McLeay	34	32	37	34	10	16	163
W. G. Roberts	33	34	29	30	16	18	160
F. S, Withers	27	30	37	33	16	16	159

G. Montgomery	36	33	31	29	14	16	159
A. B. Boorman	38	29	33	31	14	14	159
G. Bickford	36	38	29	33	14	18	158
H. Boyd	35	32	37	29	10	14	157
A. J. Corry	34	28	35	33	12	14	156
A. McDonald	36	34	28	25	16	16	156
S. Odgers	30	31	32	30	16	14	153
H. Shumack	36	33	29	32	14	8	152
E. H. Scott	36	33	26	23	16	18	152
A. B. Thomas	34	33	29	33	10	12	151
A; G. McManus	35	29	26	30	14	16	150
G. B. Thomas	36	32	31	27	6	18	150
A. H. Platt	36	35	27	21	14	16	149
G. Fraser	33	32	26	23	16	18	148
J. Kemp	32	31	33	30	10	12	148
J. S. Murray	32	31	32	28	14	10	147
C. Murray	26	31	31	30	14	14	146
C. H. Scott	32	29	30	29	14	12	146
G. Barron	32	29	31	28	10	16	146
J Simpkins	31	28	27	25	16	18	145
W. G. S. Francis	33	20	27	22	18	18	144
H. Turner	31	28	31	26	14	14	144
T. Roberts	33	32	28	23	16	12	144
C. A. Murray	32	32	25	22	16	14	141
FIRST CLASS.							
W. J. Scott	33	80	27	23	12	14	139
J. Duke	33	31	29	12	16	10	137
D. O'Dell	32	24	32	29	14	6	137

*** Vanishing Target** **+ Fixed head-and-shoulder target.**

3-7-1906 The severest weather experienced this year has been in evidence here for the past three days. The temperature in the Government meteoroidal box fell to 20 degrees, while the maximum for the previous 21 hours was 33 degrees. Snow storms and squalls of rain were rendered more trying by an accompanying heavy gale of wind, which unroofed sheds, blew down telegraph wires, and did other damage. Young stock perished with the severe cold. Over two Inches of rain were recorded.

Stockowners anticipate a loss in poor and weak stock, owing to the sudden cold and severe weather.

6-7-1906 In Memoria. SHIPLEY.

In loving memory of our dear mother, who died at Sunny Corner, on July 6th, 1904.

Dearest mother, thou hast left us,
We thy loss most deeply feel;
But tis God who hath bereft us,
He can all our sorrows heal.
Long days and nights she bore in pain,
To wait for cure was all in vain,
But God alone, who thought it best,
Did ease her pain and gave her rest.

Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, William and M. Shipley.

7-7-1906 Word was received in Bathurst last night that Mr Frances, the well-known hotel keeper of Sunny Corner, had died from blood poisoning. He was licensee of the Royal Hotel for 16 years.

00-07-1906 James Kingland teacher at Palmers Oakey school.

9-7-1906 The engine from the deep level of the Paddy Lackey mine has been sold to go up to Newcastle, and that from Mr Charleston's mine, was sent a few days ago to Bathurst, en route to Cobar.

10-7-1906 The many friends and acquaintances and they are very numerous of Mr. George Francis, the even jovial proprietor of the Royal Hotel, will to shocked to learn that he passed over to the great majority at about half-past six o'clock on Friday afternoon last. He had been suffering to some extent for some little time through an abscess on the back of the neck, and it would seem that this being situated in such close proximity to the spinal cord was the cause of death. On Wednesday he was about, but during that night he became worse, so that it was deemed advisable on Thursday afternoon to wire for medical aid, and Dr. Wilson, of Portland arrived later on during the evening. The members of the family were summoned on Thursday afternoon, and all those who could possibly attend arrived during that night and the following day (Friday).

He began to take delirious turns on Thursday and his condition was regarded in the light of being then very serious, Sergt. McLeay, Mr. J. Flynn and others remained by his bedside throughout Thursday night, and rendered all the assistance possible, in fact, right throughout numerous friends were unremitting in their efforts to do all possible in rendering assistance. On Friday forenoon, Dr. Wilson was again sent for and arrived about midday. At about noon it was deemed advisable to wire for Dr. Machattie, of Bathurst, but he appears to have been absent at the time, and did not arrive, having been intercepted on the way.

The Rev. W, Vaughan Rose (C.E.), arrived from O' Council during the afternoon, and remained, with the deceased gentleman right up to the last.
All those members of the family who were able to be present were in attendance when he passed away.
The late Mr. Francis leaves a large family, many relatives, and a host of friends to mourn their extremely sad loss. Fearing the worst might occur at any moment, his worldly affairs regarding property and effects were attended to on the day of his demise.
Probably few persons in this neighbourhood were more widely known and respected than the departed gentleman.
The late Mr Francis was born in Essex, England, and came to the colony 23 years ago
For many years he carried on business, successfully, as a contractor on large railway and other works.
Previous to embarking in the hotel business here he carried on similar business at Peat's Ferry and Sydney. He was charitable to a degree, no case or cause requiring assistance that came under his notice was allowed to go unrewarded, being ever ready to assist when called upon; He was a member of the Church of England, and took an active part in building the church here belonging to that denomination.
He obtained and carried out the contract for the water reservoir and supply for Sunny Corner, and is well known throughout that and the Bathurst Districts as a as a buyer and breeder of cattle.
He was at all times identified with whatever was moving in connection with town or district affairs. Indeed, his demise is a distinct blow to the place, a good citizen whose jovial face will be missed by everyone.
The deceased, whose wife died at Sunny Corner in 1902, leaves a sorrowful family of 3 sons, 2 stepsons and 4 stepdaughters. His brother, Thomas Robert Francis, was a well known officer of the London Detective Force, and is at present living at Hadley, Suffolk (England), having retired on a pension.
The whole populace express their extreme and heartfelt sympathies with the members of his family in their sad and sudden bereavement, which has cast quite a gloom over the town.

11-7-1906 The funeral of the late Mr George Francis took place yesterday. The remains were first conveyed to the Church of England, where a most impressive service was held by the Rev Vaughan Rose, the choir singing two suitable hymns. The Church was densely packed, and over 100 people were unable to gain admittance. The cortege then reformed and went to the cemetery at Dark Corner. The funeral was an exceptionally large one, considering the sparseness of the population and the short notice given. People came from Bathurst, Wallerawang, Portland, Sydney and other places to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead.
Over 20 vehicles, about 30 horsemen, and about 150 on foot proceeded the whole way to the cemetery.

20-7-1906 A public meeting, convened by the Progress Committee, was held here on Friday night for the purpose of protesting against the excessive freights and fares on the western line. Mr. C. Murray was voted to the chair, and briefly explained the object of the meeting. The following resolutions were carried unanimously.
(1) "That this meeting protests against the freights and fares on the western line, which, compared with other portions of the railway system, are excessive".
(2.) "That this meeting protests against the action of the Commissioners in refusing to grant cheap excursion rates to country shows, while allowing these rates to Sydney shows."
3. "That this meeting pledges itself to join, the municipal councils, progress associations, and other kindred bodies in the West in protesting against such injustice."
Mr. J . Cook was appointed a delegate to represent this part of the district on a deputation that is to wait on the Minister for Railways.

Cold, boisterous wind prevailed through out Tuesday, with occasional showers of sleet, which culminated, in a fall of snow during the night, the ground being covered on Wednesday morning.

24-7-1906 Heavy snow fell here on Friday night to an even depth of about three inches.

Sergeant McLeay's eldest son, Leslie, has just returned from Sydney, where he has been under treatment by Dr. Odillo Maher for an affliction of the eyes. He had to submit to several, painful operations. It is pleasing to notice that he is now greatly improved, and in consequence of the prompt action taken any serious consequences that may have resulted have been averted.

The trustees are improving the recreation ground by setting out avenues of ornamental trees.

27-7-1606 On Tuesday a large Cornish boiler was taken through here, en route for Rydal, the weight amounted to about 12 tons, and was drawn by a team of 22 horses.
This boiler was formerly in use at the old Deep Level Gold Mine, and has been purchased by a Lithgow company.

Mr. John Turner, of West Mitchell, has been in very indifferent health for the past couple of weeks. His condition was so low on Saturday that it was deemed advisable to send for Dr. Machattie. It has since been reported that the patient was removed to Bathurst, where he could receive regular medical attention.

Mr. John Hemsworth is still in Bathurst under medical attention; latest advices go to show that he is improving.

The weather during the week has been extremely cold, a strong westerly wind causing a considerable drop in the temperature.

30-7-1906 Messrs Cook and Murray have just finished crushing at their Mitchell's Creek battery after a run of nearly 3 weeks. Altogether 250 tons were put through, including 135 tons from C Murray and J Cook's mine at the Big Hill, 15 tons from Turner Bros Little Hill mine ; and 100 tons from Messrs J. Murray and W Coleman's new mine. All the above parties, and also Messrs O'Dell and party are busy raising stone.

Mr Charleston's battery at Bob's Creek is at present idle.

Holman and Company are still driving on the East side of the Nevada Hill, and expect shortly to strike the lode.

During the week the big boiler from the Paddy Lackey Mine was taken on a trolley drawn by 22 horses through Sunny Corner en route to Lithgow. Its final destination is said to be Newcastle. The winding plant, air receiver, trucks and rails, rock drills, etc, have been sold to the Cobar Company and will be removed in a day or two.

3-8-1906 A marriage was celebrated at Sts Michael and John's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Bathurst, on Wednesday, July 25th, the contracting parties being Mr. John Travers, J.P., of Rydal, and Miss Martha Ellen Albery, of New Norfolk, Tasmania, but later of Kogarah. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Flanagan, of Bathurst.

Miss Monica Daley, of Sydney, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. William Murray, of Sunny Corner, as best man.

In the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Travers returned to the old home at Rydal.

17-8-1906 Warden's Court. William Slattery, saw-miller, applied for a suspension of labour on prospecting area near Sunny Corner, of which he and several others were the holders. Applicant deposed that he had been working the area continuously up till about a month ago, and had expended about £140 in driving and sinking. The suspension was to enable the holders to raise more capital to further develop the property. A suspension for three months was granted.

19-8-1906 Bike Race. The feeding stations were:—Sunny Corner, Mr. W. T. Palmer and assistants; Mount Victoria, Mr. Matthews and assistants; Katoomba, Mr. J. R. Nash and assistants, Mr. J. Knight and assistants; Penrith and Emu Plains railway crossing, Mr.J.Buck and assistants; Parramatta (Royal Hotel), Mr. F. J. Remfrey. Mr. J. Megson.

T. Larcombe, the winner, who is a fine young fellow, when interviewed after the race, said that the roads were in a terrible condition. In some cases the mud was about three inches deep, and it was almost impossible for him to ride. He had no mishaps throughout the ride. The best part of the roads was from Bathurst to Sunny Corner.

Larcombe could hardly be recognised owing to the mud which covered him. In reply to a question Larcombe said he felt a little tired at the finish, but otherwise all right. Larcombe, who is 24 years old, is a native of Goulburn.

20-8-1906 A native-dog drive at Dark Corner near Sunny Corner, resulted in the destruction of six dogs, making a total of 22 this year, and sixteen pups have also been secured. It is said that the payments received by those engaged in the chase exceeded £50.

30-8-1906 A cyclist, writing to a Sydney paper, complains of the inclusion of Sunny Corner in the route of the recent Bathurst to Sydney road race, which, he says, unnecessarily increased the toilsome journey. He adds that unless an alteration is made, the entry to next years race will be greatly reduced.

31-8-1906 On Monday the lowest temperature for the year was recorded, the thermometer being down to twenty four degrees.

Members of the syndicates interested in the Tonkin mine, and also another property that is being prospected by Holman, were here at the week-end.

Mr J, Mitchell, a former resident here has taken up a twenty acre gold lease situated at Bob's Creek.

The local committee who had control of the recent Wallace Continental Road Race have publicly expressed their appreciation of the services of and assistance rendered by numerous ladies, the postal officials at Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat, the residents of the town and district, who subscribed funds to defray expenses, together with all those who in other respects helped in connection with the race.

3-9-1906 Heavy rain fell here on Thursday night accompanied by a gale of wind. Fences and trees were blown down, and sheds unroofed and 150 points of rain were registered. This was followed on Friday morning by a heavy fall of snow, which continued without intermission all day. The snow is six inches deep. The maximum temperature for the past 24 hours was 33 degrees.

14-9-1906 The death of Mr. James Hemsworth, a resident of Kelso, is reported to have occurred on Monday last. Mr. John Hemsworth, of Sunny Corner and Mr. George Hemsworth, of Dog Trap, near Portland, are brothers of the deceased.

Very Heavy rain fell here on Monday, sufficient having now fallen to last for some time.

O'Dell and party obtained 18½ ozs of gold from 18½ tons of stone from their "Frenchy" reef.

Thomas Bros, and party obtained 11ozs. of gold from 22 tons of stone from a reef that they are working in the vicinity of the Big Hill.

Very little work is being done at the Sunny Corner mine.

15-9-1906 The license of the Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, was yesterday transferred to Arthur James Corry, of Portland, Executor of the will of the late George Francis, the late licensee of the hotel.

19-9-1906 Teacher Miss M. West, from Sunny Corner to Bathurst Girls', as Temporary Assistant.

21-9-1906 Teamsters engaged in removing some old machinery from the Silver King to Sugarloaf, near Cow Flat, suffered a loss on Saturday last through one of their horses falling down an old shaft, some twenty five feet in depth, whilst they were loading up. Assistance was secured, and by means of ropes etc., some of the men went down the shaft and fastened them round the animal, and sent him up, but he was badly knocked about, and it was found necessary to put him out of his misery. The animal was valued at about £30.

Work has been resumed at the Lackey gold mine by N. Poyitt, who has recently purchased the battery, cyanide and assay plants situated there.

Mr. Mitchell has commenced prospecting work on his property at Bob's Creek.

After a few days of fine weather, heavy rain fell on Monday night, and continued throughout Tuesday, terminating in a heavy and blinding fall of snow and sleet late in the afternoon.

It is stated that Mr. Drown intends shortly to commence work on his mineral lease, situated near the water works.

The recent warm weather has been accountable for the reappearance of a few snakes in the neighbourhood, one was seen in the yard at the rear of the post office a few days ago.

Licensing Assessments Arthur James Corry's Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, assessed at £70, license fee £20.

A meeting of the Coronation Lawn Tennis Club was held on Friday evening. Mr. A Mann presided, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year

Patron, Rev. Stuart Wright; president, Mr. A Mann; Vice-presidents, Messrs. A. B. Platt, W. T. Palmer, J. Cook and J. McLeay; hon, secretary, Mr. L. R. McLeay; hon. treasurer, Miss V. McLeay.

The position of captain was left vacant, and a resolution passed that competing teams shall elect their own captains. The club promises to be a strong one this season.

27-9-1906 Sergeant McLeay, of Sunny Corner, has been transferred to Peak Hill, and his place will be filled by Sergeant Brayne, who comes from Peak Hill.

28-9-1906 The Montana Copper Mining, Co. is being formed with a capital of £8000 in 8000 shares of £1 each. The mine is situated within a short distance of Sunny Corner, and already some development work has been carried out. The property consists of forty acres mineral lease, and several parcels of ore were recently raised and sent to the Great Cobar works at Lithgow for treatment. The analysis of eight tons treated was 2 dwts gold, 5 oz. silver, and 17 per cent copper while other lots gave 5 oz silver and good percentages of copper. With copper at £90 per ton, (the highest, for eighteen years), the promoters naturally regard the venture as a very promising spec. There is an 8ft.lode which has been proved for 62 feet, and is still making.

The engineer consulted in the matter expressed the opinion that the cap of a large lode has been struck, and that at a greater depth it will prove to be a very valuable properly.

1-10-1906 Revival At Sunny Corner A Big Project. There is quite a revival here at present in mining matters. It is currently reported, that the English Company to whom the Sunny Corner mine was mortgaged for £40,000 by Mr Gardiner, intend starting operations shortly, with the object of reopening and working the mine.

Messrs Jones and Curnow have succeeded in forming a company to take over the Montana Copper Mine at Sunny Corner. The Company have issued a prospectus, and the mine will be floated with a capital of £8000 in shares of £1. A considerable number of shares have already been allotted and the balance should soon be subscribed.

Mr Schroder, Assayer to the Great Cobar Copper Syndicate, is one of the Provisional Directors, and considerable enthusiasm prevails here at the prospect of a big revival in mining which is sure to result from the flotation of this mine. The vendors (Messrs Jones and Curnow) had been considerably handicapped by lack of capital, but their faith in the ultimate wealth of the property is evidenced by the fact that they have decided to accept 3,000 fully paid up shares in the new company, in lieu of cash, for their interest. The property is singularly well situated as it is within 1 mile of the Main Western Road with a downhill grade to the same by good road and it is also within 9 miles of the nearest railway station at Portland, and within 9 miles of a coal pit,

Samples of ore exhibited in Lithgow Supply Co's stores, Lithgow, are exciting considerable attention.

As the ore is not of a refractory nature, it is the intention of the company to at once erect furnaces for treating the ore on the ground. The adjoining ground on the South has been taken up by Mr H Brown, of Meadow Flat, and the lode has been proved to run right through both leases.

At the Montana mine over 100 tons of high grade ore are already at grass.

6-10-1906 Steady rain set in yesterday morning and continued without interruption till 11am today, when snow commenced to fall. It is now snowing heavily.

During the past 48 hours 2½ inches of rain fell, making a total of over 3 inches for the week.

9-10-1906 The carbon bisulphide method of destroying rabbits has been tried with great success at Sunny Corner. It has been found in many instances that if the cotton waste is inserted in the warrens its action is as effective as if tied to the rabbit's leg, for the purpose of conveying the fumes within.

12-10-1906 Sergeant McLeay, together with Mrs. McLeay and family, left here on Tuesday for Peak Hill. On Monday evening the members of the Rifle Club assembled at the Royal Exchange Hotel for the purpose of bidding adieu to the genial sergeant, who has been a very active member of the club during the greater part of the past five years, and to make him a presentation in token of the esteem in which he was held by them. Several letters and telegrams were received from members who are at present absent from the district, and could not attend, each expressing regret at the sergeant's departure, and wishing him every prosperity in the future.

Although a very heavy storm broke over the town about a quarter to eight, this did not prevent some twenty-five members putting in an appearance. The presentation was in the form of an exceedingly handsome, massive, and appropriately designed gold medal, the obverse side containing the initials, "J. McL," surmounted by crossed rifles, in bold relief, the reverse side containing the following inscription, "Presented to Sergt. J . McLeay as a token of appreciation from fellow members of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, 8.10.06."

The presentation was made on behalf of the members by Captain W. T. Palmer, and in doing so he spoke in eulogy of the recipient as a member of the club, and assured him that they all felt that the vacancy caused by his departure would be difficult to fill. He would ask him to accept the proffered gift as a slight token of the high esteem in which he (the Sergeant) was held by his fellow members, who all regretted his severance from them. Captain Palmer was most ably supported by Senr. Constable E. H. Scott, who mentioned incidentally that he had known the Sergeant for fourteen years, and during that time he had found no change in his genial demeanour. He regretted very much that they would now be so far separated.

Mr. A. B. Boorman was sorry that it had been decided to make a change which caused the removal of such an energetic officer, but he hoped that it would result in his advancement.

Mr. J. Simpkins said that he could scarcely find words at that moment to adequately express his feelings towards their departing fellow member. He considered that the loss to them, in more instances than one, would be Peak Hill's gain. Their departing guest was at all times ready to assist any movement for the general welfare of the district, and was always found helping along

a worthy cause. If the removal would ultimately result in his advancement perhaps that would compensate them to a certain extent. They all knew that the town and district were losing a most capable, energetic, and trustworthy officer, who carried out his duties with judgment. Mr. J. Cook stated that he came in contact with the sergeant in several ways, and therefore could express his regret at his departure. His departure would be a distinct loss to the Rifle Club.

Mr. C. Murray hoped to hear of the sergeant's advancement in the service in the near future. He felt that they were meeting here that evening to do honor to one of a class that the community could ill afford to lose, and the club would certainly feel that loss very keenly.

Mr. J. Duke felt that they were parting with an old friend, a staunch member of the club, and an energetic townsman.

Mr. A. J. Oorry desired to express his regret at the departure from the district of the sergeant. He felt that it was indeed hard to sever their connection with a man of his character and worth.

Sergeant McLeay, on rising to respond, was greeted with rounds of warm applause. He said that words failed him at the moment to adequately express his feelings towards the members of the club for the very great honour they had conferred on him that evening. He accepted their generous and very handsome gift in the noble spirit in which it had been given, and he could assure them that it would be treasured during the remainder of his life, and then handed down to be preserved in the family as a memento of his old loyal friends and fellow members of the Rifle Club. He could not feel that he was worthy of their valuable gift or of the eulogistic references made by the various speakers that evening, as he considered that he only did in the past what every true member should do on behalf of the club and its members. He desired to say that it was indeed hard for him to have to sever his connection with such a loyal and upright body of men as the members of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club had at all times proved themselves to be, no matter where they happened to be. He had never been associated with a body of men equal in every respect to the members of the club, each and every one of whom would always find a warm spot in his heart. He had spent many happy days in their midst, and those days and especially that evening would certainly not be forgotten. He sincerely hoped that no act or word of his would ever cause them to regret their magnanimous actions towards him on this his last evening with them. He wished them all every happiness and prosperity. He would not entirely sever his connection with the club, as he wished to still remain a member and be with them in spirit if not otherwise. He hoped to be able to compete once again with them at the Western Rifle Association meeting at Bathurst next March. His intention was to have gone to Sydney this month with the rest of the members, but now he would be denied that pleasure, he wished those who were going every success. He would not say good- bye, but au revoir.

A number of ladies had organised a social evening in honour of Miss McLeay, and an invitation having been kindly forwarded to the members of the Rifle Club, an adjournment was made by those at the above-named function, to the Victorian-hall, where a large number of Miss McLeay's friends were enjoying themselves. The wet night prevented several from being in attendance. All the same a large number braved the elements. Parlour and other games, interspersed with dancing, kept everyone busy till about one a.m., when the proceedings terminated, a most enjoyable evening having been spent.

Just prior to the close of the proceedings, by special request of the ladies who organised the social, Mr. W. T, Palmer addressed those present, and on their behalf extended to Miss McLeay their good wishes for her future success and welfare, and general regret at her enforced departure and the severance of many friendly ties. It was desired that the same expressions of both good feelings and regret should be accepted by Mrs. McLeay and all the other members of the family. There were a host of friendly ties that had now to be broken, but although a considerable distance would intervene between them, their old friendship would continue to exist. The family would carry away with them the good wishes of a very large circle of warm friends, all of whom desired to express their feelings and hopes for continued health and prosperity.

Sergeant McLeay briefly returned his sincere thanks on behalf of his daughter and the other members of the family. The friendly and warm actions of the ladies of the community on that evening would not be forgotten; as the honour done by them was quite unexpected. The assemblage then formed the orthodox circle and heartily joined in "Auld Lang Syne."

A large public meeting was held here last night to protest against the establishment of a Water Trust. Mr. Charles Murray was in the chair.

The following resolutions were passed 'That this public meeting of residents of Sunny Corner strongly protests against the proposal for the Minister for Works to place the town and surrounding locality under a Water Trust, and that the Minister be respectfully requested to allow the proposal to remain in abeyance for a time, as the town is at present unable to bear the taxation involved, owing to the smallness of the population.

Second. That the foregoing resolution, with a petition attached be forwarded to the local member Mr. W. W. Young, M.L.A

We very much regret to hear of the dangerous illness of Sergeant Brayne, whose condition, at time of going to press, was extremely serious.

The Sergeant has been an acute sufferer from asthma, and little over a week ago caught a severe chill which subsequently turned to pneumonia. So critical is the case that Brayne's daughters, who had already proceeded to Sunny Corner, were telegraphed for to return immediately to Peak Hill. We sincerely trust that we will have better news to report in the next issue. Mrs, Brayne is also very ill,

13-10-1906 A peculiar incident happened on Wednesday, writes our Sunny Corner correspondent, when Mr and Mrs Mower and family all took suddenly ill, with symptoms of Ptomaine poisoning. Mr Mower was so ill that a wire way sent for assistance in the Telegraph Office, and Mrs Windeyer of Portland was sent to relieve him. All are now progressing favourably towards recovery.

19-10-1906 Mr. Mower is slowly recovering from his illness, but it will yet be some time before he is able to resume duty.

The Rev. H. Wheen, who was at one time stationed here, paid a visit last week. He addressed a meeting on behalf of the Home Mission on Thursday evening, and preached to a lunge congregation in the Methodist church on Sunday morning.

Considerable inconvenience has been caused here since Sergt. McLeay's removal in consequence of there being no officer appointed to perform the duties of Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions, officer authorised to issue miners' rights, etc. Sergt. Brayne is reported to be still dangerously ill, and it is not known when he will be sufficiently recovered to leave Peak Hill. Constable Head is at present in charge, and has been kept very busy during the past week attending to district requirements.

The inclusion of Sunny Corner in the Turon Shire under the Local Government Act does not meet with the approval of the residents, and a movement is now on foot for the purpose of endeavouring to have the boundaries altered so as to include the whole "of the parishes of Castleton and Eusdale in the Blaxland Shire, the headquarters of which shire are located at Wallerawang. This district has nothing to gain, in fact, has all to lose by being tacked on to the Turon Shire, with its head/quarters at Wattle Flat.

There are miles of unoccupied barren country situated between here and Wattle Flat, which place is difficult to reach even if a representative from here should be elected on the Shire Council. There is no likelihood of any of the residents here offering themselves as candidates, as the nearest route to Wattle Flat, over an abominable mountain track, is about 30 miles, and by means of a fairly decent road, about 50 miles. Consequently, it is safe to say that this part of the Turon Shire will be unrepresented. If the boundaries are altered, and this district placed in the Blaxland Shire, it would he most advantageous to all concerned, as the seat of government (Wallerawang) is but 15 miles distant by main road and about 13 miles in a direct line through the bush, a track that is frequently taken by horsemen. Undoubtedly, a blunder has been made by including this district in the Turon Shire, and the sooner steps are taken to rectify this the better.

As far as Wattle Flat is concerned, it is an unknown country to the residents of this district. There is a considerable amount of traffic between Sunny Corner and Portland, Piper's Flat, Rydal, and Wallerawang. Consequently the interests of those places are one. It is proposed to convene a public meeting here at once for the purpose of endeavouring to rectify the anomaly that exists, and no time should be lost in doing so. The residents appear to be unanimous in their opposition to being tacked on to the Turon Shire.

The rifle club will be represented at the National Ride Association's prize meeting by Captain W. T. Palmer, Sec., A. Mann, Messrs. Cook. N. Poyitt, G. Barron, H. F. Drown, and A. S. Maccabee, all of whom go to Sydney during this week. Sergeant McLeay was also to have gone with the above members, but on account of being removed to Peak Mill, he was forced to cancel his entry for the matches.

23-10-1906 Mr. A. Rigby, of Bathurst, has just completed the purchase of a winding engine and plant, including cages, trucks, poppet heads, tramlines, and various other machinery, from the Paddy Lackey mine. The plant leaves here for Bathurst by bullock wagons, whence it will go to its destination by train. The plant is one of the best of its kind in the Bathurst district.

24-10-1906 Mining in this district is moving along in a very quiet way, though in some localities good livings are being picked up by both fossickers and claim-workers.

Quite a large quantity of ore is being carted from Sunny Corner mines to Piper's Flat Railway Station on the Mudgee line.

Several persons interested in the new Montana Copper and Gold Mine, in the vicinity of Sunny Corner, have been visiting the property, lately, and it is stated on good authority that the shares in the new mine have been taken up by the public fully up to expectations. The work of developing the mine is expected to commence in a week or so.

Over 60 tons of copper ore has been received at the Cobar Copper Refining Works, Lithgow, from the Budgery Mine, and the results of the parcel are anxiously awaited. The directors have decided to equip the mine with a steam winding-plant, so as to facilitate the haulage of the ore and to carry on with all speed the development work already planned. Operations for the past week were confined to extending the drive, and getting the ore to the surface. The drive was extended 8ft (the face still in the solid ore), and the total distance is 23ft. The ore seems to be improving as the drive proceeds. A bulk assay from this drive returned 19.3 per cent, copper.

24-10-1906 Sunny Corner—Constable Harold Head, pending the appointment of a successor to Sergeant McLeay, transferred,—from the date of commencing duty.

26-10-1906 A fire occurred at Meadow Flat on Sunday when the residence of Mr William Dobbie was burnt to the ground, and the furniture and contents totally destroyed. Some sheds containing agricultural machinery, carts, buggy and etc., were saved after a fierce struggle with the flames. The property was uninsured. .The cause of the outbreak is a mystery.

A very successful afternoon concert from 3 pm to 5 was given by the pupils of the local Public School to-day, when recitations, solos, and part songs were given by the pupils under the direction of the headmaster Mr C W Chiplin. The proceeds are to be devoted to the school library fund.

27-10-1906 Sunny Corner, October 27, 1906. Dear Uncle Tom—This is my second letter to "The Watchman." I must thank you for your kind wishes for my birthday. One of my presents was a bicycle. One of my brothers is away at Randwick shooting, and he has been very successful. We have had two concerts at the public school, to raise funds for a library for the school. Wishing "The Watchman" every success, Your affectionate nephew, Oswald Mann.

31-10-1906 The Bathurst Cycle and Motor Club have, decided to hold, on a date to be fixed, a road race from Bathurst to Sunny Corner and back. Some talk has also been going on about a race from Bathurst to Lithgow, or vice versa, but so far nothing definite has been done in the matter.

SHOP AT PALMERS OAKEY 1906

Dr To T Franks.

April	3	1 Bot of pills	1-1
	4	1 Bar of soap	9d
	12	2 Tins of sardines	8d
	12	1 Tin of salmon	11d
	12	1 Tin of herrings	3d
	13	1 tin of pepper	3d

	23	4 lbs of steak @ 4 ½	1-6
	24	5 3/4lbs corn beef @ 4	1-1
	29	7 lbs roast @ 4 ½	2-7 ½
May	3	6 lbs salt @4	2-0
	7	1 bot of pills	1-1
	9	2 lbs nails	9d
	13	8 lbs salt @ 4	2-8
	13	2 lbs steak @4 ½	9

			17-5 ½
Oct	4	4 lbs chops	7d
	14	1 ½ tea	1-0
	21	20 ½ lbs beef	7-7
		2 tins salmon	1-0
		12 lbs sugar	3-0
			£1-10-0 ½

1-11-1906 The Secretary of the Bathurst Cycle and Motor Club informs us that he has prizes to the value of £18 for a race to Sunny Corner and back.

Mr. J. G. Pearson writes animadverting on the delay in fixing the site of the Federal capital. He expresses the opinion that the site which combines the most advantages would be one in the vicinity of Sunny Corner or Yetholme.

2-11-1906 Communications have been received from Mr. W. W. Young, M.L.A., dealing with two matters which, the townspeople by public meeting had requested him to see into, namely:

(1) The Government has decided in answer to a petition from the residents, to allow the matter of the establishment of a water trust to remain in abeyance until the residents ask for its establishment.

(2) In answer to the request of the residents to have Sunny Corner incorporated with the Blaxland Shire, the Minister, advised the residents to apply to the newly elected shire councils in January next for an alteration of boundaries.

With regret I have to record the death of Mr. and Mrs, J. Grant's child, which occurred on Monday night. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon the interment being made at the C. of E. cemetery Yetholme. Mr. Waters officiated at the graveside.

6-11-1906 Charles Murray, of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, and William Sutton, of Keppel street Bathurst were, at the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday, granted renewals of their publicans' and wine licenses, respectively.

7-11-1906 Mr. Blakeley Berry Huggin's, Acting Postmaster, Sunny Corner, to act as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of The Macquarie at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. C. J. Mower, on leave—from the 22nd October, 1906

9-11-1906 There was a sudden and most unseasonable change in the weather on Sunday, snow and sleet falling throughout the day. Considerable damage has been caused to fruit-trees and vegetable gardens:

A report was received here on Monday stating that Sergt. Brayne who it was intended should succeed Sergt. McLeay, had succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

The local postmaster, Mr. Mower, has taken up his duties again, having now fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. Bartlett, of the Works Department, has been here during the week, carrying out further surveys in connection with the proposed new dam for Portland water supply.

Constable Head, who has been in charge of the local police station since the removal of Sergt. McLeay, has at last been appointed acting C. P. S. and officer authorised to issue miners' rights, business licenses, etc.

The monthly meeting of the Band of Hope was held on the 31st, when the following programme was gone through. At the close of the meeting a social and presentation was tendered to Miss. Emily Rowe who is leaving the district. The Rev. Stuart Wright was in the chair. He also presented Miss Rowe with a beautiful hymn book, on behalf of the parents and teachers of the Sunday school Programme

Sergeant Brayne, of Peak Hill, died at that place on Sunday last. He had been seriously ill for some time, and had consequently been unable to take up his duties at Sunny Corner, where he had been transferred.

A message from Sunny Corner says the pastoralists thereabouts have just brought back their stock from around Parkes and Eugowra. It is feared that should the cold weather hold, there will be loss amongst the young stock.

10-11-1906 As Mr Knight's coach was proceeding from Bathurst to Sunny Corner with passengers, it met an accident at Yetholme. At one of the most dangerous parts of the road a motor car suddenly came round a corner in front of the horses which took fright and rushed over a bank. The coach was over turned and the passengers and driver thrown out. One lady with a baby in her arms was thrown clear, escaping with a few scratches, while the baby was uninjured. Another lady passenger received severe bruises, a sprained ankle, and shock to the system. The driver who stuck to the reins, received a kick in the ribs from one of the horses which broke a wooden pipe in his vest pocket to pieces and severely bruised his ribs. One wheel of the coach was completely smashed and a waggonette had to be procured to bring the passengers on to Sunny Corner.

12-11-1906 At Mr. H. B. Brown's, copper mine, where Sparks Brothers have just completed their contract for cleaning out the old shaft, a new winding-plant and machinery are to be erected. The shaft is to be sunk another 80ft to thoroughly test the lode. Mr. L. Kelly has taken out a trial crushing from his Lagoon Mine of 6 tons, which will be sent to Cockle Creek for treatment.

Holman and party are putting in a tunnel from the back of the Nevada Hill to cut the lode.

14-11-1906 The annual social in connection with the Sunny Corner Rifle Club was held in the Victoria Hall, on Friday evening last. About 30 couples put in an appearance, and dancing was kept up till 4 a.m. Supper was served at midnight, and the ladies who assisted in attending to the inner wants of the company must be complimented in the excellent arrangements.
In fact the whole arrangements in connection with the social reflect great credit on the organising committee, consisting of Messrs Palmer (captain), Mann (secretary), Fraser, Platt, O'Dell, and Freestone, - Mr O'Dell acted as MC, and with Miss B Flynn as pianist, there is scarcely need to add that the music was excellent. The piano was kindly lent by Mr C Murray. The club has an enrolment of 40 members, four of whom brought home over £50 in prize money from the recent NRA meeting in Sydney.

15-11-1906 For the internal and external painting and repairs to the Sunny Corner residence and Public School the lowest tender received by Mr J W Dowell, District Architect, was that of Messrs H and J Woods, £125 11s 9d.

The death is announced of Mr. Andrew McLaughlin, the well-known manager for Messrs. E. Bolger and Co., produce merchants, Bourke. He expired from heart disease, and a widow and grown up family of four daughters and one son mourn their sad loss.
The late Mr. McLaughlin was the second son of the late John McLaughlin, of Mount Lambie, Rydal, the surviving members of the family being Mr. J. McLaughlin (Corowa), Mrs. Carroll (Dubbo), Rev. Mother Berchmans (Glebe Point), and Rev Mother Evangalista (Nowra), of the Good Samaritan Order. The deceased gentleman was well-known in Mudgee, Sunny Corner and Bungendore districts previous to his going to Bourke in 1900. At the time of his death Mr. McLaughlin and family were residing at 61 Wigram-road, Glebe.

16-11-1906 First-class Constable W. W. E. Pope, who has been stationed at Peak Hill for the past four months, and formerly at Capertee, received word yesterday to proceed to Sunny Corner, having been appointed to the charge of that station. Sergeant McLeay was recently stationed at Sunny Corner and was to have been succeeded by the late Sergeant Brayne, of Peak Hill.
The Express congratulates Constable Pope on his rapid promotion in the service, and the fact that he is evidently held in high esteem by his superior officers.



W W W Pope

23-11-1906 The monthly meeting of the Bathurst P P Board was held yesterday at the Courthouse. There were present: Messrs H C Suttor (Chairman) T Durack. C Boyd. T T Sullivan. J B Dulhunty, N Wilson, A B Burgess (Secretary), G S Smit (Stock Inspector).
A letter was read from the Chairman of the Trustees of the Sunny Corner Common stating that he was satisfied that Mr John Odgers had paid him his rates.
It was decided to inform the writer that they would have to satisfy the Board that the amount was paid.
Letters were also received from Messrs Pratt and Duggan (Sunny Corner) objecting to assessment as they paid rates to the Trustees for details of the payments.

27-11-1906 Entries for the Bathurst-Sunny Corner road race (50 miles) to be decided to-morrow week. December 5, close on Friday next with the secretary of the Bathurst Cycle and Motor Club, Mr M Holm. The entrance fee is 3s, there being no acceptance. The prizes for the race, which will start from the intersection of William and Russell streets, are: First, £7 10s; second, £2 10s; third, £1; fastest time (unplaced), gold medal.

4-12-1906 A tennis match took place on the local court on Saturday afternoon between teams representing the Portland and the local tennis clubs.
Afternoon tea was supplied by the lady members of the local club. There were a good number of spectators, who evinced considerable interest in the match. Both teams appeared to be fairly evenly matched, and a most enjoyable game was the result, unfortunately a heavy rain shower prevented the match being completed.
Following any the scores as far as play progressed.

Chiplin and Stewart ,(S.C.)	beat -Goodman and Coates (P),	6—3
Windeyer and Lindsay (P.).	beat Mann and Brown, (S.C,),	6—5
Misses Green and Bullo (P)	beat the Misses Brown (S C.),	6---1
Mrs Evans and Miss King (P.)	beat. Misses Llewellyn and Osborn (S.C),	6—2
Goodman and Miss Green (P)	beat G Stewart and Miss C. Brown (SC.)	6---3
Chiplin and Miss. Brown (S.C):	beat Lindsay and Mrs. Evans (P)	6—1
Goodman and Coates (P)	beat Mann and Brown (S.C.),	6—1

The Misses Brown (S C) 2 v. Mrs. Evans and Miss King (P) 1 (unfinished).

Portland 36 games, Sunny Corner 82 games.



The annual flower- service in connection with the Church of England Sunday-school was held on Monday evening and a most instructive sermon was delivered by the Rev. W; V. Rose. The church was efficiently decorated with flowers, and the children who took part in the process carried handsome bouquets also. Special hymns were rendered by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. C. W. Chaplin.

The children were under the charge, of Mr. J. Mower, superintendent, assisted by the teachers. The greatest credit is due to the ladies and gentlemen who were responsible for the arrangements, as they were perfect. The church was filled to overflowing, standing room only, being available. A collection was taken up during the service, and the proceeds are to be devoted to purchasing prizes for the children attending the school.

Mr. S. Barry suffered a very serious loss a few days ago through an outbreak of fire which occurred in the kitchen, which was destroyed, as were also the rooms attached. The total loss is estimated at £50. The outbreak is reported to have been accidental

6-12-1906 Universal Saturday Half Holiday!

The advocates of a universal half holiday in Bathurst have a zealous and enthusiastic supporter in Dr Machattie. Speaking at the settling up in connection with the Bathurst Sunny Corner bicycle road race last night, this gentleman said that sport in Bathurst would never boom until a universal, half holiday was adopted.'

At present, the community was divided by midweek and week end half holidays, with the result that when a sports meeting or other entertainment was held on either of these afternoons, the patronage was not sufficient to encourage the promoters to continue. His opinion that a universal Saturday half holiday would have the desired effect was endorsed by those present by loud applause. The doctor added that he could not see why the store keepers should oppose the change, because people would buy just as much on Friday night as on Saturday night, and the incomes of the storekeepers would not be affected.

Several public utterances on this question have been made by Bathurst citizens during the past few months, but so far nothing of a practical nature has been advanced,

11-12-1906 The Bathurst-Sunny Corner was won. by F. Corry (Bathurst), L. Casey (Bathurst) and O. K. Croker. (Bathurst) second and third respectively. A E Merrick. (Bowenfels) secured the fastest time prize.

Corry, the winner, put up a splendid ride he was the first to arrive here, having caught and passed those who were sent away before him, and once having assumed the lead, he maintained it throughout without the aid of a pace-maker. The fastest time on return journey was done by L. Casey, who is credited with having covered the twenty-four miles in one hour and forty-five seconds, according to the times recorded at both ends. This is truly a phenomenal ride although the road is for the most part downhill and in good condition.

The settling took place at Mocklers Hotel at eight o'clock the same evening, Dr. Machattie presiding. At the conclusion of the proceedings the chairman said he had much pleasure in moving a hearty vote of thanks to the Sunny Corner people who had done all that could be done in support of the race.

The riders were loud in their praise of the right royal treatment they had received at Sunny Corner, where the arrangements were perfect, everything in the shape of refreshments being supplied on a lavish scale. Mr. Chiplin who acted as secretary at Sunny Corner, was entitled to every consideration for his efforts towards making the race a success. Mr. L. L. Marshall spoke in support of the motion, which was carried by acclamation.

11-12-1906 Political Meetings In The District. Mr. E. S. Carr addressed a meeting in the Victoria-hall on Wednesday evening. Mr. J. Duke was voted to the chair, and briefly introduced Mr. Carr, who spoke at length to a very attentive audience, amongst whom was many ladies. The candidate created a splendid impression. He is a clear and lucid speaker who evidently understands his subjects thoroughly, and makes a point of being clearly understood. He traversed the whole of the party's platform, dealing with each plank in turn.

Several supporters occupied seats on the platform. The speaker was accorded an extremely hearty vote of thanks.

Mr. Sydney Smith addressed a meeting on Friday evening in the Victoria-hall. Mr. Burns, of Portland, in the chair. The greater part of the address consisted of a general reference to the Coal Mines Regulation Act, Mining on Private Property Act, the Friedman case, and other matters dealt with in the State Parliament.

A considerable amount of time, was devoted to an adverse criticism of the Labour party and its platform, but very little to an explanation of the more important questions affecting Federal affairs. At the conclusion of his address a large number of questions, were asked, but the replies to several did not appear to meet with the approval of those who desired a straight out yes or no. The meeting commenced at about 8.30, and it was sometime after 11 o'clock before the proceedings terminated.

A large number of ladies were in attendance, and evinced keen interest in the proceedings.

At the conclusion of the meeting cheers were given for the King, & also for the candidate, with counter cheers for Mr. Carr.

18-12-1906 The following hotel-keepers were granted booth-licenses at the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday.

Charles Murray, Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner;

Catherine Mary Hyland, Commercial Hotel, Sofala;

Thomas Morris, Royal Hotel, Wattle Flat;

Phillip Basstian, Commercial Hotel, Rockley.

A heavy rain storm passed over the town last night, succeeded by squally showers. Altogether 70 points have fallen since midnight, and it is still raining. The season is a phenomenal one for grass, and stock are in splendid condition. The crops never looked better, especially the potatoes.

21-12-1906 First class Const. Pope of Sunny Corner, has been appointed inspector of slaughter houses for cattle intended to be slaughtered for the police district of Bathurst

Splendid rain fell here on Tuesday morning. The district will benefit considerably as things were presenting a dried-up appearance.

Quite a number of old identities and previous residents arc returning to spend their Christmas holidays with friends and relatives.

Captain W. T. Palmer of the local rifle club, left at the beginning of the week for Sydney to join the rest, of the members of the N.S.W., rifle team to sail for Launceston by the 'Wakatipu" on Wednesday.

The local public school suspended operations on Friday for the Christmas vacation.

A tennis match was played at the local court on Saturday afternoon between a team of four players representing the Bowenfels and local clubs. Only three players were available on behalf' of the home club; this of course being to the advantage of the visitors. At the conclusion of the play the visitors were twelve games in the lead. The game was enjoyable throughout.

The annual musical and dramatic entertainment by the convent pupils was held in the Victoria-hall, Sunny Corner, on Monday. Although the night bore a stormy appearance, and slight showers of rain fell, there was a splendid attendance.

The hall had been specially decorated, and the amount of labour spent in this direction reflected the utmost credit on those who undertook to carry it out. The entertainment was a marked success from every point of view, and those responsible for the training of the children are entitled to every praise. It would be invidious to particularise, as each item was splendidly performed. Not a hitch occurred through the programme

25-12-1906 The annual celebration of the West Mitchell Union Sunday school took place as usual on Christmas night. This event is looked forward to as one of the principal items among the Christmas holiday festivities of the neighbourhood, and as a result there was a packed house, while numbers were not able to gain admission. Mr. C. Cook presided. After an overture by the organist. Miss Carkeek, the opening hymn and prayer, the programme, which was as follows, was entered upon. Recitation, "A Little Girl's Amen", by Corry Gant; hymn, "Our Festive Day so Bright," the school; recitation, "Charity, is an Investment" John Odgers; recitation "Which One," Ida Kissell; recitation "The Children's Christmas Prayer,' Florrie Titus; solo "Jesus is Living With Me." Miss Isabel Smith; recitation "Shun Bad Company,' Mabel Odgers; recitation "The Sparrow" Maudie Kissell; hymn "Loyalty to Christ" the school: recitation "My First Piece" Robert Odgers; recitation "Giving" Leslie Grabham; solo "Take My Hand' Mary Odgers; dialogue "Those Troublesome Servants" several girls; hymn 'All is Well," by the school: recitation "The Years Pass On," Gurtie Carkeek; recitation "A Christmas Pudding" Addie Odgers; dialogue "Honor thy Father and thy Mother," Albert Kissell and Will Coleman: solo "Come to Me," Miss A. Aldwell.: hymn, "Angels' Chorus' the school; dialogue "Casting Thy Bread upon the Waters" Lily Odgers and Corry Gant; "Too Many of We" Ida McLachlan; solo "Only Remembered"; duet "Feed My Lambs" misses Carkeek and Aldwell; dialogue "The Mischief Maker," several girls; recitation "Everywhere Christmas To-night" Miss E. Cooper.

At this stage the chairman called upon Mr. R. F. Lean to distribute the prizes to the boys and girls. Mr. Lean, who was greeted with loud applause, thanked the school stall for the honor conferred upon him, and expressed his very great pleasure at being present with them once more, and urged them to be loyal to the school, to the officers, and, above all, to the Saviour whose birthday they were celebrating. The prizes were then handed out.

After another solo, "'Were Nearing the City" by Miss E. Carkeek, and a recitation "Annie and Willie s Prayer", by Miss Aldwell.

Mr. Cook referred in very high terms to the work done by their departing friends in that neighbourhood, and had very great pleasure in calling upon Miss Smith and Miss Grabham to each make a presentation.

Miss Smith said that, in the absence of the superintendent Mr. A. McLachlan, unavoidably absent as consequence of sickness in his family, she had been asked by the Sunday school and Band of Hope to present an address to Mr. Lean. In doing so she said how very much their friends would be missed: They had been among them all their lives, and had been, both by example and precept, a help and a blessing to the district. They had been a blessing to the speaker in many ways, and she knew they had been a blessing to others as well. The people of West Mitchell were sorry to part with them, and during the few weeks they had been away, their loss had been keenly felt. Miss Smith then read the address, which was as follows:

"To Mr. R. F. Lean. Dear Friend, It is with deep sorrow we meet to say to you 'Good-bye.' Many of us have known you from a boy, and have watched with intense pleasure, your growth in Christian character, and in power to serve God and your fellows. You have been a main supporter of the worship of God in this building and its predecessor. You have given of intellect and heart to the teaching of the boys and girls at the Sunday school and Band of Hope, in fact, all good work has, had your practical help. But what is best of all, by daily living you have illustrated the teaching of the Master you served, you will be sadly missed. We pray that God may find you a new sphere of' service, and may He help and bless you in it.

We do not forgot your dear wife who all along has been a true, helpmate. God bless you both, and your dear boys. In saying farewell we raise our eyes to the Eternal Home, where we shall meet to part no more.

Signed on behalf of the West Mitchell Sunday-school and Band of Hope, by the superintendent, secretary, and officers.

In thanking the friends for the address, Mr. Lean said that no words of his could suitably express his gratitude for their very kind wishes and appreciation of what he had done. He felt very grateful to know that he had been helpful in the work of training the children for a better life. He had only done, through the grace of God, what he felt was his duty.

Here Miss Grabham kindly asked him to reserve some of his gratitude, as there was more to follow. She then as a further token of the love and esteem of their friends of West Mitchell, presented Mr. Lean with a very nice dressing case, and Mrs. Lean with a beautiful silver-mounted oak butter dish, each suitably inscribed.

Mr. Lean responded, and again reminded them that the work he had been engaged in for so many years would be a source of very pleasant remembrances, and the presents would ever be appreciated and keep them in mind of the very many friends they had left behind at West Mitchell.

In a few suitable words Mrs. Lean expressed her heartfelt thanks for the kind remarks, the good wishes, and the very nice present, which came as a surprise to her.

Mrs. Lean was also presented with a volume of Rev. J. R, Miller's works, entitled, "Every Day Religion," by her Scripture study class, several of whom won certificates at the Methodist Sunday-school competitive examination.

Mrs. Lean was deeply thankful for the kindness shown, and said she missed the work of the Sunday school very much, and wished them every success in their future effort

29-12-1906 The annual Church of England bazaar was held here during the past few days, and was attended largely by all denominations. The Rev. Vaughan Rose, in thanking those who assisted, made special reference to those of the other denominations who had helped.

The object of the bazaar was the reduction of the church debt, and the result was so successful that over £20 was cleared, which will completely wipe out the debt.

Mr. Chiplin reported to the Department in November 1905 that he had raised £3 locally to fence off part of the playground with wire netting. In this enclosure 30 trees and shrubs had been planted, and flower beds formed. He asked the Department for £1 more, to fence off a further plot for 24 more trees and shrubs. His request was granted.

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1-1-1907 The annual celebration of the West Mitchell Union Sunday school took place as usual on Christmas night. This event is looked forward to as one of the principal items among the Christmas holiday festivities of the neighbourhood, and as a result there was a packed house, while numbers were not able to gain admission.

The Church of England bazaar was held last week for three nights in the Victoria hall, and resulted in the debt of £25 being "Wiped out." Each evening there was a good concert programme gone through. The following contributed items: Miss Bickford, Miss Flynn. Miss Osborne, little Miss Jessie McDonald. Mr. McDonald (Mt- Lambie), and a selection on bagpipes by Master McDonald, near Portland.

On Thursday morning a cyclist was going to Bathurst when he met with a nasty accident, going down West Mitchell hill. He was picked up by Mr. Kissell and driven back to town for treatment.

The annual social in aid of the local convent was held m the Victoria hall on Friday evening, and the function proved an unqualified success. There were twenty-five couples in attendance and dancing was indulged in till early morning. An excellent supper was provided in the dining room at the back of the hall. The duties of M.C. were creditably performed by Mr. O Dell. The music was supplied by Miss Flynn (piano), and Miss Llewellyn (violin).

4-1-1907 At the Boxing Day meeting, of the Sunny Corner Jockey Club the committee disqualified the jockey W Neal for a period of three years for suspicious practices

15-1-1907 At a meeting of commoners on Tuesday night, the 8th, the balance-sheet was unanimously adopted, and the trustees were complimented for the success they had made the common. The triennial election of trustees resulted in Messrs. A. Attuall, A. Sparks, J. Simpkins, A. Platt, and R. W. Magill being elected. The common has been under trustees for five years, and is becoming more useful to the residents each year. The charges are, horses 2s 6d, cattle 2s, goats 1s per year.

Out of this small fee the trustees have effected many improvements, added 2000 acres of annual lease to their holding, and purchased a fine bred bull for the improvement of the stock.

The total yield of gold for Sunny Corner for the year ending December 31 last, was a little over 150oz, about 90oz of which was alluvia gold won by fossickers. The average price £3 11s 6d per oz.

17-1-1907 A wedding was celebrated at St John's Presbyterian Church, Paddington on January 4th when Mr John Lindsay, son of Mrs and the late Mr Lindsay, of Parkes, was married to Miss Janet Mary Poyitt, fourth daughter of Mrs and the late Mr David Gould Poyitt, of Blairgowrie, Scotland. The Rev W Finlay Brown of Parkes officiated.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr W A Poyitt, of Sunny Corner.

21-1-1907 While Mr. Waters, catechist to the Rev. Vaughan Rose, was driving to Sunny Corner to hold divine service, the breeching broke going down a steep hill and the horse bolted.

Mr. Waters was thrown out of the vehicle, and had his right leg broken below the knee. He is to be taken to Bathurst to-day on a stretcher in a coach for admission to the hospital there.

22-1-1907 The cherry and raspberry crops in Sunny Corner district arc heavy and are proving a substantial source of income.

Messrs, Snelson and Phillips, of Cobar, have applied for a mineral lease for the purpose of mining for silver, lead, and copper, which embraces the old Nevada mine. It is reported that it is their intention to commence work as soon as the lease is granted.

Those who are most competent to judge, say that the old Nevada mine is the best property in this district, and that there is a large quantity of payable ore in the old workings.

The property would have been secured by several local mining men, but they were led to believe that it was legally held by another party.

23-1-1907 Common Trustees. Sunny Corner—Attwell, A. Piatt, A. H. Simpking, J. Sparks, A. Magill.

25-1-1907 Mr. Thomas Bartle is slowly recovering from an attack of pneumonia which he contracted a couple of weeks back. At one time it was thought he would not recover, but through careful attendance in Dr. Machattie's private hospital he is now considered out of danger. This will be comforting news to his many friends.

The weather continues dry, and during the past few days temperatures have been somewhat higher.

30-1-1907 The Sunny Corner Rifle Club held a prize meeting on Saturday. Although a drizzling rain was falling, the shooting continued all day. Three handicap matches, open to members, were shot off., Results:— . . \

The Brown, eight shots at 200 and 300 yards.

H. Bond 69, T. Simpkins, jun., 69. and H. Shumack 68.

The Dawson. eight shots at 500 and 600 yards.

J. Cook 71, Captain Palmer 70; A. Mann 69.

The Palmer Aggregate, for scores in the above two matches.—

J. Cook. 130, Captain Palmer 134, A, Mann- 131

1-2-1907 Saturday was observed as a close holiday. A picnic held on the recreation ground attracted a large number of children, with their parents and friends, and although weather conditions were not favourable everything passed off successfully.

Mr. S. Marsden, an old and esteemed resident of Meadow Flat, died after a lingering illness on Sunday night; his remains being laid to rest in the Meadow Flat cemetery on Monday afternoon. Great sympathy is expressed with the relatives and friends of the deceased.

Reports show that Mr. J. H. Waters is progressing splendidly towards recovery.

He will not be able to leave the Bathurst hospital for several weeks yet.

Splendid rain fell during Saturday and Sunday, over two inches being registered.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon, when the Rev. Stanley H. Morrison, of Tamar street Congrational Church, Launceston, and Miss Mabel Mann, of Sunny Corner, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

At the Sunny Corner Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr T C K McKell, P.M, Henry Moore, F W Jackson, H E Brown and John Ward, for failing to destroy rabbits, were each fined £1, with professional expenses £1 1s, court costs 3s 6d, and 7s 6d witness' expenses, or a total of £2 11s. The proceedings were instituted by Inspector E G Lynch, on behalf of the Bathurst Pastures Protection Board, and Mr W H Henlen, the Board's solicitor, conducted the cases.

6-2-1907 Our Sydney correspondent last night telephoned that the licenses of the Bathurst and Sunny Corner racecourses had been registered during the day in accordance with the provisions of the Gaming and Betting Act.

15-2-1907 From Sunny Corner. Writing to the Express from Sunny Corner,

Senior-Constable Pope, late of Peak Hill, says. A slight earthquake shock was felt here last week and on Wednesday evening during a violent thunderstorm the Post Office was struck by a flash of lightning which upset the telegraphic instrument, disarranged the wires, and burnt a hole in the wall

22-2-1907 Bishop Cambridge held a confirmation service in the Church of England here on Sunday morning last when thirty five candidates were presented by the Rev. W. Vaughan Rose, R. D. The morning was beautiful and fine, consequently the church was crowded, people coming from all parts of the district to be present at the service. The candidates assembled in the Victoria-hall, which is located opposite the church, and the Bishop and rector having met them there, they marched in procession to the church. The spectacle was a very imposing one, especially as the total number of candidates was far in excess of that generally presented at country churches.

25-2-1907 Amongst the 20 men out of 70 who offered themselves selected to fire in the Bisley team tests are Arthur and William Cutler, of Bathurst, M. Tessimond, of Lithgow, and W. T. Palmer, of Sunny Corner. No other Westerners were selected. Three men out of 20 will be selected to represent N, S. W. in the Bisley team in England.

26-2-1907 Mrs. Williams thanks all her friends and acquaintances in Sunny Corner district for their unvarying kindness and friendliness to her, and for their good wishes for the future, and requests sincerely that no notice will be taken in any form of' her departure, and no mention made of the matter, as she is leaving only temporarily, her home, being always among them.

28-3-1907 On Tuesday evening Constable Coleman came across a man in Rankin-street in a hopeless condition. He attempted to carry him to the watch-house, but finding the task too much for him, had to procure a wheelbarrow. The man could not give an account of himself that night, but next morning, when before the Court, he told an extra-ordinary story. He gave his name as Simpson, and hailed from Yetholme. He said the day previous, while working in the bush, he was bitten on the finger. He came into town and procured some strong drink, hoping to ward off evil consequences. The effect of this was that he became overcome and was found by the police. He was allowed to leave after the business of the Court was concluded.

1-3-1907 It is reported that Messrs. Curnow and Jones have commenced work on the Montana site. They arc excavating a foundation for certain machinery, which is at present en route to Sunny Corner. It is hoped to see ten or twelve men at work in about a fortnight's time.

Sickness is somewhat prevalent in this district at present. Quite a number of both adults and children are suffering from influenza and similar maladies.

Steady rain set in on Tuesday morning, but not sufficient to be of any benefit to the herbage, which has dried up through the recent warm weather.

Sunny Corner Police Court Wednesday, February, 27.

(Before Messrs. R. W. Magill and J. Cook, Js.P)

Stephen Odgers pleaded guilty to having been found on Licenced premises during prohibited hours. Fined 10s. costs of court 6s, or seven days. Three days were allowed to pay.

Eric Withers, summoned for being found shooting for pleasure on Sunday, pleaded guilty and was fined 5s. costs 6s. in default twenty four hours.

It was expected that a warden's court would be held also with reference to Holman and party's objection to Messrs. Snelson and Phillips' (of Cobar) application for 25 acres as a mineral lease on the old Nevada site, being portion m.l. 98, parish of Coolamigal.

The case, which was postponed from last court day by Mr. Warden McKell, was one of objection by Holman and party to the granting of Messrs. Snelson and Phillips' application on the ground that, the former held a prospecting area which included a portion of the 25 acres applied for by the latter.

Mr. McKell adjourned the case from last court day for the purpose of giving the contending parties an opportunity of arriving at an amicable settlement.

A few days ago word was received that Messrs. Snelson and Phillips have now withdrawn their application, and Holman and party still hold possession.

5-3-1907 A special meeting of the Blaxland Shire Council was held at Wallerawang on Wednesday, the 27th ult., to consider the advisability of altering the boundaries of the shire so as to include Sunny Corner and the parishes of Castleton and Eusdale.

All the Councillors were present. Councillor Bulkeley read the petition signed by fifty residents of Sunny Corner and surrounding district, praying that the alteration should be made for the following reasons, viz.: That the interests of the residents of the district would be better served, and that the geographical situation warrants the alteration, Sunny Corner being only fifteen miles from Wallerawang, the centre of the Blaxland Shire, and forty-miles from Wattle Flat, the centre of the Turon Shire, in which Sunny Corner is now included.

The Council was generally in favor of the amalgamation, but decided to adjourn the meeting for a month to allow for information being obtained regarding the Sunny Corner water supply, as it was feared that the Council in taking in the two parishes mentioned would become responsible for a heavy liability in that connection. There will be another meeting to consider the matter on March 27.

Saturday's heat brought up a heavy thunderstorm, and this was followed yesterday by heavy rain. The lightning was very vivid. Altogether 132 points were registered. The rain was badly needed, and will do an immense amount of good throughout this district.

A tennis match between Tarana and Sunny Corner clubs (gents only) was played on the Sunny Corner court, and resulted in an easy win for the local team.

8-3-1907 The following area consisting of 20 acres, has been reserved from sale for temporary Common at Sunny Corner

Reserve No. 19,513, parish Castleton, county Roxburgh — that part within portion 218.

13-3-1907 Constable Harold Head, to act temporarily as Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer authorised to issue Miners' Rights and Business and Mineral Licenses at Sunny Corner, vice Sergeant McLeay, transferred, such appointment to take effect from the 9th October, 1906

22-3-1907 The following appointments have been made by the Department of Mines and Agriculture: — Constable W. W. E. Pope, -as warden's clerk, mining registrar, and officer authorised to issue miners' rights and business and mineral licenses, and bailiff of the warden's court at Sunny Corner, vice Constable Head such appointment to take effect from the 1st March, 1907

Mail Runs. John Case, Rydal Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, 14 miles, 4-wheeled coach; also Sunny Corner, Mitchel1, Yetholme, 9 miles, daily horseback, £114 7s 6d, till 31st Dec, 1907.. Wm. Sparks, West Mitchell. Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, 15 miles. bi-weekly, horseback, £47 19s till 31st December, 1908

26-3-1907 Some excellent sunflowers have been grown in various gardens about here this season; and it is doubtful if those grown by Mr. R. Green can be beaten in the district. Samples from his garden give a measurement of from 14 to 16 inches in diameter each, the plants being well grown, in every respect.

General sympathy, is expressed with the relatives of the late. Mr. W. Short in their sad loss. The deceased was well known in this locality, having, been a resident of this town for many years.

5-4-1907 The application of P. Snelson and another, of Sunny Corner, for a mineral lease of 25 acres in the parish of Coolamigal, has been refused.

A similar lease of 40 acres in the same parish to the same applicants has been approved

Sunny Corner Police Court. At the Sunny Corner police court on the 2nd inst., before B. W. Magill, J. P., Michael Joseph Collins was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street, Sunny Corner, on the 30th, ult. He was fined 10s or seven days hard labor in the Sunny Corner lockup.

Some of the directors of the Montana Copper Mining Co. paid a visit to the mine on Monday, and also inspected the machinery, cages, tools, etc., that have been purchased from the Lackey mine. Arrangements are being made for dismantling the machinery and sheds at the Lackey mine that have been secured, and hauling and re-erecting them at the Montana mine.

It is stated that the present small shaft is to be cut down and converted into a 9 x 6, so as to permit of the working of two cages, and also provides for the necessary ladder way.

Mr. J. B. North has lodged with the local warden's clerk an application for a mineral lease of 160 acres, situated about two and a half miles in a north-easterly direction from the town. This property is being secured for the ironstone deposits existing thereon, in anticipation, it is reported, of the proposal of the Heskett Moore Co. to erect works at Irondale.

It is reported that Messrs. Snelson and PhilIips, of Cobar, who are in negotiation with a view of securing the Great Western mine (otherwise known as Shepherd's mineral conditional purchase) are likely to succeed in their efforts. This lease is situated north of, and adjoining the old Sunny Corner mine. They have secured a lease adjoining the Great Western on the north end. This company tried some little time ago to secure the old Nevada mine but they were not successful.

However, it is somewhat pleasing to see Cobar mining speculators turning their attention to properties in this district. This district, from a mining standpoint; has been languishing for too long. Its mineral wealth has been either locked up or left to stand idle for many years. Every effort should be made to induce capital to come here.

A gold lease of five acres, which embraces the principal part of the old Nevada lease, has been secured by Mr. R. W. Magill.

In consequence to certain action taken by Messrs. Holman, Cockerton and party, who were represented by counsel, Mr. Warden McKell attended in connection with this application on the 27th ultimo, at the local court, and decided that the latter party had no legal standing, consequently, the lease will be granted to the applicant in the ordinary course.

A rumor is in circulation that the old Sunny Corner mine is again to be worked. Rumors of this kind have been in circulation before so frequently that little or no attention is paid to the present one. It will come as a great surprise to local residents if any serious attempt is made to work the mine. However, it is stated that the local member, Mr. W. W. Young, has been interesting himself regarding this property recently, and perhaps his action may have the desired effect. With metals realising present high prices, there is no apparent reason why this mine should be permitted to remain idle. Even if no better or up-to-date system of treating the ore contents can be devised than that obtaining some ten years ago, the mine should pay handsomely at present prices for metals.

9-4-1907 Brice Bros, gave an entertainment in the Victoria-hall on Thursday night, with what is termed a "theatrematograph", which is a new improvement on the old cinematograph. The whole of the moving pictures shown were excellent, and those who did not avail themselves of the opportunity missed a treat.

12-4-1907 A bitterly cold strong wind has, been blowing from the west.

The trustees of the Sunny Corner common are preparing to fill in a large number of diggers' holes that are regarded as being a menace to stock.

Mrs. P. Egan, of Diamond Swamp, a very old resident, passed over to the great majority on Sunday night, her age being 68 years. She leaves a husband and a large family and numerous relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The remains were interred in the Yetholme cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

The annual Harvest Festival in connection with the Holy Trinity Church of England, Sunny Corner, was held on Sunday night, and owing to the bountiful season there was a magnificent display of fruit, vegetables, cereals, etc.

The Rev. Vaughan Rose, R.D conducted the service, and preached to a crowded congregation.

On Monday the donations were disposed of by Bruce auction by Mr. C. W, Chiplin, and the proceeds were devoted to the Church funds.

23-4-1907 Several local residents went to the Bathurst show, but a number who have been in the habit of making the trip each year did not do so on this occasion. Mr, S Mann, of this town, secured first prize for his black cocker spaniel bitch, an excellent specimen of her class.

Following a heavy frost, most bitterly cold weather has been experienced during the latter end of the week. Light snow fell on Saturday morning.

Mr. J. K. Charleston is reported to have met with a driving accident a few days ago on the road between here and Kirkconnell, no serious results occurred. It is also reported that two local residents who drove to the Bathurst show met with an accident, but no particulars are to hand.

Thursday last was generally kept as a holiday here, this being granted as usual in connection with the Bathurst Show.

26-4-1907 Foxes have been causing havoc amongst the sheep and poultry in this district recently. Residents of Dark Corner have sustained considerable losses, which are attributed to the cunning visitors. Efforts are being made to cope with what threatens to be a pest, one was caught in a rabbit-trap a few days back.

Mr. .J. H. Wafers has sufficiently recovered from his recent accident to enable him to resume his duties, his many friends were pleased to again see him about.

30-4-1907 Mrs. Maccabee, relict of the late Mr, Thos. Maccabee, of Yetholme, passed over to the great majority on Monday last, at the age of 78. The deceased had been ill for a few weeks, suffering from a severe attack of influenza. Her remains were laid to rest on Tuesday, the funeral service being conducted by Mr. Jas. H. Waters of the Church of England. The deceased lady was born in Dublin, and came to New South Wales when quite a child, and had been a resident of Yetholme during the past 60 years. She was well known and highly respected throughout the district that she had resided in for such a long period, where the family have been engaged principally as orchardists. She was the first to introduce raspberries to the district.

The deceased leaves a grown up family of eleven, seven daughters and four sons; also twenty-three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Three married and three unmarried daughters reside at Yetholme, as also do three sons. The funeral service was largely attended.

2-5-1907 Mr. W. T. Palmer, the Sunny Corner enthusiasts has agreed to take charge of the feeding arrangement at that town in conjunction with the Bathurst to Sydney road race.

The Sunny Corner residents intend giving a donation towards the race.

6-5-1907 A social in aid of the funds of the Sunny Corner Tennis Club was held on Friday night in the Victoria Hall, Sunny Corner, and in spite of the very inclement weather, was a pronounced success. Over 30 couples danced to excellent music till 3 a.m., while the card, draught and domino tables were largely availed of by non dancers.

8-5-1907 A land sale will be held in Bathurst on June 19, when one of the areas to be submitted will be 20 acres in the parish of Castleton, situated 1 mile easterly from the town of Sunny Corner, and adjacent to the road from Sunny Corner to Portland, within the Turon goldfield. The upset price of £27 includes the value of Crown improvements.

9-5-1907 At the adjourned vestry meeting in connection with the Church of England, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: people's warden, W. T. Palmer; clergyman's warden, R, W. Magill; trustees' warden, C. W. Stewart; secretary and treasurer, W. T. Palmer; auditor, C. W. Chiplin; choirmaster, C. W. Chiplin.

10-5-1907 The manager of the Montana mine, Sunny Corner, reports that when he took up duty a day or two ago he found everything working satisfactorily. A quantity of machinery and plant purchased from the Paddy Lackey mine was being taken down and removed to the Montana mine.

The poppet legs were almost down and ready for removal, seven tons of sawn timber had been removed, and work was started to dismantle the Paddy Lackey engine and winding plant. At the mine the logging in the shaft had been finished, and the shaft, which was being altered, had been cut down about 20 feet, Some curly ground was met with, and this hindered sinking operations to some extent, but it is anticipated that no more of this ground will be met with, and the men will be able to get on faster with sinking operations.

The foundations are also ready for the machinery. There, are ten men employed on the mine, and the manager states that he will push on so as to have everything in position ready for winding operations and pumping at an early date.

It is with great regret I have to chronicle the death of Mr. T. Bartle, an old and highly respected resident of this town. The late Mr. Bartle had been in very, indifferent health for a considerable period and was in Bathurst under medical treatment up to the time of his end, which took place on Sunday last. His remains were interred in the Methodist cemetery: there on Monday.

A deputation, representing those who are engaged in the wattle bark, timber, and other similar industries in this district, waited upon Mr. Dighton, of the Lauds Department, at the Royal Exchange Hotel on Monday afternoon. The object was to make representations with a view of obtaining a reduction of the fees charged for licenses, some of which are, to say the least, excessive.

A petition is being largely signed throughout this district opposing a renewal being granted of W. G. Thompson’s improvement lease of some 6000 acres situated between here and Palmer's Oakey. If the land comprising this lease is made available for closer settlement purposes, there are quite a number of persons in the district prepared to make application, for small areas; and it is considered that the whole of the land will be taken up at once by these people if given an opportunity.'

15-5-1907 The application of R. W. Magill and others, Sunny Corner, for a mineral lease of 40 acres in the parish of Castleton has been refused.

Mr. George Edward Ashbury, Acting Postmaster, Sunny Corner, to act temporarily as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of The Macquarie, at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. I. C. J. Mower, from the 23rd April, 1907.

17-5-1907 At the Methodist Church, Lithgow on Saturday afternoon, Sophia Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Shipley, of Sunny Corner, was married to William John, third eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Rogers, of Eskbank. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. Brown.

Constable Head, having been, granted a month's holiday, left here accompanied by Mrs. Head, and family, on Monday, for Melbourne.

A tennis match was played on the local court last Saturday afternoon between tennis teams resenting the local and Portland clubs, the result being a win for the latter team.

The local cemetery fence is becoming dilapidated, and badly needs repairing.

18-5-1907 Murray and Co. have completed a crushing of 36 tons of stone for Turner Bros, for a yield of 26oz of gold.

20-5-1907 Mr. George Edward Ashbury, acting postmaster at Sunny Corner, has been appointed temporarily as assistant district registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for the district of The Macquarie, at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. I. C. J. Mower.

22-5-1907 Avery, pleasant and enjoyable day's sport was witnessed here on Saturday, the occasion being a tennis match between the ladies of Dark Corner and Sunny Corner tennis clubs, and which resulted in a win for the former by 3 sets 7 games.

The scores were: Dark Corner, 7 sets 50 games; Sunny Corner, 4 sets 43 games.

The local ladies pared an al fresco luncheon, which was greatly appreciated by players and visitors alike. This is the first match played on the Dark Corner court, and the ladies are to be congratulated on defeating such an old established team as Sunny Corner.

29-5-1907 A tennis match between Sunny Corner and Kearston Clubs took place on the former's court on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Kearston by 7 sets 57 games to 4 sets 36 games.

Empire Day was generally observed as a holiday. At the public school the children were addressed by the head master on subjects in keeping with the celebrations, and a short programme was gone through, consisting of patriotic songs, etc.

The children were then marched to ground adjacent to the school, where a picnic and sports on a somewhat extensive scale were held during the day. Races etc., were taken part in by both children and adults, upwards of fifty prizes being allotted and competed for.

Over 200 persons, including children, parents, and friends, were in attendance during the day. Everything passed off very satisfactorily. At night the children enjoyed themselves lighting up a number of bon-fires on the elevated points adjacent to the town

31-5-1907 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Messrs. W. T. Palmer and J. Cook, Js.P.)

William Dodd, charged by summons with being found on the licensed premises of the Royal Hotel, pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s, with 6s costs. Fine paid.

Thomas White, charged with, being drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street, pleaded guilty. Fined 10s, with 6s costs. Fine paid.

George Flynn, son of Mr. John Flynn, of this town, has been an inmate of the Carcoar Hospital during the past three weeks, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

The latest account regarding his condition goes to show that he is somewhat improved, but not yet able to leave the institution. His speedy recovery is hoped.

Whilst following his usual occupation a few days ago. Mr. D. O'Dell slipped and fell, whereby he sustained injuries causing him to be laid up since. His condition not having improved as well as could be desired, he deemed it advisable to go to Bathurst on Wednesday for medical attention. His friends will be pleased to see him about again.

A new organ for the Church of England was landed here a few days ago.

Farmers in this district are busily engaged digging potatoes, the crops in almost every instance being very prolific.

It is stated that foxes arc becoming very numerous in this district, and that there are quite a number of them between here and Portland.

There are several patches of road in this neighbourhood that require attention in the way of metalling, and it would be advantageous if this were attended to before the bad winter months set in.

A Government land sale is to be held here on the 17th of June, and amongst the properties to be submitted are the local hospital buildings. These buildings were for sale on previous occasions, but failed to find a buyer. As the upset price is considerably reduced, it is anticipated that they will be disposed of.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin's youngest child is reported to be seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia, and is in a private hospital at Bathurst.

A parcel of land containing five acres, situated on Daylight Creek, about 2 miles north-east of Sunny Corner, has been applied for as a gold lease by the Messrs. Ramsay, of Lithgow.

1-6-1907 The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Martin, of Sunny Corner, are kindly invited to attend the funeral of their late beloved son (James) to move from Mr. W. Brown's residence, Peel Street, this Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery.

5-6-1907 Large flocks of goats around the town have been causing trouble and annoyance to some of the neighbouring farmers. No less than 57 were shot by one farmer at Dog Trap. The owners had previously been warned that the goats would be shot it they continued to trespass.

18-6-1907 The present rain, following on last week's splendid fall will crown the season at Sunny Corner. Pastoralists are jubilant, and some who always send cattle away for the winter months will not do so now, as there is an abundance of winter feed, In fact, this is the best winter experienced, in this district for the past 11 years

19-6-1907 A Crown lands sale was held on Monday at the local Court-house. Mr. Watt, C.l .S.,of Bathurst, conducted the sale.

A good deal of interest was manifested in the sale, and there was a good .attendance.-

The first submitted was lot 92, of 3a, 2r, 9p., situated about one mile from the town, and occupied by W. Vipen The upset price, £130 12s 3d, included .£124 12s 6d the value of the improvements, this was purchased by the occupier at the upset price.

The next submitted was lot 2. of section 13, containing lr. 4p., situated in Mitchell-street, near its intersection with Austral-street. The upset price £103— included the value of the improvements, which consisted of the old hospital buildings. There

being, quite a number of buyers in attendance, bidding was naturally very brisk for a time, the successful purchaser being Mr. .T. W. Tweedie, of Wallerawang to whom it was knocked down for £440.
Some time back the Government agreed to refund four sevenths of the total amount realised by the sale of those old buildings to the townspeople for the purpose of building a mechanics institute.

Many persons, especially children, are suffering with severe colds in consequence of the cold weather. It is stated that whooping cough has made its appearance in the district also.

In consequence of the wet weather, work at both the Montana, and Great Western mines has been greatly interfered with.

Mr. F. Havenhand, an old resident, was in town for a couple of days on a visit at the beginning of the week. Evidently, the South Coast Climate agrees with him as he appears to be enjoying excellent health.

28-6-1907 The Shire Council have started three men with a horse and dray to work effecting improvements to the footpaths and other portions of Bathurst street. The repairs that are bring effected were greatly needed and when completed, will be very much appreciated.

A horse attached to Mrs. Mann's delivery cart bolted from the shop door on Tuesday, and made off up the street at a great pace until he came in collision with a telegraph pole, near the premises formerly known as Tattersalls hotel. The result of the impact was a broken shaft; and damaged harness, the horse having escaped without a scratch. The force of the collision with the pole dislodged one of the line insulators. There was no one in the cart at the time, the horse being allowed to stand outside the shop temporarily previous to running away.

Foxes are reported to be on the increase in this district. In the vicinity of Palmers Oakey it was stated that they are turning their attentions to full grown sheep, several having been found both alive and dead with the tongues eaten out, which is attributed to the depredations of Reynard. A drive was organised by the residents in that neighbourhood during this week for the purpose of endeavouring to catch a half-breed dingo that has been destroying a number of sheep, and at the same time foxes were not to be overlooked.

Since the recent wet weather set in. the road to Pipers Flat has so it is reported, becoming almost impossible in some places, teamsters finding great difficulty in negotiating the steep pinches: A heap of money would be required to make this road passable in all weathers, what is needed is the deputation that the local Progress Committee endeavoured to obtain some time back. There is a good deal of traffic on the road from here to Portland, and expending money in repairing parts of the present road is almost equal to throwing it into the sea. To keep the present road in good order when traffic is regular would require a man almost the whole of the time, attending to it.

30-6-1907 Ashbury G. E. Appointed to act as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, Sunny Corner 2807

3-7-1907 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Messrs. W. T. Palmer and J. Cook, Js.P.)

Samuel Teong Lee, alias Teong, alias McSpeddin, alias Maroney, was charged on warrant with disobeying, a summons for furious riding. Defendant pleaded guilty, but at the instance of the police the charge was withdrawn. The original charge of furious riding was then proceeded with.
Defendant pleaded guilty, and admitting to several previous convictions, was fined 20s, with 8s 6d costs, in default 14 days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Banning's youngest child, 8 months old, died on Thursday last from pneumonia. His remains were interred in the Meadow Flat cemetery on Friday afternoon. The greatest sympathy is expressed towards Mr. and Mrs. Banning in their sad loss, especially as they have lost through death four of their children on different occasions.

Exceptionally heavy frosts have been experienced during the past three nights, followed, by bright warm days.

Mr. G. White is in poor health just at present, the result of an apoplectic seizure, which occurred, during the week.

Keith Chiplin 6 years or age, and son of Mr C W Chiplin, principal teacher of the Public School here, met with a painful accident on Sunday afternoon. He fell from the rung of a ladder, striking the sharp edge of a tin which inflicted a deep gash, 3½ inches long on the inner side of the leg. After first aid had been rendered by the child's father, several stitches were inserted, and the leg put in splints to keep it still by Mrs Pope.

A serious accident also befell Mr J Mower, local postmaster. He fell from a height of several feet on to his left side, causing injuries to his wrist, shoulder, and ribs. He has been driven to Portland for medical treatment, and has been temporarily relieved from duty by the assistant postmaster from Portland.

3-7-1907 Teacher Miss E. Ryder, from North Parramatta to Sunny Corner

5-7-1907 At the Montana mine matters are progressing steadily. The main shaft is down to a depth of over 90ft. The engines and boiler are in position, and almost ready to commence work, and the engine house is almost completed.

The stone from Lord's claim at Bobs Creek gave a return of 12dwts per ton.

Work is being pushed on with at the Great Western mine. It is expected that a trial consignment of ore from this mine will be sent away in the course of a few days.

Holman is still driving with a view of cutting the lode in the vicinity of the old Nevada mine.

Several parties are raising stone in the vicinity of Mitchell's Creek.

8-7-1907 The Government directed the Turon council to take over control of the Sunny Corner water supply. Sunny Corner people protested against this. Mr W W Young M L A has received a reply from the Lands Department Intimating that the proposal was held in abeyance, and that no further steps would be taken at present.

12-7-1907 A heavy snow storm passed over the town and district last night, and the temperature went down to 24deg. The water taps in the houses were frozen. It is bitterly, cold to-day.

18-7-1907 There was a large gathering of residents at Thorpe's Pinch, Sunny Corner, to bid farewell to Mr. A. McDonald and his wife and family.

Mr. McDonald has been for 17 years in charge of the public school at "Thorpe's Pinch, and has been removed to Wolgan, where he will open the new school.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were presented with a purse of sovereigns, and four of his children were the recipients of presents from pupils and ex-pupils.

19-7-1907 At Murray and Cook's; buttery 10 tons of stone have been put through for Mr. .W. Anderson, for a return of 6 dwts per ton.

At the same battery a parcel of stone is now being put through for O Dell and Party.

At the Montana mine some difficulty is being experienced in procuring sawn timber for the main shaft, and also firewood. Other work is being pushed on with.

At the Great Western mine work is progressing satisfactorily.

At the old Lackey mine, Mr. Poyitt is still engaged cyaniding a quantity of tailings.

Various parties are engaged raising stone at both Big Hill and Little Hill, in the vicinity of West Mitchell.

Mr. Holman is continuing with prospecting work in the vicinity of the old Nevada Mine.

24-7-1907 A tennis match was played on the local court on Saturday afternoon, between teams representing the local and Dark Corner Clubs. Although a keen westerly wind blew throughout the afternoon, the spectators remained till play ceased. Afternoon tea was supplied by the members of the home team. Following is the result of the match:

Sunny Corner.		Dark Corner.	
Chiplin and Mann	v.	Stewart and A. Shumack	6 — 4
Freestone and Pope	v	A Smith and H. Grabham	1— 6
Brown and Flynn	v.	H. Shumack and W. Grabham	6—4
Misses Brown	v.	Miss Smith and K. Shumack	6 — 2
Misses Osborn and Llewellyn	v.	Misses Graham and Attwell	6 — 4
Mrs. Pope and Miss Chiplin	v.	Miss.E. Shumack and Miss B. Cooper	6 — 1
Chiplin and Miss Brown	v.	Stewart and Miss Grabham ...	6—4
Mann and Miss C. Brown	v.	A. Shumack and Miss Smith	6 — 3
Brown and Miss Osborn	v.	H. Shumack and Miss Attwell '	3— 6
Pope and Mrs. Pope	v.	H. Grabham and Miss Cooper	2 — 6
Freestone and Miss Llewellyn	v.	W. Grabham and Miss E. Shumack	4 — 6

Totals : — Sunny Corner, 7 sets 52 games; Dark Corner, 4 sets 49 games.

31-7-1907 Several leases have been taken up near the Big Oakey Mine, Sunny Corner, from which the big crushing was recently made.

Balley and Son have crushed 6 tons from the Solitary Reef for 9oz of gold, and the Little Oakey Company has secured satisfactory results from a crushing of 60 tons. Efforts are being made to induce a Melbourne company to take over and work the old Solitary Mine. It is reported that the alluvial miners scattered about Piper's Creek are generally getting very good returns. At Murray and Cook's battery, 40 tons of stone have been put through for Mr. W. Anderson for a return of 6dwt per ton.

At the same battery, a parcel of stone is being put through for O'Dell and party. At the Great Western Mine work is progressing satisfactorily.

At the Old Lackey Mine, Mr. Poyett is still engaged cyaniding a quantity of tailings

It is reported that, foxes are playing havoc among the poultry and Sheep throughout this district.

A meeting of those interested in the Bathurst to Sydney road race was held a few nights ago. Several matters of detail were dealt with, and the necessary officials to control the race through here were appointed. The subscribers to the prize fund have adopted the following resolution, viz.: "That a special prize, of £2 10s cash be donated by residents of Sunny Corner towards the Bathurst-Sydney road race, to be awarded to the fastest Western competitor— Little Hartley and west thereof, provided that if such competitor win the official fastest prize (Forrest Finlay's), the above special prize shall go to the next fastest competitor not winning any other prize, being a bona fide, resident as aforesaid."

The matter of donating a local prize was decided on at a previous meeting, the subscribers thereto having finally fixed the conditions governing same as above indicated. Riders are doing regular spins over the road.

5-8-1907 A public meeting was held in the Victoria Hall last night, for the purpose of supporting the action of the Bathurst public meeting with reference to the establishment of a School of Mines at Bathurst, and the following resolution was proposed by Mr C W Chiplin, seconded by Mr C Murray, and carried unanimously.

'That this public meeting of residents of Sunny Corner, and surrounding district, are heartily in accord with the resolution passed at Bathurst by people at the public meeting assembled, in favour of the establishment of a School of Mines, and Public Assay Office, at Bathurst and begs to assure the Government, such institutions will be of incalculable benefit to the residents of this locality, which is well and favourably known as a rich metalliferous district".

The Secretary, Mr Chiplin, was instructed to forward the resolution to the Secretary of the Bathurst Committed

9-8-1907 In sad but loving, memory of our dear daughter and friend, Lillie Bell, who was burnt to death at Burraga, August 8th, 1900.

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Inserted by her loving father and mother, sisters and brothers. Sunny Corner

14-8-1907 The recent wet weather has somewhat hampered the progress of work at the Great Western mine. In consequence of the amount of water that is finding its way into the tunnel from overhead, the work of timbering is not a pleasant one.

Sawn timber for the new shaft at the Montana mine is being delivered from Rydal, as sufficient has not been landed, the work of timbering the shaft has not yet been commenced.

The machinery has been placed in position, and the boiler officially tested.

Mr. E. Stait returned last week from the Northern Territory of Queensland, whither he went a few months ago, together with his son, who has spent some time there in connection with mining pursuits. Mr. Stait gives a very encouraging account of the country that he has travelled through, and he considers that from a mining point of view the extreme north of Queensland has a splendid future before it. So far as he could find, development work is just in its infancy, but of the mineral wealth of the country he has no doubt whatever.

During his visit he secured some property, and purposes returning there shortly. His son, "Ted,"' together with his partners, have an excellent property, from which they have been obtaining good results for some time.

The means of communication with the outside world are as yet but few; and the matter of obtaining supplies somewhat difficult in many parts. Mr. Stait says that good water is plentiful, the climate all that can be desired, and population is on the increase.

Extremely cold, unsettled and disagreeable weather has been experienced during the past week. On Wednesday, last there was a heavy fall of snow, but it quickly melted away. Present indications are not as favorable as could be desired. Many cases of influenza have occurred here recently, and several residents are still suffering from it.

Mr. J .Simpkins has had a very bad time, being laid up the greater part of the week. He is now considerably recovered and was able to get out on Saturday.

Mrs; Wallace has had very poor health during the past few weeks.

Cyclists are putting in a fair amount of training work on the roads at this end in preparation for the big road race from Bathurst to Sydney, which event, takes place next Saturday.

A tennis match on the local court has been arranged for next Saturday. Given a fine day the game should be of an interesting character.

14-8-1907 Assis. Teacher Mrs. G. Williams, from Sunny Corner to Granville Infants', as Assistant.

16-8-1907 A very heavy storm passed over here on Saturday night, about thirty points of rain having been registered. A cold wind with sleet was experienced on Sunday. On Tuesday a westerly gale blew throughout the day. The weather is now fine and pleasant.

Mr. John Murray has been laid up during the past few days, suffering from a severe attack of influenza. In most other cases those suffering from the attack are recovering.

The Rev. H. Wheen and The Rev. Archer, of Bathurst, addressed a meeting in the Victoria-hall on Tuesday night on the "no-license" question. Although the night was extremely boisterous, a fair number of residents, being mostly ladies, braved the elements.

Both speakers dealt at length with the question at issue, and gave many reasons why the electors should cast their votes in favor of "no-license", on polling day.

They strongly urged every qualified voter in the audience to use his or her influence to secure a majority vote for the cause they were there to advocate.

The addresses were listened to with considerable interest and attention throughout.

17-8-1907 The Wallace Continental road race from Bathurst to Sydney started this morning.

There were 94 starters. Nearly 30 punctures occurred between Bathurst and Sunny Corner.

The riders reported that the road for several miles was simply sown with tacks.

V. Jones took seven from his front wheel.

Ward's tire was so punctured as to necessitate a new tube.

Hicken was the first man through Sunny Corner.

19-8-1907 The trip between Bathurst and Sunny Corner will long be remembered by many of the riders. P Corry, of Bathurst, who was thought to have a good chance, got two tacks in his tyre and returned to Bathurst, and W Carroll also punctured.

Some dastardly creature or creatures had strewn parts of the road between here and Sunny Corner with tacks, with a disastrous result to many.

Referring to this, our Sunny Corner correspondent wired on Saturday morning. 'Nearly 30 punctures occurred between Bathurst and Sunny Corner. Riders report that the road was for several miles simply strewn with tacks.

W Jones took seven tacks out of his front wheel and was delayed half-an-hour- Woods tyre was so punctured that he had to put in a new tube.'

Mr L Larson, who intended to follow the race on his motor cycle on behalf of the League of Wheelmen, had an unenviable experience as a result of the tacks strewn along the road and had to return to Bathurst. He informed our representative on Saturday that his cycle punctured when about six miles from Bathurst. On examining the back tyre he found nearly 25 tacks in it. Afterwards Mr Larsen examined the road for some distance, and concluded that there must have been fully ten pounds of tacks strewn all over the place. There was a rumour that some wood carters were responsible but Mr Larsen says his examination shows that the rumour was without foundation. The tacks appear to have been carefully laid, and Mr Larsen thinks that they were put down the previous night.

Mr Tom Musgrove, of this city, whilst out cycling yesterday, dismounted near the six-mile post, and in one spot collected fully one lb of tacks. The tacks in question some of which were handed our representative, were half an inch long and very sharply pointed.

Endeavours are being made to find out the perpetrator, and it is hoped that the despicable creature will be found out and severely dealt with.

A report current on Saturday, was that one of the riders had been seen scattering something along the road, and doubtless this will be fully inquired into.

21-8-1907 Race Results. F. Aplin wins £50 cash (presented by the Continental Tyre Company) for first, £3 3s cash for second fastest time, and £7 cash for winning on Wallace tyres.

A. Aplin, bicycle and £5 5s cash (presented by League of N.S.AV. Wheelmen) for second, £2 cash for second on Wallace tyres.

F. D. Walcott, bicycle for third place.

G. Horder, trophy valued at £5 5s for fourth place, Royal Speedwell bicycle (presented by Messrs. Bennett and Wood) and £3 3s cash presented by League of N.S.W. Wheelmen for fastest time.

J T Fraser Newcastle, gold medal, valued £5 5s, fastest Northern competitor not winning any-other prize.

L. Howard (Crookwell), special gold medal, fastest Southern competitor.

J. Ford (Bathurst), £2 10s cash (donated by residents of Sunny Corner), fastest Western competitor (west of Little Hartley) not winning any other prize.

H. Lundie (Rookwood) gold medal, valued at £5 5s, fastest city club rider not winning any other prize.

F. Godfrey. (O'Connell), gold medal, fastest Western competitor outside 20 mile radius of Sydney not winning any other, prize.

21-8-1907 Trustee Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894:—Allan Mann, Esquire (in lieu of A. J. Corry, Esq, resigned).

22-8-1907 A very enjoyable all day match was played on Saturday between the Sunny Corner tennis club and a combined team from Dark Corner. The match was played on the Sunny Corner court, and the respective teams were captained by Messrs C W Chiplin and O W Stewart. The game was very exciting, and resulted in a win for Sunny Corner by three games.

30-8-1907 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Messrs. R. W. Magill and Thomas Maccabec, Js.P.)

Robert Mail, charged with using obscene language, pleaded guilty. Fined 10s, costs 6s, in default seven days in the lockup. Fine paid.

Patrick Loneragan was treated similarly for a similar offence.

4-9-1907 Sunny Corner Police Court, before Mr. R. W. Magill, J. P.

Thomas Fitzmaurice, charged with being drunk in Bathurst street on the 31st ult pleaded guilty, and was fined 5s. or the rising of the court.

Thomas Haydon, charged with being drunk in Bathurst street on the 31st ult was lined 5s or the rising of the court.

John Watts for a similar offence at the same time and place, was also fined 5s or the rising of the court.

9-9-1907 A report has been received here that two residents of this place, Messrs. F. Clark and G. Bickford who are employed at the Burragorang mines, met with accidents there. The former is said to have cut his foot somewhat severely, and the latter is reported to have had his forearm broken through his mate having missed the drill with the hammer that he was using.

Mr. D. Considine met with a very painful accident last week whilst employed on the Wolgan-Clarence railway line. It appears that a piece of timber struck him on the leg, inflicting a severe gash. Mr. Considine returned home a few days ago, but is still unable to get about.

Rain is very badly needed, and if a downpour does not soon eventuate the outlook for spring grasses will be serious.

Influenza is still raging here, and in the immediate district, scarcely a family being free from the malady.

Mrs. T. Sparks has been obtaining very indifferent health during the past few weeks.

11-9-1907 A public meeting of the members of the local Tenuis Club was held at the court on Thursday. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season.

Patron. Rev. W. Vaughan Rose; president, Mr. C. W. Chiplin ; vice-presidents, Messrs. Waters, Brown and Palmer ; secretary, Mr. A. Mann ; treasurer, Mr. W. Pope.

It was decided that the captaincy be played for.

Miss Osborn, who is leaving the district, was the recipient of a handsome trophy won in a handicap tournament. The president, Mr. Mann, in making the presentation said it gave him great pleasure to hand over this trophy, but at the same his pleasure was tinged with regret on account of the departure Miss Osborn, who was one of the most energetic members of the club, and would be greatly missed both as a playing member, and as a worker in all social events in connection with the club. Several other members spoke in terms of regret at the loss of Miss Osborn's services as a member.

Two bicycle road races have been arranged under the auspices of the Bathurst Cycle and Motor Club. On September 25 a race from Bathurst to Sunny Corner (24 miles) will be held, and a fortnight later the annual road race, Bathurst to Orange and return (74 miles) will take place

11-9-1907 Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Kervin, who lost their infant through bronchitis, supervening on influenza. The little one was six months old, and passed away on Friday last. The funeral took place on Sunday at Kirkconnell, and was largely attended. .

Another victim of the influenza scourge, the infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kearns, was buried at Kirkconnell to-day (Tuesday), as were also the remains of Mr. John Wade, of Muttons Falls.

14-9-1907 Messrs; J, E. Ireland, T. Green, C. Neems, R, Wilcock, and Curnow have been elected directors of the Montana Copper Mining Company Lithgow, At the meeting of shareholders, the progress made at the mine, which is at Sunny Corner, was spoken of as satisfactory. Delay in the timbering of the shaft is occurring in consequence of timber not being available as required.

24-9-1907 Arrangements are now complete for to-morrows road race from Bathurst to Sunny Corner and back. The event will start from the Royal Hotel, Bathnrst, at 2.15 p.m, and will go straight to Sunny Corner, thence to Meadow Flat, back to the main road at Kirkconnell, and back to Bathurst.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the race.

27-9-1907 Miss Llewellyn contracted influenza about two weeks ago, which was followed by an attack of pleurisy. She was conveyed to Bathurst for medical attendance and is now an inmate of a private hospital there. Latest reports are to the effect that she has considerably improved. '

An old resident of this town, in the person of Patrick Welsh who has been declining in health for some time, is at present being treated at the Bathurst Hospital.

At the same institution Robert Sparks, a former resident of this place, is receiving attention.

Mr. E. Montgomery's child has considerably recovered after being professionally attended to at Bathurst. Another of his children has also contracted pneumonia, with the result that it was deemed advisable to convey the little sufferer to Bathurst on Monday.

After several days of disagreeable, dry and dusty weather, much needed rain set in during Tuesday afternoon. Everything was assuming a dried up appearance throughout the district.

27-9-1907 The transfer of the license of the Royal Hotel Sunny Corner, from Arthur James Corry to Wm. George Sidney Frances, was yesterday granted by the Bathurst Licensing Bench.

28-9-1907 Although the Sunny Corner club met with defeat at the hands of St Stephen's on Saturday they showed that they have some very promising tennis players among them.

00-09-1907 Alex McDonald schoolteacher at Palmers Oakey.

2-10-1907 The five directors of The Montana Copper Company were to pay a visit to the mine at Sunny Corner to-day Wednesday, for the purpose of making a detailed examination of a new lode that has been discovered, on the winze shaft. The men at the mine have been engaged night and day for the last ten days in pumping the water out of this shaft, to be in readiness for the examination to be made by the directors, and now they are busy timbering the shaft.

9-10-1907 Mr. W. T. Palmer, the Sunny Corner cycle enthusiast, is working hard to form a League club at that centre, and a special meeting of those interested is to be held to-night.

12-10-1907 A public meeting was held on Wednesday night to form a bicycle club as a branch of the League of Wheelmen. Mr. C. Chiplin presided, and the meeting was very enthusiastic.

It was decided to form a club, with a membership fee of 2s per annum, members to be enrolled within a radius of 10 miles of Sunny Corner.

Twenty members handed in their names in the room. . Mr. J, Miller, MLA., was elected patron, Mr. C. W. Chiplin president, Mr. C. W. Stewart captain, and Mr. W. Palmer secretary. It is expected that the membership will reach nearly 40

14-10-1907 Montana Copper Mining Company. The secretary of the above company, Mr. T. Green, has received from the mine manager at Sunny Corner his report for the week ended October 9th. It is stated that the main shaft has been timbered a further distance of 22ft., leaving only 18ft. of the shaft yet to be timbered. This is expected to be done in the course of a few days.

The pump has been placed in a permanent position. A sample of ore taken from the face of the lode recently by one of the shareholders has been privately assayed. The assay gave 18 per cent, copper, 12 per cent silver, and a little gold.

16-10-1907 Now, therefore, I, Sir Harry Holdsworth Rawson, the Governor aforesaid, in pursuance of the provisions of the said Local Government Act, 1906, and with the advice of the Executive Council, do, by this my Proclamation, confer and impose upon the Turon Shire Council the control and management of the Sunny Corner Water Supply Works and land, described in the Schedule hereto.

17-10-1907 The death occurred at Portland on Sunday last of Mrs. G. Freestone.

Deceased lady was widely known and respected throughout the Sunny Corner district.

18-10-1907 According to a proclamation in the "Gazette" the control of the Sunny Corner Water Supply Works has been conferred upon the Turon Shire Council.

The Sunny Corner water supply works have been handed over to the Turon Shire

Council; These works dam, reticulation, etc.— were constructed by the Government years ago, but have been an unprofitable enterprise. Under the Local Government Act, which is constantly developing now and interesting phases of evolution, works of this nature can be compulsory imposed on a shire or municipality, quite independently of local volition.

This is what has happened with Sunny Corner, which has now had its water supply originally made by the Crown and still on Crownland, deposited on the council's management, with a firm legal hand, though the council would fain reject the onerous burden.

23-10-1907 Bush fires have been raging in the vicinity of Kirkconnell and Dark Corner. The weather continues warm and dry, although on Sunday morning a nice shower fell.

Mrs. W. Duggan who contracted pneumonia last week, is in a very low condition at present.

Mr. C. W. Chiplin Public school teacher of this town, and president of the Cycle Club, met with a serious accident while cycling to Meadow Flat with some companions. When going down a hill at a fast pace, the front wheel ran into a

dust-hole, and shot away. The rider was thrown very heavily. The muscles at the back of the shoulder were badly strained, and the shoulder and body much bruised.

1-11-1907 At the Sunny Corner Police Court, on Wednesday 30th inst., before K. W. Magill, J.P.,

Joseph Collins was, charged with furious riding in a public place to the danger of persons therein. Fined £1, with 6s costs, in default 14 days, Seven days allowed to pay.

John Pigg, for being found drunk in Bathurst-street, was fined 5s, with 6s costs, in default 24 hours. Three, days allowed to pay.

Archibald Donaldson, of Yetholme, was summoned for keeping an unregistered dog. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and after voluminous evidence being taken was fined 10s, with costs 6s. Fine paid.

Jane Dando summoned for keeping an unregistered dog Defendant did not appear. Case dealt with ex. parte, and defendant fined 10s, with 1s. costs in default seven days. Seven days to pay.

9-11-1907 A very old and highly respected resident of this place, in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Poyitt died on Thursday last in Sydney where she had been during the past few weeks under medical treatment. The deceased lady has been suffering for some time from acute rheumatism, and her end was not unexpected. Her remains were conveyed from Sydney, and arrived here on Saturday morning, for interment beside those of her late husband David at the Dark Corner cemetery.

The funeral cortege was very large, many old acquaintances and friends of the deceased lady being in attendance. Her remains were laid to rest during the afternoon of Saturday. Deceased leaves a large family and many descendants and relatives to mourn their sad loss. The deceased lady, together with her late husband were among the first to settle in this district.

18-11-1907 A somewhat hurriedly convened meeting of ratepayers connected with the local water supply, was held at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday night. The meeting appears to have been called under instructions issued by the Shire Engineer, but the whole of those interested were not notified, consequently they were not in attendance, and were not aware of a meeting having been held until informed of the matter later on.

Those who are not residing here, and there appears to be several of them would, under the circumstances, receive no notice whatever.

It was explained to those at the meeting that the local water supply would shortly be handed over to the Shire Council by the Government, and that it was the duty of the shire to make it a paying concern. This would mean a change from the present charges made by the Government for water supplied to householders, therefore, it was necessary to try to come to some arrangement in connection with the matter. A long discussion ensued, but the whole situation would appear to have been sprung so suddenly upon those directly interested that they, naturally, had not sufficient time to consider the matter, so as to be able to arrive at any definite conclusions, having only a vague idea as to what course would be best to adopt. However, certain recommendations were agreed upon, and these will be submitted to the Shire Council. It was intimated by the Shire Engineer that it was apparent that sufficient revenue could not be raised by the Council to afford to pay a permanent officer to look after the works, as had been done by the Government, consequently, it would be necessary to make some arrangements for the future supervision of the water supply. This aspect of the affair provided material for considerable discussion, and proved a very knotty problem. Various suggestions were put forward to try to overcome this difficulty, which was an important one. It was generally agreed that without some person residing in the vicinity of the dam, boys, and perhaps others as well, not mentioning stray dogs and the like, would take it into their heads to turn the thing into a swimming bath, it being admirably suited and situated for such purposes. Someone suggested that to overcome this difficulty some old-age pensioner might be induced to go and live there if he were paid five shillings a week. This suggestion was ridiculed by the majority of those present, and no definite decision was arrived at. It was quite evident that no one could be found who would be prepared to take on the supervision of the works for any sum that the Shire Council might be prepared to pay. One thing appeared to present itself very plainly to several of those present, and that was that without someone to look after the concern, the whole thing would soon get out of joint, and generally fall into disrepair,

Eventually, it was partly agreed to form a sort of local body of trustees, who should in turn look after the works generally. The meeting ended at eleven o'clock. .

A public meeting presided over by Mr. Murray, was held on Wednesday evening for the purpose of dealing with a communication received from the Under-Secretary Public Works Department, regarding the matter of erecting or purchasing a suitable building for the establishment of a “School of Arts”, in accordance with the conditions governing the recent sale of the old hospital buildings, the sum of £80 was available and would be placed to the credit of a fund for the establishment of a school of arts, these conditions having been determined by the Government.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed to purchase from the present owners, a local syndicate, the building known as the Victoria hall it having been represented that they are prepared to accept the amount that they gave for it some time ago, viz., £50 conditionally on its being converted into a School of Arts. It was generally agreed that the building was a very suitable one, and conveniently situated, the main structure being "substantially', built. With some interior alterations and improvements, it would at moderate cost be made to fulfil the requirements of a school of arts. All that will now be required of the residents is that they put their shoulders to the wheel, so to speak, become members of the institution, and work together. This district is a very large one, and if the resident population is at present somewhat scattered, they can all become members, no doubt at small cost of this most desirable institution.

20-11-1907 Sunny Corner—Constable Harold Head, during the absence of First Class Constable Pope, on leave,—from the 1st December, 1907.

25-11-1907 Constable Harold Head has been appointed to act as clerk of petty sessions at Sunny Corner during the absence of First-class Constable Pope, one leave from 1st December

27-11-1907 Burke. In sad and loving memory of my dear son, and our affectionate brother, Andrew who was accidentally killed at Sunny Corner, November 27th, 1905.
Worthy of lasting love was he,
From those he left behind
A better brother could not be,
A brother more true and kind.
We have laid him there in sadness,
And our hearts were filled with pain ;
But we know, that up in Heaven
We shall meet our loved one again.
Inserted by his sorrowing mother, sisters, and brothers.

29-11-1907 The annual meeting of the auctioneers licensing court was held at Sunny Corner on the 26th inst. Messrs. R. W. Magill. J. Cook, and T. Maccabee, Js.P, occupied the Bench.
Mr. John Simpkins of Sunny Corner, applied for the renewal of his licenses for the Bathurst and Hartley districts, and there being no objections, certificates authorising the granting of same were duly is issued.

2-12-1907 A public meeting was held last night in the Victoria-hall to consider, the position of the ratepayers under the transferred control of the water supply. The Works Department has handed the supply over to the shire council, and as that body must make the service pay its way a drastic alteration had to be made in the administration.
It was decided to recommend that council accept the offer made by Mr. J. K. Charleston, of the Sunny Corner mine, to take charge of the supply, to provide a caretaker to look after the same, and to effect all necessary repairs at a minimum cost to the householders, in return for which Mr. Charleston asked have to connect pipes with the overflow, and so conduct the surplus water to his mine, where a new battery and furnaces are being erected. This will ensure Mr. Charleston a good supply of water, and it is his intention to shortly re-open the big silver-mine

The second meeting appointed the following gentlemen as Trustees
Messrs Charleston, Chiplin, J Cook, Frazer and Cohen. The Secretary was empowered to purchase the Victoria Hall for the Trustees, and also the adjoining allotment. Mr Miller, M.L.A, is at present negotiating with the Government for the payment of £80, at present in the Treasury to the credit of the residents to the Trustees.
A list of subscribers was opened, and nearly 50 names are already enrolled.
Mr J K Charleston generously donated £5 towards the institution, and other donations have been promised
Altogether there is quite a revival of enthusiasm in the town, and there is every prospect of an awakening in mining circles shortly.

4-12-1907 At St. Paul's Church Yetholme, on November 26, William Horace, son of Mr. Thomas Richardson, of Newtown, was married to Alice Emma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Yetholme. The bride who was given away by her father, wore white silk, enriched with Valenciennes lace and embroidery; while her tulle veil covered a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet and wore a diamond and ruby bracelet, the gifts of the bridegroom. Misses Ettie Turner and Alice Richardson were the bridesmaids; Mr. Arthur Turner was best man, and Mr. Thomas Hodge groomsman. The Rev. W.I V. Rose (O'Connell) performed the ceremony.
Mr. and Mrs. Richardson afterwards left for Sydney to spend the honeymoon, the brides travelling dress being of blue striped Sicilian, with hat to match.

11-12-1907 A sad fatality occurred here on Sunday, Mr William Young, manager of the Montana Copper Mine, whilst walking from Wallerawang to Sunny Corner with Mr Robert Curnow, suddenly fell down on the road and expired when within a mile of home. Constable Head, who is temporarily in charge of the police station, with commendable promptitude, procured a vehicle, and taking charge of the body, conveyed it to Francis's Hotel, Sunny Corner, where it was examined by the constable and Dr Grady, Government Medical Officer. No marks of violence were to be found, except a cut over the eye caused by the fall. The doctor gave it as his opinion that death was due to heart failure.
A magisterial inquiry was held on Monday by Mr W T Palmer, J.P., but owing to the absence of deceased's wife, the inquiry was adjourned till the 12th.
The funeral took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended.
Deceased's wife left for Sydney last Wednesday, and her address is not known. Consequently she could not be communicated with.

12-12-1907 The directors of the Montana copper mine Sunny Corner, have received a report from the mine to the effect that a valuable lode of copper has been discovered, expected to show a return of about 16 per cent copper.
Some trouble has been experienced in connection with the pumping plant, and it is stated that when the late manager examined it before coming to Lithgow he found that a quantity of emery powder had been poured into the lubricating valve, and the pump rendered useless. The directors have decided to install a new pump as early as possible.

14-12-1907 The directors of the Montana Copper mining Company visited the mine at Sunny Corner on Wednesday with Mr. Charles Welch. It was intended that the latter, before his appointment as manager, should make a report on the working of the mine, especially in respect of the new copper lode. Owing to a breakdown in the pumping plant, however the mine was flooded to a large extent, and it was impossible to get it sufficiently dry to permit a satisfactory inspection to be made. Mr. Welch's report, therefore, had to be postponed

23-12-1907 The annual distribution in connection with the Dark Corner public school took place this (Friday) afternoon. The first prize for both boys and girls was an enlarged and framed photograph of the school. For the others a handsome collection of books had been procured,

Foxes are making a re-appearance in this district

26-12-1907 On Thursday, 26th December, a quiet wedding was celebrated at St. Marys R.C. Church, Kirkconnell, the Rev. Father Heath officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Elizabeth Wade, third daughter of Mr. John Wade, of Meadow Flat, and Mr. Levi Dowler, youngest son of Mr. William Dowler, of Tarana. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. James Wade, was neatly attired in a white muslin costume, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and white picture hat trimmed with chiffon, she wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Miss Katie Wade acted as bridesmaid, and looked very nice in a blue cashmere dress, with white silk trimmings, and hat to match. She also wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Harry Dowler, brother of the bridegroom was best man. After the ceremony the happy couple left for the residence of the bridegrooms parents, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. There the happy couple arc to reside. The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable presents.

30-12-1907 The annual Church of England bazaar was held during the Christmas week, and was largely attended by all classes and creeds.

The object this year was to pay off the organ debt. Financially the bazaar was a great success, and not only was the organ debt wiped off, but a balance was carried forward towards further improving the church fittings.

This period saw a great increase in the activity of the Cadet Force. Previously the cadets had been controlled by teachers belonging to what were called the "Partially-Paid Force". In 1906 they were placed under the control of the Military Department of the Commonwealth Government, Lieutenant Colonel Paul being appointed Officer Commanding in New South Wales. Most country schools were too small to form a Cadet Detachment, and in July 1907 Captain Palmer, the local Cadet organiser, suggested to Colonel Paul that the public schools at Sunny Corner, Dark Corner and Meadow Flat, and the Sunny Corner Convent School, should combine to form a Cadet detachment, since they were not far apart, and none of them was large enough to do so by itself. Colonel Paul was dubious about the suggestion, since he foresaw administrative difficulties, and thought that in any case the mixing of private and public school boys in one detachment was inadvisable: He referred the matter to the Department. Mr. Board, the Director of Education opposed the idea because he thought it would cause friction between the teachers of the different schools concerned. Captain Palmer did not take this lying down, and asked for the suggestion to be reconsidered, but Colonel Paul was now definitely opposed, pointing out, that in addition to his former objections, the financial administration of a mixed detachment would be difficult and would almost certainly cause discontent. The suggestion was not adopted.

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1-1-1908 Mr. Welch, the newly-appointed manager of the Montana Copper Mine at Sunny Corner, reports that the new pumping plant has been installed, and that the shaft is now thoroughly dry, so that the work of sinking it a further depth can be proceeded with apace. The timbering has been completed up to the 152ft. level. The contractors are busy sinking the shaft. Some specimens of ore brought into Lithgow a few days ago by the manager are of a very rich quality. If the stone continues of the same quality, it is anticipated that very soon a rich lode will be met with. Altogether, the outlook is very encouraging.

6-1-1908 New Year's Day passed off quietly here. A picnic in the vicinity of Dark Corner attracted a large number of both old and young. Others made the trip to the Piper's Flat racecourse.

During the week there has been quite an exodus from here, the majority returning to their various scenes of employment.

Several cases of measles are reported to be in existence locally.

A good fall of rain is very much needed. The grass and other herbage is, assuming a dried up appearance.

13-1-1908 An old identity, resident of West Mitchell, named Andersen, was conveyed to an institution at Parramatta this week by Constable Head. It appears that Andersen lost his sight through an accident met with recently, hence the necessity for his removal to where he will be attended.

During the greater part of this week weather conditions have been stormy and unsettled, a fair amount of rain fell, but not sufficient to benefit the herbage to any appreciable extent.

Necessary improvements and additions are being effected to the Victoria Hall, the building which it is intended shall be converted into a School of Arts. A number of books for the library have been ordered, and are daily expected. The necessary officers and committees required to control the institution during the forthcoming year were appointed at a meeting of subscribers held recently. Considerable local and district interest is being evinced with respect to the establishment of the School of Arts, consequently success should be assured. Offers of personal assistance have been received from the secretary of the Bathurst School of Arts, the gentleman having generously volunteered to pay a visit here for the purpose of assisting to firmly establish the local institution and generally advise the various officers and members of the committees in their duties. A large number of members have, so far, been enrolled.

The house, orchard, furniture and effects of Mrs. V. B. Young were submitted at public auction on Saturday afternoon, the sale being conducted by Mr. J. Simpkins. It is Mrs. Young's intention to leave the district in the near future

24-1-1908 The homestead of Mr. James Murray, farmer, near Sunny Corner, narrowly escaped destruction by bush fire on Tuesday. The flames were beaten off by Constable Head and a party of civilians, only after several hours fighting.

3-2-1908 A tennis match was played on the local court on Monday last, between a Bathurst team consisting of three gents and two ladies, and a like number of representatives of the local club. The visitors were entertained at lunch, and also afternoon tea, by the members of the home club. Quite a number of spectators were in attendance throughout the day. The result was a win for the visitors by the narrow margin of six games.

4-2-1908 Few if any, of the Bathurst District Hospital's collectors worked harder in connection with last year's list than did Mr C.W Chiplin of Sunny Corner. This gentleman, whose services the institution had not previously been fortunate

enough to secure, rode round the district, uphill and down dale, on a bicycle, sometimes in response to promises, having to make two trips for so small a sum as 1s, and occasionally without any reward at all. It is generally admitted that Sunny Corner is in anything but a flourishing condition at the present time, but despite this fact, Mr Chiplin collected no less a sum than £9 4s. This splendid effort brought forth some words of praise from those present at yesterday's meeting of the Hospital Committee.

7-2-1908 Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, six times a week; and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main road, six times a week. — John Case, Rydal, four-wheeled vehicle, two or more horses and horseback, three years, £183 10s per annum.

Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Messrs. R. W. Magill and J. Cook, Js.P.)

Patrick Gibbons, arrested by Constable Head for having been drunk in Bathurst street, Sunny Corner, on Saturday evening, pleaded guilty, and was fined Is or the rising of the court.

Patrick Loneragan, arrested by Constable Pope for having been drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street Sunny Corner, on Saturday evening, pleaded guilty and was fined £1 or 14 days lockup.

Patrick Loneragan, arrested by Constables Pope and Head, was further charged with stealing one half sovereign, the property of Robert Mail. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Constable Pope deposed on Saturday evening I arrested accused in Bathurst street, and brought him to the police station. I asked him what money he had on him. He pulled out a half-crown and 3d piece and threw it on the table, saying, "Two and nine pence that's all." In company with Constable Head I searched him, and found a half-sovereign (produced) wrapped in tissue paper in the breast pocket of his shirt. Subsequently I went in company with Constable Head to Loneragan's residence in Bathurst street. I there saw Robert Mail. On Sunday morning I questioned accused as to how he came by the half-sovereign. He stated that it had been paid, to him by Robert Mail for repairing boots and digging his (Mail's) garden. On Sunday afternoon I asked Loneragan again how he accounted for having the half-sovereign. He replied, "I got it from Bob Mail for working in his garden." I then charged him with stealing the half sovereign. He made no reply.

Constable Head deposed: On Saturday night I was at the rear of Loneragan's residence, about eight o'clock. I heard voices which I recognised as Loneragan’s and Mail's coming from the back of the house. I heard the accused say, "Where is that half-sovereign ? ' Mail said, “don't you take that half-sovereign; it is all I've got." Accused said, "I want the half-sovereign, neither of you have paid for your bed;" Mail again said, "Don't you touch that half-sovereign that is in my trousers pocket." I next saw accused at the police station about 9.30. In company with Constable Pope, we searched him, and found a half-crown and, a three penny piece, and a half-sovereign wrapped in paper. I was present on Sunday morning when Constable Pope questioned the accused as to where he got the half sovereign. Accused replied that he got it from Bob Mail for digging in his garden, and getting wood. On Sunday afternoon, before being charged, accused again said, in reply to a question by Constable Pope, that he got the half-sovereign from Bob Mail for digging his garden. .

Robert Mail deposed: I am an old-age pensioner, and reside at West Mitchell. On Saturday last I received my pension, £2 3s 4d. I went to Mann's store and paid my account. They gave me a half-sovereign, which I wrapped in paper. The paper produced is like the paper I wrapped the half-sovereign in. I went from there to Loneragan's. To the best of my belief, I had a £1 note, a half-sovereign, and some silver when I went to Loneragan's. When I left Lonerngan's I had only five shillings.

To the police: I recognise the statement produced. I made it to the police it is true, I never paid Loneragan any money for digging in my garden or getting wood. I never paid the half-sovereign wrapped in paper to Loneragan for work done for me, nor gave it to him, and if he took it he had no right to it. I have lost about £1 that I cannot account for.

To the accused: I do not recollect going anywhere with you after I left Mann's.

I did not pull out a half-sovereign rolled in paper on Saturday and give it to you.

The accused, who gave evidence on his own behalf, stated: On Saturday Robert Mail come to my place. We went out together and went back. In the evening Mail pulled out a half-sovereign rolled in paper and handed it to me. To the best of my belief, I put it on the shelf. Shortly after I was arrested by the police for drunkenness.

To the police: I did not say I got the half-sovereign for working in the garden.

I said I got it for work. That was untrue.

The accused was found guilty and fined 40s, or one month's Hard labor in Bathurst gaol. Sentence to be cumulative with term of fourteen days for having been drunk and disorderly.

Mr. Chiplin received a letter from Turon Shire Council in February 1908 saying that control of Sunny Corner Water Works had been handed over to them by the Public Works Department, and that they had decided to depart from the Works Department pol1icy of not charging Government Departments, and to charge them the same rate as ordinary consumers, viz: 1/- per thousand gallons. This made it necessary to install a water meter, and since trouble had been experienced through pipes bursting it was decided also to install a turncock, so that the water could be turned off at the main on winter nights. The work was done by the Council for £6.2.6.

28-2-1908 An old identity named Louis Kelly was found dead in his hut at West Mitchell, on Tuesday last. He had been in indifferent health for some time, having only recently returned from Bathurst Hospital. Death was due to natural causes. His age is given at 75. His remains were interred in the R.C. portion of the general cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

Tenders are invited in this issue for the removal of the Presbyterian church at Sunny Corner, and its re-erection at Portland.

2-3-1908 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before the Police Magistrate.)

John Pigg was charged with drunkenness. The information was withdrawn, on defendant paying costs.

The following persons were proceeded against by Mr. H. G. Lynch, rabbit inspector, for failing to destroy rabbits.

John Turner; plea, not guilty, fined £1, costs 3s 6d, professional costs £1 1s, witness '7s 6d.

John Moore; no appearance, case continued to next court day on account of insufficient evidence of service of summons
Fanny Dobbie; dealt with ex parte, and fined 20s, costs 3s 6d, and witness expenses- 7s 6d. or seven days lockup. One week allowed to pay.
The cases of George W Butfield, James Oglethorpe, and Alfred B. Boorman were heard ex parte, and each fined 20s, costs 16s, in default 7 days' lockup. One week allowed to pay.
Frederick W. Jackson. Continued to next court, no proof of service of summons
In explaining the circumstances of non-service of summons, Constable Pope stated that although the summonses had been lying in the office for the past five weeks, word to serve same was not received from Mr. Lynch until the previous Monday evening, 24th instant. Such procedure gave defendants very little time, and put the police to great inconvenience.
His Worship expressed surprise at the facts, and informed Mr. Lynch that at least a fortnight's notice must be given to the police in such cases. "It is not fair or reasonable," said his Worship to expect the police to be riding all over the country in discharging these duties at the last moment. They have plenty to do already, and such action may result in the rabbit inspector having to serve his own summonses.
His Worship also announced from the bench for the information of the public generally, that where any person is proceed against under the Pastures Protection Act for failing to destroy rabbits, if he intends to plead guilty, and intimates such intention to the Bench, within reasonable time, the professional costs would be saved.

Senior-constable Ferris has received notice of transfer from Gulgong to Sunny Corner. It is said the transfer is the outcome of an anonymous letter, written by a woman to the Inspector-General of Police, stating that drinking and gambling were carried on at a leading hotel in Gulgong after hours, and casting reflections on Senior-constable Ferris, to whom the writer subsequently wrote admitting that her letter to the Inspector-General was untrue, and abjectly apologising for what she had done.

10-3-1908 Parcels of ore from the Montana Copper Mine, Sunny Corner sent to the Great Cobar furnace, Lithgow, contained 12 to 17 per cent. copper, and nearly 3oz. silver, and a trace of gold. Development work is being pushed on.

11-3-1908 At the last meeting of the Turon Shire Council the engineer reported he had visited Sunny Corner and made final arrangements with Mr. Charleston in connection with the water supply. The cost of fixing water trough and having it connected with the water main in the street would be £4.
Mr. Chiplin wrote regretting that the public school at Sunny Corner, had to provide a water meter, and asking for particulars as to cost.
There was a dead end near the school, and they had in the past been in the habit of letting the water run out every week so as to keep it pure.
The engineer reported that water had been previously supplied free, but under the new conditions both the school and the police station would have to pay the water rate
The Council resolved to inform Mr. Chiplin that the cost of a meter would, be £6 2s 6d.

13-3-1908 The final of the School of Arts euchre tournament was played on Monday night; between Messrs. A. H. Platt and C. W. Chiplin. The former was the winner.

District Surveyor Legge spent a few weeks touring the local common in search of suitable land for closer settlement, but he did not appear to discover anything approaching what is required.

Since the altered time-table for daily mails from Rydal came into operation, whereby the mails from here leave that place at 6 instead of 5 a.m., the coach driver finds it practically impossible to deliver the mails to schedule time, viz., 8.30 a.m. He has to drive at top speed to get in even before 9' o'clock. The new arrangement seems to be unworkable, and unsatisfactory to both the contractor and the townspeople, who look for their daily budget at 9 o'clock; and half-an-hour is invariably necessary for sorting.
It is quite evident that the former time for leaving Rydal is the more satisfactory.

General satisfaction is expressed here at the decision of the Turon Shire councillors by four to two to remove the head-quarters of the shire from Sofala to Kelso, in compliance with the wishes of the rate-payers, as expressed by them in a vote taken on the question during the recent elections.

18-3-1908 Quite a stir was, caused during Thursday, in consequence of a number of gun shots in the vicinity of the town. People began to make enquiries to ascertain the cause, thinking, probably that the place was being invaded by a foreign foe. However, this was not the case. War had been declared against the male goats of the neighbourhood. A member of the town common trustees, armed with a double-barrelled gun, and accompanied by a representative of the law was marching round and laying low each goat as he appeared within range. It appears that some of these goats had declared war against the small children of the neighbourhood, and had severely maltreated a couple of those who were not old enough to get out of their way, in fact, they (the he-goats) turned their attentions to some of the adults as well. The fact must not be overlooked that an attack by these goats was not altogether unexpected on account of the maltreatment received by them at the hands of a number of boys who are old enough to know better. It has been a source of great amusement to several boys to torment the goats in the past, consequently the worm, or the goat, had, in the general order and fitness of things, turned at last. The whole of the goats despatched were, with perhaps one exception, of the mongrel variety. Consequently the loss will not be felt. Goats in this district are a necessity, as many families are unable to keep a cow or purchase milk. Perhaps now that the usual crop of useless he-goats has been done away with the common trustees will replace them by one or two goats of the Angora variety, and then take the necessary steps to prevent their maltreatment by boys.

Mining inspector Smith paid a visit to this district at the end of last week.

The line of cast-iron water pipes that formerly connected the pump at Black Springs with the Sunny Corner mine is now being taken up preparatory to being connected with the town water supply dam.

Mr. and Mrs, Rosewell's infant child, seven weeks old, died on Thursday.

20-3-1908 On Tuesday evening the Rev. W. Vaughan Rose R.D., preached his farewell sermon in the local Church of England, to a very large and attentive congregation comprising prominent members of all denominations, and visitors from Meadow Flat, Dark Corner, and Mt. Lambie. This was sufficiently demonstrative of the very high esteem in which the rev. gentleman has been held by all shades of religious beliefs throughout the district. The church had been neatly and appropriately decorated for the occasion. Seated in the choir pews were prominent members of local and district denominations, other than those directly connected with the Church of England, which again wont to prove the general popularity of the departing clergyman.

23-3-1908 A harvest festival service was hold in the Union Church, West Mitchell, last night (Wednesday), The Rev. Mr. .Archer, Baptist minister from Bathurst, presided. The Church, which had been prettily decorated for the occasion, presented a charming appearance. Mr. Archer preached a sermon suitable to the occasion, taking for his text, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." At the conclusion of the service, the produce consisting of fruit and vegetables, was sold by "bruce auction." The people of West Mitchell and Dark Conner, especially Mr. .Longford are to be congratulated on the success of this, their first venture, and it is to be hoped they will make it an annual affair.

25-3-1908 A well-known and highly respected resident for many years of Dark Corner, in the person of Mrs. Maclachlan, passed over to the great majority on Saturday last. The deceased lady had reached more than the allotted span of life, as she had attained the great age of 85 years. She leaves a large grown-up family of sons and daughters, together with a number of descendants and a wide circle of friends of many years' standing, to mourn her departure. Her remains were laid to rest in the Dark Corner cemetery, on Monday afternoon, and the funeral cortege was very large.

10-4-1908 Sen. Const. Edward Ferris has been appointed inspector at Sunny Corner under section 50 of the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act.

Constable Harold Head has been appointed acting clerk of petty sessions at Sunny Corner, vice Sen.-Const. Pope, transferred and pending permanent arrangements being made, as from 7th March

The annual inspection at Sunny Corner was held on 10th April, and Mr. Inspector Murray reported that at his invitation the teachers at Meadow Flat, Dark Corner and Warrawang (later called Mount Lambie, now closed) had attended, and that after the inspection a discussion on educational matters had taken place, At that time general reforms in educational ideas and methods were taking place in the Department, and the Inspector's action was doubtless in line with this policy.

13-4-1908 A very old resident of this place, named Patrick Walsh, died in the Bathurst Hospital last Tuesday. He had been ailing, for many years.

Lily Odgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. 0dgers, of West Mitchell, contracted typhoid fever, and is now under treatment at Bathurst. Latest reports go to show that, although somewhat improved a few days ago she is not out of danger yet. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Mrs. Wallace, who has been ailing for some time, has had a very bad turn recently and her condition was regarded so serious a few days ago that it was deemed advisable to secure the attendance of her relatives:

A social, under the auspices of the local Tennis Club, was held in the School of Arts hall on Friday evening. There, was a good attendance and everything passed off well. Mr. D. O'Dell officiated as M.C., and the music was supplied by Yates Bros.

The district inspector of public schools, Mr. Murray has been here inspecting the various schools in this locality during this week. He also paid an official visit to the School of Arts and he found everything going along satisfactorily.

Mrs. C. W. Chiplin has been suffering with a severe attack of bronchitis during the past few days.

The district stock inspector Mr. S. Smith, has been here during the week on a tour of inspection.

The daily mails are again being delivered at 8.30 each morning, the original time of delivery, which is much more in accordance with the wishes of the general public having been resorted to. The recent experiment of a later delivery, after having been given a trial, was found unsatisfactory.

Mr. S. Mann who exhibited his black cocker spaniel in the dog section at the recent Bathurst show, secured first honors again this year.

Rain is badly needed throughout, this district. Almost the whole of the creeks and water courses have dried up.

15-4-1908 VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1907.

Sunny Corner, Marriages	10, including 3 minor females.		
Births	80,	males	39, females 41.
Deaths	28,	males	18, females 10.

17-4-1908 Mail Runs.

John Case. Rydal, Meadow Flat, Sunny Corner and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main-road, 44 miles, six times weekly, 4-wheeled vehicle and horse back, £133 10s, to Dec. 31, 1908

William Sparks. West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, 45 miles, twice weekly, horseback, £47 19s, to Dec. 31, 1908.

17-4-1908 A public meeting of the West Mitchell Band of Hope was held in the Union Church on Wednesday night.

20-5-1908 Mr. William Patrick O'Neill, Acting Postmaster, Sunny Corner, to act temporarily as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of The Macquarie, at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. I. C. J. Mower,—from the 8th May, 1908.

22-4-1908 The Rev. E. P. Lowe, recently appointed rector of this parish, paid his first visit here on Sunday last, and preached his introductory sermon to a fairly large congregation, in the local Church of England.

The local schools are now enjoying the customary Easter vacation.

Splendid rain commenced on Thursday night, and continued till Friday night.

Senior Constable Edward Ferris has been appointed inspector to carry out the provisions of the Shearers' Accommodation Act in the, district of Sunny Corner.

24-4-1908 A large congregation assembled at the local Methodist Church on Sunday morning to welcome the Rev. Mr. Hobson, .who preached his first sermon here since his arrival in succession of the Rev. Mr. Wright.

29-4-1908 Mr. J. E. Ireland, one of the directors of the Montana Copper Mining Co, No Liability, journeyed to Sunny Corner this morning. An application is being made to the warden for suspension of labor conditions at the mine for six months owing to the low price of copper.

2-5-1908 Harold Thompson was charged at Sunny Corner on Wednesday with illegally using a horse, the property of Donaldson Bros, of Yetholme. The accused pleaded guilty and was fined 20s and 10s costs, in default seven days imprisonment. Three days were allowed for payment.

George Stait sued Joseph Jeffrey in the Sunny Corner Small Debts Court on Wednesday for £6, the value of a pet kangaroo, killed, on the roadside between Portland and Sunny Corner.

The magistrate advised a settlement, but the parties failed to agree, and after evidence had been given, the plaintiff was non-suited.

8-5-1908 Lilly Odgers has now almost fully recovered from her attack of typhoid fever, her parents brought her home from Bathurst.

Mr. James Odgers, who is employed at Cobar met with a serious accident a few days ago, having his hand crushed at work.

A considerable number of stock have been removed from this district recently, several thousand head of sheep have passed through bound for warmer parts where winter feed is more plentiful.

15-5-1908 Tenders Wanted. For Grubbing only, or Grubbing and Burning Off, fit for the Plough, 10 Acres of Land, situated 1 mile from Sunny Corner. All Tools found. Tenders close 23rd .May. Address: A. E. Mac Donald, Portland.

20-5-1908 The recent rain has enabled Messrs. Murray and Cook to commence work with their battery at West Mitchell. They have a considerable quantity of quartz to put through. '

Lord and party, at Bobs Creek, have a very large heap of quartz awaiting treatment at Charleston's Battery, to which necessary repairs have yet to be effected. In connection with the proposed re-starting of the old mine, a little work of a preparatory nature is being carried out in the shape of excavating trenches, wherein to lay the pipes that are to connect the mine with the local water works reservoir.

21-5-1908 Mr. William Patrick O'Neill, acting postmaster, Sunny Corner, to act temporarily as assistant district registrar of births, deaths, and marriages for the district of The Macquarie, at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. I. C. J. Mower

22-5-1908 Rain fell here on Monday night and Tuesday and looked like continuing. The rain was, however, too late for the district, as the frosts were now very severe.

A consignment consisting of 200 head of cattle and 50 horses left Sunny Corner for the Mudgee district, where they will winter, returning to Sunny Corner in the spring. Shumack Bros, are in charge, and the route is via Palmers Oakey.

5-6-1908 A very old resident of Dark Corner-Palmers Oakey district, in the person of John Ferguson, died on Monday last. He had been a resident of the district for upwards of sixty years, and attained the great age of 92 years. His remains were laid to rest on Wednesday, in the Dark Corner cemetery.

John came to Australia from Scotland with his family in 1838. Came to the Palmers Oakey area in the early 1840's and they took up "Warrie" station and held it till 1896. John leaves a family of a boy and a girl, being raised by relatives as his wife died when the last child was born.

It is reported that the sale of the premises known as Tattersall's Hotel has been effected, and that the buildings are to be pulled down and removed to Yetholme, where they are to be re-erected as an additional tourists boarding house in that village. The premises in question have been unoccupied for some time, and if they are removed, as stated, will make the second of the original hotel premises that at one time adorned this place to go to Yetholme to be converted into boarding houses for the accommodation of city and other visitors.

Mr. John Hemsworth, who has been ailing for some time, is at present in very poor health.

Very heavy frosts have been experienced during the past few nights. The weather is generally fine, but intensely cold.

Mrs. Wallace continues to obtain very indifferent health. She has now been ill for some time, with it is stated but little, if any, signs of improvement.

8-6-1908 After a long period of suffering Mrs. A. Wallace passed away at about 6 o'clock on Saturday morning. She collapsed on Thursday morning, and remained unconscious until death supervened. She had attained the age of 69 years and leaves a husband and family of three sous and four daughters, besides many other relatives and friends to mourn their sad loss. The family have resided here for upwards of twenty years, and are well known, and highly respected. Deceased suffered for a considerable time from that dread malady, cancer from which no cure has yet unfortunately, been discovered. From time to time she had the best medical attention, but human skill is yet unable to combat the ailment from winch she was so long a sufferer. The deepest sympathy is expressed by all towards the family in their sad bereavement.

Regarding Mr. J. Hemsworth it is stated, that there is, but little, if any, improvement in his health.

Mrs. P. Gibbons health has not been very good recently.

Light snow and sleet fell on Friday night, the first for the present winter.

There was at the time every appearance of a heavy fall of snow, but Saturday morning broke fine and clear, with a keen west wind.

8-6-1908 Mr. J. Sparks, who is well known in Sunny Corner and district jarred his hand while working at Torbane. It will be some time before he will be able to return to work

10-6-1908 Another mob of about 200 head of cattle passed through Dark Corner on Sunday en route to the Mudgee side for grass.

Foxes are still very numerous around. One was caught in a rabbit trap by Master J. Dyers, on Sunday morning. This makes the third caught by this boy within the last two months. We are experiencing some very severe frosts lately, the thermometer registering as low as 16 degrees.

A tennis match is to be played here on Saturday between team's representing Dark Corner and Sunny Corner. The team to do battle for the honor of D.C. consists of, Misses Grabham, Smith, and Shumack (2), and Messrs. Shumack (2), Stewart and Munro.

19-6-1908 Mr. W. P. O'Neill, who has been relieving at the local post-office, during the absence on annual leave of Mr. J. Mower, was entertained by a few friends and presented with a handsome silver-mounted pipe, as a mark of esteem, a few evenings ago. As was anticipated at the time that Mr. Mower would resume duty in a day or so following, but in consequence of illness he obtained extended leave, with the result that Mr. O'Neill is still in charge here.

The chairman spoke in glowing terms of Mr. O'Neill's sterling qualities, both as an officer and a citizen, during his all too brief sojourn in our midst, it was quite certain that he (Mr. O'Neill) had made more genuine friends in a short period than George Reid had made promises during his political career. (Applause and laughter.) The guest, who was quite taken by surprise, acknowledged, the gift in a few well-chosen words. He was at a loss to understand why they had thought fit to recognise him in that manner. During his stay here he had done nothing more or less than what he considered to be his duty. However, he was pleased to learn that he had earned the good wishes of the community, and he would carry away with him many happy recollections of his brief stay of about five weeks at Sunny Corner. (Applause.) In the general enthusiasm that prevailed, the chairman inadvertently overlooked one of the most important toasts on the list, but being in a happy frame of mind, he proved equal to the occasion by demanding that they commence de novo, and go through the toast-list till the one omitted had been reached. This caused a considerable amount of merriment. However, as several of those present intimated that they did not feel quite equal to the occasion, they hoped the chairman would not press the point, and the chairman acquiesced. Matters were kept going merrily for several hours, and an extremely pleasant evening was brought to a close by the company rendering, in true orthodox style, "Auld Lang Syne."

Sickness in one form and another is somewhat prevalent in this district just at present. Colds and mild attacks of influenza, which may be expected at this time of the year, are numerous.

The trustees of the local recreation ground are in receipt of a very fine lot of ornamental trees and shrubs for the purpose of setting out in that ground. .

Foxes have been busy recently in this district. Reynard has been paying visits to several chicken-roosts, with evident satisfaction to himself.

That feathered pest, the sparrow has again made its appearance in great numbers.

22-6-1908 Rain set in on Friday accompanied by a strong cold wind from the west. There have been occasional falls of snow and sleet, but not sufficient to lay on the ground for any time.

Mr. Cecil Francis, of this town, is reported as being an inmate of a private hospital at Bathurst, suffering from an attack of pneumonia. A speedy recovery is hoped for him.

22-6-1908 A sudden change in the weather occurred on Thursday night, when a windstorm came up, accompanied by squally showers. On Friday rain, hail, and snow fell almost without intermission, 75points being registered.

The severity of the weather will, it is feared, kill many of the poor stock which have not yet been removed from the district. Already over 500 head of cattle and horses have gone to the Mudgee district for the winter.



"The Mail Coach Snowbound at Sunny Corner, NSW, 24 June 1908". Postcard, per Trevor Parmenter, Sydney, NSW. On reverse: "Old Bill Sparks at left, then J. Fitzgerald, don't know the other 3. Jack Cook at back. Photo taken near the Courthouse". Collection Vicki Powys.

This was used by Reg Campbell when he painted the mural on the wall of the local hall.

24-6-1908 A very heavy fall of snow has occurred here since Monday morning. It is still snowing, being over 1ft deep in the open and several feet in the drifts. Ingress to houses in many cases is only obtained by cutting passages through the snow.

The water in taps is frozen, even inside the houses. Poor and weak stock are dying with cold.

This district would seem to have been suddenly invaded by quite a battalion of foxes during the past week or so. A fair number have been known to exist here for some time, but many of their relations have come along recently. They have not yet removed any fences or post-holes, as far as is known. But they have made feathers fly, and reduced the gross total of poultry. One person lost ten fine fowls, another several valuable ducks, and a beautiful black- swan, which has graced the local reservoir for a long time, disappeared on Friday night last.

In several, instances portions' of the bodies were discovered. Sufficient evidence is now available to convict the whole family of foxes. On Thursday night a resident discovered one in his yard. This was his second visit, as a fowl was discovered a few days previous minus head and neck. Another resident was out walking at the rear of the rifle butts last week, when he discovered a fox quietly contemplating a number of sheep. Having no firearms, he threw stones at the depredator, who sauntered off leisurely. On Sunday last a resident was riding towards Portland, on the main range track near the rifle range, when he discovered a very fine fox. He gave chase for a considerable distance, but lost sight of his quarry in the thick undergrowth. A movement is now being made with a view of organising a "fox hunt" or "drive"; and if sufficient hunters and shooters can be organised, it is suggested that this should take place on next Saturday, 27th inst. There are quite a number of foxes about, here at present, and a day's hunting may result in the capture of a few.

The bush here abounds in many parts is infested with wombat holes, which afford excellent protection for the fox family, and the result of the hunters efforts will be greatly minimised in consequence. For all that, there is no reason why the drive should not take place.

26-6-1908 Mr. J. Mower, the local postmaster, is reported to be suffering from an attack of pleurisy. Mr. O'Neill, relieving officer, is still in charge here.

29-6-1908 The cold has been intense during the week, and many water taps and pipes burst. Even the birds have dropped dead from the trees in many places. The snow was the heaviest known here for seven years.

00-06-1908 E Bright school teacher at Palmers Oakey.

1-7-1908 At Sunny Corner on Monday, there were snow drifts eight to ten feet deep.

Mr C. W. Chiplin has been appointed by the League Council to act in conjunction with Mr. W. T Palmer, at Sunny Corner in looking after affairs in connection with the Bathurst-Sydney road race.

2-7-1908 A witness at the Special Local Option Court yesterday said that the slump in mining at Sunny Corner was in some measure due to want of water. They had no water for some time, until the recent snow falls. What, observed his Honor Judge Docker, was there none to put in the whisky, (Laughter)

3-7-1908 The fox drive organised last week resulted in almost thirty shooters and drivers putting in an appearance at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning and a start was made at the racecourse. Mr. George. Montgomery was in charge of the shooters, and Mr C. Marsden of the "drivers". A considerable scope of country was invaded. Nearly everywhere the bush was covered with snow, almost knee deep, and this mitigated against success. However, the snow proved beyond doubt the numbers of foxes live in the country traversed, their tracks being plainly visible.

Throughout the day about half a dozen foxes were seen, but only one killed outright. The fortunate shooter being the captain, Mr. George Montgomery. Quite a number of wallabies, hares and rabbits were secured. Rabbits were singularly scarce, the reason assigned being that the foxes are gradually wiping them out. One very large, and seemingly tough fox was encountered. He drove up to the line of fire splendidly, when he was fired at by one of the men stationed near the left flank, he wheeled about and travelled along the line at a great pace, still as he failed to hoist the White flag, he received quite a feu-de-joie from the guns en route. To all appearances he dodged the marksmen's aim fairly successfully. However, he took away enough lead to keep him scratching for a few days, judging from the trail of blood plainly visible. At times during the day some very good sport was obtained, and generally everything passed off very well, even though only one fox received, his final dose. During the week several foxes have been seen in the neighborhood, two being captured by Mr. W. Francis. '

A drive was held at "Warrie'. station, Palmers Oakey also on Saturday, the result being the capture of one. Next Saturday, the 4th inst. a drive will take place at Mr. George. Hemsworth's paddocks. .Those wishing to take part are to meet at his farm, near the rifle butts, at 10 o'clock.

Extremely heavy frosts have been experienced here regularly since the recent, fall of snow. Domestic water pipes and taps have suffered in consequence.

Mr. Mower, postmaster, returned on Sunday last, but his health is such that he is unable to resume duty.

The secretary of The School of Arts has been notified that the Government has paid to the credit of the trustees the sum of 21 pounds in the form of a special grant. This sum will enable the managing committee to wipe off the present liabilities, and give a small credit balance.

6-7-1908 Local Option Court At Bathurst. The Sub-Inspector stated that there were two hotels at Sunny Corner, the Royal and Royal Exchange. Both hotels were required. The population within a radius of seven miles was 700. Sen.-constable Harris, of Sunny Corner, thought both hotels were necessary for the public requirements.

Win. Francis, licensee and part owner of the Royal, stated that the average weekly number of visitors was 10 and the weekly takings averaged between £8 and £9.

Charles Murray, licensee and owner of the Royal Exchange Hotel, said he had been in the hotel for nearly 17 years. The weekly takings averaged about £12. The mail coach stopped at his hotel. In winter the traffic was not very large.

8-7-1908 Portland Methodist Circuit. It was resolved that Mount Lambie be dropped from the list of preaching places, the minister to conduct, as far as practicable, afternoon, services at Sunny Corner on the Mount Lambie dates. It was resolved that the name of Mr. Chas. Toyer be placed on the list of preachers, as preacher on trial

9-7-1908 Sunny Corner Water Supply. Mr. A. A. Patterson (Shire Engineer), in his report to the Turon Shire Council yesterday, stated that he had visited Sunny Corner in connection with the water supply.

The total amount of water which passed through the meters from the time the Council took over the waterworks till July 1 was 156,000 gallons. Mr. Patterson stated that he had given instructions to several residents to cover up water pipes and meters, and told them that they would be responsible for any breakage, and would have to repair them at their own expense.

10-7-1908 The fox and wallaby drive, promoted by Mr. Geo. Hemsworth, took place on Saturday last. About 10 30 a start was made with some 16 shooters and about a dozen drivers. Other shooters and drivers joined the party later on.

A very large tract of country was traversed, everyone being kept busy up till about 4.30 p.m. Contrary to expectations game of all descriptions was very scarce indeed, foxes being conspicuous by their absence, not one was seen throughout the day by either drivers or shooters.

Rabbits were at one time very numerous in parts of the country dealt with on Saturday, but perhaps not more than a score were seen throughout the day.

Mr. Mower, the local postmaster, had sufficiently recovered from his recent illness to be able to resume duty on Thursday. Mr. O'Neill, the relieving officer, departed for Sydney the same evening. A number of his local friends assembled to see him off.

A considerable amount of snow still remains in the vicinity.

13-7-1908 Entries for the forthcoming Bathurst to Sydney bicycle road race close on Saturday next. At a meeting of the Sunny Corner Bicycle Club on Saturday night, arrangements in connection with the contest were furthered, and there is every indication that the competitor will be well looked after as they pass, through that centre. Local races for both adults and juveniles were made at the same meeting, and Messrs. J. Miller, Arnold Rigby, W. Francis, and C. W. Chiplin promised substantial prizes.

14-7-1908 The annual meeting of the School of Arts was held last night, and over 80 members were present. The president, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, occupied the chair, and was supported by Messes. J. Miller, M L A and A. K. Charleston, patrons. In his address the president gave a brief resume of the past year's work, and stated that the progress made was far beyond the expectations of members. This was due to the Government for the subsidy of £57, Mr. Miller for securing from the Government the balance of £21, and to the gentlemen who had assisted with donations.

The secretary's report and balance sheet showed a very prosperous condition of affairs. Mr. Miller proposed and Mr. Charleston seconded the adoption of the reports, and both gentlemen eulogised the president and secretary for their energetic and successful work on behalf of the institution. The motion was carried. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year Messrs. J. Miller, M.L.A., and J. K. Charleston, patrons ; Mr. C. W. Chiplin, president ; Mr. G. Fraser, secretary ; Mr. J. L. Jones, treasurer ; Mr. A. Mann; librarian ; Mr. J. Jones, assistant librarian ; Mr. W. T. Palmer, assistant secretary. A committee of 20 members was also elected. Donations totalling over £8, including £2. 2s from Mr. Miller, were handed in.

It was stated that a miniature rifle range had been established in connection with the institution, and would be available for use at an early date.

Mr. Miller announced that he would give a prize of £1 1s for the speaker in the Debating Club making most improvement during the year.

20-7-1908 In my report concerning the annual meeting, of the members of the School of Arts, the following officers names were inadvertently omitted from the list of those elected, Viz: vice-president, Mr. J. Simpkins, librarian, Mr. A. Mann; assistant librarian, Mr. J. L. Jones. Another important item was also overlooked, viz., that the membership roll is 110.

The new managing committee of the School of Arts held their first meeting on Wednesday evening last, when a good deal of business was dealt with. It was decided to have permanent seats fixed round the walls of the main hall. The book committee were authorised to purchase new books and magazines to the value of £5.

The necessary agreement was entered into for the receipt of a box of books from the Free Public Library. The secretary was instructed to obtain from the Intelligence Department a number of photocrome views of the State. These will be framed and hung on the walls of the reading room. The secretary was also instructed to apply to the State Forestry Department for a number of ornamental trees and shrubs, so that they may be planted as soon as possible on the land belonging to the institution. The new scale of membership fees was adopted, as was also the code of regulations to govern miniature rifle shooting.

The trustees of the recreation ground have set apart a portion of the area under their control for a tennis court, and tenders have been called for carrying out the necessary work in connection therewith.

24-7-1908 Alter a lingering illness, Mr. John Hemsworth passed over to the great majority on Tuesday morning. He leaves a wife and a large family of children, all young together with a very large circle of relatives and friends, to mourn their sad loss.

The deceased was perhaps about the most widely known resident of this place. His luminal face was always to be seen at sports meetings of all kinds, political meetings, auction sales, and such like gatherings. He was one of those who arrived in this district in the early days, and was one of the first to take an active part in opening up several of the mines hereabouts.

During his time he was an extremely active man, and as a pioneer saw and took part in the opening up of many new fields, and went through the privations and pleasures incidental to such.

For some time he was unable to move about, consequently his end was not unexpected. He had reached the good old age of 73 years. It was an interest and a pleasure to listen to his recountal of many of his experiences during the early periods in these districts, before the advent of railways through the country, when all goods were delivered by bullock teams from Sydney.

Cold, boisterous weather set in on Monday, and on Tuesday night a light fall of snow was experienced. The weather is still very unsettled, with an exceptionally cold wind.

27-7-1908 Mrs Samuel Barry died on Wednesday last. The deceased lady had been ailing for a considerable period, and had been an inmate of the Bathurst Hospital, in which institution she passed away. She leaves a husband and grown-up family, in addition to many relatives, to mourn their sad loss. The remains were conveyed from Bathurst and laid to rest in the Kirkconnell cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The attendance at the funeral was very large.

The funeral obsequies were per formed by the Rev. Father Heath.

The Grim Reaper has indeed been the cause of sorrow in several homes here during this week. On Friday afternoon still another well-known and highly respected resident, in the person of Mr George White, passed away. The deceased gentleman had attained the grand old age of almost four score and three years, the 28th instant being the anniversary of his birth. He leaves a widow and grown-up family, and a wide circle of relatives. Mr White was about on Wednesday, apparently in his usual health. He complained of feeling unwell on Thursday morning and passed away, as stated above, somewhat unexpectedly.

Very heavy frosts have been experienced here during the past few mornings.

In the School of Arts Hall on Friday evening, prior to his departure from this district to Dubbo, Mr J. H. Waters was the recipient of a travelling bag, suitably inscribed, together with an address, presented by a number of his friends and well-wishers, as a token of their esteem.

Mr C. Stewart, on behalf of the subscribers, made the presentation, at the same time eulogising Mr. Waters in the highest possible manner, and wished him every success in his now sphere of labours. Mr. Chiplin, in presenting the address, spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Waters, and wished him God-speed. Mr. Fraser very ably supported, and endorsed all that had been said by the previous speakers.

Mr. Waters feelingly responded, and thanked them most sincerely for the honor they had conferred on him that evening, he would always have a warm spot in his heart for the good people of this district. He accepted their very handsome gift in the noble spirit which actuated its presentation.

29-7-1908 A very large number of residents from all parts of the district assembled on Sunday afternoon to show their last respects to the late Mr. George White. The remains were removed from the Royal Hotel at 3 p.m., and conveyed to the Church of England, thence to the local cemetery, where they were laid to rest beside those of his daughter and her husband, the late Mr. and Mrs. George Francis. At the church gate, Mr. J. H. Waters Th. A., read the first portion of the service for the departed, after which a Psalm was repeated, followed by an appropriate hymn sung by a special choir. A short, solemn, and appropriate sermon was then delivered, being followed by another hymn. The coffin was then removed, to the solemn strains of the Dead March. The funeral cortege was very large, many people preferring to walk on account of the chilliness of the atmosphere. The cortege was met at the cemetery gates by Mr. Waters, who performed the last sad rites at the graveside.

The sincerest sympathy is expressed by all towards Mrs. White (who, it may be stated, has also attained a good old age), and all relatives and friends in their bereavement.

A general meeting of the bicycle club was held on Saturday evening. It was unanimously decided to hold a handicap road race for boys, age limit 17 years, who are members of the club, on Saturday, August 8. Prizes are to be given, and entrance is free. The course decided upon is around the loop, starting in front of R. H. Bulkeley and Co's store, to West Mitchell, then to the cross roads, and return via Mr. C. Cook's, finishing at the starting point. The distance is about seven miles. Many lads are now in active training for the event. Mr. W. T. Palmer has been appointed handicapper. Mr. C. W. Chiplin has been appointed starter and judge, and will be assisted by Messrs. Duke and Gill. Mr. Murray is to time the competitors, and Mr. C. Stewart will officiate as checking officer at the cross roads.

The sale of the old Tattersall's Hotel has been finally settled, and it is estimated that the contractors will commence pulling it down this week, for the purpose of removing and re-erecting it at Yetholme, where it is to be converted into a tourist boarding house.

At Saturday night's meeting of the bicycle club, the necessary officials to control the Bathurst-Sydney road race were appointed for this section.

Mr. Jas. H. Waters delivered his farewell sermon in the Church of England on Sunday evening, when there was a large congregation.

3-8-1908 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill and J. Cook, Js.P.)

Two cases were struck out, there being no appearance of the parties.

Police v. M. A. W. Young, larceny of three bottles of cordials from the Royal Hotel.

Constable Head gave evidence that on the night of 28th May he saw the accused at the rear of Bulkeley's store, about 10 pm. with two bottles containing cordial (produced). He asked where she got them, and she said, "I took them from Francis' Hotel" he said, "Did you buy them?" She said, "No, I took them off the shelf, I had some drink, and did not know what I was doing." Witness said, "I must take these bottles, and will see you later on about them". She said, "If you will let me off I will go back and pay for them." The following morning, witness found the other bottle about fifteen yards from the hotel, in the direction the accused had gone that night. He then laid the information.

William Francis, licensee of the Royal Hotel, gave evidence that on the 28th May he missed three bottles of cordials from his hotel. Those produced were similar to those he missed. He gave no one permission to take them. He valued the cordials at Is.

Accused pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s, costs 6s; in default seven days. Fine paid.

3-8-1908 A public meeting, presided over by Mr. Murray, was held in the School of Arts Hall on Wednesday night, for the purpose of protesting against, a proposal to reduce the present daily mail service to a tri weekly service from Rydal. Mr. G. Fraser was elected secretary. The chairman explained that but very little was known of the proposal at present. A good

deal of it appeared to be in the shape of rumor, but there was every reason to believe that there was a considerable amount of truth in the rumors. Mr. Fraser said there appeared to be a move on that would not be beneficial to the townspeople and residents of the district generally. Therefore it was necessary to take steps in the matter at once.

The following motion was proposed by Mr. W. T. Rainier, and seconded by Mr. A. Maun, — "That Mr. Carr, M.P., be communicated with at once, with a view to ascertaining what were the department's intentions in connection with this matter, and if it is proposed to reduce the service from a daily to a tri-weekly one, steps be at once taken to prepare a monster petition in opposition to such."

The mover and seconder of the motion, together with Messrs. Fraser, Duke, Chiplin, Boorman, C. Scott, Magill, and others having spoken, the motion was carried unanimously.

It was also mentioned that there was a form of petition lying at the local post office, having for its object the closing of the office every Wednesday afternoon. Several had signed this petition, but in view of recent events some of them appeared to be in doubt if this may not be the means of inserting the thin end of the wedge. It was decided by the meeting that Mr. Carr be requested to make full inquiries with respect to this proposal also.

It was unanimously decided that Messrs. C. Murray, G. Fraser, W. T. Rainier, J. Kemp Charleston, C. W. Chiplin, and K. W. Magill be appointed a committee to obtain all possible information and generally look after the interests of the citizens in this matter. There was a large attendance, including many ladies, at the meeting.

The initial debate in connection with the School of Arts Debating Club took place on Wednesday evening, the subject being, "That the time has not yet arrived for the abolition of capital punishment." Mr. C. W. Chiplin (premier) opened proceedings, and spoke strongly in the affirmative, being supported by Messrs. G. Fraser and A. Mann. Mr. C. Scott, leader of the opposition, replied at length, and was supported by Messrs. A. B. Boorman, W. T. Palmer, and .J. Duke. The question having been put, the result was declared a tie, and the "speaker" Mr. A. H. Platt, gave his casting vote in favor of the ministry.

5-8-1908 A very heavy fall of snow was experienced on Monday morning, in sheltered places the snow was about eight inches, and in the drifts much deeper. The mail coach driver had some difficulty in getting along the road from Mt. Lambie. It was about 11.30 a.m. before he arrived here. Heavy rain set in just before mid-day, and continued during the greater part of the afternoon.

5-8-1908 His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint Constable Harold H. Head to act temporarily as Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer authorised to issue Miners' Rights and Business Licenses, and Bailiff of the Warden's Court at Sunny Corner, vice Constable Pope, transferred, such appointment to take effect from the 7th March, 1908.

7-8-1908 Another old identity, in the person of Mr Thomas Roxburgh, passed over to the silent majority last week in the Bathurst Hospital, in which institution he had been for a few days under treatment. Deceased was widely known as a resident of this district for many years. He resided on the roadside between West Mitchell and Kirkconnell. His remains were conveyed from Bathurst on Saturday, and placed in the Kirkconnell Church, whence they were removed and laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining on Sunday afternoon. The funeral service was performed by the Rev. Father Heath. Deceased's age was 73.

10-8-1908 Mr, G. C. Fraser has received a reply from Mr. E. S. Carr, M.P, regarding the conveyance of mails between Rydal and the local post office, in connection with which a public meeting was held here last week, concerning a proposal to reduce the mails from a daily to a tri weekly service. Mr. Carr states that he called on the Deputy Postmaster-General with reference to the matter, and after exhaustive inquiries had been made, the Deputy assured him that there was no intention to alter the Sunny Corner mail service; not even a recommendation, to that effect had been made by an inspector. Furthermore, the present contract does not expire till 1910, so that no change could be effected, unless something extraordinary happened. However, the rumor that a change was likely must have had some origin, and Messrs. Murray and Fraser are to be commended for so promptly convening a public meeting.

Mr, Carr, M.P., has been instrumental in obtaining for the local School, of Arts a copy, of the "Commonwealth Year Book."

During the week a box of books for the School of Arts was received from the Free Public Library, Sydney; also a number of photochromy views of the State from the Intelligence Department. These are to be framed and hung on the walls of the reading room. A further quantity of new books was received and placed on the shelves on Friday night. A very acceptable addition has been made in the reading room, in the shape of a heating stove, generously donated by Mrs J Kemp Charleston.

STAINES. In loving memory of our dear daughter, Jane Staines, and friend, Lilian Bell. .

We cannot clasp your hand, dear daughter and friend,
Your faces we cannot see ;
But let this little token tell ;
We still remember thee. ' "

Inserted by her dear parents and loving sisters and brothers. Mr. and Mrs. James Staines, Sunny Corner.

14-8-1908 The police here arrested a man to-day on suspicion of being identical with the person for whom a warrant is out for murder of the man Daly in Sydney. He has been detained until further information is received from Sydney. Thomas Daly, who died in Sydney Hospital on Monday morning, was found by the police in Waine-street, Woolloomooloo, on the night previous, was removed to No. 3 Police Station, and thence to Sydney Hospital. It was said that he had been injured by another man, with whom he had remonstrated on account of his quarrel with a woman.

15-8-1908



19-8-1908 A road race tor boys, age limit 17, was run off here on Saturday. The distance was about 7 miles, the race being from Sunny Corner, through West Mitchell to Dark Corner, and back to Sunny Corner. The winner was Richard Honeyman, of Bathurst, who started from scratch and did the journey in 27 minutes, a very fine performance, considering the hilly nature of the country, and the heavy track. The winner was followed home by G. Montgomery, 1 ½ min : J. Bourke,4 ½ mins; G. Mann; l ½ min ; J. Vipen, 3 min ; and O. Mann, 2 min, In that order. The prizes were donated by Messrs J. Miller, M.L.A., Arnold Rigby, C.W. Chiplin, C Stewart, and the Sunny Corner Bicycle Club, and were presented on Saturday night in the School of Arts Hall by Mr, Chiplin, President of the club.

2-9-1908 At a meeting of the shareholders of the Montana Copper Mine Co., No Liability, a resolution was carried that the company go into liquidation, and that the machinery and plant at the mine, Sunny Corner, be offered for sale by tender.

4-9-1908 An old and well-known resident of this place Mr. Benjamin Bell, was lost from Friday to Monday last, He occupied his life chiefly fossicking for gold in the various creeks about this district; and it appears he went out as was his custom on Friday morning, and failing to return home in the evening, the members of his family became uneasy. It is stated that he has been somewhat strange in his manner for some little time back. A search was instituted on Friday night and on Saturday afternoon he was reported to have been at Portland during Friday, and was seen making towards his home from there. However, he got astray, and was seen in the vicinity of Meadow Flat on Saturday morning. He went from there towards Rydal. During Saturday afternoon several residents went out searching for him, and many of the searchers were out most of Saturday night. Additional searchers went out on Sunday, the country from here to Rydal being carefully searched. The various parties continued the search throughout Sunday night. On Monday morning the local police were informed by the constable at Rydal that Bell was supposed to be in the vicinity of Mountain Home, not very far from Tarana, on the southern side of the railway line. Constable Head went off at once to Tarana, accompanied by some of the missing man's relatives. At the same time Const. Brien of Rydal, was on his way to Mountain Home. He was successful in locating the unfortunate man, and no time was lost in giving him attention, and convoying him to his home here. It was about 10 o'clock at night when he was returned to his family, each of whom had had a very trying time. The unfortunate man was very weak, having been without food almost the whole time. The great wonder is that he was alive at all, considering the want of food and the extremely cold frosty nights.

The majority of those who made the trip to see the American fleet have returned, all say that they had a most enjoyable time.

The committee of the School of Arts propose to have the land belonging to that institution, enclosed with a paling fence, and cleared of all old building material and other debris. Holes are also to be prepared to plant ornamental trees, and improvements will be effected to the approach from the street.

Now that winter is over, local knights of the rifle are bestirring themselves, as shooting here during the winter months is practically impossible. The targets and all other appliances at the range have recently been overhauled, renewed, and generally furbishing up. There was a good muster of members shooting on Saturday in the N R A medal competition, the conditions being seven shots each at 200 500 and 600 yards. .The best score registered was made by Capt. W. T. Palmer, who obtained a "possible" at the middle distance, and one point less at the short range, his scores being 34, 35, 31 =100
The next, best scores were those of A. B. Boorman, 94, and F. S. Withers, 90.

Boisterous weather set in from the north-west on Tuesday night with intermittent rain squalls.

7-9-1908 The building trade here just now appears to be somewhat brisk. But, unfortunately, the "briskness" happens to be in the line of demolishing and constructing. An hotel building wherein soda water has not fizzed for some time, is being pulled down, with a view of being re-erected at Yetholme as a tourist boarding house. A church, wherein the collection plate has lain idle for many a day, and the spiders have had undisturbed possession of the pulpit and pews, is also being razed to the ground, to be re-erected at Portland, A building, formerly used as a general store in the good times, is being scattered abroad, and goes to Portland also. Perhaps in the dim and distant future palatial brick or stone structures will be reared up in their places.

Light, steady rain set in on Friday afternoon.

14-9-1908 Montgomery. In sad but loving memory of our darling mother who died at Meadow Flat September 14, 1907, aged 76 years. '

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, F. and E. Montgomery, Sunny Corner.

Mr. John Littler of this town, had a somewhat narrow escape from what might have been a serious accident last week. It appears he was on his way to Wolgan with a horse and dray, and when going down one of the many steep grades on that road, the dray, on which he was seated, overturned and pinned him between the handrail and the ground by both legs below the knees. The horse in his struggles whilst on his back broke the shafts of the dray and then lay on his side. Being a quiet animal, he did not struggle to any great extent, which was fortunate for Mr. Littler. The entrapped man called out lustily to attract the attention of some people occupying a house some little distance away, with the result that one of the female occupants put in an appearance, but she was unable to render sufficient aid alone to extricate him, and she went in search of further assistance. During the interim Mr. Littler succeeded in extricating himself.

All possible aid was rendered by those who appeared on the scene. It was found that no bones were broken, but that he was suffering somewhat from shock, He was conveyed to his home here, and is now able to get about with the aid of a crutch and a walking stick.

Two lads, each about eight years of age, were cutting firewood on Thursday afternoon with the result that the axe slipped and entered the leg of one (Harold Cook), cutting a nasty gash above the knee. He was quickly taken to Portland for medical attention. The wound was dressed, three stitches inserted, and his leg placed in splints. He is now getting along well.

Members of the rifle club, were busily engaged shooting on Wednesday afternoon, the conditions being 8 shots each at 500 and 600 yards. Those taking part put up consistent scores all round. The best registered being that made by the club captain (W. T. Palmer), who made the possible (40) at the long range, and one point less at the shorter range being 79 out of a possible of 80 points.

The meeting of the bicycle club was held Thursday evening at the School of Arts, when it was unanimously decided to run two road races of 15 miles on Saturday the 26th inst. The first race is for youths under 18 years, to start at 2 P-M. The second race is for members over 18 years of age, to start at 4 P-M. Nominations for both events close with the secretary on Tuesday 22nd inst;

The start and finish will be opposite R. H. Bulkeley and Co's store, and the course, is from there round the loop i.e., to Meadow Flat and on to the Kirkconnell church, thence to finish via West Mitchell. The course is an ideal one, and the roads are in splendid order.

The School: of Arts committee have made arrangements for next Wednesday as an Arbor Day.

16-9-1908 Heavy snow set in on Monday night, and continued next day, but it is not lying thickly, owing to the dampness of the ground. The temperature is low and the weather boisterous.

18-9-1908 Francis. In sad and loving memory of our dear daughter and mother, who departed this life at Sunny Corner, Sept. 16 1902. Inserted by her loving, mother and children.

21-9-1908 Mr. E. S. Carr M.P., has the following from the Deputy Post Master General.

I have the honor to inform you that arrangements have been made for closing the post-office, Sunny Corner at 1.p.m, every Wednesday for weekly half-holiday in accordance with the approval given for offices at which one official only is employed. There is no local governing body at Sunny Corner, but it has been ascertained that the foregoing meets with the approval of a large majority of the residents.

22-9-1908 Heavy snow set in early on Sunday morning and has continued at intervals since with occasional squally showers, snow and hail. In spite of the rain, the snow is lying six inches deep. It is intensely cold, the minimum for the preceding 18 hours being 21 degrees and maximum for same period 30 degrees.

22-9-1908 Yetholme is rapidly increasing in popularity as a tourist resort, and the forthcoming holiday season promises to provide a record in the number of visitors. The accommodation houses are undergoing preparations, and a new one is course of erection.

The public school at Yetholme is to be closed on account of paucity of attendance, and parents in the district intend to make an effort to secure a substantial school.

26-9-1908


BOY'S ROAD RACE
SUNNY CORNER 26.9.08


MENS ROAD RACE 26.9.08
SUNNY CORNER CYCLE CLUB



First man home.

28-9-1908 At the R.C. Church, Miss Kate Staines, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Staines, of this town, and Mr N. Rowling of Wolgan, were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony on Wednesday afternoon last by the Rev. Father Heath. The bridesmaid was Miss L. Staines, sister of the bride and Mr. J. Fitzgerald Jnr., acted us best man. A large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties were in attendance at the ceremony, as well as the customary quota of sight-seers. A sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of at 6.30 p.m. at the Royal Hotel, at which a large number were present. The happy couple received the congratulations of their friends and well wishers, as well as a host of useful and valuable wedding gifts. The breakfast having ended, an adjournment was made to the hall adjoining the hotel, where dancing was indulged in till after midnight.

Friday was a day to be remembered. A strong, squally north-west wind blew throughout the day, bringing along blinding clouds of dust and rubbish,

Mrs. C. Murray, wife of the genial host of the Royal Exchange Hotel, is at present an inmate of a private hospital in Bathurst, It was necessary for the good lady to undergo an operation on Tuesday last. This having been successfully performed, she is now getting on as well as can be expected under the circumstances. The heart felt wish of everyone here is that she will speedily recover and return to the bosom of her family with regained health and vigour.

30-9-1908 Tenders are invited in this issue for the purchase of the Montana copper mine at Sunny Corner, together with machinery and appliances, as a going concern.
Tenders close with the liquidator, Mr. J. E. Ireland, on October 10th.

30-9-1908 Reserve No. 4 J,893 at Dark Corner, county of Roxburgh, Parish of Coolamigal, area 7 acres 2 roods, notified 22nd January, 1908, for public recreation: Messrs. Thomas Byers. William Smith. John William Shumack. Aiden Shumack. George Shumack. Abraham Grabham. Charles Stewart.

5-10-1908 Small Debts Court. (Before the Police -Magistrate.)

R. W. Magill v John Flynn, for common fees due.

After considerable argument the P.M. asked if a settlement could not be arrived at. This was done, and the amount owing was paid, into court.



13-10-1908 The license fee of the Royal Hotel and the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, has been reduced to £10 each.

14-10-1908 A start has been made with the erection of a church for the Presbyterian body in Portland, a building having been removed from Sunny Corner to a site in Vale Street below the public school.

21-10-1908 Eight tons of molybdite have been dispatched to Sunny Corner for experimental treatment from a deposit at Coolamon.

23-10-1908 At the local School of Arts on Wednesday evening last, Senior-Constable Ferris was, the recipient of a presentation from his many well-wishers and admirers residing in Gulgong. Mr. G. C. Fraser occupied the chair, and informed those present that the meeting had been called for the purpose of making the presentation on behalf of the residents of Gulgong to a worthy officer. The chairman then called on Mr. C. W. Chiplin who read a letter from the secretary of the committee representing the residents of Gulgong and district, asking him to make the presentation on their behalf. He referred to Mr. Ferris as being a capable officer, a good townsman, and above all a gentleman. He stated that the Gulgong residents were very sincere in their regret at Mr. Ferris' departure, and the fact that 100 signatures of the leading residents were on the address showed that he was held in high esteem by them and no one would receive a heartier welcome than Mr. Ferris and his family if they again paid a visit to Gulgong. He then presented Mr. Ferris with a handsomely illuminated address, and a gold albert and medal, suitably inscribed on behalf of the residents of Gulgong.

Mr. Ferris feelingly responded, and thanked Mr. Cliplin for the kind things he had said of him and asked him to convoy to the residents of Gulgong his Kindest thanks for their generous gift, and the expressions of esteem and respect they had offered on his behalf.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

Cold wintry weather has prevailed during the past few days.

Miss Worrall is at present an inmate of a private hospital in Bathurst, where it was found necessary for her to undergo an operation a few days ago. Her many friends hope to see her about again as soon as circumstances will permit, and hope to see her fully recovered.

4-11-1908 A very old and highly respected resident of West Mitchell , Mr. James Turner, passed over to the great majority, at the age of 68 years, on Sunday morning. Deceased leaves a widow, grown-up family, and a number of descendants and friends to mourn their loss. He had been ailing for a considerable time, and his demise was not unexpected.

Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Charles Murray returned home on Wednesday, and is now almost completely recovered from her recent illness.

It is anticipated that Miss Worrall will be able to leave the private hospital at Bathurst in the course of a few days. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is now almost fully recovered.

The weather during the past few days has been extremely hot, with the result that bush fires are very numerous in the vicinity. Although several places have been in danger, no actual loss is reported other than burning of grass.

6-11-1908 The application of C. Murray Sunny Corner for a gold mining lease of five acres in the parish of Castleton, granted for 20 years.

9-11-1908 Mrs. Scott, senr, of Dark Corner passed over to the great majority on Thursday morning at the age of 72 years. Deceased leaves a husband and grown up family. Mrs. Scott was a very old and highly respected resident of Dark Corner for many years, and will be greatly missed.

13-11-1908 A grand social was held on Monday night in the School of Arts Hall. A fair number turned up, and a pleasant evening was spent. The music was supplied by Miss Flynn. Mr. Stewart was M.C., and kept things moving along merrily. Refreshments were handed round at midnight.

Messrs. Chiplin and G. C. Fraser (hon. secs.), and Mr. A. Mann (hon, treas.) are to be congratulated on the way they worked to make the social a success. The ladies all looked charming.: Mrs. Banning, white costume; Mrs. Chiplin black costume; Mrs. Mitchell, black costume; Mrs. Francis, black costume; Miss Hogan (Sydney), white; Miss J. State, white; Miss Chiplin, .black skirt and white silk blouse; Miss E. Osborn, green, white trimmings; Miss S. Osborn, green, white trimmings; Miss Nattrass, black skirt, silk blouse; Miss Tattersall, white, blue trimmings; Miss B. Flynn, blue costume; Miss Staines, white; Miss Collins, white. The proceeds will go to the School of Arts funds.

25-11-1908 Splendid rain fell during Saturday and Sunday. The district generally will benefit considerably in consequence, as a good rainfall was needed in, many parts.

It is stated that Miss Ryder, who has been assistant teacher at the local public school during the past two years, has received notice that she is to be transferred to Quirindi, for which place she will take her departure in the course of a few days.

30-11-1908 Burke. In sad and loving memory of my dear son and our affectionate brother, Andrew, who was accidentally killed at Paddy Lackey Mine, Sunny Corner, November 25th, 1905.

We loved him in life, he is dear to us still.
But in grief we must bend to God's holy will;
Only those that have lost are able to tell
Of the pain at heart in saying farewell.
So good, so faithful, true and kind
He proved to be in heart and mind.

Inserted by his loving mother, sisters, brothers, and sister-in-law.

The affairs of the Montana Copper Company Ltd., have now been wound up by the liquidator Mr. J. E. Ireland. The property of the company at Sunny Corner was sold for £120, to Mr. I. K. Charleston, though it is stated that the value of the plant and the mine was considerably more than the sum realised. The accounts have been completed, and a dividend of a fraction over 6 d per share has been declared, and is now available to shareholders. A number of shares were issued when the company was formed as fully paid up to the vendors of the mine, but other shareholders had paid calls up to 12s per share, and it is on that sum that the dividend has been declared.

9-12-1908 Mrs. George Fraser, of Sunny Corner, with her family (a little boy 6 years and baby six months old), together with Miss Dolly Beecroft and Master Eddie Beecroft, had a narrow escape from a serious buggy accident on Monday morning, It appears that the party were driving to Lithgow, and when they had just passed through the Marrangroo gates, they met a man leading a racehorse, which reared and plunged into the air. The horse Mrs. Fraser was driving took fright, and shied off the road down a steep embankment, with the result that all the occupants were violently thrown out. The horse then, bolted, and kicked itself out of the harness down near Middle River.

Fortunately, no one was seriously injured, though all received a very severe shaking. Mrs. Fraser was cut about the face and bruised about the body. Miss Beecroft was badly shaken, and hurt one of her legs. Mrs. Fraser's baby was badly cut about, the face and bruised, while Eddie Beecroft hurt his back and side, and was bruised about the body.

The party were taken to Mrs. Ed. Hankins, who was most kind to them. A doctor happened to pass shortly after the accident, and after he fully examining all hands, pronounced nothing serious. It was indeed a most marvellous escape, and, those concerned have every reason to be thankful.

10-12-1908 The Sunny Corner Jockey Club's meeting on December 28 has been registered.

14-12-1908 Mrs, White, relict of the late Mr. Geo. White celebrated her 80th birthday on Friday last, the 11th inst. The good lady is quite hale and hearty.

Mr. A. Wallace will, on Boxing Day, celebrate his 80th birthday also; Other residents who have passed the "'four score" are: Mrs. D, Jones, Mrs. P. Gibbons both of whom obtain but indifferent health. Mr. "Ben" Lewis, who is still able to ride a horse and move about as briskly as those who have not attained half his age; and Dr. J. F. Grady, who will be 87 at the beginning of February next, practises his profession and gets about as briskly almost as was his custom, a score years back.

There may be others who have turned into the "eighties" "also. However, there are many who have passed the allotted span of "three score and ten" in this district, quite hale and hearty.

This is an excellent advertisement on behalf of our salubrious climate, situated as we are some 4400 feet above sea level. City dwellers in search of a delightful summer climate cannot be aware of what they may obtain in this respect locally.

Snakes would seem to be somewhat numerous this season. A fine large specimen was killed by Mr. D O Dell, in Bathurst-street opposite the Church of England, on Friday night, and a few days previously Mrs. Burke discovered and killed one in her garden.

The near approach of the Christmas holidays is accountable for several arrivals here of people coming to spend the festive season with their friends.

16-12-1908 Poyitt and party have just cleaned up a crushing of about 50 tons, obtained from a portion of the old Lackey reef, for a return of 15 dwts. per ton.

18-12-1908 Although the foxes are not perhaps so numerous in this district as they were some time since, still there are a few about. On Saturday afternoon two lads, Les. Simpkins and Guy Mann succeeded in shooting a very fine specimen near Mr. Binnings residence.

It is reported that Mr. Milsons Kirkconnell estate comprising some 4000 acres of land and several substantially constructed buildings, has been sold recently for the sum of £6500. It is the intention of the purchaser, so it is reported, to fit up the spacious premises as a tourists sanatorium, with a line of motor cars to convey visitors to and from Rydal, Tarana and other railway stations, and elsewhere.

Messrs. Clements and McCarthy report having sold, and delivered the following large properties: On account of the trustees in the estate, of the late Mr. James Milson, 'Kirkconnell,' containing 4398 acres 2 roods 10 perches, freehold, Mr. A. S. Bolton, of Sydney, being the purchaser.

21-12-1908 The members of the local rifle club held their annual social in the School of Arts on Friday night.

28-12-1908 A bazaar in aid of the Church of England was opened on Wednesday night, and continued on the following nights. It was well patronised on each occasion and resulted in about £30 being raised.

Boxing Day was a dull affair. Most residents made the journey to Portland races or the picnic at Meadow Flat. No amusement was arranged locally.

A limited number of local folk made the trip to Sydney, ostensibly for the purpose of witnessing the Burns- -Johnson fight.

30-12-1908 On the afternoon of Boxing Day Mr. Samuel Withers died suddenly at his home.

Deceased had partaken of his evening meal, and did not complain of feeling unwell, other than to casually mention that he felt giddy, when he fell to the floor and immediately expired.

He was a resident here for many years, and was widely known and highly respected. He had attained the age of 64. He leaves a widow and family of four, two sons and two daughters for whom the deepest sympathy is expressed in their sudden bereavement. The death was reported to the district coroner at Lithgow, who held an inquiry here on Monday. There were but few witnesses to examine, and the finding was that death was due to heart failure.

The remains were laid to rest in the Church of England portion of the general cemetery on Monday afternoon. The last sad rites were performed by the Rev. B. Hobson, of Portland. The funeral cortege was very large, consisting of a number of vehicles, horsemen, and pedestrians.

A race meeting, and ball at night, had been advertised for Monday by the local Jockey Club, but owing to insufficient entries, the races were abandoned. However, the dance was held in the School of Arts Hall, and passed off most successfully. Mr. T. McCaulay performed well the onerous duties of M.C, The Yates Bros, supplied the music, which was all that could be desired. Light refreshments, supplied by Shankland and Curtis, of Portland, were partaken of at midnight.

Mr. Chiplin received a letter from Turon Shire Council in February 1908 saying that control of Sunny Corner Water Works had been handed over to them by the Public Works Department, and that they had decided to depart from the Works Department policy of not charging Government Departments, and to charge them the same rate as ordinary consumers, viz: 1/- per thousand gallons. This made it necessary to install a water meter, and since trouble had been experienced through pipes bursting it was decided also to install a turncock, so that the water could be turned off at the main on winter nights. The work was done by the Council for £6.2.6.

The annual inspection at Sunny Corner was held on 10th April, and Mr. Inspector Murray reported that at his invitation the teachers at Meadow Flat, Dark Corner and Warrawang (*later called Mount Lambie, now closed*) had attended, and that after the inspection a discussion on educational matters had taken place, At that time general reforms in educational ideas and methods were taking place in the Department, and the Inspector's action was doubtless in line with this policy.



Public School and pupils, Dark Corner, NSW, 1908. Photo and names from Mary Churches (nee Byers), Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.
Back row (boys): John McLachlan, Bob Grabham, Bert Shumack, John Grabham, Tom Grabham, Jack Scott, John Shumack, Aiden Shumack, Les Grabham, Jim Byers, Charles Stewart (teacher).
2nd row standing (girls): Eulalie Wilson, Elvie Eves, Ethel McLachlan, Eliza McLachlan, Ada Smith, Clara Shumack, Alice Shumack, unknown, Mabel Grabham, Sylvia Grabham, Ruby Shumack.
3rd row seated (girls): May Scott, Jessie Byers, Joan Shumack, Mary Byers, Elizabeth Smith, Kit Shumack, Janet McLachlan, Mary Titus.
Front row (boys): Jack Byers, Bob Byers, Colin McLachlan, Arthur Grabham, Tommy (Gordon) Smith, Eric Smith.

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1-1-1909 New years Eve passed off quietly. Bells were tolled at midnight, and a band of young fellows travelled round town singing various songs, mostly in various keys and wishing all and sundry a "Happy New Year." They were all bent on having a jolly time, and no acts bordering on rowdyism were indulged in.

A successful social, in aid of the convent funds, was held in the School of Arts Hall on New Year's Night. Needless to say, there was a splendid attendance and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves

New Years Day was one to be remembered. A strong gale blew from the west throughout the day, and the thermometer crawled up to somewhere in the vicinity of a century in the ice chest.

Numerous parties went out to pass the time at picnics, but many of these had to turn their attention to battling with bush fires. During the week bush fires were to be observed all round at some distance, but no particular attention was paid to these as it was thought they would burn out without doing any damage. On Friday morning a glance towards the mountains in a westerly direction clearly indicated that the fire, fanned by the rising wind, was making dangerous headway. It travelled swiftly in a northerly direction towards Dark Corner, sweeping all before it.

The Lagoon Gold Mine battery sheds, machinery, and other property were completely burnt down, it being impossible to save any portion. Fences were wiped out in many instances, and many buildings belonging to residents in the neighbourhood suffered narrow escapes.

The full extent of the damage is not yet known. It is reported that sheep and other stock perished in the flames, invaluable assistance in checking the flames was rendered by numbers of the picnickers in the vicinity.

Another extensive fire was raging during the day in an easterly direction, between here and Portland, where a considerable amount of damage was also occasioned.

To-day (Saturday) the heat is intense, being increased by the smoke from the bush fires.

1-1-1909 The nineteenth anniversary of the West Mitchell Sunday School was' held in the Union Church on Christmas night. As is always the case at these gatherings, the Church proved far too small, many having to stay outside. The chair was taken by Mr. R, F. Leah (Lithgow), who expressed his pleasure at once again being present at this gathering of the West Mitchell folk, and more especially as it was a Sunday-school gathering. He had been connected with the Sunday-school for a great number of years as scholar, teacher, and superintendent, and always had a warm place in his heart for it. He said it

was upwards of thirty years since the Sunday-school was first opened, and he considered the work done in the Sunday-school as of the greatest importance

1-1-1909 The recent bazaar in aid of the Church of England at Sunny Corner resulted in a profit of £80.

One o£ the oldest residents of the Sunny Corner district Mr. S. Withers, dropped dead on Tuesday. Death was due to heart failure.

4-1-1909 A well attended concert in aid of the church funds, was held in the Methodist Church on Wednesday evening. Everything passed off most successfully, and the financial result exceeded the most sanguine anticipations. The following programme was submitted, each item being faithfully rendered:—

Anthem, "Peace be Within Thy Walls," choir;
solo, Red Wing,
Miss E. Cohen duet 'The Lily and The Rose,"
Miss Osborne and Mrs. J. Cook, recitation, "How He Died,"
Mr. Stewart solo,"Roses,"
Miss Brown action song, with hoops,
Six girls; recitation, "The Little Maid of Battery Bee,"
Miss Charleston ; duet, "Watchman, What of the Night?"
Misses Gooch; solo, "Queen of the Earth,"
Mr. Price; overture (Mendelssohn),
Miss L. Gooch; solo, "The Lord is Love,"
Mr. W. Jeffrie; solo, "I Trust You Still,"
Miss C. Brown, recitation, "When Father Starts to Shave,"
Miss Charleston encore Half-past Kissing Time, solo, "Papa, What Would You Take for me,"
Miss Mavis Thomas; action song, "Gay Little. Girls from Japan," six girls; solo,
Mrs. Price ;recitation, "Bang Jade,"
Mr. Stewart (encore "How McDougall Topped' the Score");
solo, "My Ain Folk."
Mrs. J. Cook; solo, "Good-win Sands,"
Mr. Price; anthem, "Cry Out and Shout,' ' choir.
Accompanists: Miss L. Gooch, Mrs. J. Cook, Bliss J. Thomas, and Mrs. Price.

In 1909 the Fuel Allowance was reduced to £3.10.0, and Mr. Chiplin immediately asked for it to be restored to £4. 10.0 as in former years, pointing out that during the previous winter they had had snow as late as 20th October. Mr. Murray commented: "A few years ago the attendance at Sunny Corner was more than twice as large as at present At that time two rooms were occupied, and now with an ordinary attendance of between 60 and 70 (declining) they are conveniently taught in one room."

He recommended that the allowance be not increased, but that Mr. Chiplin be informed that if it proved insufficient he could apply for more. On 6th Aug. Mr. Chiplin: reported that the allowance was exhausted. "At present snow is lying thickly on the ground, and the cold will be very severs for another five or six weeks." He was allowed another £1

Owing to the decline in numbers the staff had been reduced to two (Headmaster and Female Assistant), and in November 1909 Miss Shumack, the Assistant, was removed. Mr. Chiplin asked for her to be replaced. In response to Mr. Murray's enquiry he replied that the average attendance for the September Quarter had been 37.3, but that it had since risen to 46. I, and that on some days over 50 were present Mr. Murray remarked: "The mining district of Sunny Comer has steadily declined during the last few years and is likely to continue in that direction. I do not see that any great hardship is inflicted by allowing a 2A teacher to manage the school for a time without assistance.

Miss M. Chapman was appointed Assistant in March 1910. CF

8-1-1909 Dr. Machattie, and his chauffeur, D. Bell, were travelling from Sunny Corner to Bathurst on Wednesday night by motor car, when the brakes failed to act on a steep incline. The car dashed down the hill at a great speed and running into a bridge was overturned. Both occupants were thrown clear of the car, and although much bruised, they escaped without serious injury.

Recent fires. The heaviest loser is Mr. J K Charleston, who has lost the whole of his valuable plant at the Lagoon gold mine, consisting of machinery, vats, engine-house sheds, etc., together with 70 tons of fire-wood. Other heavy losers are Messrs. J. Miller. MLA. (Kirkconnell), Macabee (Yetholme), J. Egan (Round Body), Shumack Brothers, Attuell, Grabham, Mrs. Williams, and Byers. (Dark Corner); G. Hemsworth, and A. McDonald (Dog Trap), C. Sharp, B. Sharp, and G. Stait.

On Monday night a heavy thunderstorm came, followed by heavy showers. The rain will check the fires and prevent further damage. So far 65 points have been registered.

Postmaster-General's Department, Sydney, January 16, 1909. ;

Sir, — With reference to your letter, of the 21st August last, forwarding a communication signed by Messrs. C. Stewart, G. Shumack (joint secretaries); and other residents of Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey, asking for increased frequency of mail service between West Mitchell and those places and requesting that their correspondence be forwarded on mail days direct from Sunny Corner, instead of being previously sent to West Mitchell.

I have the honor to inform you that the matter has received full consideration, and it is found that the revenue derived from the line is too small to warrant the extra expenditure which would be necessitated by increased frequency, of service, and it is regretted that this request cannot be acceded to.

The tender of Mr. W. G. Francis, of Sunny Corner has therefore, been accepted for the conveyance of mails, for three years, as from the 1st instant, to and from West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey. And twice a week by sulky, for a sum at the rate of £45 per annum.

Arrangements are now being made for a direct exchange of mails between Sunny Corner, Dark Corner and Palmer's Oakey and correspondence for the two latter offices, reaching the first-named office between mail days will be retained there for despatch instead of being sent on to West Mitchell as heretofore.

Yours, etc.. F. J. YOUNG; Deputy Postmaster General. E. S. Carr, Esq. M.P.

13-1-1909 The bush fire on the Kirkconnell estate is still blazing away. Some of the country in the track of the flames is so heavily timbered and mountainous that at the present time it would require a good fall of rain to get it under control.

The Catholic Church at Kirkconnell narrowly escaped destruction. The fire was making headway towards the building, but strenuous efforts resulted in the flames being diverted in another direction.

20-1-1909 Business is very dull at Sunny Corner and a number of families are leaving the district.

Magnificent rain has fallen here. So far three inches have been registered and it is still raining. Pastoralists and others are jubilant at the welcome change, as the long drought and bush fires had turned the surrounding district into a barren wilderness. Now the prospects will be much improved. The heavy hail which accompanied the rain at intervals, has done considerable damage to the vegetable gardens and orchards.

25-1-1909 Mr. Con. Lyons well known local dealer and hawker has been removed to the Bathurst hospital suffering, it is stated from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. Aiden Shumack of Dark Corner, who has been for some time suffering from consumption, left here a few days ago for the purpose of entering the Consumptives Home on the Blue mountains where he will be able to obtain the best available treatment. Mr. Shumacks many friends and relatives will be pleased to see him return at no distant time recovered in health.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the local rifle club, held during the week, final arrangements were made for the club's annual musketry and sealed handicap prize shooting on the 26th inst., at 10 a.m. A liberal prize list has been provided for the programme of three matches, and an aggregate.

An invitation was received from the Wallerawang Rifle Club to attend their annual Social on the same night. Mr. George C. Fraser was appointed the club's representative

28-1-1909 Saturday last was quite a winter's day here, snow having fallen at Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat.

29-1-1909 Since the recent heavy rains several residents have been fossicking in the various creeks. The best result, reported was the unearthing of a nugget, weighing 4ozs. 3.5dwts., by R. Grabham. A lad named Vipen went "specking" in Bob's Creek a few days ago, and was fortunate enough to pick up a 'slug". A later report from Sunny Corner states that the nugget found last week by R. Grabham weighed 7oz. 15dwt.

It is also reported that 'Abe' Grabham found in the same locality a nugget which weighed 12oz. l6dwt.

Messrs. Murray and Cook are engaged erecting a cyanide plant, consisting of five vats and all other necessary appliances at their buttery at West Mitchell. They have about 1000 tons of sand ready for treatment, and will be able to put through about 100 tons per week,

Mining matters generally are not very brisk. There is absolutely nothing doing at the Sunny Corner silver mine, there being no one employed on the mine. Rumors were afloat some months ago that work at the mine would be recommence after Xmas. However the very latest rumor is that an effort is being made to float it on the French market, it would appear to have been held down by some heavy weight quite long enough, and our French friends cause it to "float" in the near future, the residents of this place should certainly be excused if they sing the "Marselliase" or something of that sort.

The grazing rights of the racecourse paddock for the ensuing twelve months were disposed of by Mr. Simpkins on Saturday afternoon, being ultimately knocked down to Mr. R.W. Magill for £6-10s.

The annual general meeting of commoners was held on Saturday night, at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Mr. Jno. Simpkins presiding. The report and balance-sheet for the previous year were submitted, and after discussion, unanimously adopted. The trustees were complimented on the state of the finances.

A considerable amount of routine business was dealt with, after which the resignations of Messrs. A. H. Platt and Mr. J. Simpkins were taken into consideration, and accepted with regret, and a special and hearty vote of thanks accorded them for their past valuable services as trustees of the common. Steps were then taken to fill the vacancies, the result that that Messrs. Geo. Stait and Juno. Duke were elected trustees for the ensuing term. There was a good attendance, the meeting being thoroughly representative.

A beautiful clear blue sky, and bright sun, accompanied by a steady breeze, such were conditions prevailing on Anniversary Day. It was a perfect holiday, and everyone took full advantage of it.

The Church of England Sunday-school picnic, held near Mr. C. Marsden's residence, attracted the greatest number of patrons, a most enjoyable time being indulged in by both old and young.

A cricket match attracted a few of the local residents, and others spent the time in private outings. A few elected to remain at work in preference to participating in what should be Australia's national holiday.

The members of the local rifle club held their annual prize shooting under musketry conditions.

Both the public and convent schools resumed on Wednesday. A change has taken place in the staff of the local public school, Miss Shumack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Shumack, of Dark Corner, who was previous to the holidays at Bogan Gate school, taking the place of Miss Hawkins, who was assistant here, for a few weeks only prior to the holidays, and is now located at the Cadia school.

30-1-1909 The Sunny Corner Mines in New South Wales are reported to have been purchased by a Belgian company with a nominal capital of £160,000. This property once belong to Frank Gardner, who always thought well of it, which opinion, as a London contemporary points out, seems to be justified seeing that the mine shipped considerate quantities of rich ore to Swansea some years ago, and was only closed down for want working capital. The Boulder Perseverance was once said to have a second mortgage in the property, but whether this mortgage still exists or whether it has been paid is not known.

1-2-1909 A little one belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ney, of Sunny Corner, has been dangerously ill for about 3 weeks, but is now fast recovering.

5-2-1909 Mr. A. H. Platt, who has been employed at R. H. Bulkeley and Co,s store here during the past seventeen years, in the grocery department, has severed his connection with that firm, and accepted a position with James Loneragan, and Co., of Portland. Mr. Platt's departure from this town is a distinct loss as he was at all times found assisting in matters of a public nature having for their object the advancement of the town and district. In many avenues of sport he took an active interest, and in this, as well as in many other respects, Sunny Corner's loss will undoubtedly be Portland's gain. In business matters and in attention to the general requirements of customers he was always, courteous, attentive, and pains taking to a degree. His many solid friends will extend to "Gus" their best wishes for his future success.

18-2-1909 A prospector named Grabham discovered a rich deposit of alluvial gold at Dark Corner. One of the specimens contained 18ozs. of gold, and four pieces altogether weighed 36ozs. It is expected that further valuable finds will be made. The place where the gold was found is not far from the Paddy Lackey mine, which for several years yielded a considerable quantity of payable quartz. This mine was closed down some time ago on account of the ore becoming poor at the lower levels.

24-2-1909 Splendid rain has fallen here, and everything looks very well.

An auction sale of Mr. C. G. Roberts furniture and household effects was conducted by J .Simpkins on Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was good, and at times bidding was somewhat spirited. Mr. Roberts, a very old resident of this place, has recently been residing at Yarranderie, and he has decided to permanently take up his residence there.

Mr. "Con." Lyons, who has been an inmate of the Bathurst Hospital during the past few weeks, is now almost fully recovered.

The School of Arts Debating Society in their last meeting decided in favor of the "Abolition of the House of Lords," after several well delivered arguments for and against. The subject for the next debate is "Should Bachelors be Taxed. After paying all expenses the local School of Arts is now free from debt and the committee have a small credit balance.

Mr. J. Mower, the local postmaster, was on Saturday afternoon attacked with a very sudden illness which incapacitated him from duty. A relieving officer was expected on Monday morning.

Tuesday. Mr. Mower was relieved this morning by Mr. Saunders, special relieving officer Although somewhat recovered, Mr. Mower is still very weak.

26-2-1909 Sunny Corner Police Court. Wednesday, February 24. Before the Police Magistrate.

Ernest Parr, of Dark Corner, was summoned by Senr. Const. Ferris for polluting the waters of the Coolamigal Creek by allowing a dead beast to remain there in. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Senr., Const Ferris having given formal evidence, Constable Head deposed that on 11th January he was on the Coolamigal Creek, about a quarter of a mile from the crossing on the main road. He saw a dead beast in the creek. Defendant was mixing sheep dip about 12 or 15, yards away. Witness said to him;" "Who owns that beast?" He said, "I do.': Witness said "You had better remove it from there or you will get into trouble for polluting the water." He said, "Oh, I may shift it." On the 13th inst., witness was at the same place, the beast was still in the water, and appeared to have been there for more than a week. Witness had been there since and found that parts of it had been burned. There was also a sheep dead in the water. Defendant removed the sheep.

The water is used for drinking purposes, and is near the main camp to Palmers Oakey.

Drysdale Scott deposed, that he remembered the 11th May. He did not notice the dead beast in the creek, did not see a fire there.

The defendant, Parr, deposed that the beast was his and was not in the water at the time. It was over half a mile from the road, and the creek was not running at the time. He destroyed the beast after the police spoke to him. The beast had eaten sheep dip and died.

To the police: The water was not running where the beast was and had not been for some weeks before.

The P.M. said he would give the defendant, the benefit of the doubt, and though the defendant admitted the beast was his, and dismissed the case.

27-2-1909 Another splendid fall of rain has taken place during the past 24 hours, over an inch and a half has been registered. This makes 5½ in. for the month, and 11½ in. since January 1. The country is beautiful and green, and potato and barley crops look splendid. Stockowners are now relieved from all anxiety regarding winter feed. As a result of the copious rains, potatoes must drop considerably in price in this district, as the crops will be very heavy

8-3-1909 A school boy named Jack Strictland met with an accident in the playground at the public school, he fell, while playing, and broke both bones of the forearm. First aid was rendered by head teacher, Mr. Chiplin, who temporarily set the bones and fitted splints and bandages. He then took the lad to the doctor. Fortunately it was a clean break, and the boy is now doing as well as can be expected.

Miss Morphet became ill somewhat suddenly the other morning. A doctor was called in, and it is reported, diagnosed the case as diphtheria. He advised immediate removal to Bathurst Hospital, which was done.

It is reported that there is a case or measles in town also. It is to be hoped that no further cases occur, and it behoves everyone to see that drains about their premises are kept clean and well disinfected.

10-3-1909 Mr. Ernest Robert George Saunders. Acting Postmaster, Sunny Corner, to act as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages for the District of the The Macquarie at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. I. C. J. Mower, from the 23rd February, 1909

11-3-1909 A tennis match played at Portland between Portland and Sunny Corner, resulted in a win for Sunny Corner by 2 sets 10 games, Scores ;

			SC	P
A Mann and C Stewart	v	Goodman (capt) and Lee ..	6	5
C W Chiplin (capt) and A Shumack	v	P Evans and J Goodman ..	6	2
H Shumack and E Smith	v	E Jones and P Goodman	8	6
Mann and Stewart	v	Evans and Douglas ... . ,,,	6	0
H Shumack and Smith	v	Goodman and Lee ... , ...	0	6
Chiplin and A Shumack	v	Jones and F Goodman -. ..	6	0
H Shumack and Smith	v	Evans and Douglas .,, .,	4	6
Chiplin and A Shumack	v	Goodman and Lee	5	6
Mann and Stewart	v	Jones and P Goodman ...	6	3
Chiplin and Stewart	v	Evans and Douglas ..	... 6	4
Mann and A Shumack	v	Goodman and Lee	2	6
H Shumack and Smith	v	Jones and P Goodman...	6	8

Sunny Corner— 7 sets 56 games.

Portland— 5 sets 46 games.

18-3-1909 Messrs. Clements and McCarthy report having sold , and delivered the following large property: On account of the trustees in the estate, of the late Mr. James Milson, 'Kirkconnell,' containing 4398 acres 2 roods 10 perches, freehold, Mr. A. S. Bolton, of Sydney, being the purchaser.

19-3-1909 A travelling, company gave an entertainment in the School of Arts Hall on Thursday night. They were rewarded with a good audience.

Mrs. Mower and the two youngest children are still suffering from the effects of the measles and scarlet fever, which maladies it is reported they have been attacked with.

Mr. Mower has returned from Sydney, but is still unable to resume duty. Altogether the family have had a most unenviable time lately, all with the exception of the oldest boy having been stridden down at the same time with illness.

Mr. Saunders, relieving officer, remains in charge of the post-office.

The Sisters of St; Joseph tendered the pupils attending the school a picnic on St. Patrick's Day. An enjoyable outing was the result.

26-3-1909 Lithgow Police Court. (Before J. E. Ireland and E. Burns, Js.P.)

Thomas Walton was charged with being deemed to be insane, and not under proper care and control at Sunny Corner on the 21st inst. The patient, was brought into Lithgow on the previous night, by Constable Head, of Sunny Corner. Dr. Kirkland, Government Medical Officer, and Dr. Fiaschi certified as to the condition of the patient, and an order was made for his admission to the Hospital for the Insane at Parramatta.

5-4-1909 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before -R. W. Magill, J. P.)

Robert Mail, who was arrested the previous evening by Senior-constable Ferris, was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at the rear of the Royal Hotel. He pleaded guilty, and was fined 10s, in default 7 days; Fine paid.

7-4-1909 The usual fortnightly meeting of the debating society was held on Friday night.

Another old land mark the last of the hospital building has been demolished, and goes to Portland. This building has been a favourite haunt for an army of "tramps" for a long time past.

The Bathurst show and races attracted a few of the local folk last week.

Mr. J. Simpkins removes his family this week to Portland, where they are to permanently reside. There are rumors that other families are preparing to move away from here very shortly

9-4-1909 Information was received on Tuesday that Mr. Benjamin Bell died on that day at Parramatta, where he has recently been an inmate of an institution. Deceased was well known here, having resided with his family in close proximity to the town for many years. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family, together with many other relatives, to mourn their loss. He had been in very indifferent health for some time.

Mr. Brickford and family left this week for Penrith. The Corner has quite a deserted appearance.

14-4-1909 The Easter holidays passed over quietly. On Easter Monday several local people made the trip to Portland to attend the Eight Hours sports.

The roads hereabouts are not in a very good condition, and urgently need general repairs. Good blinding should be put on before winter.

15-4-1909 Mr. F. Havenham has purchased the goodwill of the Coronation Hotel, Portland, from Mrs. Westcott. Mr. Havenham, who is the father of Mrs W. Bryant, of Mudgee, is well known throughout the west, especially at Sunny Corner and should command a big proportion of the Portland trade. He is also the owner of the property.

30-4-1909 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before .R. W. Magill, J. P.)

John Pigg, summoned by Constable Head for having been drunk and disorderly on the 1st inst., pleaded guilty.

Fined 5s, costs 6s', or 24 hours. Fine paid.

F. A. Mitchell, arrested the previous day by Sen. const. Ferris and Constable Head, was charged with carnally knowing one Mabel Young, a girl 10½ years old.

On the application of the police he was remanded for eight days. Bail was allowed, self in £160, and two in £50, or one in £100.

7-5-1909 JOLLEY. — In sad and loving memory, of our dear mother, Ellen Jolley, who departed this life May 7, 1900, at Sunny Corner.

8-5-1909 A complimentary social was tendered to Mr and Mrs A H Platt last night in the School of Arts Hall, on the eve of his departure from Sunny Corner, for Portland.

During the evening a presentation was made to the guests of a handsome Gladstone bag with engraved plate, and a silver cake dish, both suitably in scribed. Mr G Fraser was in the chair, and Messrs G W Chiplin and C W Stewart made the presentations. Mr C Scott supported the remarks made. All the speakers spoke in their very highest terms of the recipients. Mr and Mrs Platt both replied thanking the donors and residents for their gifts and the compliments paid them.

Songs by Miss Flynn and Messrs Chiplin and Mann were rendered, and recitations by Mr Stewart. Dancing was then indulged in till daybreak.

10-5-1909 A public, meeting of the residents of West Mitchell was held in the Union Church on Thursday night to consider the mutter of the purchase of a new organ. Mr. Stewart occupied the chair and explained that enough money was now in hand to make the purchase. He said an offer had been made for the old organ, and on being put to the meeting, this offer was accepted. A committee of five was appointed to select, and purchase an organ. A vote of thanks to all donors, helpers, and collectors, especially Mesdames Chapman and J. Odgers was carried by acclamation. The people, of West Mitchell are to be highly commended for their generosity and loyalty in so quickly making a success of such an arduous undertaking in the face of the depression that exists.

12-5-1909 A very pleasing little ceremony took place on Sunday afternoon, at the close of the Sabbath-school service, when .Mr. A. Mann was made the recipient of a handsome fountain pen by the members of the Band of Hope and Sunday-school with which institutions he has been connected for some time. The superintendent. (Mr. Stewart), in making the presentation, said that Mr. Mann would be greatly missed in all circles, he was always ready, to work in any way for the good of the community, and he hoped that he would be long, spared to continue his good work. Those present then joined in singing the, hymn 'God be with you till we meet again."

Mr. Mann very feelingly responded he said he would ever cherish, the present, because it came from West Mitchell, which he claims as his birthplace. He would never forget his co-workers at West-Mitchell, and hoped they would all be long spared to carry on the good work. He thanked them all most heartily for their present, and would .ever treasure it as one of his most cherished keepsakes. Mr. Mann goes to Tingha, where he has a position in the mine office.

14-5-1909 There passed over to the great majority on Saturday night one of the best known and most highly respected residents of this town, in the person of Mrs. Anne Sharpe, at the age of 77 years, after a short but severe attack of pneumonia. The deceased lady was one of the best known figures in the neighbourhood, especially in cases of sickness, where her services were regularly requisitioned and was freely rendered. She was quite brisk and hearty, and evidently in very good health up to the time that it was compulsory for her to take to her bed. Her death is a severe blow to the members of her family and other relatives, together with numerous friends and acquaintances. The members of the family are in receipt of many expressions of the deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

The deceased lady's remains were laid to rest in the Church of England portion of The Sunny Corner cemetery on Monday afternoon, beside those of her husband who predeceased her some 14 years ago.

The service was performed by the Rev. F. J. Harris. There were present at the graveside numbers of very old friends of the family and numerous acquaintances.

There is a considerable amount of sickness here just now. Mrs. D. Jones has been very poorly for some time, and Mrs. P. Gibbons and Mr. G. Morpeth have been in" Indifferent"' health also. Colds are extremely prevalent and quite a number of residents are suffering.

Mr, and Mrs. W.T. Palmer's youngest child has been very ill during the past few days, his condition being so serious on Monday morning that it was deemed advisable to take him to Portland for medical attention. He is now slightly improved. Mrs. Palmer was compelled to take her child to the doctor at Portland, and was consequently unable to be present at the interment of her mother that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Platt and family took their departure from here on Monday for Portland the scene of their future residences Their many friends wish them all prosperity. Another departure, also on Monday was that of Mr. A. Mann, who has accepted a position at Tingha he also has the good wishes of his many friends.

Mr. T. Duke received information that Mrs. Duke, who is on a visit to her daughter in Melbourne is seriously ill. It is to be hoped that the next news will be of a more reassuring nature.

14-5-1909 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill, J. P.)

Francis A. Mitchell, on remand, was charged with a serious offence on a girl over the age of 10 years' and under the age of 14 years. Owing to the illness of the girl, accused was again remanded for a further eight days. :

17-5-1909 John Case, Rydal,-. between Rydal, Meadow Plat, and Sunny Corner, six times weekly, and between Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main road, six times weekly, £133 10s,to 31st December, 1910.

William G, Francis, Sunny Corner, between West Mitchell, Dark Cornel1, and Palmers Oakey, twice weekly, sulky, £45, to 31st December, 1911.

19-5-1909 Cold boisterous weather prevailed during, the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fraser's eldest child became ill during the week, and it was deemed advisable to take him to Portland for medical attention. He is now able to run-about again.

Mr. and Mrs. D Considines eldest boy was cutting wood when the axe slipped and cut him somewhat severely. He is now to use crutches to get about.

Mr. W. T. Palmer was returning from Portland on Saturday afternoon on his bicycle and when at the foot of the hill entering the town he was viciously attacked by a mongrel dog; The animal catching by the leg and got tangled up in the bicycle, with the result that the rider was thrown heavily and sustained severe injuries to the right hip, together with several minor bruises. The owner of the mongrel was present, but would appear to have offered little or no assistance to the injured cyclist. This particular animal, it is stated has on several previous occasions been known to attack cyclists and horses attached to vehicles. The wisest course for its owner would be to destroy the mongrel to save further trouble.

Mrs. .Smith sen., a very old resident of West Mitchell passed away unexpectedly on Saturday night about 9.30 p.m., apparently in fairly good health, and was found shortly afterwards to have expired, Deceased was well-known in the neighborhood, and leaves a large family all grown up, to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer's youngest child is still very ill, and although a slight change took place on Saturday afternoon, is yet a long way from being out of danger. During the week it was found necessary to secure medical attention. The little chap was found to have contracted pneumonia, although no trace of this was apparent when he was medically examined a few days before.

The latest reports received by Mr. .J. Duke are of a more reassuring nature regarding Mrs, Duke's condition. She improved considerably during the week, and is making good progress towards recovery.

21-5-1909 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

John Collins was charged with being drunk and disorderly in a public place. Plea, guilty. Fined £2, or 7 days in the lockup. Fine not paid. Arrested by Constable Head

21-5-1909 Coroner's Inquiry At Sunny Corner.

The District Coroner, Mr. E. P. Richards, J.P., visited Sunny Corner, on Wednesday to hold an inquiry into the cause of the death of Ann Smith, who was found dead in her bed by her daughter, at her residence at West Mitchell at a late hour on Saturday night. Evidence was given by Const. Head as to his examination of the body, and also by the daughter of deceased, Emma Smith. The evidence of the latter showed that deceased retired to bed about 10 o'clock, and at about 10 minutes to midnight she was found to have expired. Deceased was 68 years of age, and was a native of Capertee. She is survived by seven children, and two others have died. Her husband predeceased her by about 25 years. The Coroner found that deceased died from natural causes, heart failure, sometime between ten o'clock and a quarter to twelve on Saturday night.

The remains of the late Mrs. Smith were laid to rest in the Dark Corner cemetery, beside those of other departed relatives, on Tuesday afternoon, in the absence of a clergyman, Mr. Chas. Cook kindly officiated at the graveside. It appears that deceased was in very good health up to the moment of her death, which was due to heart failure. She has been a resident of this neighborhood for very many years.

28-5-1909 An accident which might have been serious happened to Mr. D. Scott during the week. He was loading bark, and when leaning over to lighten the ropes the twitch-stick broke and Mr. Scott fell heavily to the ground. His arm and chest were hurt slightly, and his right-arm is still in a sling.

A good many people are busy at present digging potatoes. The crop, in some places is very good.

2-6-1909 Mr. J. Odgers, of West Mitchell, met with a serious accident at Cobar. Two days ago he was seriously bruised and cut about the head. His many local friends hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

2-6-1909 Miss M. Shumack, from Bogan Gate to Sunny Corner School as Assistant.

3-6-1909 Some satisfactory crushing's are reported from the Sunny Corner district; Attwell Bros, and Thomas and Ellis obtaining 15½ and 13½ dwts. to the ton respectively.

7-6-1909 Social was held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Wednesday evening. Dancing was kept going till 1 o'clock. Mr. S. Knight provided the music in his usual efficient manner. The ladies provided the refreshments. It is intended to hold these enjoyable evenings every month.

9-6-1909 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

Patrick Loneragan, charged with having been drunk and disorderly on the 4th inst, was fined 10s, or seven days in the lock-up. Fine not paid. Arrested by Constable Head.

A Dark Corner Cricket Match-Ladies V. Gentlemen.

An event which is novel in the history of Dark Corner took place on Saturday, when the ladies and gents, engaged in a friendly game of cricket. The gents had to bat, bowl, and field with the left hand and wear a skirt, but with the later stipulation only a few complied. Great interest was manifested in the game, and but for the wet weather which continued till Friday a large number of spectators would have been present. The catering for the lunch was in the capable hands of Mrs. J. Shumack, and to say that everyone did justice to this part of the programme is the highest praise that can be given to this lady. The game proved very interesting and exciting, the gents winning on the first innings by the narrow margin of 3 runs. The ladies and gents though opponents for the time being in the friendly rivalry of cricket, became closely associated, when after the day's sport, the strains of music called them to the dunce room, kindly lent by Mr. J. Shumack. Here dancing was kept merrily going till 11 o'clock, when an adjournment was made for home, all agreeing though stiff and sore from the unusual exertions that the day had been one of the jolliest spent here for some time.

Miss Grabham captained the ladies, while Mr. Stewart had charge of the gents. Sundries scored well, mostly from wides. Appended are the scores.

Ladies, first innings.— Miss Shumack 3, Miss Smith 9, Miss Attnell 2, Miss Chiplin 0, Mrs. Raven 0, Miss A. Shumack 1, Miss Grabham .11, Miss E. Shumack not out 5, Miss L. Smith 0, Miss Chiplin 1, Miss Smith 3, sundries -12. **Total 47.**

Gents., first innings.—V. Grabham 0, D. McLachlan 3, R. Shumnck 1, .T. Grabham 10, H. Shumack 4, E. Grabham 7, C Chiplin 8, R. McKinnon 0, A. Shumack 3, P. Munro not out 12, C. Stewart 2. **Total. -50**

Ladies, second innings-.— Miss Smitlf 10, Miss Grabham 25, Miss Attnell 1, Miss Shumnck 0, Miss A. Shumack 6, Mrs. Raven 1, Miss Chiplin 0, Miss E. Shumack 0, Miss L. Smith 1, Miss Smith 16, Miss Attnell 3, Mrs. G. Shumack n/o 5, sundries 28. **Total 96.**

14-6-1909 On Monday last (Prince of Wales Birthday), Mr. and Mrs. C. W, Chiplin, of this town entertained between 20 and 30 friends. During the day the guests indulged in tennis on their host's private court, while some whiled the time away in cricket, quoits, rope quoits, etc., in the adjoining grounds. Lunch and afternoon tea were served on the ground. At six o'clock all adjourned to the host's residence for tea, after which a musical evening was provided, followed by a dance. The music was excellent, and consisted of piano, cello, and two violins. Several vocal selections were artistically rendered during the evening, and dancing was kept up until 4-30 a.m. next morning.

Several of the guests came a distance of 16 miles, while many came from distances of from one to five miles. The night's enjoyment was brought to an end by a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, followed by the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

16-6-1909 Heavy and constant rains have fallen during the past few days. Sleet and occasional flakes of snow fell on Saturday night and Sunday.

Senior-Constable Ferris is still off duty in conquest of his illness he has been ordered complete rest. His numerous friends wish him a speedy recovery, and hope to see him about again enjoying good health. Constable Head has now to perform the whole of the police duty of the district, which is a very large one for one man to control.

As a result of the recent constant rain the roads are in a very sloppy state. That between here and Portland is almost impassable in places. Garland's Hill, also a few other hills on this road are spots that everyone would avoid if they could. Just now Blaxland Shire councillors should make a picnic trip along this road, then perhaps they would "get a wriggle on" and do something towards carrying out that much needed and very necessary deviation promised long ago. There is a considerable amount of traffic on this road, and it is entitled to a great deal more attention than it receives at present. It is about the worst stretch of road in the district and one of the most important. The Shire Council might in the meantime, ascertain Carrier George Stait's opinion of this road generally.

A number of local knights of the trigger attended a fox and marsupial drive in the vicinity of Palmers Oakey on Saturday. A few marsupials and one fox were secured, and several others were scared to such an extent that it is believed they have not stopped since. Several foxes were seen and shot at, but the marksmen's aim was rather wobbly to bring them down.

A trial consignment of ore from the New England district is being delivered by Mr. Charleston at his Bobs Creek battery for treatment.

The ore contents of the Sunny Corner mine still remain undisturbed. Several local residents are suffering from colds, inclement weather conditions being accountable.

16-6-1909 The undermentioned members of the Police Force to be Acting Clerks of Petty Sessions at the places set opposite their respective names, from the dates specified, viz. Sunny Corner Constable Harold Howard Head, during the absence of Senior-constable Ferris, on leave, from the 22nd May.

23-6-1909 Gordon Chiplin, son of Mr. C. Chiplin, public school teacher, cut his hand somewhat seriously a few days ago with a reaping hook. Considerable difficulty was experienced in staunching the flow of blood and the lad suffered considerably through the loss thereof.

Boisterous and unsettled weather has been experienced here during the past week.

Mr. W. H. Lord has not had very good health lately. He has gone to Cobar for a change of climate, that obtaining here being too severe for him during the winter months.

A travelling cinematograph company gave an entertainment to a fair audience in the School of Arts Hall on Tuesday night.

An addition of some thirty new books to the School of Arts library will be welcomed by the members. Those will, be ready for issue during the present week.

The last box received from the Free Public Library contained a number of excellent volumes.

28-6-1909 The usual meeting of the Debating Society was held on Friday night, the subject for debate being, "Which wields the greater influence, Press or Pulpit?.

7-7-1909 Carnally Knowing. Francis Andrew Mitchell was charged with carnally knowing a girl over 10 and under 14 years of age. There was a second count, of indecent assault. Accused pleaded not guilty.

Mr. F. Boyce, - instructed by Mr. F. B. Kenny, appeared for defendant.

Evidence in support of the charge was given by the prosecutrix and her mother, and other witnesses.

Christopher W. Chiplin, schoolmaster, at Sunny Corner, and Norman J. Case, driver of the mail from Sunny Corner to Rydal, also gave evidence.

Counsel addressed the jury and His Honor having summed up, the jury retired, and after an hour's deliberation, a verdict of not guilty was returned, and the accused was discharged.

Messrs. Cook Brothers, the enterprising mining propositionists of Sunny Corner, have secured the tailings at King's Plains, near Blayney and they are putting up one of the finest cyanide plants in the State, it is estimated it will take fully eighteen months to work out the present proposition. To deal with the sand, Mr. Arnold Rigby has been instructed to build fourteen tanks, each of 2500 gallons capacity.

The annual general meeting of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club was held at Mr. Chas. Murrays hotel on Saturday evening, Captain W. T. Palmer presiding. The club was shown to be in a very healthy state financial having a credit balance

of over £21. There are 39 members on the roll, 27 of whom qualified in musketry, the best individual score made by Captain W. T. Palmer viz.; 188 points. The meeting decided to arrange for a quarterly prize shooting with the Morris tube, and that matches be also arranged between members of the club and members of the School of Arts. It was decided that the annual club combined prize shoot and musketry be carried out on the 26th January next.

The annual social will be held on a date to be fixed by the social committee. The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Mr. Palmer informed the meeting that he could not undertake the duties of captain for the ensuing year as he would be shooting with the Portland Rifle Club as an active member. General regret was expressed by the members at the loss of their captain. It being the unanimous wish of the meeting that Mr. N. A. Poyitt should be induced to accept the position of captain, he was duly elected. Mr, Poyitt is one of the oldest members of the club, and a good shot, and one who has at all times taken a keen interest in its affairs, having been for seven consecutive years a member of the executive committee. The members considered that he was fully entitled to the position, as a mark of their esteem and appreciation. Mr. C. W. Stewart was appointed secretary, and Mr. G. Fraser treasurer, with Messrs. D. O'Dell, J. Cook, J. Duke, and C. H. Scott members of the executive committee. Messrs. C. Murray and Mr. Shumack were appointed auditors.

Several of those present spoke in the very highest appreciation of the services rendered to the club by the ex-captain. The meeting presented him with a valuable and useful trophy in recognition of his past services on behalf of the club.

Ex-captain Palmer in thanking the members for the trophy and the laudatory remarks made concerning him, said that the success of the club was not due to him, but to the officers and members of the executive committee who had in the past been associated with him.

8-7-1909 At Portland on Wednesday afternoon last, the Rev. B. Hobson, celebrated the wedding of Mr. Fred Toyer, third son of Mr. G. Toyer, of the Cement City, and Miss A. Grenfell, daughter of Mr. G. Grenfell, of Sunny Corner. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, Miss Sharpe being bridesmaid and Mr. A. Toyer best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Thomas Grenfell. Numerous presents were received by the happy couple.

16-7-1909 Return Thanks. FRANCIS MITCHELL, of Sunny Corner, desires to thank all those kind friends who assisted him during his recent trouble, for their sympathy, monetary assistance, and, above all, for the confidence and friendly feeling evinced by them during the very trying circumstances connected with that trouble, it will be impossible to mention the names of all, but I desire to especially thank. Messrs. W. Sparks, J. Fitzgerald, Joseph and James Lowe, G. Stait, jun., and M. Burke and H. Williams (Airly), who had charge of the lists.

21-7-1909 HEMSWORTH— IN loving memory of my dear brother, John Hemsworth, who departed this .life at Sunny Corner on July 21st, 1908 aged 73 years.

I saw him suffering day by day;
It caused me bitter grief,
To see him slowly pine away
And could not give relief.
Not dead to me, I loved him dear
Not lost, but gone before
He lives with me in memory still,
And will for evermore.

Inserted by his fond sister. M. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

26-7-1909 The annual meeting of the Sunny Corner Bicycle Club was held on Thursday night at Mr. C. Murray's, the president, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, in the chair. The election of officers was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Patron, Mr. J., Miller, M.L.A.; president, Mr, C. Chiplin; captain; Mr. C. W. Stewart; vice-captain, Mr. W. Francis; secretary, Mr. C. Stewart; treasurer, Mr. C. Murray.

It was decided to give every assistance to the promoters in connection with the Bathurst-Sydney road race,

A very pleasant and most enjoyable evening was spent at Palmers Oakey on Friday night. Some fifteen couples had gathered at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Munro. Dancing was commenced in their spacious dance room shortly after dark and continued vigorously till long past daylight. Visitors were present from Dark Corner and Sunny Corner. Mr. C. W. Stewart acted as M.C., and kept the ball rolling merrily. Sixty dances was the total for the night (rather a record, Mr. Editor, not short ones either). Music was supplied by Mr. W. Hutchinson. All present enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and despite that tired feeling, felt proud of their record.

30-7-1909 The remains of the late Mrs. Harriet. Cook were laid to rest in the Sunny Corner cemetery to-day (Thursday) beside those of her husband, Mr. John Cook, sen., who predeceased her by about 18 years. The deceased lady, who has left a family of three sons, Chas. and John, of Sunny Corner, and Frank, of Portland, and two daughters, Mrs. Marshall, of Sunny Corner, and Mrs. Lean, of Lithgow, was a resident of the district for upwards of fifty years, and was universally respected and loved by all, being one of those good souls who always think of others first and self last, and one whom our little community can ill afford to lose. The funeral was an unusually large one, despite the bitterly cold weather prevailing.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Rapkins, Baptist minister, of Bathurst. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. John Simpkins.

00-07-1909 C. Leonard schoolteacher at Palmers Oakey.

31-7-1909 At the annual meeting of the Sunny Corner School of Arts there was a good attendance in spite of the inclement weather. The President, Mr C W Chiplin, reviewed the work done during the year and paid a tribute to the officers and committee for their loyal support and earnest work

The Secretary' report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The balance sheet showed a healthy state of affairs.

Although the year opened with a small deficit, it closed with a credit balance of £10 10s Id

2-8-1909 The past few days a fierce westerly wind and showers of sleet, with a few falls of snow thrown in by way of variety, have kept the thermometer several degrees below freezing point. The snow on Mt. Canoblas is plainly in view from the higher levels of our elevated village.

A telegram announcing the death of Mr. W. H. Lord, of Sunny Corner, was received from Cobar this morning. The deceased gentleman was an old resident of this town, and was in business as a newsagent here for some years. He left for Cobar a few months ago, hoping that the milder winter there would prove beneficial to his health, which has been very poor of late years. He left a grown, up family among whom are Mrs Jas. Sparks, of Newnes, Miss E. Lord, at present in Scone, and Mr Frank Lord, of Portland. .

Foxes seem to be very plentiful around here now. Three local shooters went out on Friday, and accounted for one fox each, and another was secured on Saturday. One was shot while, enjoying a meal off a young lamb. Hitherto they have confined their attention to the rabbits and hen roosts, and it was generally thought that they did not interfere with sheep hereabouts. The scarcity of rabbits at the present time may account for the change to a mutton diet.

4-8-1909 It has been snowing heavily here for the last three days and nights, and is still snowing. The present is the heaviest fall which has taken place this year. In the open the ground is covered to a depth of six inches, while in the drifts it measures several feet. Icicles several feet in length are hanging like walking sticks from the corrugated iron on the roofs of buildings, while water pipes and taps have burst in several places, in spite of careful covering. The poor stock are having a bad time, for the herbage is completely hidden, and a regular blizzard is blowing.

The maximum temperature reading for the past three days is 34 degrees and the minimum 23 degrees. Today's Maximum, also Fridays, only reached 31. And yet our parsimonious Government has cut down the firing allowance this year for our Public School!

5-8-1909 Constable Head, of Sunny Corner, reported to the meeting of the Turon Shire Council yesterday a case of alleged depositing of night soil by two women in a water course in that village. The engineer was instructed to report upon the matter.

The snow that fell earlier in the week has frozen hard, and the surface is as slippery as glass. The local police station presents a unique and beautiful sight, being almost surrounded by snow drifts ranging up to ten feet high in places.

Owing to the bad weather on Tuesday, the mailman to Palmers Oakey only got as far as Dark Corner. He completed the trip to-day Thursday.

11-8-1909 For Addition to Temporary Common for the use of the residents at Sunny Corner. Land District of Bathurst, and Turon Shire. No. 43,817. County of Roxburgh, parish of Castleton, containing an area of about 5 acres. The Crown Lands bounded by the road leading from the main road from Bathurst to Sydney to Sunny Corner, reserve 134 from sale for temporary common, and portion 1.

25-8-1909 Mrs. E. Lean, relict of the late Mr. Lean, of Sunny, Corner passed away at the residence of her son Mr. J. F. Lean in Hassan's Walls road, last night, after an illness extending over several months, the cause of death being a general break up.

The deceased lady has resided in Sunny Corner for 33 years, and came to Lithgow to reside with her son about last Christmas. Her husband predeceased her by about five years. She was a native of Cornwall, England, and had reached the age of 74 years. She came out from England in 1875. She is survived by two sons, one of whom, Mr. R. F. Lean, resides in Lithgow, and the other is at present in New Zealand. The remains are to be taken to Sunny Corner to-morrow morning, and will be interred in the cemetery at that place to-morrow afternoon. The funeral arrangements are in the hands of Messrs. J, Walters and Son.

25-8-1909 Cemetery Recreation ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1891 Messrs. Normal Armour Poyitt, George Carnegie Fraser (in lieu of. Allan Mann and J. Simpkins, resigned).

The funeral of the late Mr. John Dowler, of Tarana, took place at the Kirkconnell cemetery on Friday afternoon. Besides the members of the family and relatives a large number of sympathisers gathered at the graveside. The last sad rites were performed by the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, of Bathurst, Deceased has left a wife and two children to mourn their loss.

On Thursday and Friday the district was favored with a welcome fall of fifty points of ruin. Comparatively mild weather has prevailed since, and the newly sown seed should get a start. Grass is shooting strongly, and the neighborhood is looking quite green again.

Rabbits are scarce, although kittens are seen, which does not augur well for the spring months.

Much anxiety has been caused to Mr. and Mrs. Case, of Mt. Lambie, through the serious illness of their son, Norman, who is suffering from pneumonia, caused by a chill contracted only a week ago. A doctor is in constant attendance, and has hopes that the patient's naturally robust constitution will pull him through.

30-8-1909 The following letter has been received by Mr. John Miller, M.L.A., from the Department of Public Instruction: 'With reference to your letter of the 5th ultimo, inquiring whether the fuel allowance of the Sunny Corner Public School for this year has been reduced, I have to inform you that on the 2nd June last, the teacher was notified that the amount granted, viz, £3 10s, was regarded as sufficient for the purchase of fuel for this school; but that if it should be found, after every care had been taken to prevent waste, that it was necessary to incur expenditure over and above this allowance, it would be competent for him to apply for an additional amount. The teacher has now reported that the allowance has been expended. Payment of a further sum of £1 for the purchase of fuel has been approved.

4-9-1909 Mr Arnold Rigby expects to finish his contract in connection with the Kirkconnell Sanatorium next week, Then within I8 miles of Bathurst, we will have Sanatorium unequalled in New South Wales. The main building will contain 36 rooms, and beside this there will be five five-roomed cottages. Swimming baths and hot and cold private baths are provided to meet all requirements.

The grounds are to be attended to by skilled gardeners, and in a very short time, Kirkconnell will be the main attraction on the western line if not of New South Wales.

13-9-1909 Bullock teams laden with potatoes have been much in evidence during the past week, several loads have already gone to Pipers Flat and Bathurst, and more are to follow.

Mention of the success of the oxy-hydro process at the Conqueror mine, recalls the fact that a start was made to install a Cotton furnace at the Sunny Corner mine some years ago, but owing to some difference between the mine manager and the patentee, the furnace was never completed, and consequently, never tried here. Had it been, the years of stagnation and retrogression, which we have experienced might have been altogether different.

A large number of friends assembled last Saturday, on the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Chiplin, to partake of a days amusement. During the day tennis, quoits, etc. were played on the hosts private court, and an enjoyable day was spent. At dusk an adjournment was made to the residence, where dancing and vocal and instrumental items were kept going until within a few minutes of midnight. As well as town friends, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Boorman (Meadow Flat). Mr. and Misses Piper (Kirkconnell), Mr. and Miss Munro (Palmers Oakey), Mr. G. Doust (Oberon), Mr. and Misses Shumack, 4 (Dark Corner).Musical items were rendered by Mrs. Boorman, Misses B. Flynn, K. Shumack, E. Shumack, and Messrs. A. Boorman and C. W. Chiplin. Apologies for nonattendance were received from friends at Portland, Meadow Flat, and Dark Corner.

15-9-1909 FRANCIS— In fond remembrance of my dear daughter, and our mother, Emma Francis; who died Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, Sep 15 1892. Inserted by her loving mother and children.

A very pleasant gathering took place on the new tennis court at the local recreation ground on Saturday last. The court has been open to the public for some little time, but this is the first function of note that has been held there. The new court is ideally situated in a pretty corner of the recreation ground, convenient to the pavilion, and is nicely shaded by ornamental trees. The lawn is enclosed by a high wire netted fence, so there is no scrambling over fences, into private vegetable gardens, after lost balls. A number of rustic seats are also provided for the use of onlookers. The gathering on Saturday was a very large one, many townspeople and visitors from the surrounding district being present.

The ladies of the party brought numerous well-filled baskets, and lunch was served on the lawn. While the billy boiled our guests indulged in a little preliminary practice with the racquets;-

After lunch sets were arranged, and play continued until dusk, when the billy was again requisitioned, and tea was partaken of. During the afternoon the whole assemblage was photographed on the lawn. The result is a very pleasing picture, which will make a nice memento of the good time enjoyed by all.

Among these maybe mentioned: Mr. H. E; Brown and Misses Brown, "'The Poplars," Meadow Flat: Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, from Sydney; Mr. and Miss Grabham. Miss E. Shumack. Misses -Smith (2). Mrs. Raven and Mr. C. H Stewart, Dark Corner: Misses Smith and L. Odgers, West Mitchell; Mrs and Miss Poyitt, Mrs. Frazer and Miss Llewellyn, Sunny Corner, and many others.

Mr. Charles Marsden is removing his family to Portland this week. Like those who have gone before, they intend returning to the "Corner" when the mine starts. Mr. Marsden held the position of superintendent of the Church of England Sunday School here for some time.

20-9-1909 The School of Arts Debating Society met for the first time this season on Wednesday evening last. The subject under discussion was "That the installation of wireless telegraphy on board all ships should immediately be made compulsory."

28-9-1909 Renewals of Licenses. The Bathurst Licensing Bench, Messrs. T. C. K. McKell, P.M., and E. T. Webb, J.P., granted the renewal of the following licenses. William G. S. Francis, Royal, Sunny Corner, £32 and £10.

29-9-1909 The Aurora Australis was plainly visible here on Saturday night. Quite a number of people watched the extremely beautiful effects, produced up till, nearly midnight.

Two orchards of 4000 apple trees each are being planted on the Kirkconncll estate, under the supervision of Mr. E. K. Wolstenholme. One lot of trees has already been put in, and the other will be planted next week.

1-10-1909 Mr. W. Francis who has the mail contract for West Mitchell and Palmers Oakey had a very unpleasant experience on Tuesday last. He was returning from Palmers Oakey with the mail and when near Mr. G. Shumacks residence at Dark Corner, the wheel came off the sulky, with the result that Mr. Francis was thrown out and the horse bolted towards Sunny Corner taking the one wheeled sulky with him. Several people made unsuccessful attempts to check his wild career, but he was not stopped till he had covered a distance of over three miles, by which time he was nearly exhausted.

Had there been another vehicle on the road at the time, there would probably have been a serious accident.

4-10-1909 The amount of mischief two small boys and a tomahawk can do has just been ably demonstrated here. On turning up to work at his claim on the Big Hill, a local miner found his ladder was chopped up, and all the stones, logs, and other debris, within a radius of several hundred yards thrown down the shaft. Further investigation showed that the rope on the windlass was partly cut through in several places, so as to no longer be of any use for mining purposes. The Police were informed, and in a very short time had run the culprits to earth. They proved to be two juveniles, aged seven and nine years respectively. In consideration of their youth, the injured party expressed himself satisfied with the punishment already visited upon the offenders, i.e., a vigorous application of strap and palm oil to that part of the youthful anatomy which won't show the marks.

6-10-1909 It is reported that two prospectors, Williams and Donnelly, have struck a very promising looking reef in their claim in the Bob's Creek neighbourhood. It is to be hoped it proves equal to expectations.

7-10-1909 The parishioners of O'Connell, Portland, and Sunny Corner, presented the Rev. Gordon Tidy with a purse of sovereigns on the eve of his departure for Bathurst, where he will succeed Rev. A. M. Levick as Curate at All Saints' Cathedral.

8-10-1909 The local postmaster Mr. J. Mower is at present away on leave. His place is being filled by Mr. Thos. Woolard of Hill End.

There has been an addition to the number of business places here, Mr. B. Cohen having opened a fruit and confectionery shop in the premises adjoining the post office.

The work of collecting the Federal electoral rolls has now been completed. Owing to the illness of the sen. constable, the work fell on Cons. Head, who has got through in good time.

11-10-1909 The discovery of a new gold-bearing reef near Sunny Corner is likely to infuse fresh life into mining in that locality. At the surface the vein was so small as to be thought, unworthy of attention, but an experienced reefer, finding the gold values were there, started to sink on it. The reef is widening out on every foot of sinking and is now 10 inches thick of solid quartz.

Samples of stone brought into, town on Saturday showed visible gold. The quartz is of a very kindly nature. Mr H. C. Slade was quickly on the scene, and succeeded in forming a syndicate the same afternoon to develop the show. Specimens of the stone may be seen in Mr Slade's window, William-street. Bathurst

18-10-1909 The death occurred at Micketymulga on Thursday of Mr. Samuel Broomfield. The deceased, who was 80 years of age, was for many years a resident of Sunny Corner, and came to reside at Micketymulga about 11 years ago, taking up land in the district. The cause of death was pneumonia. The deceased gentleman was widely respected throughout the district, and leaves behind him a family of grown up sons.

20-10-1909 Mr. Thomas Woolard, Acting Postmaster, Sunny Corner, to act as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of The Macquarie at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Mr. I. C. J. Mower, from the 1st October, 1909.

21-10-1909 The export trade of potatoes continues very brisk at Sunny Corner.

22-10-1909 The contractors are still busy at the post-office. It cannot be said that the department is starving this office at any rate. It is only a couple of months since repairs were effected, and the present contract is a second instalment, and considering the state of the 'locality' it is surprising that any money should be spent on the place at all. Among the improvements effected is a barricade in front of the office, and there is much speculation locally as to what it is intended for. One suggests that it is to stop the rush that will set in when the mine starts, another, that it is a horse rail, and yet another, that it is for the old-ago pensioners to lean against on paydays. This last seems the most feasible.

The sisters of the local convent have purchased the allotment of land adjoining the school and lately occupied by Mr. A. H. Platt. It is intended to use it for a playground for the school children. As it is nicely sheltered by ornamental trees, it should make an ideal place for the youngsters to amuse themselves in.

27-10-1909 The parcel of stone got on contract for Messrs. Murray and Cook has been put through the Mitchell's Creek battery, and has turned out satisfactorily, and a further contract has been let to the same parties.

Another lot of stone, about 120 tons, has been put through the same battery on account of Messrs. Autwell Bros. and Anderson, and has returned ½ oz to the ton. As the lode is very wide and the stone is easily got, this return is highly satisfactory, although not so good as the previous, crushing. Mr. William Anderson has sold his share in this mine to Mr. John Cook, the price paid is reported to be £90.

The battery is now engaged on a quantity of stone taken from near the old Sunny Corner mine, but results will not be available for a few days.

Mr. Norman Poyitt's battery at Dark Corner is also working, putting through a crushing from the vicinity of the Paddy Lackey mine. The last crushing from this place turned out very well.

Messrs. Odgers and Turner, and Thomas and Ellis are also preparing to crush at an early date.

Hill End claims to hold the world's longevity record with an average of 71.31 years for the last three years. Below are given the figures for Sunny Corner, which work out at an average of 74.4, which is considerably higher than Hill End average for the same term. There were 26 adult deaths at Sunny Corner during the past three years, making a total of 1936 years. Of these 26 the youngest was 55 years, and the oldest 92 years, two were under 60, eight under 70, 10 under 80, three under 90, and two under 100. With the exception of four infants, all under one year, these are all the deaths that have occurred at Sunny Corner since June 1906.

The above figures are taken front the age registered at death, and can be verified it necessary.

Mr. J. Mower, the local postmaster who has been absent on holidays for the past three weeks, resumed duty yesterday. Mr. Woolard, who was relieving him, returned to his home at Hill End the same day.

30-10-1909 Conduct of a "Semi-official" Post and Telegraph, or Telephone. Office at Sunny Corner. OFFERS will be received at the office of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, up to half-past Two p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th proximo, from persons willing to conduct a " Semi-official" Post and Telegraph, or Telephone Office at Sunny Corner (including the free delivery of telegrams within a mile radius of the Post Office), for an allowance of £136 per annum, including quarters valued at £24 per annum, for a period of three years.

Detailed specifications may be seen, and application forms obtained, at the Post Offices, Sunny Corner, Bathurst, Wallerawang, Capertee, and Oberon, and the General Post Office, Sydney.

Offers must be addressed to the Deputy Postmaster General, Sydney, and indorsed " Offer for the Conduct of Semi-official Post and Telegraph, or Telephone Office, Sunny Corner." They may be deposited in the Tender box at the General Post Office, Sydney; if sent by post they must be prepaid and registered. JOHN QUICK, Postmaster-General.

3-11-1909 Steady, soaking rain set in here at an early hour on Sunday morning and continued almost without intermission till Monday night. This is the most beneficial fall there has been here for some time, nearly two inches being registered.

The tender of H. Francis for the erection of a second-class culvert near the recreation ground has been accepted by the Turon Shire Council, the price being £62 l0s.

In the last issue of the "Commonwealth Gazette" appears a notice calling for applications for the position of semi-official postmaster at Sunny Corner, at a yearly salary of £136. It is also probable that this will be made a telephone office, and already there are rumors of a public meeting to protest against the proposed change.

Miss Shumack, who has been assistant at the local public school, for some time past, has been appointed to Katoomba. While everyone is pleased to hear of her advancement, all will regret her departure from amongst us, as Miss Shumack is deservedly popular with parents and pupils alike, and bears with her the good-wishes of all classes of the community.

8-11-1909 The friends of Mr. Charles Murray (and their number is legion) will be grieved to hear that he had the misfortune to meet with a serious accident on Thursday. Mr. Murray was cleaning up at the battery when some caustic soda splashed into his eyes, causing intense pain, and almost total blindness for the time being. Although still very painful, it is hoped that the injuries are only temporary, and that Mr. Murray will soon be his genial old self again.

The largest and probably the last load of potatoes of the season passed outwards on Thursday last on account of Messrs. Bulkeley and Co. The load consisted of about seventy bags, and would weigh over six tons, it was in charge of Mr. C. Ferguson of Palmers Oakey. The new potato crop will not be available till after Christmas.

The School of Arts Debating Club met in the reading room on Wednesday evening. The subject debated was; '"That the fear of punishment exercises greater influence than the hope of reward".

The premier (Mr. Charles Scott) started the ball rolling by a very ably delivered address, the thesis of which was that mankind in general is kept in the straight and narrow path only by the fear of the law, of the ridicule of their fellows, or of punishment hereafter. Messrs. Chiplin and Stewart also spoke in support of this view. The leader of the opposition (Mr. Doorman) contended that while fear of punishment did influence dumb animals and perhaps children it was the hope of reward that called forth our best efforts, and people did right because it was right and not because they feared punishment for doing wrong. Mr. Chris. Scott and Mr. Fraser supported this side of the question. The ballot resulted in a tie and was decided against the Government by the casting vote of the chairman.

12-11-1909 Mr. Hodges who discovered the new reef on the Little Hill, Sunny Corner, has sunk the shaft on it 30 feet, and the reef is now 18 inches wide. To test its value the whole of the quartz raised has been crushed at Bobs Creek battery, the return being just under half an ounce to the ton, for 11½ tons treated. Mr. Hodges was in town yesterday and we were shown the cake of gold which is of nice quality and worth about £3 10s per ounce. The intention is to further deepen the shaft, and then open out on the reef. Prospects so far as disclosed are distinctly encouraging.

Turner and party, on another line of reef near them have also had a crushing of 12 tons, which yielded 11 ounces 12 dwts. This is a nice little claim, but the water is troublesome, and to get the best results a pumping plant would be desirable.

15-11-1909 There is likely to be serious complaint about the water supply here this summer. It will not be so much the quantity as the quality of the water that will be at fault. The drainage channels round the storage dam have silted up, so that the surface water from the common now runs into the reservoir, instead of being carried away beyond it. Then again, there are plenty of dead frogs floating about in the water. Their number suggests that there must be some disease among them, to cause the mortality, and consumers will be wise to sieve their water before using it for domestic purposes. It may be small consolation to know that the frogs referred to are all too large to go through the service pipes, but it's as well not to take any chances.

A caretaker is badly needed to look after the place, and to remove these deceased amphibians.

19-11-1909 Miss Rita Llewellyn, of this town, had the good fortune to win the third prize (a sixty guinea, piano) in the Sydney Eight-Hour art union. This win is singularly appropriate, as Miss Llewellyn is an accomplished musician, and will fully appreciate her prize.

22-11-1909 Owing to depression of business consequent upon the strike, store keepers have reduced hands. A number of the strikers have gone prospecting out Sunny Corner way, while others have gone out west in search of harvesting work.

At a Special Licensing Court held on Friday, the following applications, for renewal of publican's licenses, were considered:—Charles Murray, Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner.

25-11-1909 The many friends of Senior Constable Ferris, of Sunny Corner (formerly of Gulgong and Mudgee), will regret to learn that he has been in very indifferent health during the past few weeks.

29-11-1909 Messrs. Murray and Cook's battery has just completed a satisfactory run. About 400 tons were put through, the results in the main being good enough to justify a continuance of operations. Mr. Poyitt has also put between 80 and 100 tons through his battery at the old Paddy Lackey mine, the yield averaging 12dwls, which is highly satisfactory, another crushing is being taken out and will be put through in about a month.

1-12-1909 Reports of the serious damage done by the late heavy frosts to the early potato crops in the surrounding district continue to arrive. The gardens on the higher levels of the township escaped practically unharmed, while less elevated ones suffered severely, in many cases crops were cut right to the ground. With this exception the season here has been unusually good. There is abundance of feed and stock of all kinds are in splendid order, while there is every indication of a bountiful fruit harvest.

Graziers are busy preparing for shearing. Messrs. Shumack Bros, made a start on Monday last the clip is expected to be a very heavy one.

The snake season is in full swing and weird and wonderful are the tales coming to hand. Unbelieving strangers make sarcastic remarks regarding the quantity and quality of the liquor consumed. One tale is of a snake with wings, two on each side. From the description supplied this reptile must be a pocket edition of the Chinese dragon. One local authority says he has seen dozens of them, and that they make flying leaps or about twelve feet, and that he has frequently 'Shot them on the wing'.

Mr. R. Llewellyn, who was taken very ill in Newnes, has returned home to recuperate, and under the watchful care of his wife and daughter, is making good progress towards recovery. His many friends hope soon to hear that "Richard is himself again."

At a meeting of the rifle club committee it was decided to run a handicap prize tournament extending over the next two months, to enable those members who will he home for the holidays to compete.

The sisters and pupils of the local convent are busily preparing for their annual school concert.

6-12-1909 The School of Arts debating club seems to have fallen into a decline. The last two meetings have lapsed for want of a quorum. Surely the result of the ballot for Mr. Miller's prize is not causing members to lose interest in the society. It would be a great pity to let the debates fall through now. There are many reasons why they should be continued even though there is no financial reward attached to them just now.

Mr. J. Wilson, inspector of conditional purchases, has been in town for a couple of days on departmental business.

10-12-1909 Three local lads took one of our prominent citizens on a fishing excursion a few days ago. The expedition involved a trip of about twenty miles on horseback over exceedingly rough country. The party got back again alright, but the prominent citizen is not yet well enough to be interviewed., The latest bulletin concerning him says that he will probably be able to "sit down" (on a cushion) and take a little solid food in a few days time.

From other members of the party I learn that the result of the catch was one snake, one porcupine, and several "slipperies" (the scientific name for a very small fish). The country traversed was exceedingly rugged but very picturesque.

Old Jack Frost seems very loath to leave here, and has been paying us almost nightly visits during the past fortnight, always, with more or less serious result.

Constable Head, of this station, is under orders to be ready to take up strike duty at a moment's notice.

16-12-1909 The Sunny Corner Jockey Club has decided to hold a meeting on December 28, the day after Portland races. Prize money to be £30.

17-12-1909 Bush fires are raging to the north and west of the town, and are causing considerable anxiety. Several farms are threatened, and parties of fire-fighters are out trying to stem the course of the conflagration.

18-12-1909 On Wednesday night the annual concert given by the pupils at the Convent School took place in the School of Arts Hall, before a large audience.

Visitors were present from surrounding districts, including four priests from Bathurst.-

The programme submitted was a very good one, and the items were creditably rendered.

22-12-1909 The following applications were dealt with by the Licensing Magistrate on Monday.

Application by Charles Murray for a booth license for Sunny Corner races on 28th Dec, was granted.

Billiard Licenses., Renewals were granted as following. Chas. Murray, Royal Exchange, Sunny Corner,

31-12-1909 We are now in the position to give further particulars of the gold reef to which allusion was made in our columns of yesterday. It appears that two experienced miners from Queensland, who have taken a great liking to this district, have been prospecting and have opened up two promising shows, one of which we are at liberty to speak of, since the ground is secured. The location is a few miles from Dark Corner and the Paddy Lacky Mine, and the reef has been traced over one and a half miles, carrying gold all the way, that is so far as prospected. Five gold leases, aggregating over 60 acres, were applied for at Sunny Corner on Wednesday.

Samples we have seen show gold freely, and the quartz is of an exceedingly kindly nature. The reef runs from 6 inches up to 2 feet, and is estimated to yield fully an ounce to the ton of free gold, independent of concentrates and tailings.

A battery is to be erected on Reedy Creek, which runs through the lease, and will afford an ample supply of permanent water. The leading spirit in this new venture is Mr. Tom Hennessey, the popular host of the Empire Hotel. This gentleman, coming from Queensland, is well versed in mining affairs, and is possessed of the speculative spirit and pluck that all mining men ought to have, and without which no one should go into the business. Some time ago, it was thought the Paddy Lacky Mine was to be abandoned, and the plant disposed of. We hear, however, that a crushing of 400 tons has just been treated for a yield of 12 dwts. to the ton

In 1909 the Fuel Allowance was reduced to £3.10.0, and Mr. Chiplin immediately asked for it to be restored to £4.10.0 as in former years, pointing out that during the previous winter they had had snow as late as 20th October. Mr. Murray commented: "A few years ago the attendance at Sunny Corner was more than twice as large as at present. At that time two rooms were occupied, and now with an ordinary attendance of between 60 and 70 (declining) they are conveniently taught in one room."

He recommended that the allowance be not increased, but that Mr. Chiplin be informed that if it proved insufficient he could apply for more. On 6th Aust Mr. Chiplin· reported that the allowance was exhausted. "At present snow is lying thickly on the ground, and the cold will be very sever for another five or six weeks." He was allowed another £1.

Owing to the decline in numbers the staff had been reduced to two (Headmaster and Female Assistant), and in November 1909 Miss Shumack, the Assistant, was removed. Mr. Chiplin asked for her to be replaced. ·In response to Mr. Murray's enquiry he replied that the average attendance for the September Quarter had been 37.3, but that it had since risen to 46.1, and that on some days over 50 were present. Mr. Murray remarked: "The mining district of Sunny Corner has steadily declined during the last few years and is likely to continue in that direction. I do not see that any great hardship is inflicted by allowing a 2A teacher to manage the school for a time without assistance.

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5-1-1910 There was a good attendance of rifle men at the local range on Saturday to take part in the annual combined musketry and prize shoot. Unfortunately there was not sufficient time to complete the programme, but the final shoot must be finished by the 20th inst. Lady friends and relatives of the shooters were also in attendance with well filled lunch baskets.

The following are the scores registered off the rifle.

Handicaps will not be available till the conclusion of top match.

	200	300	500	600
N. A. Poyitt	38	30	30	32
Allan Mann	30	29.	38	30
A. R. Thomas	40	31	34	36
Gay Mann ,	24	34	28	
Geo. Shumack	30	30	33	31
Oswald Mann. -	33	30	33	
G. Fraser	31	36		
D. O,Dell:...	29	21	22	
H. Palmer ,	35	36		
G. Chapman .	23	21	24	18
E. Passeri	28	21.	20	
S. Withers	30	34	36 -	29
S. Odgers	32	30	33	20
C. Francis	21	28	34	
J, Cook	31	31	39	32
Wm. Scott	33	25	24	
Chas Scott ,	31	30	26	

The only '"possible" recorded was made by A.R. Thomas using the new aperture sight.

14-1-1910 Steady soaking rain set in here this (Tuesday!) morning, and continued through the day, it will do an immense amount of good, and improve the crop prospects considerably.

Graziers out Dark Corner way have been busy getting their wool away to market. Several bullock teams loaded with our staple product passed through the town yesterday.

Mr. William Patterson, late of these parts has returned, after an absence of thirteen years in Western Australia. Billy looks well, so evidently the West agrees with him. He has been busy hunting up acquaints to chat over the good old times which we hope will soon return.

Several local residents report experiencing the shock of earth-quake on Saturday last, sceptical people attrite it to heavy blasting operations in the Big Hill Mine.

Dept, of Lands. Sydney, January 12th, 1910.

Sir,— In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., forwarding a petition from certain residents of Sunny Corner and District against the granting to Charles Cook of certain conditional leases, I have the honor to inform you that the matter has been referred to the District Surveyor, at Orange, for report.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sd.), Robert MacDonald, Under-Sec. John Miller, Esq., M.L.A., Sydney.

8-1-1910 Sunny Corner Common. Notice. A Commoners Meeting will be held at Mr. Chas. Murray's, 15th January instant, at 8 p.m., to elect five Trustees for the ensuing three years.

R W. MAGHLL, Sunny Corner, Secretary. 8th January, 1910

17-1-1910 The gold mining lease of the late W. H. Lord, Sunny Corner, gl 134, 3 acres In the parish of Castleton has been cancelled for non-fulfilment of labor conditions.

18-1-1910 In Sunny Corner district the potato blight ruined many crops this season.

19-1-1910 Teacher trans; Miss M. Shumack, from Sunny Corner to Katoomba.

21-1-1910 Our Sunny Corner correspondent writes: 'Mining matters are very quite. The Big Hill is still working, while the Mitchell's Creek battery is also still in operation;"

24-1-1910 A commoners meeting was held at Mr. C. Murray's Royal Exchange Hotel on Wednesday evening for the purpose of electing trustees for the ensuing three years. The following gentleman were elected. Mrssrs. John Cook, Mark Kissell, William Francis. James Lowe, John Duke.

After a very sultry day, a thunder-storm which was preceded by a severe dust storm, passed over the town this Thursday afternoon. The rain appeared to be much heavier out Dark Corner way. The temperature is now delightfully cool and fresh.

26-01-1910 William Gilbert Thompson of Palmers Oakey died at Bathurst.

31-1-1910 The combined musketry and prize shoot by the local Rifle Club was concluded on Wednesday, The following are the results The different matches were named after the donors of the first prizes in each :—

THE MILLER.

			200 and 300 Yards.			
			200	300	Hep.	Ttl;
£I Is.—	N. A. Poyitt ...		38	36	ser	74
10s. —	A. Thomas		40	33	3	74-
5s.—	C. Scott		34-	30	9	73:
5s,—	R. Murray-		36	32	4	72
2s. 6d.— S. Withers		36	34	scr	70	
2s 6d. — W. Scott		33	25	12	70	
2s.,,6d.,—	A Boorman		35	30	4	69
2s, Od. —	O. Mann...	....	33	30	4	67
2s.—	S. Odgers	.....	32	30	5	67
2s:—	G. Fraser		31:	26	10	67
2s—	G. Shumack, ...		35	30	1	66
2s.—	G Maum		24	34	8	66
2s. —	A. Mann		36	29 ,	scr	65
2s.—	J. Cook		34	31 .	scr	65
2s.—	D. O'Dell		29	21	9	59
2s.—	E. Passeri		28	21	10	59
2s.—	C. Francis .		21	28	8	57
2s.—	G Chapman :		23	21	6	50
2s.—	J. Duke		16	16	12	44

THE CONROY. -

		; 500 Yards.		
		500	Hep.	Ttl.
£I Is.—	J: Cook	30	scr	39
10s.—	C. Francis	34	scr	39
5s.—	A. Mann	38	scr	38
5«.—	R. Murray	35	3	38
2s 6d.—	S. Odgers	33	4	37
2s, fid. —	N. A Poyitt ...	30	scr	36
2s 6d.—	S. Withers	36 ,	scr	36
2s fid. —	A. Thomas	34	2	36
2s.—	0. Mann	33	3	36
2s.—	A. Doorman .	31	3	34
2s.—	G. Shumack	32	3	33
2s.—	G. Mann	28	5	33
2s.—	C. Scott	26	4	30
2s.—	G. Fraser	24	6	30
2s.—	W. Scott	24	6	30
2s. —	G. Chapman	24	4	28
2s.—	D. O'Dell	22	5	27
2s. —	E. Passeri	20	5	25
2s.—	J. Duke	10	8	I8

THE BULKELEY.

			600 Yards.		
			600	Hep	Ttl.
£ I.—	A. Thomas		36	3	39
I0s.	O. Mann		33	3	36
5s. —	A. Mann :		35	scr	35
5s—	R. Murray		32	3	35
2s 6d. — J. Cook .		32	scr	32	
2s 6d.—	J. A. Poyitt		32	scr	32
2s 6d.—	G. Shumack .		31	1	32
2s. 6d. —	S. Odgors		26	5	31
2s,—	G. .Eraser		21	10	31
2s. —	S. Withers		29	scr	29
2s.— .	T. Duke		17	12	29
2s.—	D. O'Dell		19	8	27

2s. —	A. Boorman :...	22	3	25	
2s.—	G. Mann	18	7	25	
2u. —	G. Chapman	18	6	24	
2s. —	C. Francis	15	7. .	22:	

THE MOORE:

		Aggregate off Rifle.'				
		200	300	500	600	Ttl.
X1.—	A. Mann ...	36 .	29	38	35	138
10s.—	N. A. Poyitt	38	86	36	32	142
5s. —	A. Thomas ...	40.	31	34	36	141
5s.—	J. Cook	34	31	39	32	136
2s 6d. — B. Murray	86	32	35	32	135	
2s 6d. —	S. Withers	30	34	30	29	135
2s 6d.—	O. Mann ...	33	30	33	83	129
2s 6d.—	G. Shumack .	35	30	32	31	128
2s.—	S. Odgers	32	30	33	20	121
2s.—	A. Boorman	35	80	31	22	118
2s.—	G. Mann ..;...	24	34	28	18	104
2s.—	G. Fraser	31	20	24	21	102
2s. —	G. Francis .	21	28	34	15	98
2s;—	D. O'Dell	29	21	22	19	91
2s.—	0. Scott	34	30	26		90
2s.	G. Chapman	23	31	24	18	86
2s. —	W. Scott ..	33	25	24		82
2s\—	K. Passeri ..,	28	23	20		69
2s.—	J. Duke	16	16	10	17	59

THE SUTTOR.

		Aggregate with Handicap.		
		Off Rifle	IHcp.	Ttl.
£I Is.—	R. Murray,	135	10	145
10s.—	A. Thomas	141	8	149
5s.—	N. A. Poyitt	142	scr	142
5s.—	O. Mann	129	10	139
2s 6d.—	A. Mann	138	scr	138
2s fid. — .	J. Cook	136	scr	136
2s 6d.—	S. Withers	135	scr	135
2s fid. —	S. Odgcrs	121	14	135
2s. —	G. Shumack	128	3	131
2s.—	A. Doorman .	118 .	10	128
2s.—	G. Fraser	102	26	128
2s—	G. Mann	104	20	124
2s. —	C. Francis	98	20	118
2s.—	C. Scott	90	13	103
2s.—	D. O'Dell	91	22	113
2s.—	G. Chapman	86	16	102
2s.—	W. Scott	82	18	100
2s.—	J.Duke	59	32	91
2s.—	E. Piasseri ,	69	15	84

31-1-1910 A trial parcel of 59 tons of stone taken out of the Big Hill mine having turned out quite satisfactorily, a contract is to be let for getting a further lot out. It is very large body of this ore which is very easily won.

A report in circulation locally that lessees of the Sunny Corner mine are to be called on to show cause why the lease should not be cancelled. After twelve years of idleness, it is about time that something was done.

The adjourned commoners meeting was held in the School of Arts on Thursday night. There was a very large attendance, quite as much interest being displayed in the election of the trustees as a parliamentary election. The results of the polling John Cook 31, Alfred Sparks 29, Arthur Attuell 25. R. W. Magill 23., N. A. Poyitt 20. elected. John Duke 16, .Joseph Lowe 16, William Oaks 15.

7-2-1910 Another old land mark, in the shape of the old Court House Hotel, is being removed to Portland, there to be rebuilt and converted into a commercial room in connection with the Coronation Hotel. With it goes one of the standing jokes of the district, for immediately in front of it stands, or rather leans, a decrepit finger board pointing drunkenly to the bar-door, and bearing the brief but ominous legend ‘to the cemetery."

Another building to be removed shortly is Mr. J. Rickfords residence, which is also going to Portland. There will be plenty of room for those brick houses when the mine starts working again.

8-2-1910 Mr. John Miller, M.L.A., has received the following letter from the Under-Secretary for Lands: 'Sir, I have the honor to refer to your letter of the 5th January 1910, forwarding a petition, signed by George Strickland and other residents of Sunny Corner and District, protesting against the granting of Mr. Charles Cook's additional conditional purchase 1909-82, Bathurst, also to your letter |of the 20th January, forwarding a letter from Mr. Cook, relative to the same matter.

In reply, the Hon. Minister for Lands, directs me to communicate the facts of the case to you: The a.c.p. comprises measured portions 76, 77, 78, and 79 which were set apart for |additional holdings on 11th August, 1909, to be available 14th October, 1909, on which date Mr. Cook applied for the portions.

The Land Board on 22nd November, 1909, directed survey subject to the excision of any areas which are in authorised occupation under the Mining Acts with access thereto. Instructions to measure in accordance therewith are with Mr. Licensed Surveyor Terry. In reporting as to the disposal of this land, the Inspector stated that George Strickland and C. Chapman, were occupying parts of portion 76 under Mining Rights. The petition states that two other persons in addition have their homes on the land. They may have gone into occupation since the land was reported upon by the Inspector.

Of course, any persons occupying parts of the land applied for, if in legal occupation, will not be deprived of their homes, as stated in the petition.

With regard to the spring stated to exist on the land, Mr. Surveyor Terry has been instructed to excise a small area as a Water Reserve, if deemed necessary in the public interest, in accordance with Section 60 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884.

10-2-1910 A pretty little wedding took place recently at Newnes, when Mary Ann Fitzgerald (only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald, of Sunny Corner) was married to James Hall (eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of Eskbank). The ceremony was performed at a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Rev. Father J. Wendel on the feast of the Purification. As it was practically the first solemn celebration of a Catholic wedding in the "Shale Valley,' keen interest was shown by the Catholic population and the many friends of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Hall intend to take up their residence at Newnes.

11-2-1910 A change has been made in the personnel of the local post office staff. Mr. Mower has been removed, and his place here has been taken by Mr. Fletcher who arrived by coach on Tuesday. Mr. Fletcher, who is accompanied by his wife and son, comes from Zeehan Tasmania, and has also seen service in Western Australia.

11-2-1910 The Mitchells Creek battery has been running since Christmas, and has cleaned up. The most satisfactory return for the run was of Messrs, James, Thomas and Ellis which went 1¼ oz. to the ton. This pays very well.

A trial crushing of fifty tons is being taken out by the syndicate working at Reedy Creek. If this proves satisfactory a battery will be erected, and work on a larger scale will be done. Given fair duality ore the mine should prove a paying concern. There is abundance of water and fuel right on the spot, and there will be no cartage of the stone, it can be trucked from the drive to the battery by gravity.

14-2-1910 Mr. Conroy, the selected Liberal candidate for Macquarie, addressed a large meeting of electors in the School of Arts Hall on Thursday. The attendance would probably have been much larger but for the occurrence of a thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rain, just at the hour set for the opening of the meeting. Mr. Chas. Scott, president of the local branch of the league, acted as chairman, and there were also on the platform. Messrs. Jas. Thomas and C. Colley. Mr. Conroy spoke for about three hours, and strongly condemned the Labor Party for many of their past actions and future proposals.

At the conclusion of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Conroy, on the motion of Mr. Scott.

16-2-1910 On inspecting the cyanide works at Mitchell's Creek the other day. Mr. John Cook was greatly surprised to find in one of the large vats a fine specimen of the genus bovine, masculine gender, angry mood, and qualifying for corned beef. Fortunately for the animal there was no cyanide in the vat and after a good deal of hard work a little language he was removed from his unenviable position, and re-joined the members of his harem, apparently none the worse, though probably little wiser, for his adventure.

18-2-1910 Two local ladies, Mesdames. Charleston and Cook, have been canvassing for subscriptions in aid of the N. S. Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund. The results of their efforts is the substantial sum, £17 14 s, which has been placed to the credit of the fund at the head office of the Bank of N. S. W. Those ladies are to be congratulated on their success in collecting such a large amount in a small place like Sunny Corner.

A fine sample of the commercial motor was in town on Thursday last, it is the property of Messrs. McMurtrie and Co. and was specially built to their order for the use of their representative, Mr. E. E. Sayer, skipper of the racing yacht Rawhiti. The use of the motor enables Mr. Sayer to get over just twice as much ground as the old style of travelling allowed, as when business is finished in one town he can leave immediately for the next, without having to await the departure of a train.

The car is constructed to carry three persons and a considerable quantity of luggage and samples.

23-2-1910 Was The Election Illegal?

Sunny Corner Commoners Object To Election Of Trustees. A Searching Inquiry.

For some considerable time past trouble has been brewing in connection with Common matters here. On January 15 a meeting was held, Mr. W. R. Magill occupying the chair, to elect new trustees for the three years ensuing for the Sunny Corner Common. A ballot was held and the following secured the highest number of votes: John Cook, Mark Kissell, W. Francis, James Lowe, and John Duke.

Among those nominated but who failed to get sufficient votes was the chairman. Just as the business was about to close, the police hurried the commoners off the premises of the hotel where the meeting was being held, under the time regulation in the Licensing Act.

The names of the successful trustees were not sent down for gazettal, but the chairman (Mr. Magill) took it upon himself to call a second meeting on the ground that certain persons who voted at the election were not qualified.
The second meeting was held on January 27. Mr. Magill appointing himself chairman, and proceeded to carry out a fresh election. In this second election, Mr. Magill secured sufficient votes to replace him on the list of trustees. This latter list of trustees Mr Magill at once sent to the Department to be gazetted.
Mr. James Lowe, another trustee, then wrote to the Department pointing out certain irregularities and pointing out that the first election was quite in order.
As a result of all these communications a searching inquiry was commenced here to-day by Mr. C. R. Brett, Stock Inspector of Bathurst, assisted by Mr. A B Burgess, secretary to the Stock Board.
A long list of witnesses was examined, and the evidence was very conflicting. Great interest has been aroused and the various factions are anxiously awaiting the decision of the Minister, on to whom the evidence has been sent.

26-2-1910 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before John Cook, J.P.)

Thomas Clarance McMahon was charged with using abusive and threatening language to Archibald Donaldson, at Yetholme, on the 24th February. Plea, not guilty.
Constable Head gave evidence that the accused was given into his custody by Archibald Donaldson at 10.30 p.m, on the 24th inst. Archibald Donaldson gave evidence as to the language used
In defence, the accused slated that he did not use the language and that he was shaving himself when a gun was fined off, making him cut himself, and all that he said to Donaldson was, '-'What are you shooting at " -Donaldson replied, "If you come a step farther, I will protect myself."
Robert Medlicott also gave evidence, stating that he did not hear accused make use of any threatening language.
Accused was found guilty, and fined 5s, or forty-eight hours in the lock-up. Fine paid.

28-2-1910 (Before R. W Magill, J,P.)

John Randall was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street, Sunny Corner, on the 26th inst. Plea, guilty. Fined 10s or seven days in the lock-up. Fine not paid. Arrested by Constable Heart.

2-3-1910 Although the local rifle club have only just completed a prize shoot running into seventeen guineas prize money, the handicaps are out for another match, prize 25 shillings entrance free to any financial members of the club. The prize, which is for the best shoot at five and six hundred yards put on in any one day between March 1 and April 30 next, has been subscribed by members of the committee.

At a meeting of the School of Arts Committee held last week, it was decided to purchase books to the value of £4; also to make such alterations to the hall as are now necessary under the Theatres and Halls Act.

A motion to purchase a piano for the use of the in institute was negatived on the casting vote of the chairman.

Mr. Arthur William Fletcher, Semi-official Postmaster Sunny Corner, to be Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of The Macquarie at Sunny Corner, vice Mower, transferred,—from the 8th February, 1910.

3-3-1910 The following is a copy of a letter Mr. John Miller, M.L.A., has received from the Department of Lands, dated 22nd February, 1910 : —

Sir,— Referring to the petition presented by you from Mr. R. Magill and other commoners at Sunny Corner, requesting that the land held under annual lease by Mr. George Francis, being part of Reserve No. 134 for Temporary Common, be withdrawn from lease and restored to the Common,
I have the honor to, inform you that the Minister for Lands has approved of the bequest being complied with provided the petitioners, consent to satisfy any claim made by the lessee for compensation for improvements, estimated at £7 10s. for ringbarking and £1 16s. for fencing. (signed) Under Secretary.

7-3-1910 One of our oldest and most respected residents Mr. P. Fitzgibbons, has been seriously ill, but is now well on the way to recovery. The sisters from the local convent have given unremitting care and attention to the aged sufferer through his illness.

Most of the wool from this locality has been sold at satisfactory prices, ranging from 11¼ to 11¾ d, the latter price being realised for Mr. D. F. Smith's clip.

Threshing is also completed and although no records were broken, the crops on the whole have been very satisfactory.

There was no rain worth mentioning during February, and a good fall is badly needed to give the grass a start for the winter.

25-3-1910 The outcome of the recent inquiry into the election of trustees and the general management of the local common is that there is to be another meeting to elect new trustees. The date of such meeting is not yet fixed.

Six men were put on at the Sunny Corner mine yesterday (Tuesday), but it is expected that they are only to be employed temporarily, as it is reported that the management intend to apply for five months' suspension of labor conditions.

At a meeting of the School of Arts Committee held last night it was decided to have a debate on the referendum questions (i.e. State debts and financial agreement), on the 11th of April. A good many people do not understand these matters, and it was thought a debate there on might enlighten them.

Last week we had a visit from Mr. W. Oakes, of Sunny Corner, who now and again comes to Mudgee. Mr. Oakes is a native of Frankfort, on the Maine, Germany. He sailed from Liverpool for Sydney on the 11th January, 1855, landing at Port Jackson on the 1st May following. The voyage thus occupied 110 clays. From about 1869 to a couple of years ago Mr. Oakes resided at the Crudine, and he then removed to Sunny Corner. He is hale and hearty, and we trust he will live to see many more years.

Miss M. Chapman was appointed School Assistant in March 1910.

26-3-1910 The details of the polling in the last election for Sunny Corner

CARR (Labor) 124 SMITH (Liberal) 159 INFORMAL 1 TOTAL 284

30-3-1910 A Meeting of Commoners will be held in the School of Arts Hall, Sunny Corner, 6th April, 1910, at 8 p.m., to elect five Trustees for ensuing three years.

R. W. MAGILL, Sunny Corner, 26th March, 1910. Convener.

2-4-1910 Sunny Corner Police Court. before the P.M., Mr. T. C. K. McKell,

The case of H. Thompson v. C. Donaldson, for assault, was heard. The defendant was fined £1 and costs, in default seven days' imprisonment.

Donaldson then proceeded against the plaintiff for insulting language. A fine of £1, with costs, was inflicted upon Thompson, with the alternative of seven days imprisonment.

6-4-1910 The Sunny Corner Mine. Application For Suspension Of Labor Granted

At the Warden's Court, yesterday, before the Warden, Mr. T. C. McKell, the Bank of Australasia .applied for five months suspension of labor on the Sunny Corner mine lenses. Mr. J. K. Charlton appeared in support of the application, and Mr. Tartakover appeared for the objector, Mr. James Carmichael.

John Kemp Charlton, residing at Sunny Corner, produced his authority to appear on behalf of the application.

Mr. Tartakover objected to the authority, but the warden overruled the objection.

Witness said the leases, stood in the hands of the Bank of Australasia, one was 40 acres in extent, and the other 50 acres.

In answer to Mr, Tartakover, witness said he could not produce the leases, but the "Gazette" notice was obtained from the office, and was accepted by the Warden.

Witness continuing said until 12 months ago the lease had been in his name since '95, with one exception. They had been mortgaged to the Bank of Australasia, and were now registered in that banks name. He had formed a company 18 months ago, and they came to the bank there was some trouble, and the bank had the leases registered in their name. The syndicate he had formed had now purchased the properly from the bank, and the money would be paid over at the end of the month. He was asking for suspension for five months for the purpose of completing arrangements for working the mine. Since he took over the leases on August, 1893, he had paid over £45,000 in wages alone, over £9000 for road carriage, and over £7300 for railway freights.

He had been working practically the whole time but his last smelting was in 1901. Sunny Corner was a very complex and a very low ore, difficult to work, he had sent all over the world to try to find "a way of treating the ore", and had now experimented successfully, and on the strength of that had the company formed. One experiment alone cost him over £1200.

Cross-examined by Mr Tartakover, witness: said it was not a fact that the labor conditions had not been complied with on the mine for years. The number of men employed at different times had fluctuated, sometimes there were a dozen, sometimes three or four, and sometimes only two.

Under the Act 15 men should be employed on the two leases. On some occasions he had left Sunny Corner in order to visit other places, and had been away as long as a couple of months. When he had two men on he paid each 8s a day.

MR. Tartakover : With regard to this syndicate, Mr. Charleston; have you been in communication with Mr. Gardiner.

Not only with Mr., Gardiner, but with Mr. Gubby, a French financier.

Mr. Tartakover : The Bank of Australasia are only mortgagees of those leaseas?.

They arc the registered owners. They foreclosed. .

Have you been acting as the agent of the bank for the sale of these leases? —

Yes I have been acting all through.

Arc you to get anything out of it ?.

Certainly I am the largest holder in the new company.

You told us that the purchase money was to be paid to the Bank of Australasia at the end of this month, the purchasers will commence operations immediately I suppose?

As soon as we can got things through.

Then you are really making this application on behalf of the purchaser?.

The Warden : No, on behalf of the bank.

Mr. Tartakover held that the Mining Act did not provide for suspension in such case.

The Warden said he could do almost, anything.

Mr. Tartakover (to witness): Why do you require five months suspension if all you have to do is to keep the leases on foot until the purchase money is paid?.

We want it then for forming the company,

That is a matter for the company I am sure with which, the Warden has to deal.

The suspension will assist us in registration.

Witness continuing. It is not a fact that the Mines Department ordered me to commence operations or they would cancel the leases. The bank was asked if the necessary labor was on.

The Warden said, speaking from memory, the contents of a letter he had received from the Mines Department were to the effect that the bank had to put the necessary labor on or apply to the Warden for suspension. They had applied for suspension.

Mr. Tartakover contended that the departmental papers should have been before the Warden that day.

The Warden said he did not want them, and if Mr. Tartakover wanted them he should have subpoenaed the Department to produce them.
Mr. Tartakover (to witness): If you were fulfilling the labor conditions, what was the necessity for suspension?
I have the labor on now, but want to cease the labor until the new company is formed.
Continuing, witness said In November last year he had two men on, and he knew that was an infringement of the conditions in the lease. Witness gave the names of some of the men whom he had employed. With regard to one off the leases, it was regarded by the department as a machinery site, and he had never been called upon to comply with labor conditions in regard to that site.
In answer to the Warden, witness said the machinery on the ground was valued at over £4000.
In reply to Mr. Tartakover, witness said the leases were in London. The bank had an action against Gubby and Co. last year, but this would be fixed up this month by the payment of the purchase money. It was not a fact that Gubby and Co. were in liquidation. They were one of the wealthiest bankers in Paris.
In support of His objection, James Carmichael, miner, residing at Newnes, examined by Mr. Tartakover, deposed that he had known the leases for over 20 years. For four days at the end of last year he shepherded the leases to see if there was any labor done on them, but he could see no one on the leases during that time. He would not give £5 for all the machinery that was there.
There was no indication that any work was being done. On 4th January last he applied to the Mines Department for the leases to be cancelled, and he got a reply that if he could show his bonafides the matter would be considered. He then saw the Minister for Mines, and afterwards got a letter from him stating that the bank had been notified that if the labor conditions were not complied with the leases would be cancelled. He then wrote to the Minister that there was absolutely no labor being done on the leases. That was after he had paid a second visit to the place. The Minister replied that he had notified the bank that the leases would be cancelled at once if the labor conditions were not complied with.
To the Warden: There was nothing about the suspension of labor conditions in the letter I got.
Continuing: When the bank received that notice they put on five men, and on the following day applied for the suspension. If the leases were cancelled, he would apply for the land, and would he able to put down £40,000 to work the mine.
To Mr. Charleston: The machinery that is there is old and broken down, and I would not give £5 for it. It has value only for old iron.
Mr. Charleston said that the witness had no idea of the value of machinery, and it was no use questioning him. Mr. Carmichael never went near him when he was at the place.
Witness: You were in Swamp Oak when I was there.
This closed the evidence, Mr, Tartakover addressed the Warden, submitting that he had no power to deal with the matter under the Mining Act, as the only interest the bank had in the leases was to secure the money due to them, and Mr, Charleston said they would be paid at the end of the month. If the sale was completed, the new company might reasonably ask for suspension while they looked round to see the value of the land. That would be a bona fide application, but the application of the bank was not. Then there was the evidence of Mr. Charleston admitting that the labor conditions had not been complied with, and only two men were employed for months at a time.
There were 95 acres in the lease, and two of them would be like an ant digging on a sand hill. He submitted that it was a clear case of the leases being shepherded by the present owners with a view to a possible chance of getting rid of the mine, and he asked the Warden not to assist a scheme like that.
The Warden said he found that there had been reasonable expenditure incurred, and it was shown that it was necessary to make arrangements to work the mine.
He would grant the suspension for five months. There was a chance now for the mine to be properly opened up, and it was not his place to suppress it.
6-4-1901 A quiet but very pretty wedding was celebrated at Mr. Charles Worrell's residence to-day, when Mr. Fred. Francis and Miss, Mary Morpeth, both of Sunny Corner, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by the Rev. F. J. Harris, of O'Connell. The bride who was given away by her father, Mr. George Morpeth, looked charming in a costume of crortni Sicilian, with silk and lace trimmings.
Miss Emmie Worrell made a dainty bridesmaid, and was dressed in creuau silk, trimmed with pale blue silk. The bride groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Cecil Francis, who acted as best man.
A bazaar was held in the School of Arts hall in aid of the local convent, and a sum of about £15 was realised.
11-5-1910 To hold office until the next General Election of Trustees of Commons, in the month of January, 1913 Sunny Corner Common. John Cook. Norman Poyitt. George Fraser. Martin Kissell, Alfred Sparks.
11-5-1910 An interesting ceremony was conducted in the Union Church, West Mitchell, last Tuesday, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Edward J. Hunt, of Portland, to Miss Sarah M Kissell, of West Mitchell.
The service, which was conducted by the Rev. h. Hobson, began with the rendering of the marriage hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." Miss 'Odgers was the organist. The church, which was prettily decorated for the occasion, was filled with interested spectators. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a snow flake voile dress, trimmed with cream glace silk, and Irish crochet. She wore, a cream silk hat with ostrich feathers, and carried a bouquet of, white chrysanthemums and cosmos. The bridesmaids were Miss Ivy Withers who wore a cream serge skirt and cream silk blouse, with silk trimmings, she also wore a gold brooch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a fine bouquet of white flowers and Miss Ida Kissell, the sister of the bride, who was dressed in pink silk muslin, trimmed with Valenciences lace, and wore a. gold pin and bell, the gift of the bridegroom; Mr. Albert Smith was best man, On leaving the church, the bridal party and a number of invited guests impaired to the residence of the bride's parents, where they partook of a sumptuous breakfast.

The usual toasts were proposed and responded to. Quite a number of choice presents, with the best wishes of the donors, have been received by the happy couple, who are to reside at Portland.

25-4-1910 Mr. J. Carmichael, of Newnes, has pegged out the leases known as the Montana, at Sunny Corner. The lease was worked for a considerable time by a Lithgow syndicate, which subsequently abandoned it. Mr. Carmichael is acting for Melbourne speculators, and as soon as tile lease is gazetted, a start will be made. Miners in the locality hold the opinion that the Montana is the best property around Sunny Corner, as the original rich ore ran into that ground.

9-5-1910 SHARPE-In loving memory of our dear mother Anne Sharpe who departed this life at Sunny Corner, May 8th, 1909.

Hushed all sorrow and weeping,
For mother is only asleep.
Inserted by her loving daughters.

11-5-1910 Flags are flying half-mast from the public buildings and business places here as a token of respect to his late Majesty King Edward VII.

20-5-1910 Messrs. Hennessy and party have applied for Government aid in sinking the shaft on their mineral lease on Reedy Creek.

23-5-1910 Owing to the prolonged spoil of dry weather the battery at West Mitchell has been closed down for want of water. The present copious rainfall will enable it to start again immediately. Several big lots of stone are awaiting crushing, the principal lots being the tributers in the Big Hill, Attuell Bros. claim, and Thomas and partys claim.

A syndicate has taken up the Tonkin mine, and is awaiting the granting of the leases. As soon as this is done work will be commenced.

Hennessy and party are raising splendid stone at Reedy Creek. The reef is 2 feet wide, and showing gold freely.

Residents are anxiously awaiting developments on the Sunny Corner Silver Mine, this mine was granted a suspension until the beginning of September. Should the mine not resume work, with full labor conditions, it is possible something further may he heard about the matter.

25-5-1910 The West Mitchell Union Church was filled again on Sunday afternoon, the occasion being a memorial service for late King.

30-5-1910 Quite a number of ladies have taken their departure within the past few weeks.

Among these are Mrs. J. K. Charleston, to Swamp Oaks: Mrs. N. Poyitt, to Lithgow: Misses Collins. L. Murray, and .Staines (2), to Newnes; Mrs. Colemane and daughters (2) to Swamp Oak; and Mrs. Jas. Odgcrs, who was called to Orange owing to the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Hinn, the cause of death being bronchitis and heart failure. In addition to those, Mr. and Mrs, Edward Scott have gone to reside in Sydney.

One consolation is that all these good people intend returning later on.

A meeting of the common trustees was held last night. Mr. John Cook was selected chairman. It was decided to invite applications for the position of secretary and ranger, and also to endeavour to get the leases at present held by the trustees converted into common reserves.

1-6-1910 There is still a good deal of sickness prevalent here. The wife of our worthy friend, Mr. James Murray, has been confined to her bed for some weeks past.

Coughs and colds constitute the majority of the ailments. Even your correspondent, despite all precautions, has been seriously indisposed for the past week.

6-6-1910 After a considerable spell of dry weather we had our first snowstorm yesterday. On Thursday night light sleet; fell. This continued at intervals till about 2 o'clock on Friday, when snow set in and continued till well on into the night. This morning the ground was covered.

WALLACE.-In sad and loving memory of my dear Mother, Mary Wallace, who departed this life, June 6th, 1908, at Sunny Corner.

Sadly .missed by her ever-sorrowing Daughter, Maggie Dargin.
As the years pass away,
Be they many or few.
Will be years of remembrance
Dear mother, of you.

A social had been arranged for Friday night in aid of the local convent, but on account of the unfavourable weather had to be postponed.

The coach from Bathurst met with an accident when coming down what is locally known as Kissells Hill. The grade here is very steep, and owing to the road being covered with snow, and the pitchy darkness, the horses got off the track, and the coach capsized. Fortunately, there were no passengers aboard, and the driver, Mr, Steve Dawson, escaped unhurt, but had some little trouble in getting free from the overturned vehicle, the upper part of which was considerably damaged.

Assistance was quickly forthcoming, and the coach was soon righted, and continued its journey to Sunny Corner, where it arrived about 11 p.m., some five hours late.

6-6-1910 Teacher Tran. Miss M. Chapman, from Mount View to Sunny Corner.

10-6-1910 Mining matters here are practically at a standstill. The Mitchell's Creek battery is still idle for want of water, despite the good rainfall of a week or two ago. It appears there are no efficient means of conserving water there, and unless the creek is running continuously the battery can't work, which, seems a curious sort of an arrangement. There are considerably over 500 tons of quartz awaiting treatment, and placing the gold contents at a fair average, this represents nearly

£1000, which is badly needed in circulation here. Most of the miners are awaiting the result of the crushing before getting out more stone, so that should returns be unsatisfactory they can try somewhere else.

Messrs. Poyitt and Eves have put through a parcel of about 50 tons at the old Paddy Lackey battery. The result was not so good as the previous crushing, but work is to be continued.

A trial lot of 10 tons from Hennessy's claim at Reedy Creek is now being put through. Among the ore awaiting treatment at West Mitchell is a small parcel from Kirkconnell, the result of which is anxiously awaited.

What might have been a serious accident occurred here to-day. Mr. Jack Cook was going down the street on his motor bicycle, when a dog rushed out, and came in violent collision with the machine, with the result that there was a capsize which the machine, the rider, and the dog got considerably mixed. Mr. Cook escaped with a few scratches and a shaking, but the motor was considerably damaged, likewise the dog, which is not expected to recover.

13-6-1910 Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main-road, 14 miles and 9 miles, respectively, each six times a week; four-wheeled, vehicle; two or more horses, and horseback, John Case, Rydal, £133 10s; contract terminable 31sst December, 1910.

West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, 15 miles, twice, a. week, .sulky, William. Francis, Sunny Corner £45, contract terminable on 31st December, 1911.

13-6-1910 A public meeting of the West Mitchell Band of Hope was held in the Union Church on Thursday night. Owing to the inclement weather the audience was not as largo as is usually the case, but a fair number were present. The performers some of whom, were tiny tots, did their parts very creditably. Mr. C. Scott, Meadow Flat, was chairman, and was the right man in the right place.

22-6-1910 Mr, Arthur William Fletcher, of Sunny Corner post-office, has been appointed electoral registrar to keep the rolls for the Sunny Corner sub-division of the Macquarie division.

1-7-1910 Spuds is riz., and the local farmers smile broadens as the price ascends. One lot of local Early Rose sold at £7 on rail at Rydal. There seems to be money in potatoes hereabouts, where good clean crops are always assured.

5-7-1910 The Marcus Gold Mine, near Sunny Corner, has put through a bulk crushing at the Paddy Lacky battery, but the return has not been disclosed.

The mine was worked years ago, and it is hoped will now take on a new lease of life.

The long-talked-of reopening of the Sunny Corner silver mine has not yet eventuated, and mining in that part is very dead.

07-07-1910 Upper Turon School closed.

8-7-1910 FRANCIS. — In loving memory of our dear father, George Francis, who died Royal Hotel Sunny Corner, 6th July, 1900. Inserted by his loving children.

FRANCIS. — Fond remembrance of my son-in law, George Francis, who died Sunny Corner, 6th July, 1900. M. White.

13-7-1910 Crushing at Mitchell's Creek is still going on. So far returns have been very satisfactory. A parcel of stone put through for the proprietors averaged 9dwt. Which is a payable result. Another parcel of' 7.9 tons put through for Turner Bros, returned about 15dwts, which is highly satisfactory. Another contract is to be let for raising a further quantity of stone on account of the battery owners.

Some of our oldest residents have been rather seriously ill lately, among them may be mentioned Mrs. James McCartney of Dark Corner who is suffering from pneumonia, and Mrs. Sparks, sen. of Sunny Corner, who has been ill with influenza. Latest information is that both are on the mend. Both good ladies have passed the allotted span, and relatives were, naturally, very, anxious concerning them. Among the younger generation who are indisposed is Mr. Mark Kissell, who sustained a serious fall from a sulky near Portland, and has been laid up for some days, and is now progressing favourably.

Mr. Wlm. Stait also had a narrow escape from serious injury. He was riding a young horse, which fell, with him. Mr. Stait was unseated, and his foot catching in the stirrup he was dragged some distance before getting free. Fortunately he kept hold of the reins, and so prevented the horse from kicking him.

Mr. Edwin Stait received a telegram on Saturday from the medical officer at Thursday Island saying that his son Edwin had undergone a serious operation in hospital there, and was in a very low state.

Mrs. McCartney of Dark Corner is still seriously ill. A doctor from Bathurst was sent for, but there small hopes of the patients recovery.

18-7-1910 A telegram was received from Thursday Island this morning announcing the death of Mr. Edwin Stait, jun., whose illness was reported in last issue. The deceased was the eldest son of Mr. E. R. Stait, native of Sunny Corner, and had been engaged in mining and prospecting in the far north of Queensland during the past few years. No particulars as to the cause of death are yet to hand, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents and relatives.

A visiting dentist spent a couple of days here this week. One unreliable authority states that the local bone gatherer, got a Chapman sack full of discarded stumps at the rear of the dental parlor. It is surmised they will be turned into sleeve-links and collar studs.

The Dark Corner man has been seeing snakes again. It's time the water supply out there was investigated.

20-7-1910 Heavy snow has fallen, and in some places it was a foot deep. A cold wind prevails.

21-7-1910 A fine specimen of the eagle-hawk species was shot here a few days ago by Mr. Bert Staines. The bird measured seven feet three inches from tip to tip of the extended wings, and was as broad across the back as a city alderman, and had a claw as large as the hand of a land grabber.

22-7-1910 Heavy snow set in here on Sunday night, and continued falling until Tuesday, at midday. Rain then fell without ceasing until night. Although the ground was wet owing to the previous rain, the snow lay thickly, being a foot in the open, and several feet in the drifts. Not a vestige of herbage could be seen anywhere for miles around.

The poor stock will suffer greatly. It is the heaviest fall for several years past, and had the ground been dry the depth would have been considerable.

An inch and a quarter of rain was registered during the past 2 days.

No mail arrived from Rydal on Tuesday, and none went from here on Monday night, as the roads were impassable.

HEMSWORTH.— In loving memory of my dear brother, who departed this life at Sunny Corner, July 21 1908 aged 73 years. '.'May his soul rest in peace." Inserted by his loving sister, M. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

27-7-1910 At a recent meeting of the common trustees, it was decided to strictly enforce the rules, and several people having stock illegally on the common have been notified that same must be removed forthwith. The ranger was instructed to impound all trespassing stock irrespective of owners.

Acting on these orders he bagged about twenty five sheep in one act to-day, Tuesday. The amount collected for fees last quarter amounted to nearly £7.

28-7-1910 The Sunny Corner Rifle Club held its annual meeting last night it the Exchange Hotel. There was a splendid attendance of members, some coming in from four and five miles around. The Secretary's report showed that the sum of £20 had been distributed during the year in prize money at the quarterly shoots, while the roll showed a list of 32 financial members. The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows: —

Patron, Mr. John Miller, M.L. A.; President, J. K. Charleston; Captain, N. A. Poyitt; Vice Captain;. G. C. Fraser; Secretary, C. Stewart; Treasurer J. Duke.

29-7-1910 The engagement is announced of Miss F. Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Cohen, of Sunny Corner, to Mr. M. Kosminski, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kosminski, of Marrickville, Sydney.

8-8-1910 The Mitchell's Creek battery cleaned up on Thursday; the result was 80 oz of gold from 250 tons of stone put through on account, of Messrs. Attuell Bros, this return, while not so good as former ones, is still satisfactory, the ore - body being extensive and easily worked.

Though four out of the five months suspension granted to the lessees of the Sunny Corner mine have expired, there is no sign of any resumption of work.

It is expected that a start will be made at the old Montana copper mine in the course of a week or two.

10-8-1910 Sylvia Cook, aged 12, daughter of Mr. Chas. Cook farmer and grazier, residing two miles from Sunny Corner, was lost on Saturday night. She went out at dusk to find some milking cows, and lay down to rest under a tree. She fell asleep, and when she awoke it was dark. She wandered about for some time until she found a hollow tree, into which she crept and remained till morning. She did this, she says, because she was afraid of foxes, which are numerous around that part. Search parties were out all night, without result. They again went out on Sunday, and about noon the child was found three miles from home. She was travelling towards home when found, and was none the worse for her adventure.

STAINES. — In loving memory of our beloved daughter, Jane, and friend, Lily Bell, who were burnt to death at Burraga, August 8, 1900.

She has gone, oh, how we miss her,
And mourn o'er, her terrible fate;
Our Saviour has met death before her
And took her within the bright gate.

Inserted by her loving mother and father sisters and brothers, M and T Staines, Sunny Corner.

15-8-1910 It is generally admitted that the telegraph department is a bit slow. In fact one man here says it's darned slow. He arrived at Rydal by the passenger train, and sent a telegraph to his son to meet him with a conveyance. Haying lodged the telegram, he started to walk towards home, expecting to meet the vehicle on the way and was considerably annoyed its non-arrival, he walked the 15 miles to Sunny Corner, through pouring rain, and on arrival found that his telegram had not been received here.

It was delivered a little later on, having taken half-an-hour longer than the sender took to walk the distance.

17-8-1910 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before the P. M. R. W. Magill, and Tho Maccabee, J s.P.)

Edward Eves was summoned for neglecting to send his two children, Elvie and Samuel, to school the required number of days for the half-year ended June 30.

He pleaded guilty. Fined 2s 6d, and costs 6s in each case, in default 24 hours. Fourteen days to pay.

A certificate authorising the issue of an auctioneer's license was granted to Charles Murray, Sunny Corner, for Bathurst district.

At the conclusion of the business the P. M. and Justices appointed Saturday after the second Thursday in each month for hearing and determining at Sunny Corner Court House all actions under the Small Debts Recovery Act, 1899, in lien of the last Wednesday of each month as heretofore.

Mr. John Miller M. L. A., has been advised by the Under-Secretary for Education, as follows : "With reference to your letter of the 17th May 1910 respecting the fuel allowance granted to the Public School at Sunny Corner, I have the honor to inform you that having obtained a report upon the matter, an additional amount of 10s (ten shillings), has now been granted".

22-8-1910 The local bicycle club have decided to donate a guinea to the Bathurst-Sydney road race prize list, to provide a prize for fastest time from Sunny Corner to Sydney, for the competitor winning no other prize.

Mr. J. Glass has arranged to leave a supply of chocolate and O.T. punch here, to be handed to competitors, in the race as they pass through, the town.

The fence round the local cemetery has been blown down in several places, and stock are trampling over the graves. The trustees ought to take this matter in hand at once, as a few hours work would soon get matters right.

26-8-1910 That long looked-for revival, in the mining industry here does not seem to be any nearer. With the exception of a few small parties in the Big Hill there is nothing doing. The battery is again idle all the quartz having been treated.

The last lot was a small parcel from Kirkconnell estate which yielded 1½ ounces to the ton.

A start is to be made at the Montana mine to-morrow, (Thursday) but pending the arrival of the necessary machinery, operations will necessarily be on a restricted scale.

There is considerable speculation as to whether anything will be done at the Sunny Corner mine on the expiration of the period of suspension, a fortnight hence. At present there is no sign of a resumption of work taking place.

30-8-1910 It is reported that Mr. Eves has struck a very good reef in the Old Lackey workings. The present indications are that the prospector has got on to something good.

31-8-1910 Godfrey Upton has brought some nice slugs of gold into town. They were got from his claim at Dark Corner, and aggregated 12oz. The largest piece weighed 7½ ounces and was nearly all pure gold, there being only, a few specks of quartz showing. This gold was got in the same locality that Messrs, Grabham Bros, struck a patch in some months ago. There is nothing in this find to justify a rush, as most of the ground has been worked. The gold is very patchy, and the claims are far apart.

The death is reported of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Athiel, which died a couple of hours after birth.

The trustees of the recreation ground are effecting improvements to the tennis court, and are having it raised about a foot above the old level. Several young ladies have been helping manfully with the work. This should be an inducement to some of the young men to do likewise.

Quite a number of Portlanders were in town on Sunday. One party arrived per bus and others per boot and bike. They came to get some of the dust blown off.

First-class Constable H. W. Pope, of Cudal, and late of Sunny Corner, has been appointed inspector of conditional purchases for the Orange land district, at a salary of £300 per annum. His many friends here, will be glad to know, of his advancement.

Mr. Fraser has resigned from the position of trustee to the Sunny Corner common.

There will have to be a meeting of commoners to fill the vacancy.

7-9-1910 Three bullock wagons, loaded with machinery from the old Lagoon mine passed through town to-day en route for Rydal. The plant belongs to the lessee of the Sunny Corner mine, which has been idle for the past twelve years, despite repeated promises of a resumption of work. Such promises were generally followed by the despatch of some of the plant to other fields, and there is no indication of any new machinery arriving to replace that which has been disposed of.

On Saturday afternoon. A lad named Turner, a resident of Yetholme, was descending West Mitchell Hill on a bicycle when he ran into a boy named Harold Odgers, a son of Mr. Steve Odgers, with the result that the boy was knocked down and severely bruised, and Turner was thrown from his machine and sustained serious injury. Besides being scratched and bruised about the limbs his face was very badly cut, necessitating several stitches being put in. Both patients are now doing as well as can be expected.

9-9-1910 Applications for after auction purchases were made by Aiden Thomas Schumack, of Sunny Corner, of lots 3, 17, 18, town of Portland.

15-9-1910 The marriage took place, at Forbes of Mr. Charles W. Stewart, of Sunny Corner, and Miss Annie youngest; daughter of the late Mr. Mitchell Brown, “Clusta” of Budgorabong, and sister of Mr Thomas Brown. M.H.R, for Calare. The ceremony, which was of a very quiet nature owing to illness in the family, was celebrated by the Rev. Joseph McDowell at the Manse, Forbes.

The bride was given away by her brother (Mr. Mitchell Brown) and was becomingly attired in her travelling dress of sax blue coat and skirt, with large white and gold picture hat.

After the reception the happy couple left for Sunny Corner, their future home, en route for Sydney, where the honeymoon trip will be spent.

00-09-1910 Palmers Oakey School closed.

19-9-1910 Mrs. Kinchington addressed a largely attended meeting in the School of Arts Hall last night in favor of a continuance of the present number of hotel licenses.

Mr. C. Murray occupied the chair and briefly introduced the speaker Mrs. Kinchington who was very well received and frequently applauded, made an earnest appeal to the people for fair play to the publican, who, having put money and energy into the working of his business would he deprived of it all it no-license was carried at the coming election. She also said that the prohibition party were only attacking the publican and did not propose to interfere with wealthy brewers and importers of liquors. The consumption of liquor would not be decreased by the adoption of no-license.

20-9-1910 Mr. Arnold Rigby was in Sunny Corner on Thursday last, and installed an acetylene gas plant in the Royal Hotel for Mr. H. Francis. He adds that things look much brighter since Mr. Rigby's visit.

20-9-1910 Although a fortnight has elapsed since the expiration of the time granted for suspension of labor conditions on the Sunny Corner mine, there is as yet no indication of a resumption of works. There is a notice posted up in a not too conspicuous place, calling for miners and laborers, but although several applications have been made to the only man on the mine, the answer is that he has no authority to engage anyone, and they must wait the return of the manager, who is in Sydney. It is stated on very good authority that there is a company ready to take the mine and expend £40,000 on it as soon as the lease as available. Seeing that the mine has been locked up for nearly 12 years it is quite time a move was made.

Our Parliamentary representatives have repeatedly said that as soon as there was someone ready to work the mine the lease would be cancelled.

Is there some influence at work in favor of the present inactive lessees, for nothing seems to be done to enforce compliance with the fulfilment of labor conditions on these leases?

Speaking here some time ago, Mr. J. F. Coates, the selected Labor candidate, directed attention to the paragraph in the Labor programme dealing with this matter, and urged the people to vote for Labor at the coming election, if they wished to see a revival in mining here. Of course, if they are satisfied with the present state of affairs they would vote for the other fellow.

At present the population of Sunny Corner consists mainly of very old and very young people, for as soon as a girl or boy is old enough to take a situation they have to go elsewhere to look for it, there being no opening here for them.

The local reservoir is under the same management as the mine, and is rapidly falling into a similar state of disrepair. For the past two days the cattle off the common have been over running the reserve around the reservoir, owing to the fence being down.

Since the Shire Council took over the water supply it has been grossly neglected. It was placed under the control of the mine manager on conditions that he placed a caretaker in charge and kept it in repair, but this has not been done. The gates are off the hinges and the drain on the eastern side is silted up, so that instead of carrying the drainage away from the dam, it now runs into it.

21-9-1910 A Special Meeting of Commoners will be held in the School of Arts Hall, Sunny Corner, 28th September, at 8 p.m., to elect one Trustee in place of George Fraser, resigned. R. W. MAG1LL, Secretary. Sunny Corner,

26-9-1910 STAINES.— In fond and loving memory of our darling daughter, Ethel, who was bitten by a snake, 25th of September, 1903.

Seven years' have passed,
Our hearts still sore
As time goes, on.
We miss you more.

Inserted by her loving father, mother, brothers, and. sisters, J, and: K. Staines; Sunny Corner.

Another very old resident has taken his departure, in the person of the late Jimmy Ah Chong, whose domicile has been in the local cemetery for the past 13 years and whose remains were exhumed by some of his countrymen to-day (Thursday), preparatory to shipping them to the home of his forefathers in China. After the relics of the departed had been gathered up the Celestials took a nip from a bottle, and poured the remainder over the remains of their countryman. Jimmy died just about the time the Sunny Corner mine closed down, so his move may be the forerunner of a move at the mine also.

1-10-1910 At the Sunny Corner Warden's Court, before Mr. A. B. C, Burke, Warden. Mr. W. G. S. Francis proceeded against V. W. Sparks, for alleged trespass on mining tenement at Bob Creek, Sunny Corner, claiming, £10, damages.

Mr. Franker appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Mc, Intosh, of Bathurst, for defendant.

Plaintiff and M. Kissell gave evidence for prosecution, and J. J. Fitzgerald for defendant, after which the Warden suggested that a settlement at that period might be arrived at, and quoting certain cases similar to this one, he stated that it was necessary for the original holders title to be waivered before another person was entitled to claim that land.

Accordingly the case was withdrawn, each having to pay his own costs.

5-10-1910 The letter under the above heading, which appeared in; Last Friday's "Mercury", has caused quite a mild sensation here.

There is just sufficient truth in it to save the author from being in the same category as Ananias. There a certain amount of licence' permitted in the expression of political opinions, but in speaking of local matters it is not advisable to handle the truth as carelessly as "Sunny Corner" has done in his letter of Friday last. -

Your correspondent has interviewed the members of the Progress Committee which was in office at that particular time, and the following are the facts of the case:

Eight years ago (not twelve, as stated by "Sunny Corner"), one only of the leases held by the Sunny Corner mine (there are two leases in this property) was cancelled at the instance of the Progress Committee, and pegged out by the members of that committee with a view of getting fresh blood into the field, the mine having been idle then for about five years.

But the part of the lease which was not cancelled took in the mouth of the tunnels, entrance to the mine was impossible. It was as if the committee were given possession of a house without doors or windows; when they wanted to enter they would have to make a hole in the roof.

It is true that the committee approached several mining companies, with the idea of getting someone to work the mine, but someone, possibly "Sunny Corner," got in ahead of them, and said the mine was no good, and the offer was declined,

The statement that the committee sold the lease to the former holder is emphatically denied. The lease was sold to a person who led the members to believe he represented a company which was prepared to pay the expenses incurred in getting the lease and work the mine forthwith.

This being just what the committee wanted, the lease was transferred accordingly, but was surrendered to the present holder. When the committee realised the position, they repudiated the agreement, but matters had gone too far for them to get the lease back again.

12-10-1910 Heavy snow fell here last night, and it has been snowing nearly all day, with occasional heavy showers of stinging sleet.

This and the severe frosts that prevailed last week will seriously injure the fruit crops about here.

About half a dozen men were to start at the Sunny Corner mine this (Monday) morning. It is thought that this will enable the leases to be held a bit longer.

12-10-1910 Proposed Alteration Of Design Of The Town Of Sunny Corner.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that, at the expiration of three months from this date, it is intended, under the provisions of section 107 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1884," and section 57 of the "Crown Lands Act of 1895," to alter the design of town of Sunny Corner by converting part of the suburban lands into country lands. Lithographs showing the proposed alteration may be inspected at the Crown Land Office, Bathurst, and at the Department of Lands, Sydney.

26-10-1910 Senior-Constable Ferris, of Sunny Corner, died in Sydney yesterday. The deceased officer, who was on sick leave at the time, had been ailing for about 18 months.

31-10-1910 A couple of our oldest residents have been seriously indisposed for the past week. Mr. Thos. Baker has had a very serious attack of pneumonia, and the doctor from Portland had to be called in. Thanks to his attention and a strong constitution, Mr. Baker is now making very satisfactory progress toward recovery.

The other invalid is Mr. William Duggan, who is suffering from an abscess on the knee. Mr. Duggan was removed to Bathurst for treatment, under which he is now improving.

Both these gentlemen are considerably over seventy years of age, and their illness caused considerable anxiety amongst their relatives and friends, who will now be pleased to hear of their improvement.

The heads of both the Sunny Corner and Dark Corner schools have gone to attend the teachers conference at Blackheath. The youngsters enjoyed a holiday to-day in consequence.

2-11-1910 The annual school picnic, which eventuated a few days since, was one of the most successful functions ever held in the district. Shortly before dinner time the people began to muster, and during the afternoon there were fully 150 persons on the ground. The day was perfect and games were fast and furious. A little disappointment was felt as there was only one swing, but as this would persist in swinging any way but straight it was mostly patronised by the little ones.

A handsome collection of prizes had been procured for the school children, and on every hand was voted the prettiest collection that had over been displayed. After dinner races occupied the minds and legs of the juveniles, some very smart sprints being shown.

Just before sundown a bin of lollies was scrambled amongst all hands. When tea had been partaken of a move was made for home.

About 20 couples adjourned to Springvale, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shumack where dancing was indulged in till midnight. Visitors were present from Sunny Corner, Palmers Oakey, West Mitchell, and Clear Creek, and all declared they had had a glorious time.

The rains of Friday and Saturday will do a vast amount of good. The ground was very dry and the frosts were retarding all growth. Grass and herbage will now make a fresh start, and as the season is will advanced the frosts should not be so severe.

Mr. Surveyor Orr was in the district for a day or two re land matters.

4-11-1910 Things are moving at the Sunny Corner mine at a furious rate. Seven men have been employed for nearly three weeks, and as a result of their labors one bag of ore, weighing about a hundredweight, has been despatched to Adelaide as a sample, or for treatment, is not yet known.

This last shipment brings the output of this mine up to a grand total of six tons one hundredweight for a period of over six years, an average of a little over one ton per annum. And yet the people are not satisfied.

5-11-1910 ATTENTION is invited to the notification in the Government Gazette, of 12th October 1910, PROPOSING TO ALTER THE DESIGN OF THE TOWN OF SUNNY CORNER.

Lithographs, showing the proposed alterations, may be inspected at the Crown Lands Office. Bathurst, and at the Department of Lands, Sidney. Robert McDonald, Under Secretary.

9-11-1910 Where Nobody Wants To Die. The fence surrounding the local cemetery is badly in need of repair, but it appears the only revenue the trustees receive is from the burial charges. However as people here have got out of the habit of dying there are no funds available, so apparently a working bee is the best way out of the difficulty.

As a proof of the healthy state of this locality it may be mentioned that the one active medical practitioner we possess has taken up a life assurance agency to help keep the dingo from the door, while the undertaker departed years ago.

Now that the mine has got a move on the people want to direct their efforts towards the establishment of a sanatorium here.

Two old ex-residents of Sunny Corner, namely, Messrs. H. Hampton and P. Gibbons, have returned and taken up their abode here again. A hearty welcome is hereby extended to them. The movement of the local population has lately been in an outward direction. Perhaps the tide has turned at last. Let us hope so.

Six more men have been put on at the Sunny Corner mine, making a total of thirteen. It is said that fifteen is the number required under the Act.

One of the members of the deputation which waited on the Warden on the occasion of his visit here recently, applied for work at the mine but the foreman it is stated, said his orders were not to give employment to any of those who have taken an active part in the agitation to have the labor conditions enforced on those leases.

It is rumored that some of the miners do not care about working in the mine they are afraid it is not safe, as the timber, which has been in the mine for the past twelve or fourteen years, can't be too good now. It's up to a mining inspector to come along and have a look, so that the actual position may be definitely known.

The news of the death by drowning at Bateman's Bay, of Mr. W. D. Owen, came as a great shock to many here. Mr. Owen was well known in Sunny Corner, and is a brother-in-law of Mr. W. Francis, of the Royal Hotel here and Mr. R. J. Corry of Portland.

12-11-1910 A fire occurred at the Sunny Corner Police Station. Incendiarism is suspected.

17-11-1910 Fire At The Police Station. Mr. Richards J.P., Coroner at Lithgow, held an inquest at Sunny Corner on Tuesday touching the recent fire at the Police Station. The examination of witnesses and conduct of the case were in the hands of Sub-Inspector Anderson, of Bathurst.

Gordon Chiplin gave evidence as to having discovered the fire at about 20 minutes to 11 p.m. he was at the time escorting his sister home from a friend's house, he sent his sister on for their father, and he attempted to put out the blaze, and managed to keep it from spreading until Mr. Chiplin, senior arrived, in about two minutes after the blaze had been discovered.

C. H. Chiplin, Public School teacher, deposed to having been told by his daughter of the fire, immediately ran to the scene of the blaze and after a sharp fight the fire was extinguished. The blaze had reached the top of the wall, and was within a few inches of the loft, which was full of hay, when it was extinguished, in all probability had he and his son been two minutes later on the scene the whole of the buildings would have been demolished, as a strong wind was blowing, he saw evidences which clearly showed that the fire was the work of an incendiary, when he had the fire well under control he sent his son for Constable Head, who lives some 300 to 400 yards away, when the constable arrived the fire was almost out.

Constable Head deposed that he was roused by Master Chiplin that night and informed of the fire. He immediately proceeded to the place, and found the fire almost out, there were strong evidence that the fire had been wilfully lighted, there was a strong wind blowing and had the fire not been promptly extinguished by the previous witnesses, the probability was that the whole of the police station would have been burnt down. He afterwards made an examination, and found pieces of burnt brambles and leaves at the seat of the fire, next morning at daybreak he found a trail of pieces of similar twigs leading to the fence where a rail had been displaced, and where there were indications that a person had climbed over the fence, he clearly traced these twigs to where they had evidently been broken off bushes outside the fence, at the time of the fire the police station was untenanted, as Mrs. Ferris and family had been called to Sydney owing to the death of the late Senior-constable Ferris.

The Coroner found that the fire had been wilfully and feloniously lit by some person or persons unknown, and added a rider that he hoped the Government would offer a reward for the apprehension of the incendiary.

The Coroner complimented Mr. Chiplin and his son on their prompt action in extinguishing the fire, thus saving valuable property from destruction. He also complimented Constable Head on his investigation of the origin of the fire, and all the witnesses on their very clear evidence.

23-11-1910 Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, six times a week; and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main-road, six times a week,— Wm, G. S, Francis, Sunny Corner, coach, two horses, and sulky, one horse, three years, £127 10s per annum.

28-11-1910 One of our oldest and most respected, residents, Mrs. White, has been rather seriously ill for the past week. Her condition on Sunday, was considered almost hopeless, and relatives were telegraphed for, but a change for the better set in, and the good lady, who is considerably over eighty years of age, is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

2-12-1910 John Miller, M.L A, is in receipt of the following from the Department of Lands: — Referring to join letter of the 26th February 1910, in questing on behalf of the Trustees of Sunny Corner Cemetery a small grant to carry out certain improvements to the cemetery. “I have the honor, by direction of the Minister for Lands, to inform you that it is reported that the cost of repairing the fence and gateposts to put the fencing in order is estimated at £7 10, and it is considered that the cost of the work should be met locally. It is the practice of the Department to make a grant to enclose and clear sufficient of a cemetery site to meet the requirements of a district for a reasonable length of time, and the Trustees are expected to maintain such improvements and effect of theirs that may be necessary out of income to be derived from internments or the contributions of those interested in having the cemetery kept in perfect order.

The grants made for the Sunny Corner cemetery have been £100, in 1888, for fencing, £40; in 1890 for fencing and clearing, £25; in 1898 to affect improvements, and £3 12s 6d in 1900 for improvements, the last amount being given as a final grant.”

7-12-1910 ARSON.—£50 REWARD. WHEREAS on the 8th November, a building used as a stable and forage room, the property of the Government of New South Wales (Police Department), situated at Sunny Corner, was damaged by fire: And whereas at an inquest held before the District Coroner on the 15th idem, the following verdict was re turned:—"I find that the said premises, situated at Sunny Corner, in the State of New South Wales, on the night of the 8th November, 1910, were damaged by fire: And I further find that the premises, situated as aforesaid, were, on the said night, feloniously and wilfully set on fire by some person or persons to me unknown." Notice is hereby given that a reward of Fifty Pounds will be paid by Government for such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the guilty person or persons. In addition to the above reward, His Excellency the Governor will be advised to extend a free pardon to any accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the said fire, who shall first give such required information. This reward to remain in force for three months only. D. MACDONELL.

9-12-1910 An old and highly respected resident passed away on Tuesday Inst in the person of Mrs. James Murray. The deceased lady had been ailing for some time past, so that her death was not unexpected. She was sixty-three years of age, and leaves a widower and grown-up family to mourn her decease. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was very largely attended.

Constable Head, of this station, is at present in Bathurst under medical, treatment for neuritly.

12-12-1910 Sunny Corner Temporary Common. NOTICE is hereby given, for public information, that Mr. William Peter Oakes has been duly elected Trustee of the above Common, to hold office for the unexpired period of three years, from January, 1910, vice Mr. George Fraser, resigned.

14-12-1910 In his report of the Turon Shire Council, Mr. A. A. Patterson, engineer, stated that he had inspected the water works at Sunny Corner. The whole of the works were in a very satisfactory state, with the exception of a couple of small leaks in "the streets'' which have since been attended to, and the water was clear and clean.

14-12-1910 A very pleasant function took place at the West Mitchell church on Friday last, when Mr. and Mrs.' C. H. Stewart were presented with a set of silver-mounted carvers by the teachers and members of the Sunday-school and Band of Hope.

14-12-1910 Shearers Accommodation Act. His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned Police Officer to be an Inspector to carry out the provisions of the Shearers' Accommodation Act in the district specified in connection with his name.

First Class Constable John Everett Lumley; Police Station—Sunny Corner; Police District—Bathurst.

His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, and upon the recommendation of the Inspector-General of Police, has approved of the undermentioned Police Officers being appointed Inspectors under the Tobacco Act (47 Victoria No. 12), viz. First Class Constable John Everett Lumley, stationed at Sunny Corner, as from 25th November, 1910, vice Senior-constable Edward Ferris, deceased.

It is hereby notified, for public it formation, that the undermentioned appointments have been made, viz. Cattle Slaughtering And Diseased Animals And Meat Act, Inspectors under Section 50. From the 29th November, 1910. John Everett Lumley, Sunny Corner.

16-12-1910 The leases of the Sunny Corner mine standing in the name of the Bank of Australasia were cancelled yesterday, and were re-pegged by Mr. James Carmichael almost immediately.

Only twelve men were constantly employed, while the number required to comply with the provisions of the Mining Act is eighteen. It was for not fulfilling these conditions that the leases were cancelled.

It is nearly twelve months since Mr. Carmichael first moved in the matter of having these leases made available, and the feeling of the majority of the people is that he deserves his victory.

It is understood that Mr. Carmichael represents a wealthy corporation, and it is anticipated that Sunny Corner will once more assume an active position in the mineral producing world.

21-12-1910 Inspectors under the "Explosives Act, 1905," viz.: First Class Constable John Everett Lumley, stationed at Sunny Corner, from 25th November 1910, vice Senior-constable Edward Ferris.

The undermentioned members of the Police Force to be Acting Clerks of Petty Sessions at the places preceding their respective names, from the dates specified, viz. :Sunny Corner, First Class Constable John Everett Lumley, vice Ferris, deceased, from the 25th November, 1910.

22-12-1910 Mrs James Murray, an old and respected resident of West Mitchell, died on Tuesday, 6th inst., at the age of 63 years, after a long illness. Mrs. Murray was a native of Winburndale, near Bathurst, but was a resident of West Mitchell for over 40 years. She leaves a husband, one son, four daughters, and several grandchildren. Deceased was a member of the Sacred Heart Society, was a devout Catholic, and was widely known for her charitable deeds. The Sisters of St. Joseph, of Sunny Corner, were constantly in attendance, and the Rev. Father. M. Heath administered the last, rites
of the Church. The funeral was largely attended, the remains being interred at Kirkconnell Cemetery, Father Heath officiating at the grave

29-12-1910 Chapman, Margaret, Assistant, Sunny Corner Public School,

30-12-1910 A very old identity in the person of Mrs. Simpkins, mother of Mr. John Simpkins, of this town, and for many years a resident of Sunny Corner, passed away at the age of 74 last evening.

The remains were interred at Portland cemetery this (Tuesday) afternoon.



Clearing a paddock at Sunny Corner, NSW, c1910. Thought to be “Burnett’s” (portions 223, 213), owned by Alec McDonald.. Clearing cost £5 an acre and stump jacks were used to lever out large stumps as shown. Photo from Ivy Burke, Portland, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys. Left to right: Jimmy Passeri, Jack Passeri, George Hemsworth (father of Ellen McDonald), boy with pick unknown, Alec McDonald behind him, on right of stump, George McDonald?, George Stait, Alec McDonald jnr.



The Stait sisters, c1910 - all except one were born at Sunny Corner, NSW, between 1876 and 1891, and all attended Sunny Corner public school. Left to right, standing: Edith, Bertha, Emily, Ada, Ida. Seated: Annie, Sarah, Jessie. Photo from Don Stait, Sydney, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

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2-1-1911 West Mitchell Sunday-School. The usual Xmas meeting, rendered by the members of the West Mitchell Sabbath School was held on Thursday night. It has been the custom for years to hold this meeting on Xmas night, but owing to the Sabbath being Xmas Day, this rule was departed from. As is usual with these meetings the Union Church was packed with an eager, anxious throng, many being unable to gain admittance. An appreciative audience is very pleasing to public performers. The vigorous bursts of applause, therefore, which followed each item must have been as balm to the performers, some of whom were only tiny tots. Misses Smith and Grabham, who had charge of all arrangements, are to be complimented on the excellence of the programme. The teaching staff of the Sabbath School owe hearty thanks to the Lean family, and to all the other performers, especially those from Sunny Corner, who so generously gave their services. Just prior to the closing the chairman (Mr. Lean, of Lithgow), called upon Mr. Shumack (who many years ago was actively engaged in the Sabbath School work here) to present the prizes (a handsome collection of books) to the fortunate winners. Two special prizes for best item rendered by girl and boy respectively, were awarded to Mabel Grabham and Eric Martin. Some months ago Mrs. Marshal severed her connection with the Sabbath School, owing to leaving the district. The teachers and scholars wishing to show their appreciation of her services, obtained a silver mounted jam dish, to present to her at the annual meeting. Unfortunately she was unable to be present, so her brother, Mr. Lean, kindly consented to convey it, together with the good wishes of friends, to her at Lithgow.

4-1-1911 Considerable surprise was expressed here to-day when it transpired that the Sunny Corner mine leases have been re-pegged by J. K. Charleston. It will be remembered that these leases, which formerly stood in the name of the Bank of Australasia, were cancelled about three weeks ago, and immediately re-pegged by Mr. James Carmichael.

No objection having been lodged against the application of Mr. Carmichael, it was anticipated that an early revival1 of this mine would eventuate. The object of the second pegging by Mr. Charleston is at present unknown, and further developments are anxiously awaited.

6-1-1911 Sunny Corner. A Beer Drought. The holidays here passed on quietly. A good many people came here for the festive season, and considerably augmented the population at this elevated village. On Christmas Eve and the two preceding nights a bazaar in aid of the Church of England was held in the School of Arts Hall and proved highly successful. Mr. C. W. Chiplin, assisted by Mesdames, Osborn, Chiplin, and Raven, and several others, are to be complimented on the great success of this function, whereby the finances of the church will be considerably improved.

There was a very large crowd (for Sunny Corner) in the streets on Christmas Eve, and all the business places seemed, to do a very good trade.

On Boxing Night a social was held, and also proved highly successful. This was followed by another social in aid of the convent, which was held on the night before New Year's Eve, and was the most successful function of the kind held here for

some years. Those who attended had a splendid night's enjoyment, and the financial result surprised and delighted the promoters.

New Year was rather quiet. This may have been, because of the drought which prevailed then, and is not yet broken. The carrier who usually runs with the regularity of an express train, failed to turn up on New Year's Eve, and the supply of beer petered out. By eleven o'clock the night was a quiet as the night on which Sir John Moore was buried on the ramparts of Corunna.

The local rifle club had arranged a prize shoot for Monday, the 2nd instant, but very few turned up, owing to counter attractions, such as picnics, etc., at Meadow Flat and Dark Corner, the younger members of the club were conspicuously absent. The riflemen should arrange with the young ladies to hold their picnics in the vicinity of the range, as a good attendance of members would then be assured.

11-1-1911 First Class Constable John Everett Lumley as Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer authorised to issue Miners' Rights and Business License; also Bailiff of the Warden's Court at Sunny Corner, vice Senior-constable Ferris, deceased.

It is hereby notified, for public information, that the undermentioned gentleman have been appointed Acting Inspectors under Regulation No. 70a of the abovenamed Act, for the sole purpose of issuing Permits for sheep to travel from the Pastures Protection Districts named, via: —Bathurst. First Class Constable John E Lumley, Sunny Corner,

13-1-1911 The first series of lectures on first aid, just concluded, having proved highly, interesting, and been much appreciated by the members of the School of Arts. The lecturer, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, has kindly arranged to deliver a further course, beginning on Thursday the 12th instant.

The first series consisted of initiatory lectures on the bones, muscles, and blood vessels of the human body and their various functions. These were followed by lectures on cuts and wounds of various kinds, and their treatment, including dressing and bandaging, prevention of bleeding, etc.,etc. The treatment of fractures not requiring splints was next and Mr, Chiplin is being assisted in this work by Miss E. Smith, of West Mitchell, and Constable Lumley, both of whom have had considerable experience in first aid work.

The new course will deal with the treatment of more serious injuries, such as burns and scalds, and fractures requiring the use of splints.

13-1-1911 At the local police court, a traveller (per boot) was charge by Constable Lumley with using obscene language, and sentenced to seven days board and residence in the local lockup.

Quite a number of swagmen, mostly young men, too, have passed through the town lately, and while most of them were too proud to work they were not at all shy about cadging tucker. One who described himself as an assisted immigrant just out from England, and who produced papers, purporting to show that he had been employed as an officer's orderly, was promised a job by a surveyor who was camped in the vicinity, and who told the man to come to the camp next morning. The surveyor then went away about his business, and the immigrant and his mate went and interviewed the camp cook, and told that worthy that the boss had sent them down to get a feed, as they were going to start work in the morning. After having a really good blow-out, the pair left, but have not yet returned to start work.

If this is the type of the immigrant the Government is bringing out at such great expense, we would be much better without them.

20-1-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

Police v. J. K. Charleston; keeping unregistered dog. Plea, guilty. Fined 10s and costs 6s.

Small Debts Court.

J. Dibley v. Donaldson Bros. trespass of sheep £1. damages claimed verdict for plaintiff for amount, and 26s costs.

23-1-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Messrs R. W. Magill and J. Cook, JsP)

Sidney Drew was charged with stealing 1 one knife, to the value of 7s 6d, the property of Arthur Frederick Day, at Portland, on 18th January 1911.

Constable Head deposed : On the 19th Instant I went to Kirkconnell and saw the accused on the road, I said "Did you come from Portland?", He said "Yes", I said, "What is your name?". He said "Drew." I said, "I want to search you and your swag." He took from his pocket the knife produced. 'I said, "Is this your knife?" He said, "Yes." I said "Where did you get It?" He said, "I brought it from Sydney with me." I said, "How long have you had it?'.' He said, "About a fortnight."' I said, "That knife is identical with one stolen from Portland".

I then brought the accused to Sunny Corner. This morning, at the lockup, I charged the accused. He made no reply.

Arthur Frederick Day, fitter, Portland, deposed: I have known the accused 15 or 16 years. I last saw him on the 18th instant at my house at Portland, and gave him his breakfast. The knife produced is my property. I value it at 7s 6d. I had the knife in my possession about five minutes before the accused was in my house, it was on the mantel-shelf in the same room as accused. I missed the knife about half-an-hour after accused left. I did not give the accused or any other person permission to take the knife.

The accused elected to be dealt with summarily, and pleaded guilty. Fined 10s, in default seven days in Sunny Corner lockup.

25-1-1911 Mr. A. B. C. Burke, mining warden, held an inquiry into the conflicting applications for the Sunny Corner leases to-day (Tuesday) Mr. Tartakover, of Lithgow appeared on behalf of Mr. Carmichael, and Mr. Nicholas for Mr. Charleston.

The points at issue are that Carmichael's pegging out was irregular, the pegs were not the required size (3in), and the trenches were not the right depth (9in), as required by the Mining Act.

Mr. Conroy, a surveyor, gave evidence on behalf of Mr. Charleston in support of this, and also that the pegs were not set in the trenches, but were at the end, and that several inches of solid ground separated the pegs and the end of the trench, another fault was that T trenches had been used in some instances instead of two L trenches.

After hearing Mr. Conroy's evidence, the Court adjourned to inspect the pegs, and trenches, which were then carefully measured, and in some cases, found to be less than the required depth. The case was proceeding when the mail left.

A little girl about five years old, a daughter of Mr. Edward Bennett of Dark Corner, met with a nasty accident at her parents' residence. She was playing with some other children about a chaff-cutter, and by some means got her hand in the machine, and one of the other children turned the wheel, with the result that the little one's hand was nearly severed, being cut right across exposing the knuckle joints and severing the sinews. The little sufferer was attended by Dr. Magill, and is now said to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Mr, William Goodall, a bee farmer at Palmer's Oakey, was the victim of a serious injury, caused by a kick from a horse. His leg was broken below the knee, and the shin bone penetrated the leg of this trousers, so the fracture was a serious one. Mr. Goodall was taken to Bathurst for treatment, and it is hoped that will make a speedy recovery.



John Kemp Charleston, mine manager at Sunny Corner, NSW, in 1893. Photo by Charleston of Newcastle, NSW, per Dale Bland, Kirkconnell, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

27-1-1911 Mr. Charleston Successful. The Decision Of The Warden

The hearing of the application for the Sunny Corner leases was concluded yesterday, before Mr, A, B. C. Burke, warden.

The warden gave his decision as follows, regarding application for. M.L. 151 and 155, by Jas. Carmichael. " regarding Carmichael's application, on consideration of the evidence, and after careful inspection of the pegging that Regulation 6 of Mining Act. N.S.W., 1906, had not been complied with, and, therefore, I felt compelled to recommend that the application be refused."

30-1-1911 One of the large plate glass windows in Messrs. R. H. Bulkeley and Co's 'Store was wilfully broken by some unknown, person at a late hour last night (Friday). There is no evidence, to indicate who the guilty party is, and as nothing appears to have been taken out of the window the only motive appears to be wanton mischief.

This is the second occurrence of the kind which has occurred here lately, the first sufferer being Mrs. Cohen, the window of whose fruit shop was similarly smashed a short time ago. Apparently there is in our midst some misguided individual, whose forte in breaking windows and poisoning harmless dogs, as quite a number of these latter have been so disposed of lately.

1-2-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill and Thomas Maccabee, Js.P.) Blanche Hemsworth was charged with stealing at Sunny Corner, five fowls the property of Jessie Wallace, on January 27

Constable Lumley deposed that on January 28, in company with Constable Head he went to accuseds residence. He said, "Were you up town last night ?" She said, "No." He said, "What have you on the fire ?" She said, "Some soup for the children."" In the pot on the fire were two small fowls. I said, "Where did you get these ?"" She said, "They are my own.'"

In the fowl house were several fowls, I pointed to three of the fowls, and said; 'Where did you got these fowls ?" She said, I reared them." He produced the fowls. About one hour later Jessie Wallace identified the fowls as her property. The accused was present.

He then arrested the accused, and charged her with stealing five fowls. She made no reply to the charge. That morning at the lock-up the accused said, "I took Wallace's fowls on Friday night".

Jessie Wallace deposed. I have seen the fowls outside the court. I identify them as my property. I did not give any person permission to take them. I value them at 10s.

Accused pleaded guilty. Fined 10s, or seven days in Sunny Corner lock-up.

The same accused was further charged with stealing at Sunny Corner two fowls the property of Elizabeth Burke on January 26. After evidence had been given by Constable Lumley and Elizabeth Burke, accused pleaded guilty and fined 10s or seven days in Sunny Corner lock-up.

15-2-1911 The exodus of population from Sunny Corner still continues unabated. Mr. John Duke is the latest of our citizens to seek fresh fields and pastures new. He has disposed of his blacksmithing business here, and purchased another at Nyngan, where he intends to make his future home. It is also reported that Mr. Chas. Worrell intends leaving with his funnily in a week or two.

17-2-1911 The Nevertire correspondent of the Warren "Herald" writes that "a presentation, consisting of a very handsome silver tea and coffee service and silver-mounted oak tray, had been forwarded from the residents of Nevertire to Constable and Mrs. Lumley, who arc now residing at Sunny Corner, to which place Constable Lumley was recently promoted. The presentation was from his many friends and well-wishers of Nevertire and the surrounding districts. Constable Lumley was always obliging and agreeable, and never backward in his assistance to sport and any movement for the welfare of the town and district. Our loss is Sunny Corner's gain, and we all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Lumley and Boris success and happiness in their new home.

22-2-1911 Sunny Corner Common. Balance-Sheet for 1910.

	£ -s.- d.
Balance in Bank	1 -3- 7
Cash in hand	0 10- 4
By fees	34 18 3
Refund on lease	1 -8 -2
Sale of poison ..	5 0
	£38- 5 -4
Expenditure.	
Advertising	1- 2 -8
Stock and shire tax	3 17 3
Stationery and collecting	9 14 6
Annual leases	10 16 11
Incidental expenses	0 17 6
Rent of hall	0 15 0
Laying poison ...	10 0
	£34 4 4
Balance in hand	- 4 1 0

R. W. MAGILL, .Hon. Secretary.

24-2-1911 The big mushroom found at Wallerawang "don't" eclipse the local product, Mr. Editor, assuming that the Wang vegetable is genuine, and not an optical illusion caused by gazing on the beer when it is long and wearing a high collar. The dimensions given are easily beaten by the Sunny Corner article, as the following mathematical problem will show. The local mushroom was two spans in diameter, and this scribe's "dooks" can span 8½ inches, making the diameter 17 inches, which, being multiplied by 3 would make the circumference 51 inches. So that the Wallerawang mushroom is to the Sunny Corner ditto as is the circumference of a lightweight jockey to a city alderman.

The local cricketers who visited Bathurst on Saturday last speak highly of the way they were treated by the men of the City of the Plains, and although defeated they were not discouraged, and hope to turn the tables when Bathurst returns the visit.

1-3-1911 The ceremony of consecrating the local Church of England (Holy Trinity), was performed by his Lordship, the Bishop of Bathurst, Rev. Harris, on Sunday, morning.

The weather was perfect, and there was a very large congregation, among them being visitors from Meadow Flat, Thorpe's Pinch, and Tarana. The church was tastefully decorated by members of the congregation, and looked, really beautiful.

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony a confirmation service was held. There were nine candidates, four girls and five boys.

Our worthy citizen, Mr, C. W. Chiplin and his son Gordon are the recipients of letters from the Chief Secretary thanking them for their prompt action in dealing with the outbreak of fire at the local police station some little time ago. It will be remembered that the fire was discovered by Master Chiplin who quickly informed his father, and between them they soon succeeded in quenching the flames. Master Chiplin's letter had a cheque for £5 enclosed, which was as welcome as it was unexpected.

3-3-1911 On Sunday afternoon the Union Church at West Mitchell attracted a large congregation, the occasion being the annual harvest thanksgiving service. The church had been tastefully decorated with fruit, vegetables, flowers, and greenery.

6-3-1911 Following the example of Lithgow, Wallerawang, Portland, and other progressive centres, the local storekeepers propose to observe the Saturday half-holiday here instead of the Wednesday, as is now in vogue. As Sunny Corner has long since ceased to enjoy a regular pay day excepting old-age pension day.

The propose change should not cause any inconvenience as townspeople generally place their orders on Fridays, while the country folk seldom leave their shopping till the end of the week. The new order of closing on Saturdays at 3. p.m., Fridays, 10 p.m. and the other days at 6 p.m. will commence on March 25.

There is still no news concerning the Sunny Corner mining leases. The feeling of weird expectancy has given way to one of weird resignation. The present state of suspense is far worse than the years of weary waiting which have preceded it, and it is to be hoped that the Minister for Mines will soon come to a decision on the matter.

In the meantime the population continues to decrease. Mr. T. Thomas and his family left this week, and there are others to take their departure at an early date.

8-3-1911 From the police, bringing under the notice of the Council the state of an old well on a vacant allotment facing Bathurst street Sunny Corner, opposite Murray's Hotel. Councillor Godfrey stated that the well had been cleaned out and disinfected. The engineer was instructed to have the shaft filled in.

10-3-1911 Tenders are invited for repairs and painting to Sunny Corner police station.

Sunny Corner is a good place, to live in these days, that is from a gastronomic point of view. There is abundance of all that cheers the inner man, and the quality is excellent. If there was only just a little industrial activity to relieve the monotony this would be a veritable paradise a land of milk and honey. Speaking about honey, it threatens to flood them out down Palmers Oakey way, and extra teams have been put on to cart it away. One carrier has seventeen tons to shift.

About mushrooms, some of them are deadly enough to kill a dingo, let alone a snake, while as for the phosphorescent ones they are quite a common occurrence here. I noticed an old swagman trying to boil his billy over one of them a few days ago, and it was not near a pub either.

13-3-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W_ Magill, J.P.)

John Howard, charged with indecent behaviour in Bathurst street, Sunny Corner, was fined 10s, or seven days. Arrested by Constable Lumbly.

Small Debts Court.

R. H., Bulkeley and Co. v. Cecil Colley, claim for £8 10s Id, goods sold and delivered. No appearance of defendant. Verdict for amount, and 12s costs.

It is with deep regret that I have to chronicle the departure from amongst us of Mr. and Mrs. John Duke, who left for Nyngan on Friday last, where Mr. Duke has purchased a blacksmithing business, having disposed of his interests here to Mr. John Martin. Mr. Duke has been a resident for nearly twenty-five years, and during that time he proved himself to be a hard working, honorable, upright, and public-spirited citizen such as we can ill afford to lose. In his capacity as a blacksmith he was almost an exact counterpart of the hero of Longfellows beautiful poem, possessing as he does the physical and moral attributes of the ‘Village Blacksmith." Owing to the delicate state of Mrs. Duke's health making the date of their departure uncertain, a public 'send-off" could not be arranged, but there is no reason why some tangible token of appreciation should not be sent to them. Mr. and Mrs. Duke bear with them the sincere wishes of all classes of the community for their future welfare.

Constable J. E. Lumley, officer in charge of the local police station, is the holder of a certificate for proficiency in first aid work. As this is the highest honor which members outside the railway service can attain, the constable is to be complimented on his attainments.

At a meeting of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge on Friday night, P.:G. Secretary O'Dell presented Constable Lumley with a souvenir suitably inscribed from the members of the Loyal Nevertire Lodge as a token of their appreciation and esteem.

14-3-1911 Referring to your letter of the 4th instant, forwarding a communication from Mr. Charles Ferguson of Palmers Oakey via Sunny Corner, requesting that the provisional school at Palmer's Oakey be re-opened, I am directed to inform you that, having had under consideration a report upon the matter, the Minister of Public Instruction has decided that Mr. Ferguson's request cannot be acceded to. The Minister, has however, approved of a subsidy being offered to the residents in aid of the private tuition of their children. A form of application for the subsidy has already been forwarded to Mr. E. Wolfenden.

16-3-1911 Crushing at the Lackey Mine, near Sunny Corner has proved highly satisfactory, 50 tons of stone yielding 48oz gold.

Sunny Corner Leases. Mr. Carmichael, who pegged out the Sunny Corner mine lenses some time ago, but whoso pegging was held to be wrongly done, and whose application was disallowed by the warden, wired from Newnes this afternoon that the Sunny Corner leases were gazetted to-day in his favour, and that the application of Mr. Charleston, who held the mine for many years, was refused.

20-3-1911 Mr; R. James threshing plant is busily engaged dealing with grain crops in the neighborhood. Despite the unfavorable harvesting weather which has prevailed, some good returns are anticipated.

There is an enormous crop of blackberries here this year. The bushes are smothered with great clusters of fruit like bunches of grapes. The berries are as large as plums, and the flavor is excellent. Moreover, they can be had for the trouble of picking them.

21-3-1911 The following tenders were accepted at the District Works Office, Bathurst yesterday. Sunny Corner Police Station, general repairs, A. J. Pickup, £98/15/.

23-3-1911 A quiet wedding was solemnised in All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst yesterday, when Thomas Robert C. H. Francis, of Sunny Corner, was wedded to Elsie Eleanor Martin, of Dark Corner. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present.

In the absence of Dean Marriott, the Rev. J. H. Rowsell performed the ceremony.

24-3-1911 It has been arranged to present our late townsman, Mr. John Duke, with a gold albert and pendant suitably inscribed as a token of appreciation and esteem from his Sunny Corner friends. Subscriptions towards the presentation were on a very liberal scale, and a valuable article, worthy of the occasion, has been purchased.

Mr. Thomas, mining surveyor was in town during the early part of the week and was engaged surveying the Sunny Corner mineral leases and making an inventory of the old plant, etc., remaining on the ground. A residence area of 2 acres was also surveyed for the late lessee (Mr Charleston).

The Saturday half-holiday will be inaugurated on the 25th instant. The stores were open to-day (Wednesday), and will be open till 9.30 on Friday nights in future.

Mr. Stewart Wright, inspector of schools is at present engaged examining the local school.

The local police station is to undergo extensive repairs, and not before they were wanted. The alterations will add considerably to the appearance of the structure as well as to the comfort of the officer in charge, and any involuntary guests he may require to accommodate.

The Federal referenda are not evoking much interest here as yet, but the cattle straying question is receiving a good deal of attention. People who do not own stock complain about falling over sheep, goats, and even cows, in the main street, and being kept awake at nights by the unmelodious voices of the moo cows who generally commence their vocal exercises about midnight and continue till daylight. It would do a hard matter to prevent stock from straying in Sunny Corner, where there is so much vacant land and so many people owning stock that the grumblers are in a very small minority.

6-4-1911 From A. W. Fletcher, postmaster at Sunny Corner, asking the Council's consent for the closing of the post office on Saturdays instead of Wednesdays, there being no local objection. No objection from Council,

A report from Sunny Corner states that the West Mitchell battery is dealing with various parcels of stone from the Big Hill, and, with one exception, the results are well up to expectations. Messrs Poyitt and Eves put through about 50 tons from the Paddy Lackey mine, for 48oz, but the cost of getting it was too high, through the lack of necessary machinery, and operations are to be temporarily suspended.

7-4-1911 The wedding of Mr. Morris K. Hartman of Marrickville, to Miss. Flossie Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cohen of Sunny Corner, will be solemnised at the Great Synagogue on Sunday next at 3 o'clock p.m.

10-4-1911 Mail Runs. Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner; and Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main Road. 14 miles and 9 miles, respectively, six times per week in both instances, coach and two horses in first instance, sulky and one horse on second, W. G. S. Francis, Sunny Corner, at £127 10s per annum, to terminate December 31st, 1913. West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, 15, miles, twice a week, sulky, Wm. G. Francis, Sunny Corner, at £45 per annum, to terminate December 31st, 1911.

13-4-1911 It was reported last week that the West Mitchell battery at Sunny Corner, N.S.W., was dealing with various parcels of stone from the Big Hill mine, and with one exception the results were well up to expectations. Operations, however, have been temporarily suspended at the Paddy Lackey. A parcel of 50 tons put through from this mine yielded 48oz., but the cost of getting, owing to the lack of necessary machinery, was too high to make the return a satisfactory one.

14-4-1911 His Lordship, Bishop Dunne, conducted a confirmation service at the local Catholic Church, on Tuesday. There were 28 candidates for confirmation, about half that number being from Dark Corner. His Lordship was accompanied by the Rev. Father Coorocy (inspector of schools), and Rev. Father Flanagan, who is always sure of a warm welcome from his old parishioners in Sunny Corner.

24-4-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before H. W. Magill, Esq., M.P.)

G. H. R. Thompson, charged, with indecent language in Bathurst-street, Sunny Corner, on the 17th instant, was fined 40s, in default, one month in Bathurst Gaol, allowed 21 days to pay Arrested by Constables Lumley and Head.

17-5-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before the. Police Magistrate.).

Augustus Donaldson, of Yetholme, was charged with keeping his licensed billiard room open during prohibited hours, to whit. Good Friday. Plea, not guilty.

Constable Head deposed that on Friday, 14th April last, being Good Friday, he was on duty at Yetholme, and was at defendants licensed billiard room, which was open and being used by two persons playing billiards. Defendant was marking. He said to defendant: "Don't you know what day it is?" Defendant said, "Yes, Good Friday." He said, "Don't you know you have no right to keep your billiard room open on Good Friday?" Defendant said he did not think it was any harm. He said, "You had better close the room up," which defendant did, it was between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evening.

To defendant. I heard you say, "Two to go." You had a stick in your hand.

Augustus Donaldson deposed that he was the licensee of a billiard room at Yetholme.

On Good Friday evening the billiard room, was open without his permission. He went to the billiard room to bring some people down. They said they had not played a game when the constable walked in: He would swear he did not mark. The constable saw him (defendant) with a rest in his hand. He picked it up when he went in.

To the Police: I was about five minutes in the room when Constable Head came in. The players had cues in their hands. I cannot say balls were on the table, balls were knocked about on the table while I was there. They were using the table.

Defendant here admitted the offence, and asked for a light penalty. Fined 40s, costs 6s, or 14 days in Sunny Corner lock-up. Fourteen days allowed to pay.

A special 'In Memoriam' service for the late Bishop Camidge was held, in the Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday. Special hymns were rendered by the choir, and the rector, Rev. F. J. Harris, delivered a touching address.

Mr. Robert McLachlan, for many years a resident of this district, and lately residing in Lithgow, died on Sunday. The deceased had been an invalid for some years, suffering from miners consumption. His remains were interred at Dark Corner yesterday.

An accident that may have been serious occurred during the week. Several men are engaged pulling down the saw mill plant at Lackey. They were loading a long pole on the wagon when by some means it fell. The cry stand from under was given, but in attempting to do so a youth, Harold Grabham trod on a round stick, this rolling precipitated him to the ground on his face. The pole struck him on the back and necessitated his laying up for a day or so. He is now almost completely recovered.

All our farmers are busy potato digging. The tubers are turning out very well.

22-5-1911 A public meeting was held by the members of the West Mitchell Band of Hope on Thursday night, and was quite equal to all previous efforts of this society.

22-5-1911 From their mine at Big Hill, Murray and party treated 389 tons for 242 0z. of gold, valued at £787.

Attwell and party, from their lease on the same hill, raised and treated 606 tons of stone for a yield of 216 oz. of gold, worth £699.
Cook and Murray, at their battery at Big Hill, treated 160 tons of quartz, which was mostly won by the miners from old workings, for a yield of 93 oz., valued at £300.
At Dark Corner, 85 tons of stone were crushed at Poyitt's battery, for a yield of 30 oz. of gold, valued at £96. This stone was also raised from old workings.
Some 25 oz. of gold, valued at £90, were obtained by fossickers.

24-5-1911 It is hereby notified that under the provisions of The" Marriage Act, 1801," No. 15, the undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed, by their Honors the Judges, to give consent to the marriage of minors for the districts hereunder mentioned : Magill, Robert Waller, Esquire, J.P.; residence, Sunny Corner, District of The Macquarie.

2-6-1911 The continued delay in completing the issue of the Sunny Corner mineral leases is causing keen anxiety here. Even rumor has been silent for the past few weeks.
It is to be hoped that the matter will be definitely settled very soon for the population is still steadily decreasing.

5-6-1911 The weather here for the last few days has been bitterly cold. On Wednesday the thermometer remained below freezing point all day, and registered as low as 24f.

A traveller reported to the police this morning that there was a man lying in the recreation ground seriously ill. The sufferer proved to be an elderly man, a travelling tinsmith by occupation, and was suffering from exposure. When found he was unable to speak, restoratives were applied, and the man recovered sufficiently to be removed to Bathurst for further treatment.

6-6-1911 IN LOVING MEMORY of our dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, who departed this life June 6, 1908, at Sunny Corner. Inserted by her loving daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, P. W. J. E, A. and J. M. Rosewell. Dead, but not forgotten.

WALLACE. In sad and loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Wallace, who departed this life at Sunny Corner, June 6, 1908. Sadly missed by her sorrowing daughter, Maggie Durgan.
You are not forgotten, mother dear,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory lasts
I will remember thee.

8-6-1911 Turon Shire. From Harold Head, James Sparks, and Constable Lumley, of Sunny Corner, asking for gravelling of roads and footpaths. Referred to the engineer.

14-6-1911 At Yetholme a young man named William Creighton was lost in the snow, and was found after being out 24 hours, lying unconscious. The search party consisted of Senior Constable Lumley, Constable Head, and 13 residents. Had he not been found by the party he must have died from cold and exhaustion.

Sunny Corner Police Court (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

G, H. R. Thomson was charged with cruelly ill treating a dog, the property of James Jones, of Yetholme, by shooting it with a rifle, on May 31 last. Defendant pleaded guilty. Fined 5s. costs 6s. also 10s for injury to the dog, and witness's expenses 21s, in default 14 days, Twenty-one days to pay.

23-6-1911 Light snow fell here on Tuesday night, and a bitterly cold wind blew all yesterday. The surface of the roads is frozen hard, and, exceedingly slippery, making it very difficult for both pedestrians and horses to maintain a footing. The thermometer at the Public School yesterday reached a minimum of 24 degrees, while the maximum was only 28 degrees. The water taps and pipes were all frozen, and people, experienced difficulty getting sufficient water for domestic use.

The gravel which the Shire Council went to some expense to spread in front of the Police station, has been buried beneath from four to six feet of snow for the past fortnight, and its likely to remain so for some time. Consequently, the school children have to tramp through the mud in the middle of the road in order to get to school. Had the road been gravelled it would have been much better.

30-6-1911 A ping-pong tournament for members way played off the other day in connection with the School of Arts.

Sunny Corner Leases. Mr. Miller Active. Will Be Cancelled In 30 Days.'

In the Legislative Assembly to-night, Mr. John Miller asked the Minister for Mines had he anything further to report in connection with the working of the Sunny Corner leases. Mr. Edden said: In reply “I want to say, with reference to the Sunny Corner leases, that those leases have been issued in the name of Mr. Carmichael, and that if they are not taken up within the next 30 days they will be cancelled”.
Mr. David Storey interjected: “They are not much good anyway. I lost a lot of money in them”.
Mr. Edden: “I might say here that the action of the member for Bathurst in connection with these leases has been made from the public standpoint, and for the benefit of the township of Sunny Corner, wherever that might be”.

The West Mitchell battery has been treating a quantity of stone from the Big Hill, but results have been unsatisfactory, and some of the men are leaving.

30-6-1911 After about eighteen months agitation the leases of the old Sunny Corner mine have finally been gazetted in favor of Mr. Jas. Carmichael, and residents are hopeful that this means, the dawn of a new ere of prosperity and activity for Sunny Corner and district. Mr. Fawcett, a mining expert, inspected the mine on Wednesday, or as much of it as could be seen in its present condition, and will report to Mr. Carmichael as to the results of his inspection and the future prospects of the mine. The old plant of the former lessees is still on the ground, and unless some satisfactory arrangement is made concerning it, operations will be considerably hampered.

3-7-1911 There passed away at his residence, Quarry-road, Portland, on June 23, an old and respected resident in the person of Richard Green. He was 72 years of age, and a native of Winburndale, near Bathurst. In the early days, before the railways were established, he used to drive bullock teams over the Blue Mountains. His remains were interred, beside his mother, in the C. of England cemetery, Sunny Corner. He has left a wife and grown up family of five, two sons and three daughters, to mourn their sad loss. Nurse Shipley, of this town, in the eldest daughter.

12-7-1911 Work Commences. The Minister for Lands has informed Mr. John Miller, M.L.A., in connection with the new lease of the Sunny Corner mine, that work commenced last Monday, and that by next Monday the full labor condition will have been fulfilled, viz., 17 men.

17-7-1911 Sunny Corner Mine. After being closed down for over 12 years, the old Sunny Corner Silver Mine has been re-opened by Mr. Carmichael, the new lessee, who put on seven men to open up the old workings, preparatory to taking out a few tons of ore for treatment. Should the result of the treatment prove satisfactory, a plant will be erected, and the mine again worked. The result of the work was very satisfactory, the face of a fine body of ore being struck.

There has been considerable litigation during the past 12 months in connection with these leases. Mr. Charleston, the former lessee, held the mine for some years, and the Warden, Mr. Burke, at the end of last year, recommended the cancellation of the leases. Mr. Carmichael, the objector, having beforehand notice, pegged them out. Mr. Charleston also re-pegged them, and at the subsequent Warden's Court, the warden recommended that Mr. Charleston's application be granted. The Minister, however, granted the leases to Mr. Carmichael.

19-7-1911 The remains of the late Benjamin Lewis were interred in the Sunny Corner cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The funeral cortege was large and representative.

The deceased, who had exceeded the allotted space by 14 years, had been hale and hearty throughout almost the whole of his lifetime, and at the last just gradually sank.

The burial service was read by Mr. R. Scott. The family of deceased, consisted of four daughters, all of whom have homes of their own. General sympathy is felt for them and other relatives.

Work is proceeding steadily at the mine, and teams are busy drawing in timber.

It's a good many years since any new timber was put into this mine, but it is to be hoped that the cutters and carters will be kept busy for some time to come now.

The annual meeting of the local rifle club was held in the School of Arts Hall on Saturday night, the balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £13 6s 6d.

Twenty-three members qualified in musketry and several new members have since joined.-

With good prospects of an early industrial revival, the club should soon be up to the required strength. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Patron Mr. J. Miller. M.L.A.; president, Mr. N. F. Brown, J.P., vice-presidents. Messrs. R H. Bulkeley, J. Moore, J. Cook, Chas. Murray, Chas. Scott; captain, Mr. A Mann; secretary, Mr. C. H. Stewart; treasurer Mr. J. E. Lumley; committee, Messrs. D. O'Dell, T. B. Persse, G. Fraser C. Scott: auditors, Messrs. G. Fraser and J. Cook: handicappers, Messrs. N. Poyitt, J. Cook, and C. Stewart. It was decided to nominate a team for the A.N.A. cup comp., on August, 22nd.

21-7-1911 In ever loving memory of my dear brother, John Hemsworth, who died at Sunny Corner, July 21, 1908, aged 73 years. "'Gone, but not Forgotten."

Inserted by his loving sister, M. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

25-7-1911 The work of cleaning up the tunnels, passes, and shoots in the Sunny Corner mine is proceeding satisfactorily. There is a huge body of nice-looking ore showing in No. 1 tunnel, and in all the places cleaned up so far there is good ore showing.

Mr. Carmichael, the now lessee, is pleased with the property. Some of the tunnels are from 600ft. to 1000ft in length. New timber had to be put in. But Mr. Carmichael hopes to soon have the mine in workable condition.

The workings have been opened up with a view to carrying on operations on the most economical and up-to-date lines.

The eight men now employed are nearly all old hands, who worked in the mine 14 or 15 years ago.

28-7-1911 Mr. John Cook, of Sunny Corner, was granted an auctioneer's license for the police district of Bathurst at the Sunny Corner Police Court on Monday last.

29-7-1911 On Wednesday evening the adjourned annual meeting of the School of Arts was held in the Institute Hall. There was a very large attendance of members. The President (Mr. C. W. Chiplin) occupied the chair, and in his opening address referred to the very successful year just completed, during which the membership had increased, and a credit balance of £25 had been carried forward to this year. During the year 130 new books had been added to the library, and some necessary repairs had been carried out. A course of lectures had been given by the President on first aid, which had been well attended. Arrangements had been completed for a further course of lectures on educational subjects, and for the reopening of the Debating Club, which had been closed during the winter. Provision had also been made to provide members, with plenty of social recreation, and Ping-Pong tournaments, competitions on the miniature rifle range in the hall, boxing, and skating would be provided for members from the beginning of next month.

A report was presented from the subcommittee appointed to go into the matter of arranging for a skating rink for members of the institute. The report suggested that the rink be for members only, and fixed a moderate scale of charges, the rink to be open on Tuesday and Thursday nights, and on Wednesday afternoon for ladies only, also that £35 be expended on putting down a new floor and other minor items. The report was adopted unanimously.

31-7-1911 On Monday, July, 24, a very pretty wedding took place at Mr. and Mrs McKinnon's residence, when Mr. Charles Vincent Mitchell, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Mitchell, of Sunny Corner, was married to Miss Annie McKinnon, second eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. McKinnon, of Airly. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. J. S. Seaton, of

Sofala. The bride, who was given away by her father, was neatly attired in a dress of cream silk crystalline, trimmed with silk filet insertion; and wore a wreath and veil and coronet of orange blossoms. Miss Grace McKinnon, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. She wore a dress of silk voile, silk filet insertion trimmings, with white picture hat to match. She wore a gold bangle, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. F. Mitchell, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. After the wedding, breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts were proposed and honored, the young couple later left for the South Coast, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going-away dress was a brown cloth costume, with hat to match. She also carried a set of fur muffs the gift of the bridegroom. Their future home will be at Airly. The wedding presents were numerous and costly.

A .pair of horses attached to Mr. Steve Dawson's Bathurst coach, were frightened by boys letting off fireworks in the street at Sunny Corner, and bolted. A young man named McKinnon, followed the runaways on a bicycle, and overtook them about four miles along the Portland road, before any serious damage was done. The only injury was a broken swingle bar.

4-8-1911 The Sunny Corner Mine. Pending Legal Proceedings .

Work has been proceeding steadily at the Sunny Corner mine, a start was made to drive a tunnel on the lower lease (151), where a good lode is said to exist.

There are indications of trouble ahead, not in the mine, but in the law courts. It appears that the validity of the issue of these leases to Mr. Carmichael is to be questioned in the Equity Court, and as it would be unsatisfactory to continue working while the title to the leases is impugned, Mr. Carmichael is applying for six months' suspension of the labor conditions till, his title is cleared.

The reasons set forth in the application are :"That a writ has been lodged in the Crown Law Offices in Sydney by J. K. Charleston, to test the validity of the issue of these leases under section 27 of the Act, and pending a decision on this point, the leases cannot be worked, to advantage, and further, that the lessee is unable to work the leases by reason of the fact that the tramways which are decayed, the machinery and other plant belonging to the previous lessees, have not been removed. This hampers the present lessee and prevents the mine being properly operated on, and the lessee requires reasonable time in which to make the necessary arrangements for the proper working of the leases."

Mr. Carmichael has only been on the leases a few weeks, and in that time he has done more legitimate mining than had been done in the previous ten years. It is a matter for much regret that it should be necessary to apply for a suspension now, but failing, some objection, it seems inevitable that suspension will be granted.

The community do not care who works the mine, but they think the sooner a decision is arrived at so that work can proceed, the better for everyone.

7-8-1911 Mr. John Odgers, Senr., a very old and highly respected resident of West Mitchell, near Sunny Corner, died suddenly on Friday morning. The deceased had been suffering from influenza, but no serious results were anticipated up till a hour or so before his death. Mr. Odgers leaves a large grown-up-family, and numerous grandchildren. He was about 80 years of age.

17-8-1911 At the Sunny Corner Police Court; Amalie Cohoe, who keeps a shop for the sale of fresh fish, pastry, etc., was charged with failing to keep the premises clean,

Defendant, who pleaded not guilty, was fined £1 with 6s costs, or 14 days. The fine was paid.

22-8-1911 One of the oldest residents of this district, in the person of Mr. John. Flynn, took his departure to-day together with the Misses Flynn for Portland, where he has just erected a dwelling and shop, and intends carrying on business. Mr. Flynn is perhaps the best known resident in the district. He came to Sunny Corner in 1883, when the old town was at its best, and for many years carried on the business of a general store and bakery and he has stuck to the old place for years since it closed down, and only decided to leave when he found the business was not paying. The family have been very highly esteemed and respected, and will be very much, missed by the residents. Miss B. Flynn, in particular, has carved for herself a niche in the hearts of the residents, and her departure will cause a blank, which cannot be filled. Her talent as a pianist and vocalist is widely known and appreciated, as is also her unfailing kindness in assisting with her talents at all social gatherings, and charity entertainments. It will be some consolation to know she is only nine miles away, and it is to be hoped that she will frequently visit Sunny Corner, where her sweet voice and winning manner will meet with a hearty welcome. A few evenings ago Mr. and Misses Flynn were tendered a farewell social at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chiplin, at which most of their intimate friends were present. Music and dancing were indulged in till 4 o'clock. The best, wishes of the residents go with the family to their new home.

The Sunny Corner mine, the forerunner of Broken Hill, and the first silver mine in the State, if not in the Commonwealth was worked originally for gold, but ultimately silver was the predominating mineral and experts were imported from America to smelt the gossan and sulphide ore. At that time the metallurgical knowledge and experience available only enabled those in charge to smelt this ore on what is technically termed "lead base", the refractory sulphide ores which form a lasting source of wealth in mining properties were absolutely neglected.

The first place visited by the writer was the new tunnel on m.l.-151, which is virgin ground. This tunnel is now in 85 feet and is being driven with the thought of intersecting a new lode which is thought to exist on the eastern side. The indications are most promising, the hanging wall being highly mineralised. The manager, Mr. Carmichael, expects to strike the lode at any moment.

We next proceeded to No. 4, or the bottom tunnel in the old workings. At the mouth of this tunnel there is a parcel of nice-looking ore from the main stope. No. 4 tunnel is about 1200 feet long. At 800 feet is a crosscut, in 11 feet, and showing a huge body of sulphide ore 10 feet high. A winze has been sunk 100 feet, showing ore all the way down, so that the bottom of this body of ore has never yet been poached. At this level the ore is 60 feet wide. A body of soft ore in the end of No. 4 tunnel carries a high percentage of zinc, silver, and copper, and extends upward, 76 feet to No. 3 tunnel, and runs south.

At 400 feet in No. 3 is a pass down to No. 4. This pass is sunk through ore the whole distance, of 76 feet. Samples from this lode assayed 40 per cent, and 33 per cent of zinc. On the stope off No.3 the lode has been proved 60 feet wide and 73 feet deep, and extends 200 feet to the eastern boundary.

1 In the stope leading from No. 3 to No. 2 there is ore showing all round, overhead, and underfoot, No. 1 stope in No. 2 tunnel shows a big face of ore 150 feet wide, being a continuation of the lode from No. 3 tunnel. In No. 1 tunnel the sulphide ore is 12 feet thick, and continues down to No. 2, where it is 36 feet, thick.

These facts point exclusively to the existence of a continuous body of ore from 12 to 36 feet in thickness and 60 feet in width, and which has been proved to a depth of newly 300 feet. How much deeper it goes none can say.

All this splendid sulphide ore contains zinc, silver, lead sulphide, and copper in highly payable quantities, with a trace of gold also. Recent assays were up to 40 per cent zinc, 7 per cent, copper, 3 per cent lead, 13ozs of silver per ton.

The lessees are quite satisfied that the zinc alone will return a handsome profit. The ore is exposed ready for breaking down, and as soon as the preliminary difficulties are overcome work on a large scale can proceed.

Mr. Carmichael proposes to sink down 300 feet on the underlay and stope the ore out in 9 feet blocks. By this means a considerable saving in timber will be effected, haulage will be cheaper, and the ore can be got more easily and with a minimum of risk to the miners.

A forest of timber has been used in this mine in the past, we saw great logs up to three feet in circumference, which had broken off like carrots with the pressure put upon them.

The workings had been all cleaned up and made secure, and the mine is now as safe as possible.

Having seen with my own eyes the vast body of ore in this mine I can give an emphatic contradiction to the statement made, that, the mine is worked out. Old hands who have seen it say there is more ore in sight in Sunny Corner mine to-day than there was 20 years ago, when at its best, and without any new developments. Enough to give employment to two or three hundred men for some years to come.

So that with spelter at over £27 and given capable management and sufficient working capital, the future of Sunny Corner is assured.

A feature of the proposition that should appeal to speculators is the easy accessibility of the ore. There is no dead work to do and the mine becomes productive as soon as the plant to treat the ore is available.

31-8-1911 Suspension Of Labor Conditions Granted. Before the Warden, Mr. A. B. C. Burke, an application for the suspension of labor conditions on the Sunny Corner mines, for six months, was made by Mr. J. Carmichael. The grounds of the application were.

(1) that a writ had been issued by J. K. Charleston, attacking the legality of the issue of the leases;

(2) that the lessee was unable to properly work the property, because of the hindrance caused by the plant and machinery of the former lessees being still on the ground.

Mr. J. K. Charleston objected to the application that no writ had been issued, and that applicant had his permission to use any of the old plant at present on the leases.

After lengthy evidence had been given, Mr. Burke, in summing-up, said he regretted that there should be any necessity to apply for suspension in view of the fact that these leases have been idle so long already. He had visited the mine and had had reports thereon, and was satisfied that the labor conditions had been complied with by Mr. Carmichael.

Recognising that he was working under disabilities by reason of the threatened litigation, and the hindrance caused by the old plant, he would grant suspension for a period of four months from the 1st of September next. If at the end of that period, the lessees were still unable to carry on, and he was satisfied that they had done their best under the circumstances, he would be prepared to consider the extension of the suspension for the balance of the period applied for.

1-9-1911 Miss Chapman, who has been assistant at the Sunny Corner Public School for some time, has been transferred to Glenbrook. No one has yet been appointed to take her place.

4-9-1911 At the Wardens Court, before Mr. A. B. C. Burke (Warden) 56 tenements and business areas, etc., were declared forfeited, and 71 cases, where personal service of summons had not been effected, were adjourned until October 19.

6-9-1911 An elderly lady named Mrs. Paul met with a painful accident to-day (Monday). She slipped, and fell on some stones, severely lacerating, her arm and 'bruising ' her head. First aid was rendered by Constable Lumley. It was found necessary to put several stitches in the injured arm.

Constable Head is on strike duty in Lithgow. A Lithgow gentleman, who motored through here yesterday stated that the Sydney press reports were grossly exaggerated, and that matters were not nearly as serious as most people were led to believe.

The local debating club is to resume business at the old address. The subject of the first debate will be "Leasehold v Freehold."

Business at the School of Arts skating rink was very brisk on Saturday night, all the available skates were in use and, there was a large crowd of spectators.

After two hours skating, the remainder of the evening was given up to dancing.

7-9-1911 The Council, on the advice of Mr. T. McPhillamy, solicitor, decided to inform Mr. J. Carmichael that it could not allow him to rent the cottage at the Sunny Corner reservoir, as a man was already in charge.

11-9-1911 The members of the local rifle club took advantage of the recent visit of some of their members to Sydney to make a presentation to their late captain, Mr. W. T. Palmer, now residing at Strathfleld. The presentation took the form of a pair of Zeiss field glasses, suitably inscribed. The presentation is somewhat belated, but it affords substantial proof that time has not effaced from the memory of members, the great services which their late captain rendered to the club, and it also shows that the appreciation and esteem of the members are of a lasting character, and not of the out of sight out of mind sort.

In a lengthy letter of thanks and acknowledgment, Captain Palmer expressed his keen appreciation of such a valuable and serviceable gift, which he said would be treasured by him as long as he could handle a rifle.

The opening of the debating club took place on Wednesday night at the School of Arts, when the question of freehold and leasehold was argued. Owing to the wet weather, the attendance was rather small, but an interesting debate took place. Messrs. C. W. Chiplin, C. Scott, and R. Persse spoke in favor of freehold, and Messrs. Boorman, Lumley, and Fraser supported the case for leasehold. Mr. T. Persse acted as chairman. On the question being put to the meeting a majority of one vote was recorded for freehold.

11-9-1911 HEMSWORTH. — In loving remembrance of my dear brother James, who died suddenly at Kelso, September 10, 1906. "Gone but not forgotten". Inserted by his loving sister, H. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

13-9-1911 Since the suspension of operations on the Sunny Corner leases mining has been very quiet. It is reported that lessees intend getting out some ore from the Montana mine, with a view to testing the value of the copper lode there. The West Mitchell battery will start to crush this week. There are several parcels of stone from the big hill to be treated.

About a fortnight ago the first consignment of benzine for the market was sent out from Newnes. Since then regular consignments have been despatched, and some two or three lots were railed last week. The retorts are working three shifts daily and seven days a week.

Some export shale was despatched last week. Coke also was regularly sent to various customers in the west.

Bricks for the Lithgow Trades Hall help to swell the traffic, and those have already been sent out to the number of about 150,000. The bricks are produced by the company's brick making plant at Newnes.

15-9-1911 A meeting was held a few nights ago, and the Sunny Corner Cricket Club formed. The following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. J. Miller, M.L.A. president Mr. C. W. Chiplin; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. H. Bulkeley, N. A. Poyitt. J. Shumack. and H. E. Brown; captain, Mr. C. W. Stewart; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Chas. Stewart; selection committee, Messrs. C. W. Chiplin, T. Persse, and A. Shumack.

18-9-1911 The death occurred on Tuesday at her late residence, Cooerwull-street, Lithgow, of Mrs. Ellen Bradley, relict of the late Mr. Bradley, of Sunny Corner, who predeceased her by eight years. The late Mrs. Bradley was a native of County Fermanagh, Ireland, and was 73 years of age. She came to Australia in 1880, and resided most of the time at Sunny Corner, coming to Lithgow about five years ago. The deceased leaves three sons, Laurence, John, and William, all residents of Lithgow. The cause of death was bronchitis and senile decay. The remains were interred in the Catholic portion of the Bowenfels cemetery.

19-9-1911 The following tenders have been accepted at the Bathurst District Works Office: —Sunny Corner police station, erection, of outhouse, Frank Cook, £17/12/6;

20-9-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. Jennings, P.M.)

Police v. George Strickland; charge of stealing 18 fruit trees, the property of Boulton and Miller, Kirkconnell, and of the value of £4 10s.

Constable Head deposed that he laid the information. On the 16th August he went with Constable Lumley to defendants residence, about a mile distant, and saw the defendant. In reply to a question by witness as to where he got the trees that were planted in his garden, defendant said he grafted them from suckers. Witness went again on the following day with Constable Lumley and Mr. Bland, and took possession of two trees (produced). He told the defendant that he was taking them for identification purposes. Defendant then made a statement, which witness wrote out, read it to him, and defendant signed it. On the 25th August defendant came to the police station, and made a statement, which was written out, read over to him, and he signed it. That evening defendant brought back 16 more of the trees (produced). It was 4½ miles from defendant's place to the orchard from which the trees were taken. They were taken from the orchard below the house at Kirkconnell estate.

Charles Edward le Laist re Bland, on affirmation, deposed that he was a fruit expert, and resided at Kirkconnell, where he had been for four months in charge of the orchard. He gave evidence as to missing the trees, and later went with the police to a place where he saw defendant. The police took possession of two trees which were exactly similar to trees missing from Kirkconnell, the other trees were exactly similar to what were missing from the orchard. Five shillings each was the value of the missing trees. Rome Beauties and Northern Spy were the kinds missing.

Walter Gerald Piper, general manager of Boulton and Miller's estate at Kirkconnell, deposed that he did not authorise accused or any person to take the trees. They were two years in the ground, and cost about 1s each at first, but increased, in value with age.

Accused elected to be summarily dealt with, and pleaded guilty. He was fined £5, and costs 8s, in default two months hard labor in Bathurst gaol.

21-9-1911 Operations at Sunny Corner, near Lithgow, have been very quiet since the recent suspensions were granted. It is reported that some of the lessees intend getting out some ore from the Montana mine. The West Mitchell battery was to have started crushing this week.

26-9-1911 Licensing Court, W. G. S. Francis, Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, assessment £32, license fee £10;
Chas. Murray, Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, assessment £37 10s, license fee £10;

29-9-1911 The state of the local cemetery again calls for attention. Beyond asking the Government for a grant, which was re fused, nothing has been done to repair the fence, which fell down some time ago. No one seems to know who the trustees are. Some are dead, and others have left the town, and till those who remain awaken to a sense of duty, or fresh trustees are elected, nothing is likely to be done to remedy the evils now existing. So its "up to" Sunny Cornerites to awake, arise, and get busy immediately or even sooner than that.

There was nearly being a strike at Sunny Corner this week, and as is usually the case, it arose over a very tiffing matter. Several lads were reported to the skating committee of the School of Arts for breaking the rules of the rink, but the committee decided that a reprimand would meet the case. It has since transpired that, had the offenders been suspended for a term, a number of the other lads intended showing their disapproval by boycotting the rink till their mates were reinstated. Fortunately such a disaster has been averted, and the disorderly scenes which have made Lithgow and the Liberal Parliamentarians notorious are not likely to be rehearsed in Sunny Corner.

2-10-1911 Recently Mr. John Miller, M.L.A., applied, on behalf of the Sunny Corner C.C., for a grant of £5 towards the formation of a cricket pitch at the Corner. The Department of Lands, in reply, has stated that "a grant of £5 was paid to the trustees of the recreation ground on 6th June, 1911, and it is competent for the trustees, to expend the money on a cricket pitch or any other improvement they may deem necessary, within the area of the ground

5-10-1911 At last monthly committee meeting of the Sunny Corner School of Arts, the financial statement showed a credit of nearly £14. The skating rink in connection with the institute is being well patronised, and is paying handsomely. The committee have decided to line the hall.

Mining matters are very quiet just now. There are several parcels of ore from the Big Hill awaiting treatment, but the West Mitchell battery is held up for want of firewood, there being no teams available to draw it in.

There have been no further developments regarding the position of the Sunny Corner leases. A metallurgical expert came out per motor during last week, and made a thorough inspection of the various tunnels. His report will be forwarded to the holders of the leases in due course.

6-10-1911 Turon Shire. From George Shumack, Sunny Corner, stating that his bullock team had travelled 45 miles on the Council's work, and asking for expenses. Received.

From D. Scott, Dark Corner, offering to supply a bullock team to work a road grader at the rate of 5s per hour, working or travelling. Received.

16-10-1911 The old Nevada leases have been pegged out, and the application will be dealt with at the warden's court on the 19th instant. It is to be hoped that the applicant will not be subjected to the same exasperating hindrances that the lessees of the Sunny Corner mine have had to contend with. If as much money had been spent on developing the leases as has been paid for legal proceedings Sunny Corner would be a lot better off to-day.

18-10-1911 Mr. W. Hampton, who had been in indifferent health, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. C. Sharpe, of Meadow Flat.

Deceased was amongst the oldest residents of Sunny Corner, and had attained the age of 87 years. He was generally admitted to be the best authority on all matters pertaining to the Sunny Corner mineral fields. He was for years mining manager at Sunny Corner mine, and later at the Nevada mine. Previous to coming to Sunny Corner Mr. Hampton had been employed at Hill End and Cobar, and had also had experience in America. The remains of the deceased gentleman were interred at Meadow Flat, beside those of his wife, who predeceased him by about eight years. Mr. F. Cook officiated at the graveside. Mr. Simpkins was the undertaker.

The local cricket club held their meeting on Saturday, and decided to re-form again, Mr. T. Wade was elected secretary and Mr. W. Brown, hon treasurer. The batting average and medal for last season was won by Mr. J. Ward.

20-10-1911 Mr. David O'Dell, one of our most respected residents, met with a rather serious accident this (Wednesday) afternoon. He was riding a young horse which shied and threw him, his foot catching in the stirrup. The horse plunged then fell and Mr. O'Dell's boot came off, thus liberating the foot from the stirrup, otherwise very serious injuries would have resulted. As it is, Mr. O'Dell sustained a very nasty cut on the hand, besides injuries to his head and abrasions about the body, but fortunately no bones were broken.

A young son of Mr. William Hassell was injured yesterday by getting his fingers jammed in the cog-wheels of a chaff cutter. The poor little chap's hand was held fast in the wheels while assistance was bring brought from the Mitchell's Creek battery, which is about half-a-mile away, and the nearest place where help was available.

25-10-1911 Constable Head, of this station, has temporarily been transferred to Wattle Flat, and will be there for about three weeks.

28-10-1911 Jones. The Friends of Miss Agnes Jones, of Sunny Corner, and Mrs. Emily Osborne are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved Brother John Llewellyn Jones, late of Sunny Corner, to depart from his sister's residence, 101 Foster-street, Leichardt, at quarter to 9 o'clock, This Morning for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. The late Mr. Jones was an expert smelter, and had been deeply interested in the mining industry here. And also more recently at Yerranderie. He had unbounded confidence in the future of Sunny Corner, and spent a lot of money and did an immense amount of work, to advance the mining industry.

30-10-1911 Mining matters here continue very quiet. About 200 tons of stone from The Big Hill have been put through the West Mitchell battery. The returns ranged from 8dwts to 12dwts. This result, though small, is considered satisfactory, and gives a fair wage to the miners.

1-11-1911 To-day Dark Corner was en fete, the occasion being the annual school picnic. For weeks the main topic, especially among the juveniles, was the Picnic. The day dawned an ideal one. Although our population is not large, all who possibly could do so attended the picnic. Visitors were present from Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Palmers Oakey and one and all had a right royal time.

3-11-1911 A Fall Of Wool Bales. Vital Injury Sustained. Limekilns, Wednesday.

It is with extreme regret that I have to report a severe accident which may prove fatal to Mr. Jim Grabham, yesterday. From the information I have received, it appears that he was loading wool on a waggon, when by some means a bale fell on his neck or back. Constable Head, who happened to be at the shearing shed at the time, promptly galloped to Peel and wired for a doctor

to Bathurst. The doctor was soon on the scene, and after making an examination of the patient, said it would be impossible for him to live more than four days. Widespread sympathy is extended to his relatives, on account of the popularity of the injured young man.

Later,

Mr. Grabham is very low this morning, and was to have been taken to Bathurst. He was pulling bales from out of a stack and two fell on him.

Sunny Corner, Thursday. A serious accident had befallen Mr. Jas. Grabham, second eldest son of Mrs. E. Grabham, of West Mitchell. The poor young fellow is quite sensible, but his limbs are paralysed. He is only 26 years of age, and was of a quiet, unassuming disposition, and respected by all. It is a great shock to everyone to hear of such a splendid young man being cut down so suddenly, and it will be a serious blow to his mother, who has been in indifferent health for some time past. A second doctor has been called in, but he has confirmed the first opinion that his neck was broken, and there was no hope of his recovery.

Dark Corner, Thursday. Quite a gloom, has pervaded the district since yesterday morning, when the news passed around that Mr. Jim Grabham had been seriously injured by a bale of wool falling on him . The accident happened at Clear Creek, some fifteen miles from here, and the mother and sister went over in the teeming rain on Tuesday night. The numerous friends of' the genial "Jim!" hope even against the verdict of the doctor that he may even yet recover. The greatest sympathy, is expressed for the family and relatives in their trouble.

8-11-1911 To-day (Sunday) the remains of the late James Grabham were laid to rest in the Dark Corner cemetery. The cortege left the residence of the deceased's mother at West Mitchell at 2 p.m., and was very large, the largest ever seen in this district. There were 40 vehicles, a number on horseback and a large number on foot. The cortege was over a quarter of a mile long. The deceased, who had just turned 27, was very popular, both with young and old, and will be particularly missed at all open air gatherings, where his ready wit and genial good temper made him a favorite. The services at the house and the graveside were conducted by the Rev. D. A. Gilsenan. At the conclusion of the burial service Mr. Gilsenan made a short address, and then all united in singing several verses of the hymn, "Abide 'With Me." The sympathy of all is extended to the mother, sisters, brothers, and relatives of the departed.

8-11-1911 Notice. Any Person removing Stock from the Sunny Corner Common without first giving notice to the Secretary, is liable to a penalty of £1. R. W. MAGILL, Secretary. Sunny Corner, 1 November 4, 1911.

27-11-1911 Mr. Tom Gorman of Bathurst has just landed a flock of sheep numbering 3000 from the Bland to Kirkconnell for Messrs. Miller and Bolton. The flock reached their destination in tip-top condition after a journey of over 170 miles, thus reflecting credit on the man in charge.

30-11-1911 Mrs. Anderson (80), one of the oldest and most respected residents of Sunny Corner, died yesterday.

6-12-1911 Weather conditions were very boisterous here last night and to-day; 382 points of rain were, registered for the twelve hours, which is easily a record for here. The wind and rain caused a considerable amount of damage to fencing, gardens, and crops.

The crossing at Bob's Creek has been washed away, and it will require a deal of work to replace it. Crops and oats have been beaten flat to the ground, and potatoes washed right out of the soil. A chimney belonging to Afr. Poyitt was blown down, but fortunately, fell away from the adjacent buildings, so that no further damage was done.

Sunny Corner Police Court (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

At the adjourned annual meeting of justices for the granting of auctioneers licenses, licenses for the police district of Bathurst were granted to Messrs. John Cook and Charles Murray, both of Sunny Corner.

13-12-1911 The funeral of the late Mr. Charles J. Turner, miner, of Sunny Corner, took place on Monday, the interment being made in the Church of England cemetery at O'Connell.

Miss M. Chapman, Tran. from Sunny Corner to Glenbrook School.

15-12-1911 Mr. Stewart, sen., an old resident of Dark Corner, died at 11 o'clock on Wednesday night. Mr. Stewart's son is teacher of the Sunny Corner Public School.

The grim reaper has again called on us, Mr. Chas. Turner, son of Mrs Jas Turner of West Mitchell, passed away after a brief illness. The cause of death was heart trouble. The deceased was only 40 years of age and was unmarried.

27-12-1911 Sunny Corner Police Court.

At the Sunny Corner Police Court on Saturday, before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.,

Thomas Macabee, holder of a colonial wine license ay Yetholme, was charged with selling wine to one Harold Wadmore, an employee of Donaldson Bros., of Woodland Park, Yetholme, whilst the latter was in a state of intoxication.

Sub-inspector Anderson, of Bathurst, prosecuted, and Mr. J. H. McIntosh appeared for the defence. After considerable evidence the P.M. dismissed the case, and in so doing made some important comment, the publication of which the pressure on our space will not permit.

29-12-1911 Mr. James Carmichael states that all arrangements have been completed whereby work may be commenced at the Sunny Corner mine on the 2nd Jan. He hopes to make a start with ten men, in opening the mine and getting it ready for work. This, he anticipates, will take a couple of months work.

29-12-1911 The annual Sunday-school anniversary and prize distribution were held in the Union Church on Xmas Night at West Mitchell.

30-12-1911 At Kirkconnell on Wednesday last, the marriage of Mr. C. E. de L. Bland, son of Major Bland, of Bega, and Miss Miller, sister of Mr. J. Miller, M.L.A., was celebrated.

Miss Molly Miller (niece of the bride) and Miss Carment, of North Sydney, acted as bridesmaids; and Messrs. Morland and Roy Boulton, of Sydney, as groomsmen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Robertson, of Bathurst.

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1-1-1912 TITUS. — In loving memory of my dear daughter, Rose Ann Titus, who died at Cobar, January 2, 1903 aged 32 years and 10 months. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving mother, M. A Montgomery, West Mitchell.

5-1-1912 The holidays passed off quietly here. A bazaar in aid of the Church of England, held on Boxing night and the two preceding nights, was well patronised, and the proceeds will materially strengthen the finances of the church.

A social was held in the School of Arts Hall on Friday, the 29th ult. in aid of the local convent. The attendance was very good, and the function proved most enjoyable and successful in every way. Musical items were rendered by Misses Llewellyn, L. Murray and K. Shumack, and Mrs. W. Morpheth.

The School of Arts committee having decided to effect some alterations and improvements to the hall, the skating season was brought to a close by a combined skating carnival and dance on New Year's night. The function was a brilliant success, the attendance far exceeding the most sanguine expectations, being the largest seen in Sunny Corner for the past 15 years. Mr. C. H. Chiplin proved a most efficient and satisfactory M.C., and everything went without a hitch. Misses Llewellyn Shumack and L. Murray, Mrs. Morpheth and Mr. C. Chiplin acted as musicians during the evening.

The new piano recently installed a full concert grand was in splendid tone, so that the music was all that could be desired. Altogether the function was most enjoyable and successful.

15-1-1912 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before John Cook, J .P.)

Patrick Lonerigan, charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street, was fined 10s, or seven days in the lock-up.

The same defendant was charged with using indecent language, and was fined 20s, or 14 days in the lock-up. Fourteen- days allowed to pay. Arrested by Constable Head.

Work is proceeding steadily on the Sunny Corner mineral leases. The full complement of labor required under the Mining Act is employed. The work of driving the new tunnel, which was commenced last year, is being pushed on. Three shifts are employed at this job. A set of rails has been laid into the face of the drive and work is much easier.

It is said that the former lessens have been granted a six months' extension of time in which to dispose of or remove their old plant.

There are many vague rumors concerning the Nevada mine in circulation, but no definite or reliable information is available just yet. It is, however, understood that an effort is being made to raise sufficient capital to unwater the mine, and to sink on the lode which is said to exist, in one of the tunnels there.

A rather unusual incident occurred here a few days ago. A team of horses was left standing near the water trough, and as soon as the driver's back was turned the leaders swerved round bringing the others right up against the trough. One horse jumped over the obstacle, but a big draught immediately behind was less agile, with the result that he landed fair in the trough, and things were decidedly mixed for a time. The leaders were on one side and the shafters on the other, and the horse in the traces was having a cold bath in the water trough. He was soon removed from his awkward position, and was none the worse for his involuntary dip. I have often heard of aspirants to political honors, and others, being dipped in a horse trough, but this is the first time such a noble animal as a horse has been so treated here.

17-1-1912 Here is a snake story in support of which I am prepared to stake my reputation as a fisherman and Liberal leaguer.

Was out the other evening accompanied by my noble watch dog which sleeps all day and howls all night. The said dog started in pursuit of a small but speedy rabbit, which took refuge in a burrow, whither the dog proceeded to follow him. But he did no more than put his nose inside the burrow when he sprang back with a yelp. Writer arrived on the spot in time to see a big snake emerging, from the burrow, and demanding to know the cause of this intrusion. The dog challenged him to come outside and see; the snake, like Barkis, was willing and the dog, like Willis, was barking. After a little light sparring, the dog secured a strangle hold on the snake's neck, or where his neck ought to be. The snake immediately threw the coils of his long sinuous body round the dog, till he looked like the bloke in the motor-tyre advertisement. Things looked ugly for the dog, but fortunately they were fighting on the slope of a hill just above the creek. Locked in a deadly embrace the pair rolled down and over the high bank on to the sharp rocks beneath, and then into the water.

The dog, with wonderful presence of mind, maintained his hold on the snakes neck, and on reaching the water held its head below the surface till it was drowned, and with a few convulsive wriggles sank to the bottom. The dog calmly paddled ashore, rolled on the grass, and then went to finish his interrupted interview with the rabbit. If this helps the Croaker from Jokey Park out of some of his troubles, that snake will not have died in vain.

19-1-1912 Mr. James Thomas, of Sunny Corner, has received the sad news that his son Garnet died in New Zealand from pneumonia. The young man, who was only about twenty six years of age, had been slightly indisposed and no serious results were anticipated, and the news of his death, came as a severe shock to his relatives, for whom much sympathy is felt in then great bereavement.

A meeting was held last night to dense means of raising funds to renew the fence round the local cemetery, which has been in a bad state of disrepair for some time.

It is estimated that £50 will be required, and it was decided to invite public subscriptions towards the funds, and also to write to those people who have friends and relatives buried in the cemetery and ask them to contribute something according to their means. Mr. Chas. Murray is acting as treasurer. .

Father Heath, late of this circuit, has been made the recipient of a purse of sovereigns by the members of the Sunny Corner congregation as a token of appreciation and esteem.

Mr B Cohen, who has been in business Sunny Corner for a great many years, has removed, with his family, to Sydney, where he intends to carry on business.

3-2-1912 Work at the Sunny Corner mine is proceeding steadily, and good headway is being made. The new tunnel on lease 151 is now in nearly 160 feet, .with a set of rails laid right up to the face. This tunnel is in entirely new country, and is now passing through a most promising lode zone. Several leaders have been cut showing splendid silver lead ore. The slate country passed through is highly mineralized, and everything goes to indicate the presence of a large ore body in close proximity;

Mr. Carmichael, lessee, is more than pleased with results thus far, and will continue driving till the foot wall is reached. The country is very hard. The samples of ore obtained are quite distinct from the sulphide ore in the old workings, the new ore being much richer in silver.

All the tunnels in the old working have been cleaned up, and labor could be put on mining ore immediately if the means of treating same were available.

In the No. 1 tunnel, the ore body has been exposed for a distance of nearly 90 feet in length and 32 feet in height. This is all solid sulphide ore and carries a large percentage of zinc, besides lead, silver, and copper.

There is not much scope for further useful development work till the old plant belonging to the former lessees is removed, and although they have had nearly six months notice to shift their property not a pound weight has been moved as yet. Much of the stuff is quite useless, and is only hindering the operations of those now in possession of the ground and preventing the employment of the full number of men required to properly develop the mine,

It has just been reported on good authority, that a cable has been received from Mr, Georgeson, in London, saying that he had succeeded in raising the capital required to work the mine, and if this is true it is all the more reason why nothing should be allowed to further delay the resumption of mining on a large scale here. It is at a very low ebb now, as the eleven men working on the Sunny Corner leases are the only miners working here at the present time.

8-2-1912 First-class Constable Lumley, of Sunny Corner, and Mr. J. E. Dibley, of Yetholme, wrote to yesterdays meeting of the Turon Council, calling attention to the number of straying stock along the roads at Sunny Corner and Yetholme. It was decided to take steps to abate the nuisance.

14-2-1912 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill and John Cook, Js.P.)

G. H. R. Thompson was charged with having been drunk and disorderly at Yetholme on the 6th instant. Plea guilty, fined 10s, and 8s costs, or seven days in the lock-up. A week allowed to pay. Application was made by Constable Lumley for a probation order against same defendant. Granted for 12 months.

15-2-1912 A report from Sunny Corner states:-At the Sunny Corner Mine, Mr. James Carmichael expresses himself highly pleased with the prospects. The new tunnel has been driven a further 40ft, making 190ft since the last report. A formation 2ft wide was passed through. It carries very high-grade copper and silver lead ores. Several very promising leaders were also intersected, and the country throughout is highly mineralised. Mr. Carmichael intends to continue the tunnel till the footwall is reached, and will then drive north and south on the lode formations intersected by the tunnel. A gang of men is employed cleaning up and fixing the plat at the winze in No. 4 tunnel, preparatory to the installation of pumping gear to unwater the shaft down to the 50ft level, when a great body of sulphide ore, which exists below the tunnel level, will be opened up. It will be necessary to lay down a new tram line in various tunnels.

The same report states that Mr. Alf. Sparks is engaged carting ore from Bushrangers to the West Mitchell battery, where it is to be treated on behalf of the Portland syndicate. It is reported that some, if not all, of the men employed at Napoleon Reef are to be paid off.

A little prospecting is being done out Dark Corner way, but the Paddy Lackey, Big Hill, and Nevada are doing nothing.

21-2-1912 Miss Byrne assistant in the infant division of the Wellington P. S, has been transferred to Sunny Corner.

5-3-1912 Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MURRAY, West Mitchell, desire to return their sincere and heartfelt THANKS to the Rev. E. J. Flanagan, Adm., Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, Mrs. Gorman, Mrs. Blackburn and Nurse McMahon for their kindness and attention during their late sad bereavement.

11-3-1911 Apiarists are having another good season this year, the flow of honey being very good and of excellent quality. Bees pay better than sheep, as land and stock taxes do not affect them.

20-3-1912 A report in one of the Bathurst papers that application had been made for suspension of labor conditions on the Sunny Corner mineral leases caused some surprise here, as nothing had been heard of the matter locally. However the report referred to is incorrect, as no application for suspension has been made. Representations have been made to the department regarding the removal of the old plant belonging to the former lessees, which is still on the ground, and seriously hampering the operations of the party now in possession of the leases. Much of this old plant is useless for present-day requirements, and is rapidly deteriorating. Work on the mine is going steadily on. The new tunnel has been driven to the footwall, and is now being driven south. Sinking operations cannot be carried on till a pump has been installed to cope with the water.

20-3-1912 Constable H. H. Head, to act temporarily as Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar, and Officer authorised to issue Miners' Rights and Business Licenses at Sunny Corner, vice Constable Lumley, on leave, such appointment to take effect from the 2nd March,

25-3-1912 The local water supply got so bad that a meeting of consumers was called on Friday night to consider the matter. There was a large attendance, and Mr. R. W. Magill. J.P., occupied the chair. After some discussion, during which it was stated that the whole of the waterworks was in a badly neglected state, the following motions were carried unanimously.

1- That a telegram be sent to the Turon Shire Council, stating that the water was very bad, numbers of small dead fish having come through the pipe at the watering trough, and that in view of the recent outbreak of fever at Portland the residents were alarmed, and requested that an officer be sent at once to investigate the cause of the trouble.
2. That in consequence of the most unsatisfactory manner in which the water supply had been controlled during the past few years, the consumers petition the Council to place the management of the whole of the waterworks under a local board of trustees. A committee was also appointed to meet the officer sent, by the Council, and draw his attention to the various defects in connection with the water supply, and more particularly to the state of the fencing, the presence of large numbers of rabbits within the enclosure, and the heavy growth of vegetation in and around the reservoir itself. It was also proposed that these resolutions be placed before the Shire Council immediately,
At the conclusion of the water meeting, Mr. Fraser suggested that a progress association be formed to look after matters of interest to the locality generally. A motion to this effect was proposed by Mr. J. Cook, seconded by Mr. Chiplin, and carried unanimously.

1-4-1912 Dark Corner. During the past week or so the weather has been considerably hotter than for a corresponding period for many years. All herbage had a dry parched appearance, and bush fires are raging all around. On Thursday night a change came up. But only a few showers fell. Friday was dull and a thunderstorm gave us a few points, not enough to do any lasting good, but very acceptable for domestic purposes.

Mr, Wright, senior inspector of schools, was out through the week on his annual tour of inspection.

Mr. J. Martin returned a few days since, and is very much improved.

The Blaxland Shire engineer, Mr. Heffernan, was here this week. It is to be hoped that our roads will receive some much needed attention. I have it on good authority that our maintenance man here tendered his resignation.

The champion pony stallion. "Echo" the property of Mr. W. Grabham, was sold at a satisfactory figure to Mr. W. Francis, of Sunny Corner.

In April 1912 Mr. Inspector Wright reported: Sunny Corner has a town water supply, but owing to continued dry weather the quantity of water was greatly diminished and the water itself was full of sediment and had a very offensive smell. I considered it unfit for use, and as we had no tanks I purchased one. Mr. Chiplin sent in an additional report saying that no water could be obtainable from the reservoir for two months while it was being emptied and cleaned out. The tank cost £2.15.0, and Mr. Chiplin himself made a stand and placed the tank in position.

15-4-1912 Sunny Corner Police Court (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

Eric Withers and Martin Kissell were charged with being found on licensed premises during prohibited hours. Both cases heard ex parte. Found guilty. Fined 10s, costs 6s, in default 7 days, Sunny Corner lock-up.

22-4-1912 A social evening under the auspices of the Band of Hope was hold in the Union Church. Some time ago teams from the members were chosen by Misses Attwell and Odgers, and a competition ensued.
Each item was awarded marks on merit and the losing side were to provide tea and cake for all. The competition was keenly contested, but Miss Attwell's team proved victorious by a substantial majority. Last night's gathering was the outcome. Besides having to provide the edibles, the losing team had to entertain their friends with a harmony programme.

22-04-1912 John T Bower post master at Palmers Oakey in place of Mrs Wolfenden.

26-4-1912 West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, 15 miles, twice weekly, horseback. — .John Odgers, West Mitchell, £55. Contract terminates December 31, 1913.

22-05-1912 Stealing From The Person. Heavyweight Champion Boxer Charged. The Accused Convicted. Sydney. Wednesday. At the Bathurst Police Court yesterday, Harry McEvoy, aged 26, who claims to be the heavyweight champion boxer of West Australia, was fined 40s, or 14 days' gaol, for having stolen about 17s. 0d. from the person of Drysdale Scott, a grazier, of Dark Corner. It is alleged that Scott was lying down in a local hotel yard, and that McEvoy and another man picked him up, and assisted to place him on a couch. It is further alleged that McEvoy, while doing so, put his hand in Scott's pocket and extracted the money. McEvoy, in defence said that a man asked him to assist him with Scott, but he refused, and did not go near him. The police magistrate said that drunken men were easy prey for men like McEvoy, who frequented hotels at all hours.

6-5-1912 In the Sunny Corner division, C. Murray (Big Hill Mine) treated, 136 tons for 68oz.of gold, valued at £221, which shows a falling off when compared with the returns for the previous year. Attwell and party, from their lease, treated 378 tons for a yield 110oz., valued at £317, a considerable decrease on the previous year. At Cook and Murray's battery at Big Hill, 180 tons of quartz, mostly won by fossickers from old workings, were treated, yielding 91oz. of gold, valued at about £300, whilst at Poyitt's battery, at Dark Corner 76 tons of quartz were treated for 52oz. valued at £170. This ore was also obtained from various old workings. The gold yield, in this division for the year totalled 348oz, valued at £1115, a decrease of £868 on last year.

13-5-1912 A complimentary farewell social was tendered to Mr. C. H. Stewart and his sister, Mrs. Raven, in the School of Arts hall last night. There was a very large attendance. A strong contingent of friends from Meadow Flat and Dark Corner being present.
Mr. C. W. Chiplin, acted as M.C., and Misses Llewellyn, Murray, and Shumack provided excellent music. During the evening songs, were rendered by Messrs. Boorman and Chiplin, and Mr. Stewart .recited "The Man from Snowy River," and "Stingy Smith," in his usual fine style. Supper was served at midnight, and during the interval Mr. Chiplin and Mr. Boorman made short speeches. They specially referred to the many sterling qualities of Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Raven, expressed sincere regret at their departure from amongst us, and wished them all happiness in their new homes. Mr. Stewart has removed to Bedgirabong, and Mrs. Raven will make her home in Sydney.

An old and highly respected resident passed away yesterday in the person of Mr. David Jones. Heart trouble was the cause of death. The deceased was well over seventy years of age, and had enjoyed good health up to a few days before his death, He has left, a widow, who is over, eighty years of age, and several grand-children.

24-5-1912 The Progress Association has made a start, and judging by the enthusiasm which has marked its inception, promises to be a very useful body. It is to be called the Sunny Corner and District Progress association, and, besides local residents, includes members from Meadow Flat and Dark Corner. Mr. Chiplin was elected president, Messrs. Carmichael and Llewellyn, vice-presidents, and Mr. G. Fraser, secretary and treasurer. Among the more important matters dealt with were motions dealing with the very bad state of the road between Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner, near the junction of the Portland road. The secretary was instructed to write the Blaxland Shire Council regarding the matter. The road at this place is covered with a lot of loose metal and boulders, and several serious accidents, caused by horses falling on the stones, have been narrowly averted.

Another matter dealt with was the speed at which some motor cars travel through the village. A fatal accident occurred from this cause recently, the victim being a sprightly young goat, which was run over in the middle of the road in the bloom of its youth. The motorist did not even stop to apologise. When full-grown goats are run down like this, the kids, both two and four legged, would not stand much show if they happened to be in the way.

It was also decided that application be made to have Sunny Corner connected with Portland by telephone. In view of the long time occupied by telegrams in transit this is a very important matter, and it is to be hoped the request will be granted.

Notice of motion was given to request the local storekeepers to revert to the Wednesday half-holiday in lieu of Saturday as now observed. This matter will be dealt with at the next monthly meeting.

27-5-1912 A social in aid of the Roman Catholic Church was held in the School of Arts Hall last night. There was a very, good attendance, and both financially and otherwise.

The Empire Day celebration was carried through successfully. There was a record attendance of school children and the general public. Owing to the inclemency of the weather refreshments were served at the School of Arts Hall. The sports programme was carried out on the recreation ground. The threatening weather did not appear to have any depressing effect on either the spirits or appetites of the young people, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

29-5-1912 Mining matters here are mostly at a standstill, the only properties working being the Sunny Corner Silver Mine and the Big Hill. At the Sunny Corner mine splendid looking ore is being raised from the No. 4 tunnel. The ore is considered the best yet raised from this mine, and carries a high percentage of silver, copper, zinc, and lead. Much development work has been done in this mine. All the tunnels have been cleaned out and re-timbered, and in No. 4 tunnel the tramlines have been laid right up to the main shaft. About 100 tons of ore are at the tunnel mouth ready for bagging, and will be sent to Europe. The company intend erecting an extensive plant on the property in order to treat the ore locally.

At the Big Hill, Attwell and Smith are raising quartz which will be crushed at the West Mitchell battery.

31-5-1912 Sunny Corner mineral leases have been transferred from Mr. Carmichael to the representative of the British Company, which was formed to work this property. Mr. Carmichael, who still acts as manager of the mine, is doing splendid work, much to the chagrin of those cheerful prophets who stated there was no ore in the mine, and predicted a great disappointment for the new lessees when he started operations. So far results have far exceeded the most sanguine expectations.

News of the death of Mrs. Odgers, relict of the late John Odgers, sen. of West Mitchell, was received here this afternoon. The deceased lady, who was nearly seventy years of age was a resident for many years, and was highly respected, and esteemed by all who knew her. She has been in Sydney for some little time under medical treatment, but the efforts of her physicians were unavailing, and the end came this morning. A large family of grown-up sons and daughters, as well as numerous grandchildren, are left to mount their loss. Her husband predeceased her by about twelve months.

1-6-1912 Mining matters generally are without change. At Sunny Corner mine ore is being taken out from the No. 4 or bottom level. This tunnel has been cleaned out and re-timbered, and a tram-line laid right up to the main shaft. This necessitated a lot of work, as the old timber had to be removed and fallen ground cleared up before new material could be put in. There is about 100 tons of beautiful looking ore lying at the tunnel-mouth ready for bagging. For the present, the ore is to be shipped abroad and it is hoped that later on a plant will he |erected, and the ore treated locally. It carries a high percentage of zinc, lead, silver, and copper, is very, easily won, and so should prove a highly profitable proposition.

Messrs. Attwell and Smith are getting out a crushing from their claim in the Big Hill, which will be treated at West Mitchell battery when water is available.

1-6-1912 The Funeral of the late Mary Jane Odgers, of "Exton," Korarah will take place it the Church of England, Sunny Corner, this afternoon.

3-6-1912 A tennis match took place here between Sunny Corner Tennis Club and Mt. Lambie Tennis Club on the latter's court. Sunny Corner won by 2 sets 8 games. The match was an all-day one.

The Sunny Corner team consisted of Messrs. J. E. Lumely, A. Mann, and T. Persse, and Mrs. Lumley and Misses Poyitt and Attwell.

6-6-1912 Portion of the report of Mr. A. A. Patterson (shire, engineer), submitted at yesterday's meeting of the Turon Shire Council, was responsible for an animated discussion, which at times, took the president all his time to keep under control. The contentious portion of the report was as follows: The water in the dam at Sunny Corner is now very good, and under present conditions, it would be unsafe to clean out the dam, as very little water is flowing in, also, since the free use of the water, the dam has been lowered fully three feet, and as long as the water continues to be supplied free of charge, sufficient water will be taken out during the winter months so as to thoroughly clean out the dam of any stagnant water.

It was eventually decided that the Works Committee visit Sunny Corner on the day after next meeting, and discuss the matter with the residents, and appoint trustees to take charge of the works. Also to instruct the clerk to write to Mr. Charleston, asking him to meet the engineer on a certain date, and, failing this, the Council take charge of the works.

WALLACE. — In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Wallace, who departed this life June 6, 1908 at Sunny Corner.
I miss thee and mourn thee in silence unseen;
And dwell, dearest mother, on days that have been.
Sadly missed by her sorrowing daughter, Maggie Dargan.
WALLACE. — In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Wallace, who departed this life June 6, 1908.
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for my thoughts to reach.
Forget you? No, I never will;
I loved you then, I love you still.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Phoebe and William Rosewell.
WALLACE. — In loving memory of our dear Grandma, Mary Wallace; who departed this life June 6, 1908.
Out in the lonely graveyard, beneath the lonely sod,
There lay our loving grandma, resting in peace with God.
Inserted by her loving grandchildren, Edwin, Norman and May Rosewell.

12-6-1912 Steady rain set in on Saturday, and has continued without a break since. So far nearly three inches have been registered. The rain will do an immense amount of good, farmers will now be able to sow their late crops, and the grass will grow in the gullies and scrubs where it is well sheltered
The town water supply was getting low, and the batteries were idle for want of water, but the present rainfall will give an ample supply.

14-6-1912 At the Sunny Corner mine men are engaged in stacking ore, preparatory to its dispatch to London. About 130 tons have been cleaned and broken, ready for shipment, and when 200 tons are prepared, a shipment will be dispatched. On arrival in London, the ore, which is said to be very promising, will be treated by the latest methods, and if the results are satisfactory, up to-date machinery will be installed at the mine. At present, it is stated, the mine is responsible for the circulation of between £120 and £130 per month at Sunny Corner, and it is expected that the amount will be considerably greater in the near future. The local batteries have also resumed crushing.

19-6-1912 Through the courtesy of the manager, Mr. J. Carmichael, your correspondent was afforded the opportunity of looking through the Sunny Corner mine recently. There is now nearly 150 tons of ore at the surface, most of it broken up and stacked ready for filling into the packets in which it is to be transported. Many of the lumps of ore appear to be almost pure metal, and in many of them native silver is showing freely.
Among the miners employed are several who worked in the mine in the good old days, and they say they never at any time saw better looking ore than that which is now
This ore is coming from the No. 4, bottom level, which at this point is in 900 feet. The ore body here is eighty feet thick and is known to be more than 200 feet in length, while there is about 500 feet of "backs." How much deeper the ore goes has not been proved as yet, but it is making strongly on a westerly underlay and improving in quality as it goes down. The drive is now 35 feet from the footwall, on ore all the way, and is to be continued until the hanging wall is reached.
This Mr. Carmichael says, will enable them to arrive at a very fair idea of the value of the ore for the full width of the lode from footwall to hanging wall.
Some very good work has been accomplished in putting the mine in a thoroughly safe and workable condition, and, judging by the quality of the material and the workmanship, it will be many years before this tunnel will require again cleaning up and re-timbering. There is nothing temporary about this work. Everything speaks for thorough solidity and permanence.
Some idea of the immense body of ore that exists here may be gathered from the fact that the 150 tons now outside have come from a space hardly big enough to swing the proverbial cat.
Four additional men have been put on, making a total of fourteen.

4-7-1912 The Sunny Corner Water Works have been handed over to a trust nominated by the public of Sunny Corner, and comprised of the following gentlemen:
Messrs. J. Cook, W. Poyitt, J. Martin, C. H. Chiplin, K. Llewellyn, J. Carmichael, and E. C. Fraser. The Works Committee of the Turon, Shire Council yesterday recommended the work of drafting a suitable agreement be entrusted to the president, clerk, and the engineer of the Council.

The Turon Shire Council received a request from the honorary secretary of the Sunny Corner School of Arts for the Council's approval of the School of Arts Committee having the water laid on to the institution from the main pipe. It was decided that the letter be held in abeyance till the matter of the Sunny Corner water supply had been adjusted.

11-7-1912 Challenge Answered. Jennings, in answer to Penney's challenge, says he will walk that enthusiast from Bathurst to Sunny Corner and back for from £25 to £100

12-7-1912 A parcel of 20 tons of quartz from Bushranger's has just been put through the West Mitchell Battery and has yielded the very satisfactory return of 13oz. of smelted gold. This stone was treated on account of a Portland syndicate, and it is to be hoped, is the forerunner of still further and better.

15-7-1912 A couple of teams are engaged carting away the water pipes belonging to the former lessees of the Sunny Corner mine. The pipes have been lying about the place for the past three or four years. They at one time connected the mine with the old pumping station at Bob's Creek.

Local farmers have done pretty well with their potatoes this year. Although crops were on the light side, from four tons to the acre, the prices realised have been very satisfactory, £ 9 per ton on rail being the usual figure given for seed potatoes.

Mr. Nicholls, from Spring Mount, near Blayney, has taken up duty at Dark Corner school, which has been closed for several weeks pending the appointment of a teacher. Mr. Nicholls' family accompanied him, and will prove a decided acquisition to the district.

17-7-1912 The annual meeting of the Sunny Corner School of Arts committee was held on Sunday night. Notwithstanding the wintry weather a large attendance was present. The President (Mr. C. W. Chiplin), who was in the chair, stated that the receipts and expenditure for the institution had, during the past year, constituted a record. The receipts had reached £164 and the expenditure £140. Members' subscriptions had increased by £14. The skating rink in connection with the institute had realised £102 for the year, whilst rental brought in £12. The committee had spent £83 on repairs and additions to the hall, £12/ 10 on the library, and £70 for a piano. There was a credit balance of £24 in hand, and the only liability outstanding was £17/10 on the piano. This had to be met in six months. The President considered the institute would have £50 in hand by then. If re-elected the President promised to bring, about a reduction in the rentals of the hall, which he considered too high.

The balance sheet was read and adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: — Patron, Mr. J. Miller, M.L.A.; president, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, vice-presidents, Messrs. Buckley, Brown, Carmichael, and Poyitt; secretary, Mr. A. Mann; secretary, Mr. G. Fraser; assistant secretary and treasurer. Miss Chiplin; committee, Mr. Chiplin, Misses Llewellyn, Murray, and Byrne, and Messrs. J. Fitzgerald, W. Francis, T. Martin, and H. Head; librarian and caretaker, J. Chiplin; auditors, Messrs. Fletcher and Nicholls. The meeting terminated with dancing, which was continued till midnight.

7-8-1912 It is hereby notified, for public information, that in accordance with the provisions of the Public Trusts Act 1897, His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of Mr. W. Grabbham, who has left the district, being removed from his position as Trustee of Reserve No. 8, 6-JS at Sunny Corner, county of Roxburgh, parish of Castleton, being portion 49 of I00 acres, notified 23rd February, 1889, for racecourse, and he is hereby removed accordingly.

Trustees Reserve No. 8,638 at Sunny Corner, county of Roxburgh, parish of Castleton, being portion 49 of 100 acres, notified 23rd February, 1889, for Racecourse:— Messrs. John Martin, James Sparks, George Fraser, Thomas McCauley (in lieu of Messrs. J. Duke, J. Flynn, J. S. Murray, resigned and W. Grabbham, removed).

9-8-1912 In his report adopted at yesterday's meeting of the Turon Shire Council, the engineer asked for instructions as to whom the tools and materials of the Sunny Corner water supply were to be handed. The engineer further reported that the property formerly belonging to Mr. Field had been sold, and the present owner would not allow any more timber for fencing purposes to be taken from the land. It was decided to deliver the tools into the possession of the trustees, and to accept the agreement between the Council and the water supply trustees.

12-8-1912 Mr. Nichols, the new teacher at Dark Corner, says he and his family are beginning to like the place very much. He had been appointed on a couple of committees for the welfare of the town of Sunny Corner, the girls were helping in church matters. Vena was playing the organ at the Church of England in Sunny Corner; Lily was in the choir, and they were going to start the Sunny Corner Sunday school, long defunct. Dark Corner was not so dark as it sounded. It was a very healthy spot, the residents were very comfortably situated, and doing fairly well.

15-8-1912 Rebecca Rose, aged 38, of Sunny Corner, a patient at Balmain Hospital, escaped from that Institution on Tuesday night by making a 20 ft. jump into the yard adjoining. Immediately she was found to be absent a search was made, and the patient was found lying on the asphalt walk around the hospital. She had jumped through a window nearly 20ft above the yard.

16-8-1912 The annual meeting of the local rifle club was held on Tuesday night Captain Mann presiding. The balance sheet showed a credit of £13 odd. The following officers were elected: Patron, Mr. J. Miller, M.L.A; president. Mr. N. Poyitt; vice-president, Messrs. J. Cook, C. W. Chiplin, T. Carmichael, H. E. Brown, R. H. Bulkeley; captain, Mr. T. B. Persre; secretary, Mr. A. H. Nicholls; treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lumley; committee, Messrs. D. O'Dell. A. Mann, and G. C. Fraser. Owing to the absence of many members from the district, the club is not up to the required strength, and a special effort is to be made to introduce new blood. As a very liberal prize programme is arranged each year, and it costs practically nothing to be a member, it is hoped to add considerably to the membership in the near future.

16-8-1912 Illness is rather prevalent among the young men belonging to the district. Mr. Thos. Scott, eldest son of Mr. Drysdale Scott, is in Bathurst, suffering from the effects of rheumatic fever.

Mr. Will. Smith has been operated on for appendicitis and is reported to be making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Mr. Joe Chapman is in a Sydney hospital and is also believed to be suffering from appendicitis.

Young Jack McLachlan had an attack of rheumatic fever, but prompt attention ensured a speedy recovery, and he is home again.

Messrs. Miller and Boulton of Kirkconnell are putting down another apple orchard on their Kirkconnell property. About five thousand trees will go into this one. The land is being fenced and ploughed preparatory to planting the trees. Messrs. Buckeley and Co. of Sunny Corner, secured the contract for the supply of the wire netting and fencing wire, of which several miles will he required. There will be fifteen thousand apple trees on Kirkconnell when this orchard is completed.

This distinct seems specially suited for the growth of fruit, and potatoes, good crops of which can always be relied on here.

19-8-1912 For a long time the fence round the local cemetery has been badly in need of repair. The only source of revenue the trustees had was the burial fees, but this is such a healthy place that deaths are of exceedingly rare occurrence, and some other means of raising the necessary funds had to he found. A strong committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Cook, C. Murray

and others, with Mr. C. Chiplin as secretary, was formed, to deal with the matter. The relatives of those buried in the cemetery were circularised and invited to subscribe to the fund, and in almost every instance responded liberally.
Last night a social, organised by the School of Arts committee, was held in the hall, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the cemetery fund also. The function, both financially and otherwise, was one of the most successful held in Sunny Corner for many years. The office of M.C. was very efficiently filled by Mr. C. W. Chiplin, Misses Llewellyn and Murray provided the music, while Mrs. Chiplin, Misses Byrne, Murray, Chiplin, and Messrs Nicholls, Mann, Fitzgerald, and H. Shumack did good work in feeding the multitude;

21-8-1912 Mr. Charles Murray, the popular, host of the Royal Exchange Hotel, is very ill.
A doctor was called in on Monday, and pronounced the case one of pneumonia and bronchitis in a serious form. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Murray who has also been in poor health for some time. Their many friends will regret very much to hear of this new trouble which has come upon them, and will wish them a speedy and complete recovery.

In reporting the School of Arts social, inadvertently omitted to mention that Miss Murray rendered great assistance in dispensing the refreshments, as also did Mr. A. Mann and Mr. R. Staines, in addition to those already mentioned.

23-8-1912 Mr. John Cook, J, P., and family are leaving the district almost immediately and intend residing at Hornsby. Both Mr, and Mrs. Cook are natives of this locality, and have always taken an active part in matters of local interest. Besides being a justice of the Peace, Mr. Cook is also a trustee of the local common, School of Arts, and recreation ground. He has been a prominent member of the Rifle Club since its inception here, and is one of the best shots in that club. He has also been closely connected with the mining industry, more especially with the once famous Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner, and the Big Hill at Sunny Corner, and is part owner of the West Mitchell battery.
Mrs. Cook has been a very earnest worker, in the Methodist Church here and the Union Church at West Mitchell, where she filled the position of organist.
The departure of such worthy people will leave a void, it will be very hard indeed to fill, and they will bear with them the best wishes of all classes of the community.
The lady friends of Mrs. Cook entertained her at a social evening in the Union Church at West Mitchell, on the 19th instant. Miss E. Smith presided and filled the position in a most creditable manner.
At the conclusion, of the programme Miss. Smith said, "We are here to-night to bid farewell to one who has always been prominent in assisting in church matters, often, we know at very great inconvenience to herself. We feel that our loss will be other peoples gain, but we will miss very much the valued assistance of Mrs. Cook and also Mr. Cook, which has always been so willingly given. We wish them, and their children hearty God-speed and all the blessings which we feel they well deserve." (Applause.)
Little Dorothy Lumley then presented Mrs. Cook with a solid silver hand-mirror which bore Mrs. Cook's monogram (A;C.) and the inscription, "From friends at Sunny Corner and West Mitchell, August 16 1912. Mrs. Cook, in a few appropriate words, thanked them all for their good wishes and memento of her dear friends at Sunny Corner and West Mitchell.
Refreshments were then handed around, after which games were indulged in.
The evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," and the hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The local magistrates and police met at the Courthouse on Monday to bid farewell to Mr. J. Cook J. P., Mr. R. W. Magill, J. P., presided, and spoke feelingly of Mr. Cook's departure. He referred to his many good qualities and the ready assistance always rendered to his brother magistrates. They were exceedingly sorry to lose Mr. Cook. The whole of the honorary magistrates of the district were represented that day and those who were unable to be present, and also Mr. T. Miller, M L A had asked him to apologise for their absence and to wish Mr. Cook health and prosperity in his future home.
Constable Lumley expressed the gratitude of the police to Mr. Cook, who was always ready to assist them and the public in all matters coming under his position as a justice of the peace He had much pleasure in asking Mr. Cook's acceptance of a travelling bag and rug, and expressed the hope that Mr. Cook would use them frequently in revisiting Sunny Corner. The bag, which was of solid leather was mounted with a silver shield bearing the inscription; "Presented to Mr. J. Cook, J.P. by the magistrates and Police of Sunny Corner district, August.1912." The rug was a very fine one of Australian wool and manufacture:
Constable Head supported the previous speakers expressing his regret at losing a good neighbour and friend.
Mr. Cook in responding, said he regretted leaving Sunny Corner more than he could express but he believed it was for the best, and he had decided to go. The kindliest feelings had always existed between his brother magistrates, the police, and himself, and the token of their appreciation which he had just received would be treasured very much indeed. The function that day was a complete surprise to him, and he was unable to find suitable words in which to respond. He thanked those present and wished his thanks conveyed to those who were unable to attend for their valuable presentation to him, and also for their very kind wishes.

Mr. Charles Murray whose serious illness was reported in last issue is I am pleased to report much better, and hopes soon to be about again as usual.

28-8-1912 Potatoes from this district continue to realise very satisfactory prices in the metropolitan market. Last week Messrs. R. and G. Shumack sent away a truck load which brought £14 3s 4d per ton at Redfern, topping the market and beating the highest priced Tasmanian .potatoes by 3s 4d per ton. These potatoes were grown on old land, which has been cultivated off and on for the past thirty years. The crop averaged about six tons to the acre. With results like this there should not be any doubts about the future of this district, quite apart from mining developments, the agricultural possibilities seem wonderful.

The Church of England Sunday-school, which has been closed for a number of years, was re-opened on Sunday. The Misses Vena and Lily Nichols have undertaken the duties of teachers.

30-8-1912 Mining matters are very quiet here with the exception of Sunny Corner mine, there is practically nothing doing. Mr. Bridge has completed his work at Sunny Corner. He made a thorough survey of the surface and underground workings, and took samples from every part of the lode.

About two tons of bulk samples have been shipped to the Zinc Corporation's works to be tested by the philandreme oil process. They have over four hundred tons of ore at the surface here now. The work of cleaning up and timbering the old tunnels is being vigorously pushed ahead.

4-9-1912 As the Misses Vena and Lilian Nichols, of Warragullu, Sunny Corner, accompanied by Miss Jean Blunt, a visitor from Queensland, at present staying at Warragulla, were on their way to a musical evening given by Miss Smith, of West Mitchell last night, they diverted a few points from the proper track whilst taking a short cut through the bush. After going through water, crossing logs, dodging bushes etc., they heard some voices between their laughter at being bushed, and at once made a bee line in the direction of where they heard the welcome sounds. On reaching the spot, Messrs. Allan Mann and Thomas Persse came to their assistance, leading them carefully through the water and carrying them sometimes. But the best part of it was when kind Mr. Persse took off his coat, and putting it over the barbed wire fence, with the generous and willing assistance of Mr. Mann succeeded in getting the three over safely.

As Mr. Nichols of Dark Corner was standing on a snow covered log on Thursday afternoon, and taking in the grand scenery in the distance, he slipped and fell with his left leg under him, severely spraining the knee, he is unable to walk.

16-9-1912 Sunny Corner Police Court (Before the P.M)

William Vipen for having been drunk and disorderly, fined 10s, and costs 6s, or 4 days. Paid.

William Vipen for indecent language was fined 20s, and costs 6s', or 7 days. Paid.

Norman Gant, for having been drunk and disorderly was fined 5s, costs 6s or 4 days. Paid.

The information was laid by Constable Lumley. On the application of Constable Lumley a prohibition order was granted against Jas. Coghlan for, twelve months.

An auctioneers license was granted to Allan Mann of Sunny Corner.

A foot hawkers license was granted to Denis Considine of Sunny Corner.

25-9-1912 Two more of our old residents have jointed the great majority. Mr. Richard Paul died on Saturday night at his residence in Bathurst street. He had attained the age of 84, and was an invalid; for some time past so his death was not unexpected. His remains were interred in the Sunny Corner cemetery to-day (Monday).

Mr. James McCartney, storekeeper, of Dark Corner, passed away this morning. He had passed the allotted span by about twelve years, and had been a resident of the district for over thirty years, and was highly respected by all for his sterling honesty and straightforwardness. In his younger days he was a man of exceptional vitality, and passed through ordeals that would have proved fatal to any ordinary person. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs McCartney, who has not now a living relative in the country. The funeral will take place to-morrow at Kirkconnell cemetery.

With a view to raising, the sinews of war for the coming season, the local cricket club held a social in the School of Arts hall on Friday night. Mr. C. H. Chiplin acted as M.C., and Misses Murray and Llewellyn, assisted by Miss Flynn, of Portland, supplied the music. The function was highly successful, both financially and otherwise, the attendance being unusually large. The club promises to have a good season, and already the membership roll is in a very healthy condition.

30-9-1912 Word was received here yesterday (Friday) afternoon that Mr. Walter Bryant, of Mudgee, had been seriously injured, and very little hope of his recovery was held out. Mr. Bryant was a son-in-law of Mrs. Havenhand and immediately on receipt of the news, Mr. F. Havenhand and his son left for Mudgee by motor car. Later on the sad news was brought that the patient had succumbed to his injuries, which were caused by being thrown from his horse while rounding up cattle. Mr. Bryant and his brother, Mr. Albert Bryant, were for years leading butchers in Sunny Corner, the latter afterwards living some time here. The deceased was very well known round the district, and highly respected. He had built up a solid business in Mudgee since settling down there. He leaves a wife and ten children, for whom, and his relatives here, the greatest sympathy is expressed on all hands.

3-10-1912 The difference of opinion amongst the Turon Shire councillors annent the question whether the agreement between the council and the Sunny Corner Water Trust should be amended by increasing the amount of rent to be charged the caretaker culminated at yesterday's meeting, when the councillors arrived at unanimity. The agreement provided that the tenant undertaking to effect minor repairs, should pay a rent of 1s a week.

The council afterwards entertained a proposal to charge the caretaker 2s 6d a week rental.

To this the trust objected and a protest from that body was read at the meeting of the Shire Council yesterday. After discussion, it was decided, on the motion of Councillor Godfrey, seconded by Councillor Hodge, to adhere to the agreement.

4-10-1912 The weather here lately has been unusually disagreeable, and there is a good deal of sickness prevalent, Even the geese are suffering from cold feet and cramps, but with the coming of spring and warm weather these troubles will soon pass away.

One of our hotelkeepers is the proud possessor of a most versatile magpie, which talks, laughs, and whistles in a most natural manner. Jacko is a bit of a humourist in his way. When he sees a man walking past the hotel he whistles softly to him, and the gent thinking some kind friend requires him in the bar to give it a name, turns his steps thither, only to be met by a derisive burst of laughter from Jacko, who seems to quite enjoy the joke.

The Savings Bank has been removed from the post office to the police station, and as the Commonwealth has not yet made any arrangements for doing banking business here people will have got accustomed to the now order of things by the time the post office bank gets going.

9-10-1912 A quiet wedding was solemnised in the Kelso Roman Catholic Church yesterday morning, when John, eldest son of Mr. Michael Collins, of Newnes, was married to Millie, daughter of Mr. James Staines, of Sunny Corner. The

Rev. Father O'Brien performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given way by Mr. Michael Collins Jun , was attired in a white embroidered muslin costume, with white hat trimmed with white lace and orange blossoms. Miss Elsie Collins, the bridesmaid, was dressed in cream voile with silk insertions and buttons, and wore a pale grey silk straw hat, trimmed with lace and ribbon. After the breakfast the happy couple left for Sunny Corner. Their future home will be at Wallerawang.

16-10-1912 We did not participate here in the holiday for Lithgow Eight-Hour Day, but are to have our turn on Monday next, on the occasion of the Bathurst Eight-Hour demonstration. The local stores and the school will be all closed on that day.

The state of Mrs. Carmichaels health is occasioning much anxiety to her relatives and friends. Mr. Carmichael took her to Sydney a few days ago for medical attention, and an immediate operation was deemed necessary. The operation was not successful and another one will have to be performed. Mrs. Carmichael's condition was so serious that the children were sent for, and at latest advices little hope of recovery was held out.

Constable Head, of this station, has been also on the sick list for some time and left to-day for Sydney to seek further advice. An intestinal obstruction is stated to be the trouble.

21-10-1912 The weather lately has been as changeable and exasperating as the most fickle minded of the fair sex. Good rainfalls have been followed by drying winds, and warm sunny days by bitterly frosty nights, which have played havoc with the early potatoes:

Writer has had the whole of his crop, covering twelve square feet, cut down with the frost and the Vision of new spuds for Christmas dinner has been rudely shattered.

I regret to have to report that Mr. Thos. Baker, one of the oldest and most respected residents is seriously ill. Mr. Baker has had several severe attacks of sickness lately, and his condition is causing much anxiety to his family, friends and relatives.

Mrs. Carmichael has taken a turn for the better, and is so much improved that Mr. Carmichael and the family have returned home.

A meeting of the cemetery committee was held last night. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. Chiplin, presented a report which showed that the total receipts to date were £28 11s 8d, and the expenditure (for fencing material) £5 1Os. The following amounts were collected by Mr. C. Chiplin: £9 11s 8d (including proceeds of School of Arts social, £4 3s 2d), J. Martin £5 8s 6d, W. Anderson, £5 5s 6d, . Simpkins £2 19s, C. Murray £1 16s, 6d, J Thomas £1 6s, G. Fraser £1 4s 6d, A. Mann £1; making the total £28 11s 8d:

As this amount is not nearly sufficient to do the necessary work, the Government has been asked to make a grant to enable the work to be completed, and an officer has been sent to investigate. It is understood he has recommended that the wire netting required be granted by The Government. If this is done it will materially assist the trustees in their effort to place a new and substantial fence right round the cemetery.

28-10-1912 The Department of Lands advises Mr. J. Miller as follows :

Sir, — Referring to the application presented by you from Mr C. W. Chiplin of Sunny Corner, for grant towards the Sunny Corner cemetery, I have the honor to inform you that the Minister for Lands has approved of a grant of 11 rolls (1100 yards) of 'B' grade, 42 inch, 18 gauge, wire netting being made, the trustees to erect it at their own expense, and to arrange the cartage from the nearest railway station.

You are requested to intimate without delay the name of a trustee to whom the netting may be consigned to the nearest railway station.

22-11-1912 A lot of the graziers hereabouts are busy preparing for shearing, and mustering is in full swing.

The prevailing dry weather is causing some anxiety among farmers. The grain crops are rather backward. The few light showers that have fallen have not been sufficient to produce much growth. The potato planting is just about completed, and a good many farmers are trying fertiliser this year, with the hope of increasing the yield.

Mining matters are rather quiet still. Development work is being pushed ahead at the Sunny Corner mine, they are still driving on ore in the number two and a half and putting in a rise in the number four tunnel, this tunnel has been carried in considerably over a thousand feet. There is no sign of the old plant belonging to the former lessees being removed yet.

A syndicate, not a local one, has taken up the old Bull Dog lease, and a couple of men are now at work there. Some splendid patches of gold were got here in the old days, but the ground was not worked to any great extent, operations are mostly confined to shallow sinking. Nothing whatever has been done for many years past.

The Nevada mine seems to have lapsed for want of a quorum, or something, as it does not seem to be getting and "forrader."

25-11-1912 Mr. Thomas Baker, an old, highly respected resident, passed away quietly at his residence yesterday afternoon, after a protracted illness. The late Mr. Baker was nearly eighty years of age, and was a resident of the district for over half a century. For some years he was mail contractor and coach proprietor on the Sunny Corner route.

He has left a widow and grown up family, also numerous grandchildren, to mourn his decease. His funeral took place this afternoon, when the body was interred at the Meadow Flat cemetery.

A large concourse of relatives and friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

27-11-1912 Dark Corner. Our recreation ground has been brightened up by erecting a very nice wire netting fence ten feet high around the tennis court. The work was done under the able superintendence of Messrs. A. and H. Shumack, the contract being accepted by Messrs, Smith and Attwell, and the work substantially done by them.

Our roads are kept in very good order considering there is a fair amount of traffic.

Two of our local cricketers took part in the match last Saturday with Sunny Corner against Portland. One came out with the best bowling average for the day (seven for 21), and the other did fairly well in the first innings with, the bat.

Shearing has commenced here, and a very good clip is anticipated. Mr. Thompson has taken his sheep, some thousands, from his run at Palmer's Oakey, to be shorn at his headquarters at Brewongle.

29-11-1912 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill and H. E. Brown, Js.P.)

An auctioneers license for the police district of Bathurst for the year 1913 was granted to Charles Murray, of Sunny Corner.

4-12-1912 It is reported that the local post office is to be reduced to an allowance office.

The residents strongly object to the proposed change, but if the revenue is deficient, the department will pay little attention to any protest.

The continued dry weather is causing some concern, as the grass is rapidly withering away. A good downpour would be most welcome.

6-12-1912 A smart capture was effected here this Tuesday morning by Constables Lennon, and Mackay, of Bathurst, assisted by Constable Lumley, of the local police station.

The two persons arrested were wanted for breaking and entering at the Bathurst race course. The matter was only reported at 7 p-m on the previous evening. Police following on the track all night, made the arrest as stated, 25 miles from the scene at an early hour this morning. The accused were afterwards brought before the Sunny Corner Bench, and remanded to Bathurst.

16-12-1912 Our local police force is still one man short. Constable Head, who underwent a serious operation some time ago, is still on the sick list, and will not be able to resume duty for some time. There is altogether too much work for one man at this station, and with the festive season drawing near, the powers that be should see that an additional man is sent to assist Constable Lumley during the holidays, at any rate.

18-12-1912 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before the P.M.)

George Stait, charged with cruelty to one horse by leaving it standing for three hours in the suns rays in a loaded dray, and having a heavy load to support, pleaded Not Guilty. Constable Lumley deposed: I know defendant, a teamster, working between Sunny Corner and Piper's Flat. On December 7, I saw defendant at Murray's hotel at about 1 p.m. He had his team of five horses standing in the road attached to a dray loaded with cattle and sheep skins and tallow. At 3 p.m. I saw the same team standing near the recreation ground, a quarter of a mile from Murray's. The team had been pulled to one side of the road, leaving the of side wheel higher than the near side, the weight of the load was thrown on the back of the near side shafter the horse the subject of this complaint. The team was standing there at 5.30 p.m., and I went over to it. I found the near side horse in the shafts suffering pain through the weight of the load. I eased the shafts on the beast by putting the props down. The horses had been standing in the heat of the sun without any shelter or water considerably over three hours. I had previously cautioned defendant with reference to the cruelty of leaving his horses in this manner. After I had eased the horse I met defendant coming from Francis' hotel. He had had drink. I said to him, "What need was there for you to leave your horses in that condition all that time ?" He said: "I had to see Alanns about breaking in a colt." I said: "Did that take four hours ?, I am going to take action against you for cruelty to your horses."

To defendant: I can't say if there was an endless chain so as to equalise the weight on each horse, but I know the weight was on the near side horse, as I tried the shafts.

Defendant stated he did not want to give evidence. Fined 30s, and 6s costs, or 10 days' hard labor. Two days to pay.

A hawker's license for vehicles was granted to Charley Shirah, of Sunny Corner, for the year 1913.

20-12-1912 Our lovely telegraph system has put up another record. A few days ago a couple of bullock teams laden with wool passed through en route to Piper's Flat. A telegram ordering a truck was lodged at the local office and duly despatched, but when the teams arrived at Piper's Flat, the telegram had not yet reached there, and consequently the carriers had to wait for the truck. Bullock teams are not noted for speed, but in this case they were much too fast for the Telegraph Department. The local office is in no way to blame for the unreasonable delay, as the wire was despatched from here shortly after being lodged.

21-12-1912 Booth licenses were granted the following at the Licensing Court yesterday morning: William Foster, for the Wattle Flat races; Charles Murray, for the Sunny Corner races; and Thomas Condon, for O'Connell races, all on December 26, 1912.

Ten billiard licenses were renewed at the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday. The applicants were: S. C.S. Bareley (Bathurst), Frederick Burton (Sofala), A. S. P. Donaldson (Yetholme), Phillip Giddey Green (Oberon), Catherine Hyland (Sofala), H. McGowen and J. McSorley (Bathurst), Charles Murray (Sunny Corner), Michaed Toomey (Newbridge), and A. J. Wade (Rockley).

30-12-1912 A very pleasant and happy reunion of the residents of Mitchell's Creek and surroundings took place in the Union Church last night. Mr. Lean, who superintended matters at West Mitchell for many years in connection with the church, motored from Lithgow with his wife and sons, and acted as chairman to a very appreciative audience. The proceedings were opened with a hymn, after which the chairman offered up an earnest prayer appropriate to the occasion. Mr. J. Lean played a solo on the organ very nicely, and then followed a recitation contest by the Sunday school pupils, with the following results: Doris May Kissell, 81 ; Sylvia Grabham, 75; Allen Grabham, 82 ; Charles Guihot, 81 ; Harold Osborne, 80 ; Roy Odgers, 79. Miss Doris Kissell and Master Allen Grabham were each awarded a very nice book prize. It was quite a treat to listen to little Master Allen Grabham, a tot of only five years of age, saying his piece.; Mr. Reginald Nichols was warmly received in his song "Pegging Away." Four pupils Misses Sylvia Grabham, Ida Grabham, Maud, and Doris Kissell sang very nicely a hymn, after which Mr. A. Lean played a violin solo in great style. Another hymn by the pupils was well rendered. Mr. Symons recited a very nice piece with great effect. An anthem by Misses Vena and Lily Nichols and Messrs. A. Mann and R. Nichols was much appreciated. The Messrs. Lean brothers, with violin and flute, effectively rendered a very fine item. Previous to the next item a dialogue the chairman delivered a very earnest and impressive address to those present. The following took part in the

dialogue: Misses Attwell, Odgers, Withers, Nichols, and Messrs. Mann and Chapman. The dialogue was very interesting, each taking his or her part very nicely. Another anthem, "The Heavens are Telling," was sung by the previous anthem singers. Then the presentation of prizes took place, every Sunday-school pupil receiving a suitable book after the test prizes were awarded, thus ending a very happy and enjoyable Xmas reunion of many old friends.

Mr. Reginald Nichols has returned to his parents at "Warragulla", Sunny Corner, for his holidays. Previous to leaving Melbourne he heard the good news that in his arts course at the University there he passed in Latin, English, mathematics, honors in logic, and half through Greek.

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3-1-1913 The Sydney people who acquired the old Sunny Corner silver lead mine a few months ago, gave an option of purchase to a London metal company, which in turn passed the offer on to the Zinc Corporation, and the latter has now cabled notifying that the option will be exercised. As far as is known, a new company, with a capital of £200,000 or more will be formed to equip and work the property, which, though handy to Lithgow, was really the forerunner of the great Barrier field.

16-01-1913 Ethel May Munro post mistress at Palmers Oakey in place of John Bower.

10-1-1913 Work was resumed at Sunny Corner mine yesterday. No additional hands were put on, as it is anticipated that no extra men will be required till the new company takes control, and as there are a number of local men awaiting engagement it would not be wise for any others to come here seeking employment till something definite is known as to when extra labor will be wanted.

A parcel of 200 tons of ore has been sold to the Sulphide Corporation, and a start will be made to-morrow to cart it to Piper's Flat.

There are now two parties at work at Meadow Flat prospecting for tin. Messrs. Garland and Davis have been, working on Hade's property for some time, and have got very promising prospects, but operations are hampered through scarcity of water. The other party is prospecting on Mr. Dobbie's farm, but have only just started.

10-1-1913 Alfred, eldest son of Charles Murray, was found dead in bed this morning. He had been unwell a fortnight, but nothing serious was expected. His age was 32

13-1-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before R. W. Magill, J P.)

Vernon Hardie was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street, Sunny Corner, on December 21. Defendant did not appear; case adjourned to 17th inst.

Edward Coops, similarly charged, same time and place, was fined 10s, costs 6s, in default 7 days in lock-up.

15-1-1913 The remains of the late A, C. Murray, whose death occurred on Friday morning last, under peculiarly sad circumstances, were interred at Kirkconnel cemetery on Sunday. The funeral was one of the largest seen in Sunny Corner for many years, a long cortege of vehicles, horsemen, cyclists and pedestrians accompanying the remains to their last resting place. The deceased young man was only 34 years was very popular, and much sympathy is felt for his parents and relatives, all of whom are widely known and highly respected throughout the surrounding district. Father O'Brien officiated at the graveside.

20-1-1913 The grim reaper has again visited the home of our worthy townsman, Mr. Chas. Murray. The one to answer the call this time was Mrs. Sparks, sen., mother of Mrs. C. Murray and grandmother of the late Mr. Alf. Murray whose death under extremely sad circumstances took place in the same house just a week previously. Mrs. Sparks had reached the ripe age of eighty-one years, and has left a large number of descendants to mourn her decease. Among them are Messrs. J. and Alf Sparks (of Sunny Corner), T. Sparks (of Hartley) John Sparks (of Airly), Mrs. C Murray (Sunny Corner) and Mrs McCulla (of Yarranderie)

Word has just been received that Mr. James. Sparks son of the deceased lady mentioned above has been taken seriously ill in Bathurst, and that an operation is deemed necessary.

There have been three deaths among Mr. Sparks relatives since the New Year. First little Eric Lord, of Portland then his nephew Alf Murray aged 34; and now his mother, aged eighty-one.

24-1-1913 Mr. C. W. Chiplin head teacher of the local public school, has been advised that the five pupils who went up for the qualifying certificate examination last month, passed in a highly satisfactory manner.

Such a result is very gratifying, and speaks well for the ability of both teacher and scholars.

Mr. James Sparks, who was taken seriously ill in Bathurst last week, has been operated on for appendicitis, and is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

27-1-1913 An inquest was opened at the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, on the 10th inst., by Mr. Thos. Glissan, J.P., Coroner, concerning the death of Chas. Alfred Murray, Who, was found dead in bed early on the morning of that day. Const. Lumley represented the police. Const. Lumley deposed that he made an examination of the body about 8 a.m. on the 10th inst. There were no marks of violence. The legs were drawn up and the face and body discolored. He took possession of a bottle containing liquid, and also produced another bottle found in the bed room of the deceased.

Mrs. Murray, mother of the deceased, deposed that her son was 34 years of age.

She last saw him alive about 11.30 p.m. on the night of the 9th inst., when he asked for a drink. She gave him some egg and spirits mixed together, also some Chamberlain's remedy. Deceased had complained of his heart for about six months.

On December 27 deceased had a quantity of drink, and since then he had had three or four drinks of spirits each day. He complained of pains in his stomach. He had not been able to sleep very well since December 27th and Mr. Magill had been treating him. Witness gave him the medicine supplied by Mr. Magill. Deceased had a dose of the draught, supplied by Magill, about 10 p.m., the previous night.

R. W. Magill stated that though he was not a duly qualified medical man, he had studied medicine for 35 years. He had been treating the family for years. Since the 7th inst. he had given the deceased some white medicine, while he prescribed sleeping

draughts, chloral of hydrate and tincture of digitalis. Witness only gave him one dose of the latter, as he complained of pains in his stomach. On the 8th and 9th inst. deceased asked for the chloral, but he refused to give it to him. On the latter day he gave Mrs. Murray a draught containing chloral to give her son that night.

Dr. Sharpe deposed that he made a post mortem examination of the body. He found the right side of the heart dilated and hyper trophied. There were no signs of valvular lesions, the lungs and liver, were normal, but the latter was deeply pigmented. The kidneys and spleen were normal, but while the stomach was of the usual size, it was distended with gas, as were also the bowels, particularly the smaller intestines. He was unable to form an opinion as to the cause of death, so he took the contents of the stomach, and handed them sealed to Const. Lumley.

The inquest was adjourned until the 17th instant, and afterwards to the 25th.

On the latter date Const. Lumley produced the Government analysts report, which was to the effect that a small quantity of chloral hydrate was found in the contents of the stomach. The contents of exhibit "A" (bottle of medicine) consisted of chloral hydrate and traces of an alkaloid. The bottle marked "B" was nearly full of liquid containing sulphate of magnesia (not in solution) and a small quantity of vegetable matter. The Coroner returned a verdict of "Death from heart failure."

Mr. Stewart, our late much esteemed teacher, with his wife and mother, are here for a few days busy visiting his very many friends.

The Misses Vena and Lily Nichols have left to attend the Church Missionary Association summer school at Austinmer, on the South Coast.

At Warragulla four snakes have been killed during the past few days.

During the past week we have had quite a variety of changes in the temperature. Some days very hot, others quite wintry. Though we have had but a meagre rainfall here, the pasturage is fair on places not overstocked.

Having a few spare days on hand, I went to Lithgow and visited the ironworks and small arms factory there, and was exceedingly surprised and pleased with everything I saw.

Sunny Corner Police Court, (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

Vernon Hardie was charged with having been drunk and disorderly in Bathurst street on December 21 last. Defendant did not appear, case heard ex-parte. Fined £2, costs 6s, or one month in Bathurst gaol.

10-2-1913 On Wednesday, Mr. Thos. Glissan, coroner, of Portland, held an inquest at Sunny Corner Police Court touching the death of a child, Jessie McLachlan, three years old daughter of Mr. John McLachlan of Dark Corner. From the evidence adduced it would appear the child had only been ill a few days, and it was brought to Sunny Corner by the parents and a doctor wired for, but before he arrived the child had died. After evidence had been given by Constable Head, Mrs. McLachlan, and Dr Wilson, the coroner found, in accordance with the medical testimony that the child died from acute peritonitis.

From Dark Corner. During last Sunday and Monday afternoon two very heavy thunderstorms visited a corner of our Corner. About an inch fell during each storm.

At certain times of the day here one hears great reports as of cannonading, not the reports of blasting operations at Portland that, we hear very distinctly, but those arising from the novel way Mr. John Martin has in clearing the heavy timber off his property with dynamite/

A few of our residents here joined some from Sunny Corner in a working bee in connection with some urgent work at the Sunny Corner cemetery.

First-class Constable Head, who has been stationed at Sunny Corner for some years has resigned from the service, and is entering business as a general storekeeper at Branxton, on the Northern Line.

17-2-1913 The two hundred tons of Sunny Corner ore purchased by the Sulphide Corporation have it is reported, turned out satisfactorily, and at as probable that negotiations will be made for the purchase of another parcel. There are still between two and three hundred tons of ore at the surface. There is nothing fresh to report concerning the mine itself. Development work is being pushed ahead. A new tramline is to be laid into the bottom tunnel and a rise is being driven up to the number two-and-a-half. It will be the end of March, or perhaps later, before any operations on a larger scale are entered upon.

Mr. George Hemsworth has applied for a mineral lease of forty acres at Bulldog.

Mr. Poyitt is still cyaniding at Paddy Lackey.

C. Budden and partner are reported to be doing fairly well at Palmers Oakey on Mr. G. Parr's property.

Commoners have been elected for the ensuing three years as follows:—

Alfred Sparks, William Peter Oakes, Norman Armour Poyitt, Norman Gant, James Low.

5-3-1913 Tran. Teacher Mr. A. Nichols, from Spring Mount to Dark Corner;

17-3-1913 The drought appears to have broken up here at last. The weather, during the last week has been unusually cold and boisterous. Considerable damage has been done to property and stock are suffering severely, a good many having died already. Sunny Corner received its share of the great recent storm, buildings were unroofed, and fences blown down. The roof of Mr. Simpkins' carpenter's shop was lifted bodily and lodged in the School of Arts yard. The committee of that intuition are in need of some building material and it looks as if the elements were trying to help them to get it. The roof was also blown of my cows residence, and the iron strewn over the landscape, consequently the milk has been somewhat watery all the week. It is wonderful what a moving effect, the cold winds have had on firewood quantities of which have been blown quite out of sight. However the weather is not without its compensations. It is very favourable for the display of the latest designs in footwear and also hosiery.

A young fellow named Chappel a visitor from Sydney way, was accidentally shot here yesterday, he and his cousin were out shooting, when the latter fired at what he thought was a wallaby, with the result that his companion was injured in the leg, but it is stated the wound is not serious.

Mr. Clayton, the representative of the new company, has duly taken over the management of the Sunny Corner Mine. It is stated that the new company will have a capital of £250,000, and that the late lessees are to receive 20,000 paid up shares. A winding engine is to be placed at the main shaft for the purpose of cleaning it out below the No. 4 tunnel. The shaft goes 200 feet below this, and the water and debris from the bottom will be hauled to aplat in the tunnel and passed out. When the shaft is cleaned out steps will be taken to prove the extent of the ore body known to exist near the bottom.

Old hands are of the opinion that the mine will be a difficult one to work, owing to the irregular formation of the ore body and the state of the old workings. But Mr. Clayton is a man of wide experience, and the matter may he safely left in his hands. He has the sincerest wishes of all classes of the community for success in the work he has undertaken.

26-3-1913 There were quite a number of attractions here for the Easter holidays. The sports meeting on Saturday was an unqualified success. The weather was perfect and everything went off without a hitch, the horse racing and other events were all keenly contested, the tug-of-war particularly. Teams consisted of five men a side, and represented Sunny Corner, Portland, Dark Corner, and Meadow Flat. The final was between Sunny Corner and Portland. The former was represented by W. Berry, W. Hassell, H Walker, W, Smith, .and J, Wade, while the latter was represented by J Passeri, B. Passeri, S. Barry, H. Fergusson, and T. Carter. The local team had the advantage in weight, but youth prevailed, and the result was a win for Portland after a very strenuous pull.

A bazaar in aid of the R.C. Church was held in the School of Arts Hall on Saturday night and was well patronised, the takings for the night were nearly £20.

On Monday a tennis match between the local club and Mt. Lambie was played here and resulted in a win for the home team. There were a good many visitors present, and all hands were treated to afternoon tea.

A prize shoot was arranged by the Rifle Club, but owing to so many counter attractions, the attendance was not as good as it might have been. Some good shooting was put in, particularly by G. Shumack, who scored a possible at 200 yards and 37 (3 points less) at 300, and H. Poyitt, who got 38 at 200, and 36 at 300 yards.

28-3-1913 Now it is alleged the Zinc Corporation is behind the move to take over the old Sunny Corner mine. It was worked in 1884, and was the first mine in N S W that adopted what was called blast furnace and lead smelting. It managed to pay 15 dividends amounting to £90,000, or equal a return of £28-9s per £1 share. Then came the great fall in silver to 1s 5d.

2-4-1913 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Unsectarian Burial Ground: Messrs. John Grabham and Christopher William Chiplin (in lieu of Messrs. L. A. Tomkinson and C. G. Roberts, removed).

9-4-1913 Messrs. L. A. Tomkinson and C. G. Roberts have been removed from the position of trustees of the unsectarian burial ground, Sunny Corner cemetery, in consequence of having left the district. Messrs. John Grabham and C. W. Chiplin have been elected in their stead.

11-4-1913 Quantities of mining plant, such as trucks, rails, cages, etc., are now arriving for the Sunny Corner mine. A boiler has been placed in position, and as soon as the winding gear is fixed up, a start will be made to clean out the main shaft. This shaft was put down about twenty years ago at a cost of several thousand pounds, but has been very little used. It has now been repaired and will be utilised in cleaning out the lower levels of the mine.

A vigorous prospecting policy has been decided on, to determine whether the ore continues beyond the present workings. Although there is an immense body of ore in sight, it must be remembered that it is not in the form of a clearly defined lode, but is more of an irregular deposit, which varies considerably in its dimensions and formation, being quite flat in some places, and underlying at a sharp angle in others. It is stated that one of these flat bodies of ore is four acres in extent, if this is so, and similar bodies can be found at a lower depth, then the outlook will be very promising indeed.

It is stated that a diamond drill is to be requisitioned to test the new ground recently taken up on the western boundary of the Sunny Corner leases. The ore is making strongly in this direction, but unless it happens to make into one of the "flats" referred to above, the depth will be considerably greater than the three hundred feet mentioned in the article in the "Herald" recently.

Several men are employed at the Nevada, cleaning out and repairing the tunnel. It is proposed to thoroughly prospect this property also. Two additional leases have been taken up adjoining this, and another on the southern boundary of the old Montana mine, which is now included in the Sunny Corner leases.

An extensive plant is being erected at the Napoleon reef, and when this is completed mining operations will be resumed there.

16-4-1913 Assistant teacher. Miss C. Byrne, from Wellington to Sunny Corner;

18-4-1913 So far nothing has been done here towards taking part in the proposed celebration of the centenary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains. The idea of having a chain of bonfires on the hills at night is a good one, and seeing that Sunny Corner enjoys a greater elevation than any other western town the local Progress Association should take the matter up. A bonfire on the hill above the reservoir would be visible at Bathurst, Rylstone, Wang, |Portland, and Cullen Bullen, and also from the Conoblas at Orange, where it is proposed to have a big bonfire on the night of the centenary celebrations, May 28th. There is plenty of good burning material at the spot mentioned, and a few energetic workers ought to be able to build a fire big enough to make the uninitiated think the end of the world had come.

A meeting of the sports committee was held on Tuesday night. Mr. C. Chiplin was elected secretary, vice Mr. McCauley, resigned. It was decided to hold a sports meeting next month on the same lines as proved so successful in the past.

During a cricket match on the local ground, between Meadow Flat and a home team, last Saturday, two snakes were killed. In both cases players narrowly escaped treading on the reptiles, which were enjoying a sun bath on the grass.

25-4-1913 The gold won in Sunny Corner division during 1912 was 163oz., valued at £516, being a decrease of £599 on that obtained in the previous year. With the exception of Murray and Cook's battery, which treated a small parcel of quartz, the local batteries did not work. The Portland Gold-mining Syndicate did a considerable amount of prospecting work, a winze in the main drive being sunk to a depth of 60ft., and a shaft being put down 80ft. The old Outlaw shaft was cleaned out to 255ft., and driving was commenced at the 100ft level on a 6ft. lode, three feet of which is carrying gold. No assays of the stone were available.

Attwell and party continued operations, but with poor results. About 60 tons of ore are at grass awaiting crushing.

Most of the gold won during the year was the result or fossickers efforts.

28-4-1913 At the Sunny Corner mine some of the men have had to lay off owing to the non-arrival of the winding gear. This, however came to hand to-day (Thursday), and the work of cleaning out the shaft will be rigorously pushed on as soon as the winch has been fixed in position.

At the Nevada the tunnel has been cleaned up and timbered, and driving is to be proceeded with. The drilling plant is not yet to hand, but its arrival is daily expected. The men to work it are here, and no time will be lost in getting to work as soon as the gear is available.

There is plenty of labor available to meet all demands so far, and there are a good many former residents of the district awaiting the chance to return here as soon as employment is assured.

30-4-1913 The undermentioned gentlemen, who have left the district, are hereby removed from their positions as Trustees respectively of the portions of land hereinafter particularised, namely: —

Mr. J. Flynn, from his position as a Trustee of the portion of the General Cemetery at "Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground.

The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Roman, Catholic Burial Ground: —The Reverend Arthur Edward O'Brien, Messrs. James Murray, John Fitzgerald, and Richard Shumack (in lieu of the Reverend E. Flanagan, Messrs. John Murray and J. Duke, resigned, and J. Flynn, removed).

1-5-1913 A New Policeman. Constable Kennedy, who was attached to the Mudgee Police establishment for some months, left on Monday night for Sunny Corner, whither he has been transferred. He is succeeded at Mudgee by Constable Dunn, who for some time has been acting as orderly to Superintendent Mitchell, and is well known in the Mudgee district.

SPORTS at Sunny Corner, Saturday, May 24. Horse and Foot Races, Tug-o'-war. Increased prize money. Dance at night.

The work of baling out the shaft at the Sunny Corner mine is proceeding briskly, have the unwatering of the lower levels and Mr. Clayton, the manager hopes to be completed by the end of the week. Mining operations will then he vigorously pushed on, with the view of testing the extent of the ore body beyond the old workings.

The diamond drill and accompanying gear have arrived, and a start will be made with it to test the Nevada leases to-morrow (Thursday). It is stated that three drillings at an angle of forty-five degrees will be put down.

Mr. Jabez Mitchell and son have sent a six ton parcel of ore to Cockle Creek for treatment. Their claim is in the neighbourhood of the old Lagoon mine.

16-5-1913 The diamond drill at the Nevada Mine is now working full time, three shifts being employed. Mr. Donaldson, mining expert, is again in town in connection with the work.

The work of emptying the water from the Sunny Corner Mine is progressing favorably. A pumping plant has been installed and bailing operations are also being carried out. It is estimated the water will be lowered sufficiently next week to allow work on the lower levels to commence.

Mr. Mitchell, Superintendent of Police at Bathurst, was at Sunny Corner at the beginning of the week, inspecting the local police station. :

Mr. Wright, school inspector inspected the Sunny Corner, Dark Corner and Meadow Flat Public Schools this week and found matters on the whole satisfactory.

The local hotels are having their accommodation taxed, to the utmost at present, through the revival in mining matters.

Mr. C. Murray, purchased the booth license for the sports here on the 24th. The gates are being retained by the committee.

19-5-1913 Reynard seems to be coming in for a good deal of attention lately, more especially from poultry owners, among whom a sort of reign of terror exists. If the patriarchal rooster, dreaming of bye gone victories, happens to cackle in his sleep, his owner immediately jumps to the conclusion that Brere Fox is around, springs from his virtuous couch, falls over his boots, and rushes to do battle with the imaginary intruder. A local resident was aroused a few nights ago by a commotion among his fowls. Seizing a double-barrelled gun in one hand, an axe in the other, and holding his pyjamas with another, he dashed out to the scene of the disturbance, only to find that the family cow had intruded into the chook's sleeping apartment and upset the roost.

But Reynard has the habit of being there when you think he isn't. One man whose fowl yard had been raided set four traps close together to make sure of getting the marauder. He got a neighbor's dog, and it had one foot in each trap. Luckily there were no more traps, or he might have been caught by the tail as well.

Another gentleman has lost a fine lump of a pig, and probably the poor foxes will be blamed for that also.

21-5-1913 The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cohen was celebrated at their home, Illawarra-road, Marrickville, a few days ago. The worthy couple were married on April 29, 1888, at the Great Synagogue, Sydney, and for many years resided at Sunny Corner.

29-5-1913 Mining operations are still being pushed ahead at the Sunny Corner mine the task of unwatering the shaft and lower levels is just about completed, but there is a good deal of mullock and debris to be removed before an inspection of these levels can be made. As it is about sixteen years since they were worked, the state they are in can well be imagined. It is stated that should there be no ore showing in these drives new ones will be put in to test whether the ore continues down.

At the Nevada the diamond drill was down a little over a hundred feet when operations had to be suspended owing to the water in the creeks being unfit for use in the boiler. The water from Sunny Corner mine discharges into the creek and is so highly charged with mineral matter that it was corroding all the joints in the boiler. A pump has now been installed and drilling operations have been resumed. Mr. Alfred Sandstedt is in charge of the works.

2-6-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before. R. W. Magill, J.P.)

James Coghlan, charged with drunkenness in Bathurst street, Sunny Corner, May 27, pleaded guilty. Fined 10s, or 24 hours. Seven days to pay. Arrested by Constable Lumley.

4-6-1913 At Dark Corner. The spot on which our bonfire was lighted was on a prominent ridge on Mrs. Martin's property commanding a magnificent panorama, especially towards the Capertee Valley. Fourteen fires were observed, the brightest from here being on a spot located at Jews Creek trigonometrical station, though Sunny Corners looked very nice. Much interest was taken here in the event. Messrs. John Martin and Alexander McLachlan, assisted by Mr. A. H. Nicholls and his pupils, made a properly constructed stack of wood, for a bonfire, reaching very high in the air. It was lighted at the appointed time, and was burning beautifully when the ladies, gents, and school pupils left, at nine o'clock. The night's amusement terminated with a display of various fireworks.

6-6-1913 WALLACE.— In sad and ever loving memory of my dear Mother, Mary Wallace, who departed this life June 6th, 1908, at Sunny Corner.

Far away my thoughts do wander
To the grave so far away ;
Where they laid my dearest mother,
Just five years ago to-day.
Sadly missed by her sorrowing Daughter, Maggie Dargan.

9-6-1913 Our versatile Sunny Corner correspondent enters the lists to submit the very latest in prize pumpkins. Now that winter is upon us, and snake yarns are off, the overgrown spud and ponderous pumpkin are claiming attention. Writer does not believe in exaggeration, but they speak of a man down Palmers Oakey way who had a pumpkin so large that the inside fed a family of six persons, two cows, and a dog for a month, and the rind, which was preserved intact except for the opening at the top whence the inside was scooped out, is now used as a bathtub, by the family in question. Not necessarily all at one time, and not including the two cows and the dog.

Mr. W. Teslin, late of Newnes and now in this town, met with a rather serious accident one day last week. While on his way home from Wallerawang, the horse he was driving shied, and Mr. Teslin was thrown out, and sustained a fracture of the right arm, severe cuts on the head and face, and bruises about the body. He was taken to Portland, and after being attended to by the doctor was admitted to the hospital. Fortunately the horse stopped when Mr. Teslin was thrown out, so that no damage was done to the vehicle.

11-6-1913 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Church of England Burial Ground: — The Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Bathurst (in lieu of Messrs. C. G. Roberts, J. Simpkins, C. A. Marsden, resigned, G. Francis and W. H. Lord, deceased).

16-6-1913 The portion of the general cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Church of England burial ground, has been vested in the Church of England Property Trust, Diocese of Bathurst, in lieu of Messrs. C. G. Roberts, J. Simpkins, C. A. Marsden, resigned, G. Francis and W. H. Lord, deceased.

18-6-1913 Miss Rose Staines, daughter of Mr. J. Staines, passed away at her parents residence on Saturday afternoon. The deceased young lady had been ill for some time. The remains were interred in the Roman Catholic portion of the local cemetery this (Monday) afternoon. The Rev. Father O'Brien conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Albert Kissell, son of Mr. Martin Kissell, of West Mitchell, is at present in the Portland hospital, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Case At Sunny Corner Court. At the Sunny Corner Small Debts Court on Saturday last, Duncan McKinnon, proceeded against J. T. Bower, claiming £10, for wages alleged to be due for driving a coach at Palmers Oakey. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant pleaded not indebted as alleged. Two pounds had been paid to plaintiff since service of summons. Evidence was given by plaintiff and Ewen Ferguson and by defendant. A verdict was given for the plaintiff for £8 with 18s costs and 25s witnesses expenses, execution to be stayed until July 4. Mr. J. H. Mcintosh, of Bathurst, and Mr. E. R. Abigail, Sydney, solicitors, were in attendance at the court.

18-6-1913 The six ton parcel of ore sent by Messrs. J. Mitchell and son to Cockle Creek for treatment has resulted satisfactorily. This is a silver ore, and there is no difficulty in treating it. Indications point to improvement at depth;
At Sunny Corner, they are driving and rising in the lower levels, but no new developments' are reported. The ground is very hard, necessitating the use of a lot of explosive.

Mr. Loring, director, and Mr. Klug, geologist of the Zinc Corporation, paid a visit to the mine yesterday (Monday), and inspected the numbers four and five levels.

Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.)

Mary Murray, charged with supplying a prohibited person with liquor on May 27, pleaded guilty. Fined 20s, 6s costs, or seven days. Fine paid. Information laid by Constable Lumley.

Bert Staines, charged with using indecent language in Carrington billiard saloon, Sunny Corner, on June 6, pleaded guilty. Fined 20s and 6s costs, or seven days'. Fine paid, information laid by Constable Kennedy.

Margaret Coleman v. Mary Worrell, charge of unlawful assault, at Sunny Corner on May 16. Plea not guilty. After evidence by Margaret Coleman and Maud Smith for the prosecution, and Mary Worrell and Ada Collins for the defence, defendant was fined 10s, and costs 6s, or four days. Fine paid.

Mary Worrell v. Margaret Coleman, charge of unlawful assault, at Sunny Corner, on May 16. Plea, not guilty. After evidence by Mary Worrell and Ada Collins for the prosecution, and Margaret Coleman and Maud Smith for the defence, defendant fined 10s and costs 6s, or four days. Fine paid.

Mary Worrell v. Maud Smith; charge of unlawful assault, at Sunny Corner on May 16, Plea, not guilty. After evidence by Mary Worrell and Ada Collins for the prosecution Maud Smith and Margaret Coleman for the defence, defendant was fined 10s and costs 6s, or four days. Fine paid.

Mary Worrell v. Maud Smith, charge of insulting words in Bathurst Street Sunny Corner, on May 16. Plea, not guilty. After evidence by Mary Worrell and Ada Collins for the prosecution and Maud Smith and Margaret Coleman for the defence, defendant was fined 10s, and, costs 6s, or four days. Fine paid.

23-6-1913 Mr. Benjamin Sharp, who was operated on in the Portland hospital on Saturday night, died the same evening. The deceased who was forty two years of age, was well known having lived all his life near Meadow Flat. He has left a widow and seven children to mourn his death

30-6-1913 Another old district identity has passed away in the person of Mr. John. McDonald, whose death occurred on Friday morning at the residence of Mr. J. Dibley, Diamond Swamp. The late Mr. McDonald was the discoverer of the Mt. McDonald mine, which was named after him, and he was at one time possessed of considerable means, but had lately been in receipt of the old age pension. The deceased was 83 years of age, and was quite active up to the time of the seizure which carried him off. Only a fortnight ago he walked to Sunny Corner and back, a distance of 14 miles.

The population here is on the increase again. Besides some old hands who have returned, there are a good many new arrivals, and the wont of suitable houses is being keenly felt. The practice in the past was as soon as a house was empty, to sell it, and remove it to Portland for re-erection. Now it is impossible to get a house, and while the future prospects of the place are so uncertain, no one cares to start building. If it were known positively that the company intended to work out the ore in the mine, irrespective of any new finds, people would be assured of a few years of activity at least, and could arrange accordingly. But in the absence of any definite information on the matter they have to make the best of the very limited housing accommodation that is available.

3-7-1913 At yesterday's meeting of the Turon Shire Council, the following slaughtering licenses were renewed : William Sparkes, Sunny Corner; R. Burton, Sofala; J. D. Reed, Hill End; W J. Lenton, Hill End; W. J. Ingersolo, Kelso; and D. M'Alister, Wattle Flat. All the premises were reported to be kept in good condition.

11-7-1913 The local Progress Association met on Tuesday night, there being present Mr. W Chiplin (president), Messes. Clayton, Frazer, Llwellyn, Worrell. O'Dell, Heslin, and W. Francis. Among other matters it was decided to approach the postal authorities to have some alterations made in the mail service, which if sanctioned, will add greatly to the convenience of the residents.

The question of obtaining a horse ambulance was also discussed. There have been several occasions recently in which patients have had to be conveyed to the hospital in any old vehicle that could he procured, and it is a wonder that they survived the journey. After some discussion, it was left in the hands of the secretary to ascertain the cost of a suitable conveyance.

18-7-1913 Developments at the Sunny Corner mine have assumed an unfavorable aspect, and work in the No. 5 level has been discontinued. Practically the whole energy of the manager and staff has been concentrated for the past few months on the work of unwatering and cleaning out this level, and vigorously prospecting it, but no ore has been found there, and the services of about a dozen men have had to be dispensed with. Operations will be continued in the upper levels, but unless some fresh bodies of ore are found, the outlook will not be very encouraging.

Two drillings have been completed at the Nevada mine, and the third is down over 200ft, but the results are being kept very quiet. There is not even a rumor of any ore having been found.

21-7-1913 After two weeks drought the weather has again become unsettled. It rained nearly all the forenoon to-day (Saturday), and is still threatening, with a cold, boisterous wind.

So far this elevated village has not been affected by the smallpox scare. The health of the community generally is very good.

Some people are a bit concerned because their calves, or rather, their cows calves, are affected with ring worm, making them look very limp and dejected.

Speaking about vaccination; most people have this done on their arm, but others (members of the fair sex mostly), wishing to be somewhat different, go to the other extreme, and have the lower limb operated on. The vaccine is transferred from one calf to another, so to speak.

In ever loving memory of my dear brother, John Hemsworth, who died at Sunny Corner, July 21, 1908, aged 73 years. Gone but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving sister, M. A. Montgomery.

26-7-1913 At the annual meeting in connection with the School of Arts, 40 members attended. The president, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, was in the chair. In his presidential address the chairman congratulated members on the success of the past years undertakings. The year just ended showed a membership of 74, and the current month showed a membership of 80, the highest in the history of the institute. During the year 84 books had been added to the library at a cost of £10/5/. Members' subscription's had brought in £8-5s-3, but the subscription 6/- per year gents and 3/- per year ladies was the lowest in the State.

Altogether the receipts had been £101/14/2, and the expenditure £92/5/6, of which only £18 went in salaries for librarian and caretaker (by far the lowest in the State); thus leaving a credit balance in the bank of £9/8/8. The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows:

Patron Mr T. Miller M. L. A.: president, Mr. C. W. Chiplin; secretary, Miss Chiplin; treasurer, Mr. G. C. Frascr; librarian, Mr. J. Chiplin; committee, Mesdames Chiplin and Hays, Misses Murray and Llewellyn,, and Messrs. W. Francis, J. Fitzgerald, and C. Francis. '

After the meeting, dancing was kept up till midnight.

The final meeting of the Cemetery Committee was held in Mr. Murrays rooms for the purpose of presenting a balance sheet, and winding up the work of the committee: Mr. C. Murray occupied the chair. The secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, presented the balance sheet and report, which showed that the work of the committee had met with conspicuous success. The committee was formed originally to take steps for putting a new fence around the cemetery. As all the trustees but two had died or left the district, the trust was cancelled. The committee succeeded in raising £38 odd, and the Government provided wire netting. The result was that a splendid fence with box posts, barbed wire, and netting now surrounds the cemetery. As the Government are now appointing a new trust the committee will hand over to that body the cemetery in good condition, and possessed of a fence that should last 40 years. The hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, was congratulated on the very successful way in which he had brought the project to completion.

30-7-1913 The annual meeting of the Sunny Corner Civilian Rifle Club was held on Saturday at the Royal Hotel. Captain, T. B. Persse presided. The treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lumley, read his balance sheet, which showed that the club had a credit balance of £15 9s 9d. The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following result.

Patron, Mr. J, Miller, M.L.A. president, Mr. R. H. Bulkeley, J. P; vice-presidents, Messrs. Chas. Scott, J, Cook, and R. Murray; captain, Mr. T. B. Persse; secretary, Mr. A. H. Nicholls; treasurer, Mr. .J. E. Lumley; committee, Messrs. G. C. Frasor, D. O'Dell, N. A. Poyitt, and P. Kennedy.. The club has been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Nicholls as secretary. He is a great recruiter. The club was nearly defunct when he took office, and now there are thirty three members, and six new ones joined at the annual meeting. Altogether, the interest in the club is much keener than formerly. It was decided to hold a big prize meeting at the end of the year, and to invite the ladies of the town and district to co-operate in a monster picnic, to be held on that day. Already several handsome prizes have been promised for the rifle shooting. Mr. J. E. Lumley is giving a silver mounted pipe to the most regular attendant at practice until the end of the year. Several of the new members are shaping very well on the range, and if they stick at it the club should soon regain the proud, position it once held of having one of the best teams in the western district.

30-7-1913 The eviction of the Governor General did not arouse much interest here, but now nearly half our own population is threatened with the same fate. It appears that away back in 1887 all the Crown allotments in the town area were reserved from occupation under miners rights or business licenses but the fact was forgotten or over looked, and many people have been occupying these reserved allotments, and in some instances have built homes on them. It now transpires that such occupation is illegal. Recently the Progress Association moved to have the reservation lifted. Mr. Surveyor Stephens came out to investigate, and found some of the blocks being occupied under miners rights, and others under no rights at all, and consequently the fat is in the fire. It is not definitely known what will happen next, but there is no doubt that the rights of bona fide holders of mining tenements and business licenses will be respected. Having taken their money and given possession of the land, the department is bound to do this. A way out of the difficulty would be found by giving the occupiers the right of purchasing their holdings at reasonable prices, or renting them on a basis corresponding with the amount now paid for miners rights. It is fortunate that this contretemps, has occurred at a time when land values here are low, as the matter will now he settled without hardship to anyone.

4-8-1913 The funeral of Mrs. Michael Collins, whose death occurred on Saturday after an illness of seven weeks, took place at Sunny Corner cemetery yesterday. At the graveside, Mr. Chiplin, of the Public School, officiated in the absence of the clergyman. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. W. Boyd. The coffin was bedecked with wreaths.

6-8-1913 Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894 : Messrs. Christopher William Chiplin and Robert Waller Magill (in lieu of Messrs. J. Thomas and J. Cook, resigned).

8-8-1913 Dark Corner. The quietness of the place here is aroused sometimes through Mr. Drysdale Scotts operations in dynamiting trees, stumps, logs, etc., in order to clear some of his land preparatory for ploughing for the coming potato crop. The reports from the Portland works when blasting operations commence there are quite feeble by comparison.

An eucalyptus oil plant has been established at Warragulla by Master Wesley Nichols, he having had a little experience in the industry when, at school in Victoria a short time back. The plant can be put down at very little cost, and the local trees are very favorable for producing the oil by distillation. The same youth has also installed the electric light in one of the Warragulla rooms.

Quite a number of our young men have joined the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, and being fairly good shots in the bush promise to become experts at the game after a few visits to the butts. Mr. John Scott put up a possible at the 500 yards last Saturday, beating marksmen of the front rank of Messrs N. Poyitt and G. Shumack. If Mr. Scott continues so well one of our cracks, intends preparing him for Bisley next year.

A few youths of the district having purchased a pair of ferrets, have caused the rabbits to become very scarce in this neighbourhood. Also ferrets should be used where rabbits are plentiful. They are very easily trained to the work.

A very interesting and sociable euchre tournament took place at Miss Smiths West Mitchell, a few nights ago. Miss Grant won the handsome ladys gift, and Mr. Burn, a dark horse, the gent's.

In a recent report sent in of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, the names of Messrs G. Shumack. H. Brown, and H. Shumack were omitted from the committee.

11-8-1913 An application for suspension of labor conditions for three months on the Sunny Corner leases was posted at the mining registrar's office Sunny Corner, during the week by Mr. C. H. J. Clayton, on behalf of the Sunnyside Syndicate Ltd., and is dated August 9. The reasons given for the application are: That substantial expenditure has been incurred in mining operations on the leases, and the lessee is temporarily unable to continue such operations and requires reasonable time with in which to make necessary arrangements.

12-8-1913 The diamond drill, which has been working at the Nevada mine, is now closed down and is to be stored at Sunny Corner pending further operations. It is not known whether the drill was successful in locating the lode in the Nevada, and at present it is undecided whether the drill is to work on any adjoining or adjacent leases.

15-8-1913 Mr. James Murray's farm on the Bathurst road has been sold to Mr. Drysdale Scott, the sum paid being £300. The sale was effected by Mr. C. Murray.

Lord Lyon the fine draught stallion owned by the late Mr. Ben Sharp has been purchased by Mr. John Case.

Local farmers are busy getting their potatoes away to market. Tubers from this district are much appreciated for seed purposes, and very satisfactory prices are being realised.

Some changes are taking place among our business people. Mr. John Odgers, proprietor of the store and post-office at West Mitchell, has sold out to Mr. A. Attuell, and is buying the business of Mrs. Travers at Rydal.

Mining matters here are decidedly dull just now. The drilling operations at the Nevada mine proved fruitless, and, the Sulphide Corporation have turned the option down. The result is not altogether unexpected, as those who have had experience in this mine previously, assert that it is useless to look for anything at a depth, the ore body being more inclined to the horizontal than otherwise. The drills were put in at an angle, so as to strike one hundred and two hundred feet respectively bellow the old workings, but nothing worthwhile was found.

It is stated that there is a three feet vein in the bottom of the winze, and the only hope of finding anything larger seems to be in following this.

The late Louis Lloyd made £1100 out of this mine years ago, when copper was only £10 a ton, so at the present price it is well worth following up.

At Sunny Corner mine there are about twelve men employed, but if the application for suspension which has been lodged is granted these will probably be knocked off.

It is reported that negotiations are proceeding with the Goldfields Diamond Drilling Company to test this ground with the drill, and the plant lately working at the Nevada is being held here for the present, though of course the crew will be transferred to other places.

Mr. Carne, Assistant Government Geologist, inspected the mine on Saturday last, but his report is not yet available. Indications seem to point out that this mine resembles its neighbor, the Nevada, and the ore does not go down, but runs out horizontally, or nearly so, in a North-Westerly direction. If so, this would bring it under the site occupied by the old plant of the former lessees.

23-8-1913 The Warden said he would grant a partial suspension of labor conditions on the leases in question for one month from that day, 10 men to be employed.

29-8-1913 The four-year-old daughter of Mr. G. Shumack, of Dark Corner, was seriously injured a few days ago. It appears that the little one was standing in front of the fire, and by some means fell backwards upon the fire bars, and was severely burned about the legs and body. The little sufferer was quickly attended to, but in view of the serious nature of her injuries it was decided to take her to Bathurst for medical treatment.

This is the second occasion on which Mr Shumack has sustained injury by fire only a short time ago a large shed full of hay, harness, and station implements was totally destroyed, the loss running into £300.

There is a good deal of sickness among the juveniles here, but so far no serious developments have occurred.

10-9-1913 At the recent examination in the theory of music conducted by Trinity College London, two local young ladies, Miss Irene Sparks, daughter of Mr. Alf. Sparks and Miss Emmie Worrell daughter of Mr. C. Worrell, were successful these young ladies were prepared for the examination at the convent school, Cargo.

A very successful benefit social was held in the School of Arts Hall on Friday night last in aid of the Collins and McCulla families both of whom have had more than their share of misfortune lately. Though the weather was bitterly cold, and there was quite six inches of snow over the landscape, there was an unusually good attendance. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, and was kept going till midnight, when refreshments were served. Then after a short interval, dancing was resumed and kept up till daylight, thereby allowing everyone to go home, in time for breakfast. The position of M.C. was ably filled by Mr. C. W Chiplin, and the music was supplied by Misses Llewellyn, Murray, and Chiplin.

Both financially and otherwise the function was most successful.

The people of Sunny Corner have had many calls on them lately, and in every case have responded most generously and willingly.

12-9-1913 On Monday night, while Mr. P. Eagan was returning home, he fell off the horse he was riding, and appears to have died immediately, the cause of death, being heart failure. Mr. Eagan has been a resident of the district for many years. He and his family were widely known and much respected. Deceased, who was 78 years of age, has been living of late with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. J. Dawson, of Rosehill, Rydal road. The remains, which were enclosed in a beautiful cedar coffin, were interred in the Kirkconnell cemetery this (Wednesday), afternoon. The funeral was largely attended.

13-9-1913 A young lady collapsed in the main street and fell heavily to the ground. Assistance was speedily forthcoming, and after an hours effort she was brought back to consciousness. The girl a total stranger, had walked from Portland in search of a young man whom she was anxious to find. She afterwards walked back to Portland.

15-9-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court. At the Sunny Corner police court yesterday, before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M., the following business was transacted.

For neglecting to send his child to school the required number of days for the half-year, ended June 30, 1913, John Strickland pleaded guilty. He was fined 5s and 6s costs.

Constable Lumley v. William Heslin for neglecting to send his child to school the required number of days for the half-year, ended June 30, 1913. William Heslin pleaded not guilty. After evidence had been given by Constable Lumley and C. W. Chiplin school teacher, defendant was found guilty and fined 2s 6d, with 6s costs. The fine and costs were paid.

17-9-1913 A pleasant social evening was spent in the Union Church recently as a send off to Mr. .John Odgers and family, who are leaving for Portland. Songs, recitations, and games were indulged in, and Miss Odgers was presented, with a beautiful gold brooch by her friends and fellow workers.

Miss Smith spoke feelingly of the services as organist rendered to the church and Sunday School by Miss Odgers for a number of years, and hoped she would continue the good work in her new: home. Miss Odgers suitably responded in a neat speech. Refreshments were handed round and the evening in the singing of the hymn. "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

22-9-1913 Teams representing Portland and Sunny Corner rifle clubs met on the local range on Saturday. The conditions of the match were nine men on each side, seven shots each at 500 and 600 yards. The weather which was cold and misty, was very unfavorable for rifle shooting, but never the less some good scores were recorded.

24-9-1913 Mr E S Can, M H R, has been informed that in view of the falling off revenue derived from the West Mitchell, Dark Corner, Palmer's Oakey mail service, it has been decided to decline the tenders already received for the performance of the service, twice weekly (the existing frequency), from 1st Jan next, and call for fresh tenders for a twice-weekly service, tenderers to specify a separate price for a once-weekly service.

25-9-1913 The Rev. E. Dyer, celebrated a very quiet but pretty wedding at the Methodist Parsonage yesterday afternoon, when Thomas, eldest son of the late Mr. Mark Tattersall and Mrs. McGill, late of Hill End, was married to Grace, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Royal Stait, of Sunny Corner. The bride was dressed in cream crystalline trimmed with insertion and lace, and wore a hat to match. Her present from the bridegroom was a gold brooch. Miss E. Tattersall acted as bridesmaid, and wore a cream striped voille dress trimmed with lace and a hat to match. She received a gold brooch, from the bridegroom.

After the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the home of Mrs. John Young, of Bentinck-street, sister of the bride, where the reception was held. The newly married couple received many handsome and useful gifts from their many friends. Their future home will be at Sunny Corner.

26-9-1913 Mrs. J. McCULLA and family, of Sunny Corner, desire to tender their very sincere and heartfelt thanks to all those kind friends who contribute so generously to the recent benefit function on their behalf, and especially to the Secretary and Committee who inaugurated the movement, and brought it to such a successful issue.

29-9-1913 A very enjoyable social eventuated last Friday night at the residence of Mr. John Shumack, Dark Corner in aid of the funds of building a Roman Catholic presbytery at Portland.

About fifty couples were present, including visitors from Palmers Oakey, Sunny Corner, and Sydney. Dancing commenced at about half-past seven and was kept going until daylight.

2-10-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court, before Mr. R. W. McGill, J.P.,

George Williams was fined 5s, or 24 hours, and 10s, or seven days, for drunkenness and obscene language, respectively. Constables Lumley and Kennedy made the arrests.

3-10-1913 M. COLLINS and Family, of Sunny Corner, desire to tender their sincerest thanks to the members of the United Laborers Association of Portland, and to all those other kind friends, who contributed so generously to the recent benefit movement on their behalf, Also to the secretary and committee who initiated the, movement, and to all who helped to carry it through to such a successful issue.

17-10-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. A. B.C. Burke, M. P.)

Charles Morris Wilson was charged with obtaining the sum of £4 18s 6d from Charles Murray by falsely representing that a certain cheque, drawn by C., M. Wilson on the Bank of New South Wales, head office, was a genuine order for £5, with intent to defraud. Constable Lumley stated accused was arrested the previous day, and asked for a remand for eight days, for production of evidence.

Remanded for eight days. Bail allowed, self in £40, and one surety of £40, 1 or two in £20 each.

18-10-1913 Inquest At Sunny Corner. An inquiry was held yesterday by the Coroner, Mr. T. Clissan, into the circumstances surrounding the death of William Parker, an old-age pensioner.

Constable Lumley deposed that he went to the hut of deceased on Tuesday last and found him lying on the floor near a chair from which he had apparently fallen. There were no marks discernible on the body. James Percy Pearse, farmer of Meadow Flat, stated that he had known Parker for 20 years. Witness was at the hut of deceased on Tuesday morning at about 9.30 a.m. He asked the latter how he was, and deceased replied that he was no better. Parker had frequently complained about pains in the region of the heart. Thomas Edward Pearse, farmer Meadow Flat, deposed he had known Parker, who lived about half a mile from his house, for 28 years. Deceased was a single man and had only personal property of about £5 in value. He often complained about being unwell and was 69 years of age. He went to the hut of deceased about 6 p.m. on Tuesday last to deliver a parcel, and found him dead in the chair. His brother Frank touched deceased and he fell off the chair on to the floor.

A verdict to the effect that death was due to natural causes was returned.

20-10-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court.

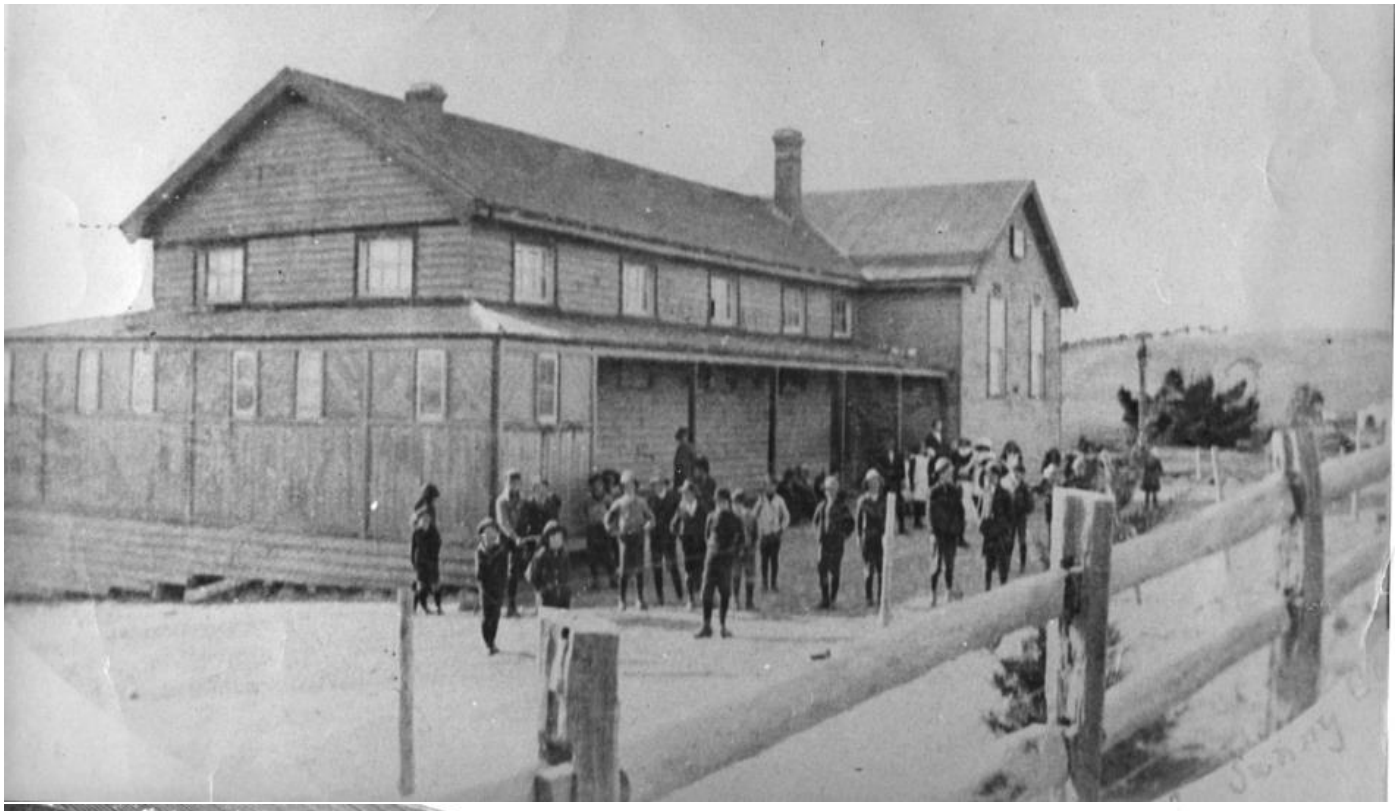
Charles Morris Wilson was fined £10 with £2 12s 6d expenses, with the alternative of four months gaol on a charge of having obtained £5 from Charles Murray a local hotelkeeper, by means of a valueless cheque. Accused, who pleaded guilty, was arrested by Constable Lumley of Sunny Corner.

21-10-1913 Following upon the recent rain, the outlook for the coming season is very promising. There is an abundance of feed and water, and crops are doing well, and provided they are no late frosts, the fruit crops should be heavy.

Mining matters arc still quiet. There are about 16 men employed at the Sunny Corner mine and ore is now being raised. It is reported that negotiations are being made for the despatch of 2000 tons of ore to Broken Hill for treatment. If the arrangements are carried out, it will stimulate the industry considerably.

At the annual meeting of the Sports Club, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. G. C. Frascr; secretary, Mr. C. W Chiplin, treasurer Mr. C. Murray. It was decided to hold a meeting on November 1 next, the usual programme to be carried out, with some additions to the prize money.

22-10-1913 SUNNY CORNER SCHOOL





5-11-1913 SUNNY CORNER POLICE COURT (Before R. W. Magill, J.P.)

John Howard, charged with using indecent language in Silver-street Sunny Corner on November 1, pleaded guilty. Fined 15s, or seven days. Four days to pay. Arrested by Sen. Const. Dolman and Const. Lumley.

A very successful sports meeting was held on the Sunny Corner racecourse on Saturday, although the attendance was not so good as on previous occasions. A days sport was provided, and except for unsatisfactory running in the last event everything passed off well. The action of the stewards in declaring the handicap a "no race" was favorably commented upon by all those interested, including the owner of the winning horse.

A ball was held it night, and was largely attended, the function proving a most enjoyable finish to the day's outing.

7-11-1913 A quiet wedding was solemnized at St. Albans' Church, Five Dock, Haberfield, on Wednesday the 22nd October, Rev. J. Boardman officiating, when Emily eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Miles, The Waratah, Grenfell, was united to Mr William L. Murray, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Chas. Murray of Sunny Corner. The bride was given away by her grandfather, Mr William Lawson.

14-11-1913 A very successful social was held here in aid of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge, M U I I.O.O.F. Bro. D. O'Dell acted as M.C., and filled the position to the entire satisfaction of all present. Misses Murray and Llewellyn provided the music in their usual good style. Dancing commenced at eight o'clock, and with the exception of the interval for supper was kept going vigorously till daylight. The lodge members wore their regalia, and thereby added further attraction to the function, which was most successful, both financially and otherwise.

The gold won in this division during 1912 was 163 oz., valued at £516, being a decrease of £599 on that obtained in the previous year.

With the exception of Murrays and Cook's battery, which treated a small parcel of quartz, the local batteries did not work. Most of the gold won during the year was the result of fossickers efforts.

19-11-1913 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr, C. Jennings, P.M.)

Francis John McDonald was charged on summons that he did at Eusdale near Sunny Corner, on the 4th November, cruelly ill-treat one black mare. Plea not guilty.

Constable Lumley who laid the information, said he saw the mare suffering from a broken leg. The near hind leg was swinging. There was a lump on the inside of the hock on which was a raw sore, which rubbed on the opposite leg. When attempting to move about the paddock the mare moved in a circle, and when she tried to use the broken leg it gave no support, and the mare was put to pain in grazing to keep itself alive.

Francis John McDonald the defendant, gave evidence to the effect that the mare broke her leg on the 14th June, and he wrote to the Government veterinary surgeon and followed his advice in treating the mare. He kept the mare in slings for seven weeks, and then had her in a barley paddock for some time. Afterwards he took her to the gully where the constable saw her. The leg was not swinging, and she could use it quite as well as the others for walking. He fed and cared for the mare daily. He destroyed the mare on November 5 as the constable told him that he would summon him again if he came out and found the mare in the same state.

Evidence for the defence was also given by Eric Stuart McDonald, Arnold Henry McDonald, and Norman Graham. Defendant was fined 40s, and 6s costs, or 14 days. One month to pay.

Leonard Attuell summoned by Constable Lumley for using indecent language in Bathurst street Sunny Corner, on the 1st November, pleaded guilty, and was fined 20s, costs 6s, or seven days. Paid.

On the application of Constable Lumley, a prohibition order was granted against John Howard, of Sunny Corner, for twelve months. Costs 6s, or 24 hours, against, defendant.

24-11-1913 Dr. John Fitzgerald Grady, M.D. is a remarkably personality. He is the oldest medial man in the Commonwealth still practising his profession. Although he will have reached the great age of 93 in February he continues active in the discharge of his duties in the township of Sunny Corner, where he holds the position of Government Medical Officer for the district, such an example of vigour in a nonagenarian is rare.

Dr. Grady lives quite alone in a small house which he has occupied for the past twenty eight years, and has no one to assist him, preferring to attend to all his wants himself. He does not use any conveyance, but makes his journeys to his little circle of patients on foot and with untiring energy. He is quite a prominent feature of Sunny Corner life.

The doctor was born in County Limerick Ireland, on February 1 1821, the year that Napoleon died, and his school days were contemporary with the epoch of the famous Daniel C. Connells activities. During his long life he has encountered many stirring periods.

He left Ireland in the eventual year of 1848, when the violent speeches of the Young Ireland Party were stirring the people to arms, an agitation which ended in the arrest of the leaders after the suppression of the "Tipperary Rising."

Going to Canada he remained there nine years, and in 1857 crossed over into the United States. Soon afterwards the great Civil War broke out there, and Dr. Grady enlisted in an independent corps of volunteers rinsed in the north against what was termed "the Southern Rebellion". While still undergoing the process of training, however he quarrelled with the captain of his company, and this dispute ended in him demanding his discharge. As soon as he received it he shook the dust of the States from his shoes and went back to Canada, but in 1864 he returned to the Republic and settled in California. He remained there fifteen years, but the desire for change again seized him and in 1879 he sailed from San Francisco for Sydney in the “City of Sydney”, being as he is particular to state; "a first-class passenger."

He arrived in this city on July 9 1879 being then 58 years of age. Later he took up his residence at Hill End. He stayed there only seven months, and then removed to Sunny Corner, where he settled in the same house he now occupies. It is a building of limited dimensions, and presents all the appearance of a bachelors den. Its occupant is a voracious reader, and his books and papers form a miniature mountain, sloping from one of the walls, down to the very floor. Dr. Grady has no near relatives

in this State, but a cousin resides in Victoria. In spite of his great age, he is hale and hearty and exhibits no failing powers, with the exception of a slight deafness. A recent visitor found him filling up a life insurance paper for a local resident in a neat 'legible' hand. He cooks all his own food, and has not touched any intoxicant for over twenty years. He believes that the bracing mountain air has contributed in great measure to his long life.

26-11-1913 The Zinc Corporation has definitely decided not to exercise its option over the Sunny Corner mineral leases, for the reason it is stated, that there is not sufficient ore in sight to warrant the erection of the necessary plant to treat it. The men are now employed dismounting the plant in preparation for sale or removal, and as far as the option holders are concerned, operations will cense at the end of the present month, when the obligation of complying with labor conditions will devolve upon the Sunnyside Syndicate in London. What that partys intentions are is not known at present. Considerably over £5000 have been spent by the Zinc Corporation, but nothing has been got in return. About 700 tons of ore have been raised, but is still on the ground, not having been disposed of.

There is nothing to indicate what the future prospects of the mine are, and further developments are anxiously awaited.

28-11-1913 Police Court. (Before Mr. A. B. C. Burke, P.M., and Mr. H. E. Brown, J.P.)

Auctioneers licenses for the police district of Bathurst were granted to Charles Murray and Robert Waller Magill, both of Sunny Corner.

The Portland Gold Mining Syndicate was granted three months suspension of labor conditions on their prospecting areas situated at Turpin's Gully, parish of Coolamigal, Sunny Corner. No objections.

3-12-1913 The Sunny Corner Tennis Club entertained the late president, Mr. C. H. Clayton, at a farewell tennis party on the court yesterday owing to the closing of the mine of which he has been manager for the past nine months. Mr. Clayton is leaving the town early next week. Before the party dispersed the new president, Mr. A. H. Nicholls, spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Claytons many good qualities as a citizen and as a member of the club.

8-12-1913 The death is reported of Miss Edie Lord, sister of Mrs. J. Sparkes, and a former resident of Sunny Corner. It appears that death followed on an operation for an internal complaint. Miss Lord was very popular and highly respected here

The Federal authorities have arrived at a decision regarding the local post office it is to be made into a contract office, and Miss Llewellyn has been appointed postmistress, this change means that the telegraph instrument will be removed and a telephone installed, and until this is done the business will be conducted as heretofore. The present postmaster and mistress have proved most courteous and obliging during their residence here, and have won the good will and confidence of all. Though everyone will be sorry to lose them their many well wishers will be glad to hear that they have been promoted to a higher position at Copmanhurst, on the Northern Rivers.

22-12-1913 A very pleasing function took place in the School of Arts Hall on Wednesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Fletcher were entertained at a complimentary social and made the recipients of a purse of sovereigns, by the residents of Sunny Corner and the surrounding district.

24-12-1913 The annual social in aid of the R.C. funds will be held at Sunny Corner on New Years Night.

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2-1-1914 Sunny Corner has been “en fete” for the past week, and many and various have been the functions promoted to entertain the large number of visitors what arrived for the festive season here.

The first effort was a bazaar in aid of the Church of England, held on Xmas eve and the two preceding nights, the result being very satisfactory. On Boxing Day and the day following, the races were held. The weather was perfect, the rain on Christmas Day having freshened everything up. The race ball was held in the School of Arts Hall on Boxing night, and was a most pronounced success

The total receipts of the meeting were £79 12s, the expenditure £54 0s 9d, leaving a net profit of £25 11s 3d which, added to the credit balance, leaves the club with a balance of £38 2s 6d to go on with.

2-1-1914 TITUS.— In loving memory of my dear daughter, Rose Ann Titus, who died at Cobar, January 2, 1903, aged 32. May her soul rest in peace. Inserted -by her loving mother, M. A. Montgomery. West Mitchell.

5-1-1914 A very enjoyable concert was given in the local hall by the members of the Sunny Corner Tennis Club and a few friends, to a very appreciative audience. The programme commenced with a bagpipe selection, by Mr. McDonald, who was nicely clad in a very fine Highland costume.

5-1-1914 On Thursday night a very nice reunion of the residents of West Mitchell and its surroundings took place in the Union Church at that place. The chair was occupied by Rev. B. G. Nichols. A very fine selection of suitable hymns, songs, etc., was rendered by the musical people of the district.

7-1-1914 The failure of the brakes while the Sunny Corner mail coach was travelling down a steep hill near Green Swamp yesterday, caused the horses to bolt, with the result that the vehicle was dashed against a culvert and completely overturned. The driver and proprietor James Sparks, now is in the Bathurst District Hospital in a grave condition.

Two passengers, one an elderly man named John Francis and the other a boy about 10 years of age also.

The coach left Mr. L. Pipers hotel as usual yesterday morning, and when on the top of what is known as the W. A. Lang hill about ten miles from Bathurst the driver noticed that something was wrong but before he could act the two horses got beyond control and dashed down the steep gradient. When nearing the bottom the vehicle collided with a culvert with tremendous force. The pole snapped off and the coach completely turned turtle.

The driver was thrown out and when picked up was found to have sustained serious injuries, both legs were fractured, the left below the knee, and the right above. He was also bruised and considerably cut about the face. Francis escaped with a shaking and some abrasions, while the boy, who jumped out before the impact, escaped with a shaking.

The provisions and mails, with which the coach was laden, were strewn over the roadway. The horses, which were afterwards captured, were also considerably damaged. The injured driver was conveyed to Bathurst Hospital, and today his condition was critical. He is a married man and resides at Sunny Corner with a large family. Mr. Sparks has had a heavy run of bad luck during the past twelve months, having been incapacitated most of that time through illness, besides which, there were five deaths among his near relatives during the same period.

9-1-1914 It is notified that the following tenders have been accepted for the conveyance of mails, as from the 1st instant West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, twice a week — Charles G. Grant, West Mitchell, horseback, one year, £52. Conditionally.

Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, six times a week, and Sunny Corner West Mitchell, and Yetholme via main road, six times a week, Fanny Knight, Yetholme coach, two horses.

Rydal to Sunny Corner horseback or sulky between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, three years. £140 per annum.

9-1-1914 Another local identity, in the person of Mr. Henry Brown, has joined the great majority. His death occurred at Rookwood Asylum a week or two ago. He was a native of Hamburg, and a bricklayer and stone mason by occupation, he had resided here for many years, and was over eighty years of age at the time of his death. His great ambition was to return to the Fatherland before he died, but fate decreed otherwise.

23-1-1914 It has been very quiet here since, the holidays. Most of the visitors have gone. The onlythings that seem to be flourishing just now are the boarding houses at Kirkconnell and Yetholme all of which are crowded. Occasionally a coach load of tourists make their way here and spend a few hours in our exhilarating atmosphere. One and all are enraptured with our climate, and beautiful surroundings.

The telephone has been installed at the post-office and the Morse instrument removed.

Mr Sparks who was seriously injured, in the coach accident recently, is now making good progress towards recovery.

Mr. J. Littler, who is at present in a Sydney hospital with a bad hand is also doing well. Two fingers had to be removed, but it was thought at first that the arm would have to be taken off.

26-1-1914 Some time back a public meeting was held and the trustees of the common were requested to take steps to abate the goat nuisance by which the place is badly afflicted. It was further decided that all goats should be labelled and the number restricted to six for each family. Apparently the common trustees are suffering from gout or paralysis in the hips, for no steps have yet been taken, and there are now more goats than ever. Kip Van Winkle was a hustler compared to a lot of the public bodies which are supposed to look after the peoples interest, but do nothing with great energy.

In addition to the goat, there is another curse coining home to roost. Most of the lads hereabouts are the more or less proud possessors of families of ferrets. These animals were brought in for the purpose of assisting to exterminate rabbits. But numbers of them have escaped from their owners, and already there are complaints from poultry owners whose fowl yards have been invaded by these nocturnal marauders. In course of time when their numbers have increased it will be an impossibility to keep poultry at all. Bunny is a curse, no doubt; but he has his redeeming features, whereas the ferret has nothing but an obnoxious odour as a setoff against the many undesirable qualities, and the said "odour" is not a negotiable commodity.

At the William-street Methodist Church Bathurst yesterday morning, the Rev. G. Read, married William, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Grabham, of Sunny Corner, to Helena (Lil), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. R. Sinclair, of Clear Creek. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a white lace over silk, and wore a white tagel hat, with the trimming. Miss "Flo" Sinclair, the only bridesmaid, was attired in a cream silk stripe voile, with guipure trimmings. She wore a cream hat to match. Mr. Aiden Shumack acted as best man. The happy couple subsequently left by the passenger train, en route for Jenolan Caves, where the honeymoon will be spent. A beautiful lot of presents were received.

Constable Kennedy, who for a few months was stationed at Mudgee and is now attached to the police force at Sunny Corner has been holidaying in Mudgee. He looks well, and says that the 'Corner' has been altogether misnamed. In his opinion the bleak winds that characterise the winter months don't bear out the town's reputation for being "sunny.' However, he likes the place, and is, we understand, already very popular with the people. Constable Kennedy is comparatively new to the force, but he is the makings of a smart and efficient officer. We wish him luck.

30-1-1914 The sports club held another very successful meeting on the local race course, on Monday last. The weather was ideal and though the attendance was not so large as at the previous meeting, matters were better from a sporting point of view. There were nearly 20 horses competing in the various events.

6-2-1914 Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Fitzgerald and Family, Sunny Corner, desire to express sincere thanks to all friends who sent cards, telegrams, and wreaths in their sad bereavement.

A shocking accident, by which a young married man named William Barry was killed, and a cousin named Samuel Barry met with severe injuries, occurred at Piper's Flat this afternoon. The two men had taken a contract from the Commonwealth Cement Company to further sink a shaft, already down about a hundred feet, for the purpose of obtaining a supply of water for the companys colliery at Pipers Flat. They only commenced operations this morning, and while both men were down in the shaft this afternoon about 3 p.m., an explosion took place.

The cause is at present unknown, but as a result Samuel Barry received severe injuries, and was at once removed by the company's locomotive to the cement works. Dr. Wilson was at the works when the patient arrived, and after examination ordered his removal to the local hospital.

The doctor and some ambulance officials then went out to Pipers Flat, where the body of William Barry had in the meantime been raised from the shaft. Dr. Wilson pronounced life extinct. An examination of the body showed that terrible injuries had been inflicted, both legs and one arm having been shattered, in addition to frightful injuries to the head. The body was removed to the morgue at the Portland.

The deceased was about 28 years of age and had been married about 18 mouths. He has left a wife and one child. Both young men are well known in the town and Sunny Corner district, and highly respected. The utmost sympathy is expressed by all hands for the relatives and friends.

7-2-1914 The West Mitchell battery is being overhauled, and got ready for crushing several small parcels of stone from the Big Hill, to be treated on account of local prospectors, also another lot from "Bushrangers" for a Portland syndicate.

J Mitchell has been prospecting at Bob's Creek, and has a trial crushing awaiting treatment.

At the Sunny Corner mine there are about on the surface, 700 tons of ore, valued at £4 a ton. It should prove useful to anyone enterprising enough to take up the leases.

11-2-1914 Dark Corner. A very pleasant tennis match took place last Saturday on the local recreation ground, between the Palmers Oakey and the Dark Corner teams, resulting in a very easy win for the former team, which comprised some very good players, and thorough good sports.

The visitors were entertained at midday lunch and afternoon tea and all spoke very highly of the fine spread prepared by Mrs John Shumack and her admirable daughters. The court was in very good condition, being prepared by Messrs. Herbert Shumack and John Scott. Quite a number of very smartly dressed young ladies were present. The return match is to be played at Palmers Oakey very shortly.

Master Robert Byers, a local youth, purchased a pair of young ferrets quite recently and was training them in their work, which was being satisfactorily done in every way. He received quite a surprise when on going to the cage to have a look at his pets, after having given them milk he observed a large black snake coming out, and discovered his fine pair of ferrets both dead; killed by the snake, which must have been attracted by the milk.

The recent very hot and dry weather is putting our district in a rather bad state.

Mr Surveyor Blackett and his staff have been busy surveying a large block of local land recently acquired by Mr. A. Grabham.

A few of our local shots were successful in gaining some medals at the late Sunny Corner competition shoot. In addition to the trophies presented to the Sunny Corner Rifle Club for the competition shoot on February 28th next, Mr. S. Mann has donated a fine pair of military hair brushes in a nice case. Mr. Charles Murray has also given a nice trophy, a silver crown piece dated back very many years ago.

11-2-1914 A very successful concert was held in the Methodist Church on Saturday evening last. The Rev. C. E. Williams presided. The attendance was very good, and an admirable programme was presented; the only fault was that there was not enough of it.

The funeral of the late William Barry, who was killed at Pipers Flat on Friday, took place on Saturday at Meadow Flat cemetery, the funeral started from the residence of the deceased in Portland, headed by the Cement Company's Employers Band played the "Dead March". A large number of workmen followed, as well as representatives of various friendly societies in funeral regalia.

The officers of the Free Gardeners, of which the deceased was a member, marched alongside the hearse, and a large number of members of the order followed immediately behind. The cement company was represented by Mr. J. Saville, manager, and Mr. E. J. Clarkson, chief engineer. In the number of vehicles the funeral was the largest ever seen here, nearly forty being driven. In addition there were many horsemen. Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat, and other surrounding districts were well represented, showing the respect in which the deceased was held by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The band played the cortege to some distance out of town, after which the procession of pedestrians was broken, while the vehicles proceeded on their way to Meadow Flat.

13-2-1914 Mr. W. G. Piper, who was for some years manager of the Kirconnell estate, leaves Bathurst to-day for Lake Cudgelico, where he will open in business as auctioneer and stock and station agent.

The friends of Mrs. W. Walshaw, of Yetholme, will regret to hear of her serious illness. Unfortunately, owing to advanced age, very little hope is held for Mrs. Walshaws recovery.

Mr. William Edward Montgomery, of Sunny Corner, died in Bathurst yesterday, at the age of 73 years, after about a months illness. Deceased, who was well respected, had lived in the Sunny Corner district for over 50 years. The funeral will take place at Sunny Corner on Saturday in the Church of England portion of the cemetery. The family left are the widow, seven daughters, and two sons, all grown up. Much sympathy is extended to the relatives in their bereavement.

16-2-1914 There is some likelihood of the local Methodist Church being removed, part of it to be used in Portland, and the balance in Cullen Bullen: The building, is seldom used now, but its removal will leave a vacancy where it will be most noticeable. It is also stated that several other buildings are to be sold and taken away.

20-2-1914 Many of the wool clips in from this neighbourhood have been sold at very satisfactory prices, 10 ½ to 12 ½ pence per pound being the general run of prices realised.

In a few instances the musterings revealed serious shortages in the flocks and although there are always some sheep short every year, the number this time is unusually large. Stray dogs have accounted for a few but the majority have vanished entirely, wool, bones and all, and this seems to indicate that the sheep are not lost, only gone before (someone they did not belong to), and never to return.

27-2-1914 Applications were lodged at the Warden Clerk's Office, Sunny Corner on February. 25. for two mineral leases of 60 and, 20 acres, in the Parish of Castleton, County Roxburgh, by Mr. J. Kemp, Charleston. The area applied for cover the old Sunny Corner leases.

6-3-1914 Sunny Corner Wardens Court. (Before Mr. A. B. C. Burke, Warden.)

The Portland Gold Mining Syndicate was granted three months suspension of labor conditions on their prospecting areas at Turpin's Creek, parish of Coolamigal. Mr. George Toyer appeared for the syndicate,

Authority to enter private lauds, portion 24, parish of Falnash, in the names of J. Garland and J. T. Davis, was cancelled for noncompliance with labor conditions.

7-3-1914 Miss Margherita Ngharad Llewellyn, Semi-official Postmistress, Sunny Corner, to be Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of Macquarie at Sunny Corner, vice Fletcher, resigned, from the 19th January, 1914.

First Class Constable John Everett Lumley to be Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of Macquarie at Sunny Corner, vice Miss Llewellyn, resigned, from the 12th February, 1914.

11-3-1914 The following members of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club have been selected to take part in the match on the Sunny Corner range next Saturday, the 14th instant, against the Lithgow Club, ten men aside, seven shots each at 500 and 600 yards. Captain T. B. Persse, N. Poyitt, J. Shumack, O. Mann, G. Shumack, W. Francis, C. Scott, H. Murray, H. Shumack, and J. Scott. Emergencies: J. Chapman and R. Shumack.

A very pleasant tennis match took place between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner on the formers court last Saturday, resulting a win for Sunny Corner by a small margin.

11-3-1914 Sunny Corner, Constable Patrick Kennedy, during the absence of First Class Constable Lumlcy, on leave, from the 5th March, 1014.

5-8-1914 Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894: William George Sydney Francis, Esquire (in lieu of Mr. N. A. Poyitt, resigned).

13-3-1914 First-class Const. J. E. Lumley has been appointed assistant district registrar of births, deaths, and marriages at Sunny Corner.

There is quite a vigorous shoot in the grass, and vegetation generally seems to have taken new life, but more rain is required to keep things going. Creeks and dams are still dry, and the ground is too hard for ploughing.

Constable Lumley is away on holidays at present. Constable P. Kennedy will be in charge of affairs here during Constable Lumley's absence.

The office of registrar of births, marriages and deaths has been removed from the post office to the police station. Provided he has the necessary accomplice, a man can now receive sentence of penal servitude for life (i.e. get married) by paying a small fee to the registrar.

The P.A. is moving in the matter of having a public telephone installed at the post office. It is expected the instrument will be installed and available to the public about the end of the present month.

16-3-1914 McCUBBEN. March 12 1914, at her brother's residence, Sunny Corner, while on a visit, Christina McCubben, of Leichhardt, relict of the late John A. McCubben, aged 76 years. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

18-3-1914 To-day (Monday) a thunderstorm occurred, and 40 points of rain were registered. This will freshen herbage again.

Blackberry picking has been quite a feature here for the past few weeks, numbers of people coming from Portland to secure a share of this luscious fruit, which is to be had here just for the trouble of picking it. Owing to the dry weather, the crop was not as heavy as usual, but the quality was excellent.

"With reference to my communication of the 7th April last, relative to the desire of the Sunny Corner Progress Association (Mr. G. G. Fraser, hon. secretary), that telephonic communication be established between that place and Portland, I have to intimate that a telephone line has now been erected between the Wallerawang-Portland trunk line and Sunny Corner, and service was given on the 29th ultimo". E, T. YOUNG, Deputy Postmaster General.

25-3-1914 Further splendid rains fell here on Saturday and Sunday, making a total of three inches since Monday last. Many of the water holes have been filled, and the outlook for the coming winter is much brighter.

26-3-1914 David G. Poyitt son of Mr. Poyitt of Sunny Corner, who has been a student at the Mudgee District School, and who gained high distinction in mathematics in the Honor Matriculation Examinations, has added another to his list. He recently passed the Matriculation Examination at the highest standard and is now eligible to enter any of the following professional school in connection with the Sydney University: Economics, Science, Medicine, or Engineering. Our young friend intends to enter the Engineering school.

1-4-1914 The rain did some damage at Dark Corner by washing out a quantity of potatoes and carrying away the soil. At Palmer's Oakey the storm was exceptionally heavy. A couple of miners had a very narrow escape. They were working in a drive in their shaft and were of course unaware of the heavy rain above. Another miner working close by fortunalley remembered them, and warned them just in time. They had just reached the surface when the water, rushed in, completely filling the shaft. Another man working in the neighbourhood, lost his shirt and pipe, he was sinking a hole and had laid his top shirt and pipe on the bank. When the storm came on, he ran for shelter leaving his furniture behind. When the waters receded the above mentioned articles were 'posted missing".

6-4-1914 A nice specimen of gold was picked up by a man working with Mr. Surveyor Blackett at Dark Corner recently. It was found right on the surface, weighs nearly an ounce, and carries very little stone with it. There are no indications of any reef thereabouts and some are of opinion that the specimen had been lost by someone many years ago.

22-4-1914 Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, 14 miles; six times per week. Sunny Corner, Yetholme, and West Mitchell, 9 miles, six times per week, coach and two horses between Rydal and Sunny Corner, horseback or sulky, between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, Fanny Knight, £149, to December 31, 1916.

West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, 15 miles, twice a week, horseback, Chas. G. Grant, £52, to Dec 31, 1914.

1-5-1914 At the Sunny Corner Police Court, on Wednesday, an auctioneer's license for the police district of Bathurst was granted to Mr, W. E, .Tweedie, of Portland.

6-5-1914 In the Sunny Corner mining division the gold yield was 265oz., valued at £808, an increase of £292 the previous year.

8-5-1914 At the last meeting of the Turon Shire Council the following letter was received from the Sunny Corner water trust: “The Water Trust is in receipt of a letter from the Progress Association, containing a resolution passed by them and framed in very discourteous terms. As the chairman of the P. A. (Mr. Berry) is also the shire president, we feel that he should have protected the trustees from such an unwarranted insult more particularly as we are merely gratuitously acting as the agents of the Council and have no authority to incur expenditure. That we have not been given control over it is amply borne out by the fact that the Council's officers have effected repairs and removed material (which we are supposed to be responsible for) from the reservoir without informing us. We have done our best to protect the interests of the Council, and in so doing may have incurred the displeasure of some.

Under the circumstances, we feel that we cannot do other than tender our resignations.

One member, Mr. J. Martin, resigned a short time ago, and two others, Messrs. J. Cook and N. Poyitt, have left the district.

Some time ago we recommended that meters should be put on in place of those that are not registering, but this was not attended to”. The Council's attention was also drawn to the rabbits in the reservoir embankment when the trust was first formed.

Cr. Godfrey moved that the resignations be accepted, and that "Mr. Carmichael be given a month's notice to quit from the caretaker's office”. Ever since the trust had taken over the waterworks, things had been unsatisfactory, he said. Mr. Egan, the maintenance man, should be substituted. There was a great danger of the dam being penetrated by the rabbits.

Cr. Cousins supported the motion, and the Council agreed to Cr. Godfrey's suggestions.

15-5-1914 Mr. A. McDonald, one of our most progressive and successful farmers, has had to undergo a very serious operation in Sydney. The nature of the complaint is not known definitely but it is some internal trouble. At latest advices Mr. McDonald was doing as well as could be expected.

The exodus of population still continues, Mr Poyitt's family have removed to the metropolis, and Mr. Charlie Worrell and family have gone to Portland. Other projected departures are rumoured.

18-5-1914 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.)

Constable Kennedy v Robert Staines, charge of riotous behaviour, in Bathurst Street on April 8. Case heard ex parte. Found guilty and fined 10s and 6s costs, or four days.

25-5-1914 There is a good deal of sickness prevalent here just now. Mr. P. Fitzgerald, of Bob's Creek, has been laid up with a bad attack of pleurisy, and his condition was so bad that a doctor from Portland was called in, he is now making satisfactory progress towards recovery. Mrs. Chas. Murray of the Royal Exchange Hotel, has been to Sydney to consult a specialist about her eyes, which have been causing her some anxiety lately. The trouble was pronounced to be cataract, but nothing can be done at present to afford relief.

Mr. A. McDonald, who recently underwent a serious operation in Sydney, is reported to be doing well, and is expected home shortly.

Mr. J. Sparks is making a good recovery from his recent severe accident, and is now able to get about with the help of a pair of crutches, but it will be some time before he can recover his former activity.

Mining matters are still stagnant. The only movement that has occurred for some time is the removal of the pump from the Sunny Corner mine, where it has lain unused for many years. It is reported to have been sold for irrigation purposes in Tasmania.

The diamond drilling plant used on the Nevada was stored here when operations were finished there nearly twelve months ago. This is now being removed also, it was thought at one time that it might be used to test the Sunny Corner leases, but faint hope is now dispelled.

After being idle for a good many months the West Mitchell battery is being put in working order again, so possibly some reefing may be tried again.

1-6-1914 Mr. E. Durack, M.L.A., has been notified by the Under-Secretary Public Instruction Department that the Minister has approved of the preparation of full plans and specifications for alterations and repairs in connection with the Sunny Corner public school. The matter has been referred to the departmental architect for the necessary action.

3-6-1914 Mr. James Egan, of Sunny Corner informed yesterday's meeting of the Turon Shire Council that Mr. Carmichael, late caretaker of the Sunny Corner water reservoir, had left the district, and he, the writer, had taken charge of the keys. Everything, he thought, was all right at the works.

Mr. J. Carmichael wrote acknowledging your letter with my dismissal as caretaker. He also desired a cheque for wages on the basis provided in Municipal and Shires Employees Award. Otherwise, he would be forced to put the matter in the hands of the Union Secretary, for recovery of the difference. But as the majority if the Council were staunch labor men, he did not think there need be much fear of forcible payment.

After laughter had subsided, consequent on the reference to 'staunch labor men,' Councillor Godfrey said 'We had better let the 'staunch labor men' have a go at it.' (Laughter). President Berry moved that the letter be received.

Councillor Godfrey: Is that all ? (Laughter). After the motion had been carried, the President said he was willing to let the writer have a go (laughter).

A communication was received from Mr. W. H. Henlen (Solicitor) stating that he had issued a summons on behalf of the Council for rent for the Sunny Corner residence. The case will be heard at the Bathurst Court House on June 5.

6-6-1914 WALLACE. — In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Wallace, who departed this life 6th June, 1908, at Sunny Corner.

Dear is the grave where you are laid,

Sweet is the memories that never fade;

Roses may wither and, leaves fade and die,
If others forget you, never will I.
Sadly missed by her sorrowing daughter, Maggie Morgan.

There was an echo of the Sunny Corner water supply control incident in the Police Court yesterday morning when Mr C Jennings, P M , was called on to adjudicate in a case of Turon Shire v James Carmichael, in which the former sued the defendant for rent due for his residence at Sunny Corner while in charge of the water supply there.

Frederick Cooper, Turon Shire clerk, stated that Carmichael was indebted to the Council in the sum of £4/4/, which represented the rent due for a long tenancy of a cottage at Sunny Corner at the price of 1/ per week. In correspondence to the Council, defendant did not deny his liability. He had been caretaker at Sunny Corner.

Mr H. Henlen appeared for the plaintiff Council

An order for the payment of the amount and 4/9 costs was granted.

8-6-1914 It is proposed to cancel on June 17 the gold mining lease of G. Attwell and others, Sunny Corner, 3 acres in the parish, of Castleton.

12-6-1914 A branch of the Liberal Association has been formed at Sunny Corner, the officials being: President Mr. Charleston, vice presidents, Messrs. H. E. Brown, and C. Scott; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Magill.

13-6-1914 Trustees have just purchased the Carrington Hall at Sunny Corner, and are removing it, for a school hall, to Cullen Bullen.

16-6-1914 A man named Emile Rumby, with a couples of aliases attached, who is alleged to be identical with a man who escaped from Warder Graham at the Central Railway Sydney, whilst being conveyed from Maitland on two charges of false pretences, was arrested at Glanmire yesterday afternoon under peculiar circumstances, and after an exciting chase. First Class Constable Lumley, of Sunny Corner, had been scouring the country in search of the perpetrators of two robberies at Meadow Flat and Green Swamp, and near Glanmire saw a man carrying a swag along the main Sydney road. The individual appeared to be reluctant to answer the questions put to him by the Constable, and made some pretext in order to get over an adjoining fence. In overhauling the swag, the constable discovered a pair of handcuffs, and when he looked up he saw the individual racing at full speed across the paddock. The suspect at the time had a start of nearly 100 yards, and proved very fleet. Seeing that he had no chance of overtaking the runaway, the, policeman drew his revolver, and fired two shots into the air, with the two-fold object of frightening the man and attracting attention. The shots had the effect of attracting Mr. A. E. Ivatt, and the result was that the suspect was captured after a sharp struggle.

Rumby was arrested on a charge of being a suspected person, and on arrival at Bathurst was at once identified by Constable Chuck and Sergeant Sheehy as an escaped prisoner, with the result that the charge of escaping from lawful custody was preferred against him, and also, another of having the handcuffs unlawfully in his possession.

He will face Mr. C. Jennings, P. M., at the Bathurst Police Court, this morning.

19-6-1914 A report from Sunny Corner states that there was a heavy snow-storm there on Tuesday night. There is a foot of snow in the open parts, and several feet in drifts.

22-6-1914 As the result of a social and collection on behalf of Mr. George Attwell of Sunny Corner, the very handsome sum of £35/6/ was realised. At a meeting of the committee it was decided to hand over this sum to Mr. Attwell. The social was run without expense, as the School of Arts gave the hall free, and the music was supplied by Misses Llewellyn and Murray and Mr. C. W. Chiplin, the latter acting as M.C. The lists were subscribed to very liberally, the most successful being that of Mr. J. Martin, who collected £14/6/. The effort shows that Sunny Corner is still noted for its liberality in subscribing to deserving cases. Mr. Attwell is suffering from miners pthisis, which he contracted as a result of working in the Paddy Lackey mine.

Our Sunny Corner correspondent closes his last report, in which he refers to a collection that had been subscribed for Mr. Attwell, who is suffering with miners pthisis with the following significant observation. It is remarkable that every miner who worked in the Paddy Lackey mine has been affected with pthisis.

SUNNY CORNER POLICE COURT. (Before lt. W. Magill and H. E. Brown Js.P.)

George Williams and Victor Ariansen were charged in company that they did, at Meadow Flat on the 13th instant, steal one electric torch, one revolver, one box of revolver cartridges, and some sugar, of the value of 34s, the property of Enoch Widell.

Const. Lumley deposed: On the 15th inst, in company with Constable Prowse, “I saw the two accused near Kelso. I said to them”, "Where did you come from?" Williams replied "From Sydney," I said, “Have you been together all the way?” replied ”Yes." I said, "There are some things missing from Meadow Flat; I wish to see what things you have on you." Searched the accused Ariansen first. I got the electric torch from his coat pocket, and said, "Where did you get this?" He said, "I bought it from Hutchisons in Sydney." I said, "I believe this is identical with the torch stolen from Meadow Flat where is the revolver?". Williams pulled the revolver from under his vest and said, "Here it is I might as well give the things up and get off as light as we can", I said, "Where are the other things?" Williams replied, "Back in our swag"', which, I found alongside the road.

From the swag I got the box of cartridges produced. I said; "Where is the sugar?."Ariansen said, We ate it." I arrested the accused, and conveyed them to Bathurst, where they were remanded to Sunny Corner.

This morning I charged them with the offence. They made no reply

Thomas Lyons Williams deposed: I have seen the accused before at Meadow Flat on the 12th instant.

Enoch Widell deposed: I am a farm labourer and reside at Meadow Flat. I do not know the accused. I identify the revolver, electric torch, and box of cartridges produced as my property. I saw them on Friday or Saturday the 12th or 13th instant. They were in my bedroom. I value them at 34s. -

Accused elected to be summarily dealt with and pleaded guilty. Fined £2, in default one month in Bathurst gaol.

The same accused were also charged with stealing at Walang, near Yetholme, on the 14th instant, one razor, and other goods to the value of 10s, the property of W. H. Young.
After evidence by Constable Lumley and W. H. Young for the prosecution, the accused elected to be dealt with summarily, and pleaded guilty. Fined £2, in default one month, concurrent with previous sentence.

26-6-1914 Mr. and Mrs. G. ATTWELL wish to tender their sincere thanks to all kind friends who so generously assisted with subscriptions and benefit raised on their behalf through ill-health. West Mitchell.

25-6-1914 Some very fine specimens of potatoes grown at Dark Corner were sent by Messrs. Ted and John. Bennett to the school to be placed with other items of interest in the school collection. One, an Early Rose, was ten inches long and six inches in circumference. A Freeman weighed nearly 3lb. The potatoes were grown in new ground.

1-7-1914 The death occurred this morning at Railway Street Cowra, of Mr. John McDonald an old resident of Wattle Flat and Sunny Corner, at the advanced age of 86 years.

3-7-1914 At the recent vestry meeting held at Holy Trinity Church of England, the treasurer's (Mr. C. Chiplin) balance sheet showed a 25 per cent increase in the offertory and stipend fund over the preceding year. It was decided to try to devote £4 towards the purchase of a horse and sulky. The rector (Rev. F. J. Harris) made reference to the departure of Miss L. Nicholls, by which the Sunday school was deprived of its superintendent. Much regret was expressed at Miss Nicholls departure, and the loss of her services to the Sunday school and church. The Sunday school will be continued by Miss Baker, assisted by Mrs. Magill. As the rector said it was amazing how the faithful few at Holy Trinity Sunny Corner, kept things going so well. The bulk of the work, however falls on Mr. Chiplin, who since he has held the position of rectors warden, has been mainly instrumental in paying off the church debt, also for the purchase of a new organ, and for improvements to the church property, all of which have been paid for, and there is still a balance on the right side of the ledger. It was decided some little time back to insure the church buildings. Mr. R. H. Bulkeley very generously donated the first year's premium.

9-7-1914 A meeting was held at Kirkconnell on Sunday last, and in spite of the weather, a large number of the people attended. The general secretary addressed the meeting, and at the conclusion of his remarks a branch of the Catholic Federation was established, to be named the Sunny Corner branch.
Prior to this gathering, a meeting had been held, with good results, at Dark Corner.
Mr. P. Kennedy was appointed secretary at Sunny Corner.

10-7-1914 Polar weather conditions prevail here at present. Yesterday afternoon a blizzard came on. It snowed heavily for a time and has been freezing hard over since. The surface of the ground is like glass, and only those who are forced to, venture out of doors.
Water pipes and taps are frozen and it is difficult to get water for domestic purposes.
Fortunately, the hotels have good stocks of liquid refreshment, and the winter of our discontent is made glorious.

A very successful euchre party was held in the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday night last. Mr, W. Sparks won the gents, and Miss McCauley the ladys prize.

The telephone cabinet is to be erected shortly, the sooner the better. Under present conditions a fellow shivers so violently he can't hold the receiver steady nor speak without stuttering. The change will deprive the local small boy of a good deal of cheap amusement. It tickles his fancy immensely to see an apparently sane citizen talking disjointedly to an affair, stuck on the side of the wall.

15-7-1914 The marriage of Allan, son of Mrs. S. Mann, of Sunny Corner, and Katie daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson, of Bathurst, was celebrated at St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church last evening. Rev. J. H. Robertson was the officiating clergyman. The bridal dress consisted of white hypatia satin, finished with ermine. The customary wreath and veil were worn. There were three bridesmaids— Misses Mabel and Effie Johnson (sisters of the bride), and Miss Cook (niece). Mr. Peter Johnson was best man. The bridegrooms present to the bride took the form of a gold wristlet watch, and to the bridesmaids he presented a silver hand bag and gold bangles respectively.
The brides present to the bridegroom consisted of a gold sovereign case. The bridesmaids were attired in white muslin, inserted with cluny lace and Juliet cap.
The subsequent reception was held in the Oddfellows Hall. The honeymoon win be spent in Sydney. The future home of Mr. and Mrs Mann will be Hornsby.

The annual meeting of members of the Sunny Corner School of Arts was held on Saturday night last. Despite the fact that it was a cold snowy night and that there were two other meetings in progress at the same time, over 20 members were present.
The President (Mr. C. W. Chiplin) addressed the meeting; His report showed that during the year a new piano, costing £70, had been purchased, and that books to the value of £12 had been added to the library. There were 58 members enrolled during the year, and 41 were financial at the end of the year (June 30):
The total receipts for the year were £75 16s 11d; and the expenditure £70 19s 8d. For a small place like this these figures must be considered very satisfactory. A special vote of thanks was accorded the President at the conclusion of his address.
The following officers were elected for the year. President, Mr. C. W. Chiplin (re-elected), vice-presidents, Messrs. H. E. Brown, J.P. R. H. Bulkeley, J.P. R. Llewellyn, and W. Francis, secretary and treasurer, Miss G. Chiplin, committee Mrs. Chiplin, Misses Llewellyn, Murray, and Shumack, and Messrs. G. Fraser, P. Kennedy, C. Francis, G. Stait, librarian and caretaker J. Chiplin; auditors G. C. Fraser and R. Llewellyn.
The business of the meeting over, the rest of the evening was spent in dancing.

17-7-1914 The health of the community here, generally is pretty good. The weather has been hail and hearty, even vigorous, too. The past fortnight for three days the maximum registration was 33 degrees, and the minimum got down to 17

degrees. These observations were not made on the pub veranda but are the registrations at the official weather bureau, and are the lowest, since records have been kept here and that is fourteen years.

18-7-1914 What may be regarded as unique in the way of dental operations, writes our Sunny Corner correspondent, was performed here a few days ago. The combined ages of' the operator and the patient totalled nearly 170 years. Dr. J. F. Grady, aged 94, performed the operation, and can safely claim to be the oldest qualified medical man in practice in the Commonwealth.

20-7-1914 HEMSWORTH. In loving remembrance of my dear brother, John Hemsworth, who died at Sunny Corner, July 21, 1908, aged 73 years. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his loving sister M. A. Montgomery.

23-7-1914 There was another heavy fall of snow at Sunny Corner last Friday morning, making the 17th fall this winter.

25-7-1914 John Henry Bickford passed away at the Nepean Cottage Hospital on the 15th July, 1914, at the age of 57 years. The deceased gentleman was born in the County of Cornwall, England, and arrived in New South Wales by the S.S. Aberdeen, on the 27th October, 1885. He came to Penrith for a short time, after which he removed to Sunny Corner where he resided for upwards of twenty years, his occupation being in connection with the silver mines.

31-7-1914 A parcel of six tons of ore from the Sunny Corner mine has been despatched to Sydney for shipment, but its destination is not disclosed. It took 28 bullocks and three ox conductors to bring the load from the mine to the top of the hill.

5-8-1914 Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894: — William George Sydney Francis, Esquire (in lieu of Mr. N. A. Poyitt, resigned).

12-8-1914 Since the mobilisation instructions to rifle clubs were lately read to the members of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, local members of the club stated that they were ready and willing to go immediately to the front if required, and have been earnestly practising here with the rifle, especially at unknown ranges, and getting in some very good work. Last Saturday, when entering Sunny Corner from the butts the members of the Rifle Club who were out for a practice, sang in a thorough martial strain, "Rule Britannia."

13-8-1914 At the fortnightly meeting of the Bathurst Federal Cycle Club, important races were discussed and date fixed for the 50 mile race around Sunny Corner and back. The race will take place on Saturday September 12th .

14-8-1914 Sunny Corner took steps last night to mark its patriotism. The demonstration took the form of a social, and later on a concert is to be held. All proceeds are to go to the fund for aiding wounded soldiers. A number of local men have volunteered for service.

17-8-1914 Local, people are losing no time in setting about doing their share to help in connection with the war. A branch of the Womens Patriotic Club has been formed, and the members arc busy making up garments and comforts for the use of our soldiers. This is a movement in which everyone can assist, and all are invited to take part. On Thursday night a most successful and enjoyable social promoted by the local Rifle Club, was held in the School of Arts Hall. As all services were rendered free, and there was a very good attendance, a substantial sum was raised, which will be devoted to the purchase of materials for making up by the Women's Patriotic Club. Mr. C. W. Chiplin acted as M.C., in his usual very satisfactory manner, while Miss Llewellyn and Miss Murray, assisted by Miss. Shumack and Mr Chiplin provided the excellent music. During the evening a song, "The Sleeping Camp," was very nicely rendered by Mr. Chiplin as was also "Silver Threads Among the Gold" by Mr. W. Stait.

Other items were "Rule Britannia," "Sons of the Sea," and the National Anthem, in all of which the whole company joined. A grand patriotic concert is being arranged, and is expected in every way to eclipse anything of the kind previously held here.

24-8-1914 Dark Corner. A branch of the ladies' sewing guild of the Sunny Corner Patriotic Fund was formed here last Wednesday, the ladies present being Mesdames John Shumack, George Shumack, Richard Shumack, Aiden Shumack, Drysdale Scott, C. Bennett, A. H. Nicholls, J. Lumley, and Miss K. Shumack. The secretary of the fund, Mr. A. H. Nicholls, explained the purport of the meeting, and the treasurer, Mr. J. Lumley, in some suitable remarks, particularised the aims of the patriotic movement and the enthusiastic manner in which all connected with the fund are working. It was decided to make a soldiers bag straight away, and send it to Sunny Corner, the depot for the district as soon as completed.

The local ladies became quite interested in the movement. Contributions came in freely to purchase soldiers comforts, and many willing hands came forward to make the necessary article required.

29-8-1914 Clive Thompson of Palmers Oakey enlisted at Sydney.



Clive Thompson

2-9-1914 Mr. T. B. Persse, who has volunteered and been accepted for service with the expeditionary force, returned on Saturday; for a couple of days to arrange his affairs and say good-bye to his host of friends here. On Saturday, afternoon he was entertained at tea on the court by members of the Tennis Club, and was the recipient of a shaving set. In the evening at the Oddfellows social, Mr. Persse was presented with a purse of sovereigns, subscribed by the townspeople, and also another from the Rifle Club, of which Mr. Persse was captain. Mr. O. Mann made the presentation on behalf of the townspeople and Mr. Lumley acted in similar capacity for the Rifle Club, each making very complimentary remarks regarding Mr. Persses many estimable qualities as a sport and a townsman. Miss Brown, of Meadow Flat, in a very neat speech, supported the other speakers. Mr. Persse responded appropriately, and the whole company joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Follow."

A very successful dance was held in the School of Arts Hall on Saturday, evening, in aid of the local branch of the M.U.I.O.O.F. The attendance was the largest seen here for a considerable time; Mr. C. W. Chiplin acted as M.C., and Miss Murray and Miss Llewellyn provided the music. Everything passed off smoothly and enjoyably.

4-9-1914 Arthur Franks of Palmers Oakey enlisted in Sydney.



Arthur Franks

Dark Corner; Wattle Day was celebrated here to-day (Tuesday) by the local school being very prettily decorated with the lovely wattle bloom.

The school pupils are busy practising their patriotic songs, "The Lads' in Navy Blue," and "The Soldiers of the King," for the coming patriotic concert in Sunny Corner.

The local ladies of the Red Gross Society have completed their soldiers bags, and have forwarded same to Sunny Corner, the depot for the district, prior to going to headquarters, Sydney.

A meeting of the patriotic committee was held on Monday night. Mr. Magill, J.P., presiding. The secretary, Mr. A. H. Nicholls, reported that meetings had been held at Yetholme, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, and that the smaller centres co-operate with Sunny Corner. The treasurer Mr. Lumley reported that there was nearly £17 in hand, not including cash for concert tickets "sold".

9-9-1914 After trying the Saturday half-holiday for some time local business people have decided to revert to the Wednesday half-holiday. Closing on Saturday was very inconvenient for people living at a distance from town, and now that most of the men are working away from home and only return for the week-end, the proposed change will no doubt be much appreciated The now half-holiday arrangement will, come into operation on Wednesday the 16th inst.

9-9-1914 NOTICE is hereby given, for public information, that the undermentioned gentlemen have been duly elected Trustees of the following Commons, to hold office for the unexpired period of three years from January, 1913, viz.: —Sunny Corner. Messrs. Christopher W. Chiplin, William Francis, and John Murray, vice Messrs. N. A. Poyitt, W. P. Oakes, and N. Gant, resigned.

9-9-1914 HEMSWORTH. — In ever loving memory of my dear brother, James Hemsworth, who died suddenly at Kelso, on Sept 10, 1906. "May his soul rest in peace." Inserted by his loving sister, M. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

16-9-1914 At the Sunny Corner Police Court on Saturday, Mr. W. H. Berry, on taking his seat on the Bench for the first time, was welcomed by Mr. R. W. Magill, on behalf of his brother magistrates, and by Constable Lumley on behalf of the police. Mr. Berry suitably responded.

Mrs. David Jones, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the district, died on Saturday about midday. The deceased lady was a native of Wales, and had attained the age of 93 years. She had been in indifferent health for some time past, so her death was not unexpected. The interment took place at Sunny Corner cemetery on Sunday, when a large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place.

Messrs. Christopher W. Chiplin, William Francis, and John Oakes have been appointed trustees of the Sunny Corner common, vice Messrs N. A. Poyitt, W. P. Oakes, and N. Gant, resigned.

At the Sunny Corner Police Court, George Strickland was summoned for stealing one tent and one rope the property of the Chief Commissioner for Railways. After evidence by Constable Lumley, Inspector Cock and Ganger Fields for the prosecution, and Mrs. Strickland, W. Ossington and H. Howard for the defence, accused elected to be summarily dealt with, and was found guilty and fined £5-00 with 6s costs and witnesses expenses, £4-5s, in default 2 months. One month was allowed to pay John Strickland was fined 20s and 6s costs, or 14 days for a breach of the Public Instruction Act.

The concert arranged by the patriotic committee in aid of the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund was held in the School of Arts Hall on Saturday night. Both from the musical and financial standpoints the function proved one of the best ever. The attendance was surprising, the large hall being filled to the very doorway.

22-9-1914 The following renewals of publican's licenses was granted at the Special Licensing Court yesterday.
William G. S. Francis, Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, £32;
Charles Murray, Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, £37.

23-9-1914 Constable Kennedy, who has been stationed here for some little time, has been transferred to Rydal, where the strenuous life is more in vogue than in Sunny Corner. During his residence here Constable Kennedy took an active interest in all matters of local concern, and our little community will miss him very much. We wish him the best of luck in his new sphere of action.

Light, to steady ram has been falling here since Wednesday afternoon.

25-9-1914 On October 5 Sydney Eight-Hour Day the biggest motor cycle race ever held in Australia will come off near Bathurst. The combined Sydney clubs, in co-operation with all kindred bodies, have arranged the first Australian Grand Prix over the Yetholme-Kirkconnel-Sunny Corner-Meadow Flat-Yetholme circuit, the ninth time round completing the 140 miles. Cracks from other States, notably Victoria, will have a flutter.

28-9-1914 Mr. Chiplin applied to the Department for permission to close the school on 5th October for the 8-hour day holiday rather than on the day proclaimed a holiday at Portland.

"The N. S, W. Motor Cycle Club are holding a series of races round the loop from Sunny Corner, through Meadow Flat and Kirkconnell, on that day, and the townspeople are keeping the day as a holiday. As the motor cycles (about 40) are be rushing along the road pretty well all day it will be dangerous for children coming to and returning from school. Permission was granted.

6-10-1914 What was termed the Motor Cycling Grand Prix was contested over the Yetholme-Sunny Corner track, nine times round, a distance of 140 miles. Twenty six riders competed. The race resulted:—Edgar, Miller (Sydney) 13min 30sec 1. D. McFarlane (Sydney) 15 min 2. N. Linden (Sydney) 18 min. 3. The winner averaged about 45 miles per hour.

The favourite, A. Biden, had his chances spoiled by tire troubles. There were many falls, but the riders were not seriously hurt.

9-10-1914 The townspeople are faced with the probability of a serious shortage of water, owing to the fact that the local reservoir has been lowered 4ft. 6in., to provide water to fill a few holes in Bob's Creek, where some fish had been

liberated. A protest is to be forwarded to the Government re this matter. The reservoir is now very low, and the water in the pipes is most uninviting, both in taste and smell when the pipes are opened each morning.

The season keeps dry, with occasional frosts and the outlook for farmers and orchardists is a black one.

10-10-1914 A wedding of much local interest was celebrated in the R. C. Church by the Rev. Father Heath yesterday. The contracting parties were John J., oldest son of Mr. P. J. Fitzgerald and Lalla, youngest daughter of Mr. Chas. Murray, of the Royal Exchange Hotel.

After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the brides parents where the wedding breakfast was served. The happy couple left for Orange, where the honeymoon will he spent.

16-10-1914 Miss Byrne, who was assistant teacher here for the past two years, has been transferred to Thirroul on the South Coast. Miss Byrne is a gifted elocutionist, and her talent was always available for the many public functions held here.

19-10-1914 Mr. Alexander McDonald sen., died at his residence, shortly after noon to-day Mr. McDonald had been suffering severely for some time past. A few months ago he went under an operation but obtained no relief, and although the best possible skill was obtained, and everything possible was done, all efforts were unavailing, and the end came to day. Industrious, enterprising, of untiring energy and sterling character, the late Mr. McDonald was just the type of man this country needs to develop its resources, and one that it can ill afford to lose. Although of a very retiring disposition, the deceased gentleman was one of those who inspired the respect and confidence, of all who came in contact with him. He has of late years been engaged in, farming pursuits, with much success. He made productive land which a few years ago was a hopeless wilderness, and the clearing of which would have discouraged any but the strongest and most determined of men. It is hard indeed, that he should not have been spared to enjoy the fruits of his labor. The late Mr. McDonald was a native of Scotland. He has left a widow and four children to mourn their loss.

There is a good deal of sickness here just at present, many residents being sufferers from colds influenza and kindred illness.

5-11-1914 Mr. Cecil Donaldson has recently acquired the hotel business of Mr. C. Murray, of the Royal Exchange, Sunny Corner. The new owner hopes to have the license transferred to 'Brooklands Park' Yetholme.

6-11-1914 A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Stephen's Church of England by, the Rev. E. A. Homfray, the contracting parties being Elennor Elizabeth (Nellie), second daughter of Mr, and Mrs. G. Kemp, of Willow Glen, and Victor Thomas, youngest son of Mr. P. Barry of Sunny Corner.

11-11-1914 The local branch of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge, M.U.1.0. Oddfellows, celebrated its twenty-sixth anniversary with a grand ball in the School of Arts hall on Friday night. Bro. O'Dell (Past Grand), officiated as M.C.

There was a good attendance of local members as well as visitors from neighbouring lodges all in full regalia. The outside public also responded very well, making altogether a record gathering of over sixty couples. Excellent music was provided by Mrs. Cherry (violin), and Mrs. W. Morpeth (piano). The function was one of the most successful held here for many years.

A heavy storm passed over the town to-day (Monday) resulting in a refreshing downpour of rain. The district never looked better. Grass and water are abundant and stock are fast improving in condition.

There is every indication of a heavy fruit crop. The Government fruit inspector has been round, and orchardists, acting on his advice, are going in vigorously for spraying to combat the attack of the codlin moth and similar pests.

27-11-1914 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before H. E. Brown, J.P.)

Auctioneers district licenses for the police district of Bathurst were granted to Robert Waller Magill and Charles Murray, both of Sunny Corner.

30-11-1914 Mr. T. B. Persse, who volunteered for the first Australian expeditionary force writing to a local friend from a troopship says. "We have made a start at last and got as ……Where we are going next we do not know. Time passes, fairly quickly.

We get plenty of drill." Mr. Persse concludes by asking to be remembered to all friends in the district. *(Owing to the censorship the greater portion of this has been eliminated; Ed.- L.M:)*

Mr. D. O 'Dell, an old and highly respected resident, was taken suddenly ill last night, and a doctor from Portland was called in. He said there were symptoms of ptomaine poisoning, and took Mr. O'Dell to the hospital in his motor car. Reports received to-day were to the effect that Mr. O'Dell was better...

Turkey and Europe seems to be in trouble, and turkey in Sunny Corner is likewise. A local farmer had a fine clutch of young turkeys, and put them in the orchard, where there was a hive of bees. It is not known which side, presented the ultimatum, or whether there was any formal declaration of war, but the bees vigorously attacked the turkeys and inflicted heavy losses on them, 50 per cent of them being stung to death. It is somewhat significant that the bees were of the Italian variety.

2-12-1914 LORD. In sad and loving memory of my dear friend, Edie Lord; of Sunny Corner, who departed this life, December 2 1913. Sadly missed by her lonely fiend Maggie Dargan.

11-12-1914 Our elevated village is becoming quite a popular week-end resort. A large number of people visited here last week-end; they came on all manner of conveyances, bikes, mokes, motors, and furniture vans, the attraction just now being the abundance of lovely cherries which abound all around the place.

Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.)

R. R. Golsby D.R.O. Macquarie division v. John H. Passeri; failure to enrol under the Commonwealth Electoral Act, withdrawn.

On the application of the police, prohibition orders were granted against Michael Collins and Patrick Lonerigan.

Patrick Lonerigan charged with using indecent language in Bathurst Street, on the 11th instant, pleaded guilty. Fined 20s, in default seven days. Fourteen days to pay. Arrested by Constable Lumley.

An application by Charlie Shirah, for a hawker's license was postponed.

30-12-1914 Sunny Corner Police Court before Mr. R. W. Magill, J.P.,

John McCann was charged with being found drunk and disorderly in Bathurst Street, Sunny Corner, on the previous night. He pleaded guilty and was fined 5s. or 24 hours.

Christmas week passed off quite pleasantly here. The weather was ideal, cool and bracing, and the different functions were all well patronised and everything passed off without a hitch; the various business places all seemed to be doing good business, and altogether matters were quite as brisk as in former years. The big event of the week was the children's carnival and Xmas tree, held in the Recreation Ground on Boxing Day. The attendance was surprising quite 300 people being present. The proceedings were opened with a maypole display by the Dark Corner children, which was very well executed and loudly applauded by those present. This was followed by a club swinging display by the same children and was equally as well carried out. Proceedings were interrupted by a violent thunder storm, accompanied by heavy rain, compelling all hands to seek shelter in the pavilion.

31-12-1914 TITUS.— In ever loving memory of my dear daughter, Rose Ann Titus, who died at Cobar , on January . 2 1903; aged 32 years, “May her soul rest in peace”. Inserted by her loving mother, " M. A. Montgomery West Mitchell.

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A bazaar in aid of the Church of England was held in the School of Arts Hall, and resulted in a substantial sum being realised. -

The annual concert of the West Mitchell Union Sunday School took place in the church at West Mitchell on Christmas night, before a large and appreciative audience. Mrs. T. Clayton occupied the chair, and received special praise for the able manner in which she filled the position. Prizes were distributed to all the scholars, and it may be mentioned that all the present teachers of this Sunday school are old pupils. One of the late teachers, Mr. T. B. Persse, is at present a gunner with the 1st Australian expeditionary force in Egypt. Praiseworthy mention was also made of. Mrs. Davidson, (nee Grabham) the late superintendent, who was recently married and has now left the district. Miss Lily Nichols officiated at the organ. The programme was made up of hymns, recitations, and songs by the pupils, and solos, duets, and quartets by the adults. A special prize for the best attendance was won by Charlie Kissell.

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4-1-1915 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Messrs. R. W. Magill and W. H. Berry, J.Ps,).

Levi Kates, on remand, on bail, charged that he did at Sunny Corner on January 1, unlawfully assault Charles A Lowe, pleaded guilty. Fined £5, in default two months in Bathurst gaol. Arrested by Constable Lumley. The facts of the assault as stated to the bench were that the defendant assaulted the prosecutor whilst the latter was driving a motor car about 12 miles an hour.

6-1-1915 The New Years race meeting proved very successful, although the showery weather was very annoying to the spectators. The total receipts of the two days meeting were £58 12s 3d, and the expenditure was £59 13s 7d. The attendance was the largest for very many years past.

Quite a gloom been cast over our little village by the visit of the grim reaper. The first to go was Mrs. James Sparkes, (Mary Ethel), aged 53 years who has been suffering for some time, and who died in Lithgow just at the close of the year. The deceased lady was a native of this district, and has left a wide circle of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

The next to answer the call was Mrs. J. Osborn, who passed away on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Osborn has been in indifferent health for some time suffering from heart trouble, but just prior to the last attack had been particularly bright and well. However, the first day of the new year had scarcely passed when the fatal attack came on. When Mr. Osborn entered the room he found his wife unconscious, a state from which she never rallied. She passed away about 36 hours later. Mrs. Osborn was a native of Hill End, but has been a resident of Sunny Corner for over twenty years. She was one of those kind gentlewomen whoso pleasant, unassuming ways endear them to their more intimate friends and inspire the respect and good will of all

classes. The deceased lady was 54 years of age, and has left a widower and family of three sons and four daughters to mourn their irreparable loss.

A lad named Bert Shumack met with a nasty accident on New Years Day, he was riding alongside a sulky when the horse fell, and the wheel of the sulky passed over the lad's arm, breaking it badly. First aid was rendered by Constable Lumley, who then convoyed the sufferer to Portland for medical attention.

9-1-1915 Licensing Transfer From Sunny Corner To Yetholme.

Charles Murray, Sunny Corner applied to the Quarterly Licensing Court (Bathurst), yesterday morning for the transfer of his license from the Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, to premises known as Brooklands at Yetholme. Mr. J. H. Mcintosh appeared in support, and Mr. J. McPhillamy on behalf of a section of the residents of Yetholme to oppose.

Mr. Mcintosh intimated that it was an application for a transfer of a license at present held for the Royal Exchange Hotel at Sunny Corner, to Brooklands House at Yetholme.

He thought it only fair to say that although the application was for a transfer, if it were granted it was intended to make a subsequent application that the license, when transferred, be again transferred from Mr. Murray to Mr. Donaldson, who has been for some considerable time the keeper of a boarding house at Yetholme. Mr. Mcintosh produced a plan of a new hotel proposed to be built on the Brooklands site, or rather, additions which would make up-to-date premises containing 24 rooms.

Mr. Murray had held a license for very many years and there was nothing against him. At one time there were a number of hotels at Sunny Corner, but these had dwindled to two and now it was contemplated that one was enough as mining was now almost at a standstill in the district.

Against the application was a petition signed by 22 persons and the recommendation of Inspector McKenzie. The inspectors objections were that the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood at Yetholme did not necessitate a transfer and that the quiet and good order of the neighbourhood would be disturbed if the transfer were granted. The residents petition covered these two grounds and rose the additional objection that there had been no hotel at Yetholme for 40 years and the population had not increased in that time. He (Mr. Mcintosh) would like to make clear in passing that of the 22 objectors eight were of the family of Macabee. Mr. Macabee held a wine license opposite the proposed site of the hotel. They could see that it was therefore pretty well a Macabee petition. They could easily understand the objection of the holder of a wine license to a hotel being established. He (Mr. Mcintosh) would hand into the Bench a petition signed by 500 persons, of whom 49 were, actual residents of Yetholme. The balance were residents of Bathurst, and surrounding districts and also of the metropolis, people who were tourists.

Mr. McPhillamy: and Melbourne.

Mr. Mcintosh: My friend points out one in Melbourne. Probably he is a tourist. The Brooklands establishment is known not only in New South Wales but in Victoria.

The petition was prepared with a view to Mr. Donaldson obtaining a license, but he would like the Bench to eliminate the name of Donaldson.

They were strongly of opinion that the granting of the license would greatly convenience the travelling public and residents of the locality not with a view to Donaldson getting the license, but in answer to the petition lodged that a license is required.

Mr. Mcintosh then detailed some statistics in support, stating that some years ago there were 15 hotels or more between Bathurst and Rydal, and now there were none beyond Kelso. The tourist traffic more than compensated for other traffic lost through the railway. Last year upwards of 700 tourists visited Yetholme, and on one occasion there were 102 people staying at Brooklands from all over the State. There was moreover every prospect of the traffic being increased owing to the planting of new apple orchards, etc., at Yetholme. The motor traffic was very considerable and he thought the travelling public had a right to be considered. A wine license was all very well, but it did not carry accommodation with it. If a license were granted for a hotel so much better supervision could be exercised than for a wine license.

Mr. Mcintosh proceeded to call witnesses.

Charles Murray (applicant), licensee of the Royal Exchange Hotel Sunny Corner, gave evidence regarding the traffic. He said his present hotel at Sunny Corner would be demolished. Cross-examined he said there were perhaps not 40 people within a radius of a mile of the proposed premises, but there were a great many more within two miles.

Mr. McPhillamy. Do you know it is much easier to get a transfer than a removal? 'What made you make this application after Mr. Donaldson had failed. I understood that Mr. Mcintosh was asking for a transfer to Donaldson till I came to Bathurst yesterday. Is that the only reason?. Well I suppose so. Mr. Mcintosh made my position clear.

Have you got an agreement with Donaldson?. Yes, Donaldson bought the Exchange Hotel at Sunny Corner from me on condition that Donaldson gets a licence for this other place at Yetholme.

Mr. McPhillamy: If you get this removal you get £300?. No, I bought the Royal Hotel previous to treating with Donaldson. Whether I transfer this Hotel or not I must comply with the contract to buy the other Hotel. I am going into the Royal Hotel at Sunny Corner. I sold the Royal Exchange Hotel to Donaldson.

Mr. McPhillamy: Which ever way it goes you must go into the Royal Hotel?. I can go in or put a man in.

If you don't get this license they get their deposit back?. You don't give anything back if you once get hold of it.

They have paid you a deposit on condition that you get this transfer? — Yes.

You are simply an agent for them here to-day, you are not on your own at all ? Well, as I said, I didn't know until I came to Bathurst.

Do you remember a case between Donaldson and Macabee?

Mr. Mcintosh: I object.

The Bench: You understood until yesterday that it was an application for Donaldson. Will you tell the court if the application is granted are you prepared to carry on business in Yetholme?. No.

The Bench: Are you prepared or are you in a position to carry on?. Well, I think I could for some time, but you see the property belongs to Donaldson.
Have you any premises actually to take your license to. Have you any premises rented or at all available to carry on your license?. No.
You are depending on being able to transfer the license to Donaldson?. Yes.
Mr. McPhillamy: Have you any lease or agreement with the Donaldsons to go on exclusive of the Donaldsons ?. I have a verbal agreement that I could keep it on until a transfer is affected.
This concluded witness' evidence.
Mr. Mcintosh asked leave to consider the situation with principals. When he returned to court he said.
We have now considered the position and I have advised them to withdraw their application. I will ask your Worship's permission to withdraw the application.
The Bench granted leave to withdraw.

14-1-1915 MURRAY. — Sacred to the memory of our dearly loved son and brother, Charles Alfred Murray, who departed this life at Sunny Corner on January 10th, 1912.
"Rest in Peace."— Inserted by his parents, brothers, and sisters.

18-1-1915 A Sunny Corner Case.

Charles Murray of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, applied to the Bathurst Licensing Court (Mr. A. B. C. Burke, P.M., presiding), on Friday for leave to transfer his license to Cecil H. D. Donaldson, of Brooklands, Yetholme. After lengthy evidence and severe cross-examination by Sub-inspector McKenzie, who opposed the application, the P.M. decided to grant the application. It is understood that a further application for a transfer of the license to Yetholme will be made as soon as possible. A special meeting of the Licensing Court has been applied, for, to be hold probably about February.

SUNNY CORNER POLICE COURT (Before . R. W. Magill, J.P.)

Phil Hyae summoned for offending against decency in view of Bathurst Street, on the 10th instant, pleaded guilty, and was fined £3, costs 6s, or two months. Fine paid. The information laid by Const. Lumley.

20-1-1915 Mr. C. Murray has been in the hotel-keeping business for about thirty-six years, and kept the first hotel in Sunny Corner, or Mitchell's Creek as it was then known. He has seen Sunny Corner rise and decline and is not without hope that he will see it rise again.
He has been host of the Royal Exchange Hotel for nearly twenty-five years, and his retirement now is only of a temporary nature, as he expects to be in business again in a few weeks time.

22-1-1915 Len Smith of Palmers Oakey enlisted at Liverpool.



23-1-1915 Tran, Teacher Miss C. Byrne, from Sunny Corner to Thirroul;

27-1-1915 The death is reported from Sydney of Mrs. Emmett (nee Annie Osborn), oldest daughter of Mr. J. Osborn of this town. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Osborn and family as it is only three weeks since the wife and mother passed away. Since her marriage Mrs. Emmett has resided in Sydney. Previous to that she was a most energetic and enthusiastic worker in the Church of England here. Her bright cheerful manner and pleasing disposition won her a host of sincere friends among all classes, and the report of her untimely death has cast quite a gloom over the village. Mrs Emmett was only thirty one years of age, and has left a widower and three young children, the youngest only a fortnight old.

FITZGERALD. Sacred to the memory of our, dearly loved son and brother, Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald, who departed this life at Sunny Corner on January 27 1914.

Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him.

Inserted by his parents, sister, and brother. R.I.P.

3-2-1915 Common made a profit of £1-2-0 for year 1914.

17-2-1915 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.)

Constable Lumley summoned Robert Fitzgerald for maliciously damaging one signboard at Yetholme, the property of E. Boyd, on January 23. Plea guilty. Fined 20s, costs 6s, damages 5s, and witnesses expenses 5s. Fine paid, costs paid.

Alex. Middleton on summons was charged with stealing chaff, value 7s, the property of Arthur James Brown at Meadow Flat on January 1. Mr. J. H. Mcintosh appeared for the defendant. Evidence for the prosecution was given by Constable Lumley, H. L. Brown, A. J. Brown and D. G. Brown. Defendant elected to be summarily dealt with and pleaded, not guilty. He gave evidence on his own behalf. Sentenced to one months hard labor to be released on finding security to be of good behaviour for 12 months, self and surety in £20 each. Sureties were at once produced and entered into.

Messrs. J. H, Mcintosh and E. Richards, solicitors, were in attendance.

One case in which both solicitors were appearing was settled out of court and the summons was withdrawn.

19-2-1915 Matters locally arc very quiet. Several families have left since the New Year, and now Dr. Grady, the grand old man of Sunny Corner, is preparing to move. The doctor, is nearly 95 years of age, and has been here about thirty years.

Teams have been busy during the past few weeks removing the machinery and scrap iron from the old Sunny Corner mine. The mining industry here is practically dead, even the fossickers are prevented from working through want of water.

Licensing Transfer Application Dismissed.

Cecil H. Donaldson, who recently acquired the license of the Royal Exchange Hotel, Sunny Corner, applied at the Bathurst Licensing Court on Monday for a transfer to Yetholme. Mr. F. S. Boyce appeared in support, Sub-inspector MacKenzie licensing inspector, on behalf of the police, and Mr. J. McPhillamy on behalf of certain objectors, to oppose.

The case for the applicant was in effect that owing to the increased motor traffic and the fact that there was no other hotel nearer than Bathurst or Rydal, a hotel was really needed at Yetholme.

The case for the objectors was that the reasonable requirements of the place did not justify a license, that the good order of the neighborhood would be disturbed, and that the premises were in the vicinity of a church and public school. The police did not object on the last ground.

After a lengthy hearing the bench; consisting of Mr. C. Jennings, P.M. Mr. E. T. Webb (chairman), and Dr. J. Brooke-Moore, announced the dismissal on three grounds, namely,

(1) that the requirements of the neighborhood did not justify a license;

(2) that the quiet and good order of the neighborhood would be disturbed, and

(3) that the site was in the immediate vicinity of a church and a public school.

3-3-1915 Mr. R. W. Magill, J.P. sustained a broken leg through being kicked by a horse last Saturday. Constable Lumley rendered first aid and the patient seems to be making satisfactory progress. The animal that inflicted the injury had always borne an excellent character, but it's generally the quiet horse and the gun that supposed not to be loaded, that do the mischief. This is the second mishap Mr. Magill has sustained, at the hand, or rather feet, of a horse. A few weeks ago he was driving a young colt when it bolted and collided with a fence. The vehicle finished up on one side of the fence and the driver on the other, and the horse half each way. But the latter must have got a terrible twist, for his head was where his tail should be, i.e., up against the dashboard. All concerned escaped with a few scratches and a shaking on that occasion.

The Defence Department has effected considerable improvements to the local rifle range. New and improved targets, worked on the same principle as the sliding window sash have been installed, a new target house erected, and a field telephone from the target trench to the six hundred yards mound, has also been installed. The firing mounds have been altered and improved, as have other numerous smaller matters.

This club is one of the oldest in the State, and at one time included several of the best shots, but owing to the decline in population the membership has fallen off considerably of late years.

However times like the present require, that every able-bodied man in the district should become a member, and devote portion of his time to acquiring the art of handling a rifle effectively. At a meeting of the club held on Saturday night last the question of military drill was discussed, but owing to the difficulty of securing the services of an experienced instructor, it was decided to let the matter stand over till further inquiries can be made. It was also decided to celebrate the opening of the new range by holding a prize shoot on March 13 next.

1-3-1915 A highly esteemed resident of Tarana, Mr. Stephen Wade, died on Friday morning at the age of 71 years. The deceased had lived at Tarana all his life. The widow and a large family, nine daughters and three sons are left. The funeral was on Saturday afternoon, and was very largely attended, the interment being in Kirkconnell cemetery.

It may not be generally known that the deceased many years ago, whilst tending sheep in the mountains, was the first to discover the find of molybdenite which is attracting the attention of all the mining experts of Australia, and which is making Locksley and Gemalla a scene of great activity.

5-3-1914 The Sunny Corner Progress Association held its annual meeting on Saturday afternoon. Mr. W. Berry occupied the chair, whilst a goodly number of members were present. After the usual business was completed the election of officers took place, with the following result: Mr. W. Berry, president; vice-presidents, Messrs. Charles Scott, H. Brown, T. M'Cauley and J. Fitzgerald; A. H. Nichols, secretary; P. O. Dell, treasurer; and Messrs. J. Martin, J. Lumley, J. Murray, G. Shumack, C. Donaldson, P. J. Fitzgerald, J. Egan, and H. Shumack, general committee. The treasurer's balance-sheet showed a balance on the right side. The secretary in his report showed the good work done during the past year by the association the principal being the establishment of a telephone for the officials of the local post-office, also a silent cabinet telephone for the general public; telephone connection with Meadow Flat, obtaining a supply of trout for district streams, fencing round dangerous curves on the Dark Corner and West Mitchell roads, attending to dangerous gutters in the town and other places, cutting bushes growing in drains, etc., on the Dark Corner road gravelling and blinding, on certain adjacent roads, also the main street in the town, surveying of road from the town, to the racecourse, besides many other items too numerous to mention.

10-3-1915 It is reported that Kirkconnell estate has again changed hands. The property consists of 4100 acres of land, and a fine two-storey homestead built of brick. On the estate are two apple orchards containing thirteen thousand trees. The estate was bought a few years ago by a Mr. A. S. Boulton, solicitor, of Sydney, and Mr. J. Miller, late member for Bathurst, and large sums were expended by them in erecting rabbit-proof fences, clearing, improving the homestead, and in planting the orchards, which are only now coming into bearing. It is stated that the present owner intends to subdivide the property into farming areas.

11-3-1915 Bush fires are racing around the locality. Considerable quantities of fencing have been destroyed, while two homesteads are also reported to have been burnt out. Large areas of valuable grass have been swept away.

12-3-1915 McCUBBEN,— In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away at Sunny Corner on 12th March 1914. Also, our dear father who passed away at 66 Elswick Street, Leichardt, on 19th November, 1899.
Inserted by their loving family. Dearly loved, sadly missed.

12-3-1915 Barney Smith of Palmers Oakey enlisted at Liverpool.



15-3-1915 Sunny Corner Police Court. (before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.,)

Douglas Gyles Brown (Meadow Flat) and Robert Graham (Dark Corner) were fined £5 and costs 6s, or five weeks, for lighting fires, and then failing to put them out.

Thomas Gardiner, Leonard Bailey, and William Butfield were charged with having carried firearms on Sunday 14th Feb 1915. All pleaded guilty, and were fined 10s and 6s costs, default 4 days.

17-3-1915 About 20 shooters attended at the opening of the new Rifle Range on Saturday and were very pleased with the improvements which have been effected. The telephone proved particularly convenient, and will save much wear and tear of foot gear and language in the future. Sweepstakes at 200, and 300 yards, under musketry conditions, were won by G. Wright and G. Green respectively, the winners being both new members. The club has arranged for a marker to be in attendance every Saturday afternoon so that members can always be sure of a shoot.

Mr. A. H. Nicholls has been advised that his son, Mr. R. G. Nicholls, has been very successful at the exam just finished in Melbourne, having attained the degree of M.A, and won the 'Laurie Prize'.

1-4-1915 The tender of Mr. E. Scott has been accepted for the supply of telephone poles for the Sunny Corner Meadow Flat line and delivery will start this week.

As a result of the patriotic social held by the School of Arts and Public School in aid of the Soldiers Travelling Kitchen Fund about £10 will be available for the fund. About 45 couples attended, and dancing was kept up till 2.30 a.m. Mr. C. W. Chiplin was M.C., and the music was supplied by Misses Llewellyn and Chiplin and Mr. Chiplin.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. Chiplin and Mr. Donaldson.

8-4-1915 The annual bazaar in aid of the R.C. Church was held on Easter Saturday and Monday nights, and was well attended. The results will be devoted to repairing the building.

12-4-1915 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before Mr. C. Jennings, P.M.)-:

John Patrick Whittaker summoned Judo Kemp, for wages as caretaker, £15 10s claimed; Mr. A. G. Thompson was for defendant. After evidence by plaintiff on his own behalf, and by defendant and his wife for the defence, the case was dismissed. Mr. Thompson applied for professional costs, and witnesses expenses, which the P.M. refused to allow.

On the application of the police, a prohibition order was granted for 12 months against James Coghlan. Heard ex-parte.

19-4-1915 Dark Corner. The country here is looking quite itself again after the splendid rainfall a few weeks ago. Many persons are getting their land ready for the golden grain, others sending fruit away, and as I was passing by our local school yesterday I noticed that the building was getting repaired.

Talking about the school, it was very pleasant to see some of the pupils taking part in the maypole, sash drill, and club swinging demonstration at Sunny Corner in aid of the Belgian Fund. The gifts from the local school pupils to the harvest festival recently held in Sunny Corner in aid of the Belgian Fund, realised £1 15s. ...Every pupil gave something.

Two little girls, Misses Clarice and Ena Shumack, took their pennies out of their money box to the amount of 2s 6d, and purchased a very nice gift for the fund. The gifts principally consisted of a pair of fowls, jams, jellies, sauces, pickles, pumpkins, melons, an asparagus fern in pot, apples, onions, a choice tea pot, pears, vegetable marrows, etc., and then they were artistically arranged in the shed with the words "Donations from the pupils of the public school Dark Corner," they looked very nice indeed. May other schools follow the same good example.

Mr. John Scott, son of Mr. Drysdale Scott, has purchased a motor bicycle, and very soon acquired the art of managing it.

Mrs. Davison, nee Miss Grabham, after spending a couple of months holiday here, has again returned to her home near Illford.

Mrs. Yates, owner, of Warragulla, anticipates a few weeks holiday on her property in the course of a few days.

23-4-1915 Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via main road, six times weekly, horseback and sulky between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, also Rydal, Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner, six times weekly; coach, two horses, between Rydal and Sunny Corner, Fanny. Knight, Yetholme, £149 per annum. To December 31 1916.

West. Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey, twice weekly, Arthur J. Attuell, West Mitchell, horseback, £52 per annum.

26-4-1915 A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by Mr. Broome Smith, F.R.G.S., at Holy Trinity Church of England on Tuesday evening. There was a good attendance, and the lecturer, who was introduced by the Rev. F. T. Harris, was listened to with close attention throughout. Mr. Broome Smith has spent 21 years among the wild places and wilder peoples of Africa, and during his discourse dealt with his experiences as a missionary and explorer.

We have suffered another loss by the departure from amongst us of Mrs. F. Clarke and family, who have moved to Yerranderie, where their future home will be. Mrs. Clarke has been a resident of Sunny Corner for over 10 years, and it was with deep regret that she left it.

3-5-1915 A double wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. G. Chapman recently, when Mr. J. Chapman was married to Miss. Alice Rust of Sydney, and Miss A. Chapman was married to Mr. Murray Dickson of Boggabri. The Rev. F. J. Harris, rector at O 'Connell parish, performed the ceremony. Both brides were attired in white embroidered voile dresses and white hats, with leather trimmings, and white silk roses. Miss Laura Chapman and Miss M. Dickson acted as bridesmaids, while Mr. S. Withers was best man.

Mr and Mrs M. Dickson's future home will be at Ravensworth, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Chapman will reside at Ben Bullen.

Another old identity of the district has passed away in the person of Mr. D Munro of Palmers Oakey. The deceased gentleman was a native of Scotland, and although he had passed the allotted span by ten years had always enjoyed good health up to a few weeks before his death.

Word has been received from Newnes that Mr P J Fitzgerald, late of this town, was seriously ill. Mr. Fitzgerald has a wide circle of relatives and friends throughout the district, all of whom will regret to hear of his illness.

10-5-1915 A meeting of the Patriotic Committee was held in the Oddfellows' Hall last night to decide what should be done to assist the Belgian Day movement.
A motion was passed that a letter of condolence be sent on behalf of the committee to Miss Munro, of Palmer's Oakey, sympathising with her on her recent sad bereavement by the death of her father.
Miss Munro has always rendered splendid service to the many patriotic movements here.
19-5-1915 Sunny Corner Police Court. (Before O. Jennings, P.M.),

Cecil Donaldson, charged on summons with using indecent language on the Wambool Yetholme road on 24th April, pleaded not guilty. Mr. Henlen of Bathurst, appeared for defendant. After evidence by Mrs. Boyd, T. M. Boyd, and Constable Lumley for the prosecution, and evidence by the defendant, George Clark, and Bertie Clark for the defence the case was dismissed.

A collector's license was granted to Joseph W. Cooper, of Sunny Corner.

21-5-1915 Replying to a question regarding the carrying capacity of his holding at Sunny Corner, M. G. Hemsworth wrote to the last meeting of the Bathurst P.P. Board as follows : —
"I am not satisfied with my holding of 3880 acres being fixed at 700 sheep. I had to sell all my sheep, a little over 500, because the place would not carry them. There has been no grass and water for some time. The bush fire came and burnt 2000 acres of grass and seven miles of fencing. The place would not run ten sheep in the lot now. I am taxed too much with sheep rates and shire rates. I will have to give the land up, I have only charcoal and gum leaves left. The board reduced the assessed capacity to 400 sheep.

21-5-1915 Mr. Sam. Withers left last Monday to enlist. He is one of the best shots in the local rifle club, and if accepted by the military authorities may be depended on to give the enemy a warm time when he gets to the front.
Several other local lads are anxious to volunteer should their parents' consent be given.
Mr. Tom Persse, late captain of the rifle club here, who left with the first Australian Expeditionary Force, writes from England, where he is now a first Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery. His brother Dick, also a former resident of Sunny Corner is captain and adjutant of the 12th Hants regiment, stationed at Bath. Dick was through the Boer War and was wounded four times, but is now very fit and well. There are six brothers of the Persse family in the army two in the Imperial Light Horse in what used to be German South West Africa till Botha brought it under the Union Jack and two with commissions in England, one of whom expects to proceed to the front very soon. Lieut. Persse wishes to be remembered to all friends around Sunny Corner.
Private H. A. McDonald, of Eusdale, and Private Franks, of Palmers Oakey, who also left with, the first contingent, were both well when heard from last.

Jack McNeill enlisted at Liverpool.



28-5-1915 A very successful concert and social were held in the School of Arts Hall last night. The object of the function was to raise funds to purchase for the public school a copy of the picture representing the opening of the first Commonwealth Parliament by our present King, and to pay for patriotic badges presented to the school children on Empire Day, the balance to go towards "The Children's Ten Thousand' for the Belgians. As a result of this effort the local school will be entitled to the certificate promised to schools raising an average of 1s per scholar.

28-5-1915 Good progress is being made with the erection of the telephone line to Meadow Flat. It should be completed in another couple of weeks.

The death is reported of an old ex-resident of Sunny Corner. Mr. Pat. Fitzgibbons, who died in Bathurst a few days ago. He was nearly 80 years of age.

4-6-1915 Oscar Arkman by his agent Ewen Ferguson, applied for suspension of labor conditions on his A to E at Palmers Oakey for six months, on the grounds of being prospecting and opening up a reef that has so far not shown payable gold, with limited capital, and no accommodation on the land to provide against the winter season.

In evidence Ewen Ferguson stated the authority had been held since last March, and about £40 had been expended on mining operations. The reef was on top of a hill, very cold and bleak. Water was scarce and had to be carted two miles. Three men had been employed. Three months' suspension granted.

William Tester was granted six months suspension of residence condition on his residence area at Williewa Creek on the grounds that he had to go outback to get work among the shearing sheds.

7-6-1915 Mr. Charles Murray, of the Royal Hotel has been seriously indisposed for the past week, but is now progressing towards recovery. A nephew of Mr. Murrays, Pte. S. C. Manus; of Shuttleton has been killed in action in the Dardanelles.

It was reported here that Mr. N. A Poyitt, late of this town was joining the sharpshooters detachment and going on active service, but later advices say that he failed to pass this medical officer. Mr. Poyitt is an expert shot.

Several copper plates are missing from the West Mitchell battery, and the police are anxious to locate their whereabouts.

7-7-1915 David McAlister, of Wattle Flat, and John Joseph Fitzgerald, of Sunny Corner, were granted slaughtering licenses at the monthly meeting of the Turon Shire Council yesterday afternoon. Both applications had been recommended for acceptance by the Inspector.

15-7-1915 On Tuesday night a large and representative gathering of residents from various parts of the district met at the Sunny Corner Court House to form a Recruiting Association. Mr. A. B. C. Burke, Warden, of Bathurst, was present, and was voted to the chair. Those present included: Messrs. H. and A. Brown, T. L Williams, G. Green (Meadow Flat), Mr. A. H. Nicholls (Dark Corner), in addition to local residents. A large and representative committee was formed as follows:

Messrs. Chiplin, Lumley, Fraser, Llewellyn, Martin, O'Dell, Magill, and C. Scott (Sunny Corner), H. Brown, A. Brown, Williams, Green, and E. Murray (Meadow Flat), A, H. Nicholls (Dark Corner), A. Shumack and C. Ferguson (Palmer's Oakey), Messrs. Garrard, T. Maccabee, Astley, and Berry (Yetholme), and Fairlie (Wallerawang).

The district was made to coincide with the Sunny Corner police patrol. Mr. Chiplin was appointed secretary, and Mr. Lumley recruiting officer. It was decided to hold recruiting meetings and to address meeting throughout the district.

21-7-1915 HEMSWORTH. In ever loving memory of my dear brother, John Hemsworth, who died at Sunny Corner, July 21 1908; aged 73 years. Sadly missed.

23-7-1915 Messrs. John Miller and Co. report the sale of Block 1 of the Kirkconnell estate at £10 per acre, and Block 2a (young six-year-old apple orchard) at £50 per acre. Other sales are pending. The Yetholme-Kirkconnel district has set out to see if it cannot rival the Bathurst district for apple growing.

26-7-1915 Regret is general in this locality at the approaching departure of Mr. Lumley, the popular police officer at Sunny Corner, he will be missed, especially in regard to patriotic efforts, of which he was always an ardent supporter.

30-7-1915 In the casualty list lately received from the Dardanelles appears the name of Pte. L.O. Dobbic, killed in action. Pte. Dobbie is well known in this district, being a son of Mr. George Dobbie, late of Meadow Flat; and now of Bondi. Among those wounded, is Lance Corporal A. A. Bland, A.L.H., a brother of Mr. C, Bland, of Kirkconnell.

Constable Lumley was among the successful candidates at the recent police examination, and has been notified of his removal to the far Western district, with a corresponding advance in rank, i.e., to sergeant.

2-8-1915 COLLINS. In loving memory of our mother and grandmother, who departed this life August 2 1912.

Just when lifes joys were sweetest,
White flowers were laid on her breast;
Just when her hopes were brightest.
She was laid for ever to rest.

Inserted by her loving son Jack, and daughter in law, Lily Collins, Sunny Corner.,

COLLINS. In loving memory of our dear mother, Alice. Collins, who died at Bathurst August 2 1912.

How we miss you dearest mother,
Tongue and pen would fail to tell,
But in Heaven someday we'll meet you,
Where they never say farewell,

Inserted by her loving children.

6-8-1915 SUNNY CORNER, Two more local lads, Charlie Chapman and Harold Grabham have volunteered and been accepted for active service. They have gone into training.

7-8-1915 Sunny Corner Tribulation. Publican Lengthily Cross Examined, in which the licensee of the Empire Hotel at Sunny Corner sought an application for a transfer of the license to Yetholme.

Mr. Jennings P. M. said that he was satisfied that the evidence adduced had not been such as to cause the Bench to alter the determination which it had previously arrived at.

The application would be dismissed, on the grounds that the objections of the various witnesses had been supported by the evidence.

A most cowardly attack on defenceless women is reported from Yetholme. Mr. Macabee, of the wine saloon, Yetholme, and his son attended the Licensing Court at Bathurst on Friday last as witnesses in be application for the transfer of the hotel license from Sunny Corner to Yetholme. They did not return to their home till 1.20 on Saturday morning, and the sole occupants of the premises were Mrs. Macabee and the postmistress, who lodges with the Macabees. About midnight the ladies were terrified by the breaking of glass in the window of the bar room. The postmistress ventured outside, risking being stoned and reached the post office, from where she phoned the Messrs. Boyd, who immediately responded to the call.

They were on the scene in a few minutes, and found Mrs. Macabee hysterical, she having only risen from a sick bed that morning. About ten minutes after the arrival of the Boyds the house was bombarded with stones, which fell on the roof like hail. The stone throwing ceased when the Boyds, armed with a gun, opened the door and footsteps were heard rapidly retreating. The night was extremely dark, and though the marauder or marauders were pursued they got safely into the bush. The matter is being investigated.

7-8-1915 Private Len Smith of Palmers Oakey, Killed in Action at Lone Pine.

18-8-1915 Mr. T. Glissan, J.P., district coroner held, an inquiry at Sunny Corner this afternoon concerning the death of Elizabeth Osborn, 25, who was found dead at her home on Monday. Dr. Wilson, Portland gave evidence of a wound in the throat, which could have been self inflicted. Evidence of finding of the body was given by a brother of deceased, and also by James Osborn, father of the deceased. The latter stated that his daughter was subject to fits. After evidence had been given by the police, a verdict of suicide while mentally deranged was returned by the coroner.

19-8-1915 On Tuesday morning last Mrs. H. C. W. Kear received a telegram from Sunny Corner stating that her mother was in a very serious condition. Mrs. Kear left by Tuesday evenings train for Sunny Corner to attend the bedside of her sick mother.

20-8-1915 A very enthusiastic send-off was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Lumley in the School of Arts Hall on the eve of their departure for Tibooburra.

The William-street Methodist Church Bathurst yesterday afternoon was the scene of the wedding of Thomas, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Drysdale Scott, of Dark Corner, to Ida second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kissell, of Sunny Corner. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily attired in dove grey crepe de chine, with overdress of silk shadow lace, trimmed with while satin ribbon and orange blossoms, and white silk hat, together with a wreath of bebe roses. Miss Ethel Blair, cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. She was attired in white silk. The best man was Mr. W. Scott, brother off the groom. The bride's present to the groom was a pair of gold sleeve links. To the bride, the groom presented a set of furs, and to the bridesmaid a gold brooch, set with rubies and pearls. A reception was held at Natty Wood's rooms, where 30 couples assembled. Mr. J. Scott presided, and proposed the customary toast. Other toasts were proposed by Messrs. Hunt and S. Abbott. Musical and vocal items were interspersed, and dancing was kept up till 11 p.m., Mr. H. Ahearne supplying the music. The bride's going away dress was a navy blue tailor-made costume. The honeymoon will be spent further West, and the newly wedded couple will reside at Black Springs, West Mitchell.

23-8-1915 Mr. John Littler, father of Mrs. H. C. W. Kear, of Mudgee, died at Sunny Corner yesterday at the ripe age of 78 years. Mrs Kear was with her father when he passed away. Deceased leaves a widow and large grown-up family to mourn their great loss. The funeral took place this afternoon.



Merry-go-round, would be Meadow Flat - Mt. Lambie district, early 1900s. Photographer T. Foster, Bathurst (rubber stamp on reverse). Photo from Jack Eslick, Wallerawang, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.



Public School and pupils, Meadow Flat, NSW, 1915. Photo from Jack Eslick, Wallerawang, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

25-8-1915 Dark Corner. The many friends of Messrs. Thomas and Harold Grabham sons of Mr. and Mrs. "Abe' Grabham of Dark Corner, on receiving word that they had enlisted for the front decided to make them a presentation before leaving home. Misses Clara and Alice Shumack undertook the duties of collectors, and so well did they attend to the matter that in a very short time sufficient funds (£5 10s) were available. At a meeting held at the local school on Monday afternoon it was decided to purchase two silver wristlet watches, each with name, place of abode, and date to be engraved thereon.
The presentation will take place at 'Spring Vale,' the residence of Mr. John Shumack, when final leave is granted our brave boys.
Mr. Sam. Withers, of West Mitchell, one of the best shots in the Sunny Corner Rifle Club for many years, intends going to Lithgow next Monday for the medical test, previous to enlistment. If successful, Mr. Withers anticipates joining the, sharp-shooters composed of rifle club members. Mr. Withers told the secretary of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club that he will present his private rifle to the club.

A couple of local lads have enlisted and gone into training. They are Jim Strickland, of West Mitchell and Tom Grabham son of Mr. A Grabham of Dark Corner. This is the second 'son', of Mr. Grabham's to enlist.

The Royal Exchange Hotel has been closed. Efforts made to transfer the license to Yetholme were unsuccessful. The butchers shop has also closed (temporarily it is hoped), so local people are not worried about high prices. The once despised bunny and the odoriferous goat are treated with much more respect than formerly.

A solemn requiem Mass was celebrated on Monday in the Catholic Church Sunny Corner, for the Australian soldiers who have fallen in the war. Sunny Corner people who have been so prominent in all patriotic movements showed their appreciation of the service by an excellent attendance.

27-8-1915 A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Yetholme, on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Eva May, eldest daughter of Mr. Edwin Barnett of Yetholme, and Howard, son of Mr. William Martin, of Gloucester.

1-9-1915 Mrs. Shumack, senr., relict of the late Richard Shumack, of Dark Corner, and one of the old pioneers of the district passed away on Saturday morning last. The deceased lady who was 78 years of age, leaves a long list of descendants most of whom are settled in this neighborhood. The remains were interned in the Dark Corner Cemetery, being followed to their last resting place by a large concourse of friends and relatives.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Church of England Portland, last week, the Rev. E. Homfray officiating; the contracting parties were George, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Stait, of Sunny Corner, and Elizabeth eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Shumack of Dark Corner. Mr. A. Shumack, junr. acted as best man, and Mr. J. Stait groomsman. The wedding breakfast was served at the residence of Mr. J. Tomlinson, only the immediate friends and relatives of the bridal couple being present.

4-9-1915 An information was laid before the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday morning (Messrs. C. Jennings P. M. and E. T. Webb, J. P., being on the Bench) for the issue of a summons callings upon Cecil H. D. Donaldson, of the Royal Exchange Hotel Sunny Corner, to show cause why his license should not be cancelled on the ground that he had abandoned same. The Bench directed that the summons be issued. Inspector McKenzie laid the information.

8-9-1915 Inspector-General of Police, has approved of the appointment of the undermentioned Police Officers as Inspectors under the Tobacco Act. Constable William George Graham, stationed at Sunny Corner,—from 16th August, 1915, vice Constable Lumley, transferred.

10-9-1915 HEMSWORTH. — In ever loving memory of my dear brother, James Hemsworth, who died suddenly at Kelso, on Sept 10, 1906. "May his soul rest in peace." Inserted by his loving sister, M. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

16-9-1915 The engagement of Miss A. Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith of Coolamigal Dark Corner and Mr. Arthur J. Whitehead of 'Beri,' Molong, is announced.

18-9-1915 Corporal A. A. ('Tass') Bland has returned to Bathurst after being wounded in Gallipoli. Corporal Bland came back unexpectedly, and was careful to avoid anything in the nature of a formal reception. He is at present staying with Mr E. K. Wolstonholme of 'Montavolla.' Corporal Bland was previously residing at Kirkconnell House, Kirkconnell, was wounded with shrapnel in the neck during June, and after being rested at Holiopolis, was transported back to Australia. He had arrived in Gallipoli about three weeks after the boat landing, and was onshore seven weeks before being put out of action. He was originally a member of the First Light Horse, but had to surrender the mount in order to get into the trenches. Corporal Bland saw a great deal of the fighting, and speaks of the splendid 'go' put up by the Australians in all parts.

21-9-1915 Publicans Licenses Renewed. Mr. C. Jennings and Dr. Brooke Moore, L.M's., occupied the Bench at a sitting of the local Licensing Court yesterday morning, when the licenses of various local publicans were renewed. One of the licenses dealt with was that of Charles Murray, Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, renewal granted, assessment £32.

22-9-1915 Cecil Nichols enlisted at Holsworthy.



25-9-1915 On Sunday last, at the residence of his son Charles, there passed to his rest one of the pioneers of this district. Mr. William John Scott, J.P. The deceased had reached the ripe age of 85 years, and has resided in this locality for the past 60 years. He was a native of Tyrone, Ireland, and come to Australia over 60 years ago and settled at Meadow Flat, where he has resided almost ever since. His aged wife survives him, also three sons and two daughters — Messrs. Charles and Christopher (Meadow Flat), William (Bogan Gate). Miss Scott (Meadow Flat), and Mrs. E. Knight (Sydney). The deceased was a man of genial disposition, bright intellect, and was highly respected throughout the district. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, and an officer for 50 years. He was the soul of honor, and when Sunny Corner was in its zenith his services were often requisitioned both in his magisterial capacity and also as a prominent churchman. About two years ago he, with his wife and daughters, removed to Sydney, but as the ivy clings to the oak, so did his heart cling to the old home, and they returned, and have since resided with their son Charles. Mr. Scott was tended throughout a long illness devotedly by his loving daughters and sons. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and his remains were laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery, Meadow Flat. A large number attended to pay their last tribute to an old friend and a good man.

The Rev. W. W. Danks Methodist minister, officiated at the grave, and at the conclusion of the service delivered an eloquent and sympathetic address, testifying to the deceaseds worth as a pillar of his church, and as a man whom it will be hard to replace. The sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved ones in their great loss.

30-9-1915 There is a good deal of sickness prevalent here at the present time. Mr. P. J. Fitzgerald has been an inmate of Lewisham Hospital for some weeks, but is now making satisfactory progress towards, recovery;

Mr. Charles Murray, of the Royal Hotel, has been confined to his room for the past few days

Mr. Richard Shumack, of Dark Corner was taken suddenly ill on Saturday last and went to Sydney for medical attention. The many friends of these gentlemen wish them all a speedy recovery.

30-9-1915 Mr. Tom Persse (now lieutenant in the British Expeditionary Force) writes to friends at Sunny Corner:

I have been two months in France but have seen no fighting yet. I am with a cavalry division and there is no work for cavalry at present. It is wonderful what a peaceful existence one can lead a few miles behind the firing line; it is hard to realise there is a war on. We play any amount of cricket, our column being rather a good team. The country has to be scoured to get one to beat us. My brother (not Dick) was more unfortunate than myself. He went straight into the trenches, and was there for six days without having his clothes or boots off, and had very little sleep, he then had a few days spell and went back and had a narrow escape, as 16 out of 17 officers of his regiment were either killed or wounded; he got a bullet through his arm, two grazed his head, and another ripped his coat across the back. He is now nearly recovered and was married last Saturday. He evidently has not lost his nerve. He is to return to duty at the end of this month.

Dick's regiment has not come over yet. He expects them to make a name for themselves when they do.

I have 80 men and 112 horses to look after. My men are at present camped in a deserted monastery. They ought to behave well now as they are sleeping in rooms dedicated to the different Saints; but I'm afraid I have not noticed much improvement in their language yet. An Australian who came with me from Egypt to get a commission at home and was my cabin mate, was killed immediately he arrived at the front. There is not much chance for the poor infantry officer. He is lucky to get off with a wound that keeps him out of harms way for awhile.

Lieut. Persse's brother gives his experience thus: — I had some narrow shaves, as we were in a pretty hot corner. The Germans broke through our lines just to my left and got into our trench and were working down towards us, and we had no hand grenades

to welcome them with, and of course they were behind us as well so we had to fall back. It is hell in the trenches when we are being shelled, as it seems so one sided, the Germans pounding away at us and very little reply from our guns at least that's what it seemed to us. It cheers us up tremendously when we hear our shells going over and can watch the explosion. We have got a long way to go before we get up to the standard of the enemy as regards organisation, etc. and the training of officers and N.C.O's can't be done in a few months. There seems to be such a lack of attention to small details. For instance, we had no hypoox salt solution in our trench to use against the gas the first is used in the respirators and the other to make one vomit. We had no hand grenades, and no means to signal back to the guns that gas was being used, as our telephone was cut first thing. Our respirators were pretty effective and the gas did not affect us much except for a few men, who got frightened at the sight of it and would insist on swallowing large mouthfuls of it. What caused all the trouble was lack of machine guns. The Germans seem wonderful with their artillery. If we are at all active with our rifle fire it is not ten minutes till they start to, shell us and we have to shut up.

8-10-1915 NOTICE is hereby given that the Licensing Court for the Licensing District of Bathurst, in the State of New South Wales, has this 8th day of October, 1915, cancelled the publican's house held by Cecil Harold Dundas Donaldson, for premises known as the "Royal Exchange Hotel," situate at Sunny Corner, in the said Licensing District, in the said State. Dated at Bathurst, this 8th day of October, 1915. A. G. CHIPLIN, Clerk of the Licensing Court. Bathurst, 8th October, 1915.

11-10-1915 On Friday evening last at Kirkconnell, Trooper Victor Turner, a very popular young native of Yetholme was tendered a send off by the residents of the district. President of the Turon Shire presided, and assisted by a capable secretary in Mr. McDonald and an enthusiastic committee, was responsible for a very successful function. During the evening the gathering collected in the drawing room, tastefully decorated earlier in the day by the ladies. Mr. Berry in proposing the toast of the guest, spoke feelingly of Trooper Turners sterling qualities. Mr. Garrard supported the toast. Mr. Chiplin, of Sunny Corner, also spoke, Mr. Turner suitably responded. Councillor Berry on behalf of the residents, then presented the guest with a silver wristlet watch. Mr. Graham, on behalf of the Cricket Club, also asked his acceptance of a gold medal and balaclava cap. Mr. Turner feelingly thanked his friends for their tokens of good will. He looked forward to meeting in the trenches many of his friends who had not already enlisted. Mr. John Miller commended the splendid action of Trooper Turner in enlisting. The evening ended in the good old Scotch fashion, all joining hands in the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

11-10-1915 Jane Gant of West Mitchell enlisted in Melbourne.


Jane Gant

19-10-1915 On Monday night Private James Strickland was tendered a public farewell and presented by Mr. Chiplin on behalf of the residents, with a wristlet watch and electric torch, and by the Rifle Club with a fountain pen. Last night Privates C. Chapman, H. Grabham, and T. Grabham were farewelled in the School of Arts Hall. During the afternoon, Privates H. and T. Grabham had received wristlet watches from the Dark Corner residents, and during the evening Private Chapman was presented by the residents with a wristlet watch, electric torch, and Red Cross outfit. Mr. Chiplin made the presentation and referred in feeling terms to the departing soldiers, who he considered would uphold the traditions of the Australian troops. Mr. Fraser, on behalf of the Rifle Club presented Private Chapman with a fountain pen. Mr. Charleston occupied the chair, and spoke of the pressing need for more volunteers. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Llewellyn and Chiplin, both of whom received enthusiastic encores. Dancing was kept up till 1 a.m., and the gathering broke up by singing 'Auld Lang Syne. ' Messrs Chiplin and Llewellyan, and Mr. Chiplin supplied the music. Refreshments were provided by the ladies. The School of Arts Committee gave the hall free on both occasions.

20-10-1915 Constable John Moore Sheridan to act as Assistant District Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of Macquarie at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Constable W. G. Graham, on leave, from the 6th October.

29-10-1915 An enthusiastic send off and presentation were accorded Ptes. J. Strickland and Charles Chapman at a social held in the School of Arts hall. Despite the very short notice, there was a large attendance and everything passed off very satisfactorily.

Mr. J. K. Charleston acted as chairman, and after complimenting the lads for their pluck in volunteering, called on Mr. C. W. Chiplin to make the presentations on behalf of the residents.

Mr. Chiplin said it afforded him very much pleasure to make the presentation, especially as Pte. Chapman was an ex-pupil. Each of the soldiers was presented with a military wristlet watch, with radium spots, an electric pocket lamp, and a first-aid utility kit.

It may be mentioned that Pte. Chapman's father (Mr. Chas. Chapman, sen.), was a member of the first contingent to leave Australia to help the motherland, he having been one of those who joined the Soudan contingent.

Ptes. Tom and Harold Grabham, who had been presented with a silver watch each by the residents of Dark Corner earlier in the day, were present, as the guests of the committee.

Ptes. Strickland and Chapman were also each presented with a fountain pen from the members of the Rifle Club.

5-11-1915 A little after five in the evening Yetholme was discovered by the 'Coo-ees' to be one or two tourist accommodation houses and a post office, nestling in the mountains, and one of the prettiest spots yet encountered. Small as was the population, arrangements had been made by the Recruiting Association for the proprietor of 'Brooklands Park" to provide sustenance for the two full platoons of soldiers that had marched in that afternoon. Mr W.H. Berry president of the Turon Shire Council extended a warm welcome to the boys, and after quarters had been taken up in the school grounds, tea was served in the large dining hall. Two sittings is the order of the day, now that a hundred and fifty men have to be provided for, only the larger towns being in a position to boast a structure capable of seating the whole army at once.

After tea it was proposed to hold a smoke concert in the dining room, but following on a suggestion thrown out by the 'Coo-ees officers a camp fire concert was organised in the school grounds. A fair crowd assembled, and a very pleasant evening spent, no fewer than three men coming forward to join, in response to the speeches of Messrs Chiplin, Williams, Clark, Blacket, Lee and Wynne. This addition to the ranks was all the more welcome because unexpected, no body regarding such a small place as Yetholme in the light of a recruiting ground. One more man caught up on horseback from Glanmire.

Mr W. L. Garrard was a most energetic worker, as secretary of the local Recruiting Association; Mr Williams represented Meadow Flat, and Mr Chiplin spoke for Sunny Corner.

A shower of rain caused a little inconvenience to the open air sleepers during the night, but all hands were cherry and ready for the march next morning after breakfast.

The track from Yetholme to Wallerawang was mostly down hill on Saturday, going via Meadow Flat and Thompson's Creek.

Sunny Corner again co-operated, his time with Meadow Flat, to provide luncheon for the 'Coo-ees,' the meal being laid out on the grass by the School House. Louquets and cigarettes were supplied to each man and after an excellent 'lunch,' which was really more in the nature of a dinner, the remainder of the 19 miles was tackled to 'Wang,' as the local people prefer to call the junction of Wallerawang. Three miles from the day's destination the schoolchildren at Thompson's Creek presented bouquets to the 'Coo-ees,' and a little further on, at the cross roads, the entire population of Portland assembled to greet the boys from the far West.

Mr Carmichael, M.L.A., who had arrived by the midday mail, was also there, having travelled out in the Portland coach, together with a large number of Wallerawang towns people. Speeches were made, and by request of the officers made short, as the menare finding "spruiking" the most tiresome part of the march. The Portland Town Band then took the lead, and the journey resumed to Wallerawang, which town was entered about five o'clock. Camp was pitched at once in the school grounds, and preparations made to attack the dinner that had been prepared by the good ladies of Wang, assisted by a contingent of enthusiasts from Portland. As experience has shown that men cannot march on cakes and trifles, the committee of management has taken upon itself the responsibility of issuing directions as to what food shall be given the men. The ladies of the West seem to think that the only way to give the men a good time is to fill them up with pastry. No fault can be found with the cooking, as every ' Coo-ee ' can testify, but it is not marching food. On this occasion, however, the advice was followed, and the men "bogged into" plates heaped with good old corned beef and piled high with carrots in a manner that fully justified the decree "plain food."

Another matter in which official intervention was found necessary was that of smoking materials. All along the route tobacco and cigarettes have been provided, usually handed out at meal times by the ladies. As a number of the boys have colds hanging to them still, medical advice was sought, and the information gained that the cold would never be shaken off while the men continued to smoke such excessive quantities of cigarettes. Therefore only a limited quantity are allowed now, and any surplus is taken charge of by the Quarter-Master-Sergt., and changed by obliging storekeepers for pipes and tobacco.

It is a tall order to ask a small place like Wallerawang to cater for a hundred and fifty men for five meals, and it takes three men nearly an hour to carve a meal. The ladies have gone to it, with a will, and with the invaluable assistance of Mr Scan, in whose hall the meals are prepared, together with other assistants, Wang did very well.

The death occurred in Bathurst, on Sunday, of Miss Gussy Morpeth, daughter of Mr. Thomas Morpeth, of Sunny Corner, at the age of 30 years. The deceased had only been ailing for about two weeks. The funeral left W. Sawyer's funeral parlor, per motor, for Dark Corner, yesterday. A number of friends joined the cortege at Sunny Corner. The remains, which were encased in a casket of swansdowne, with silver mountings, were interred in the Church of England cemetery, Dark Corner, Mr. W. Chiplin officiating. A number of deceased Salvation Army friends rendered 'Rock of Ages' at the graveside.

10-11-1915 Tenders called for Dark Corner Public School—Repairs and Painting.

6-12-1915 As Mrs. Munro, sen., of Palmer's Oakey, was being driven yesterday (Wednesday) to Dark Corner by her daughter-in-law Mrs. Peter Munro; accompanied by her little child, the horse shied at something on the road at Deep Creek, capsizing the sulky over a steep embankment. The three occupants of the sulky were thrown out and rendered unconscious, and remained in that condition for some time. Mrs. Munro, sen., was the first to regain consciousness, and Mrs. Munro jun. and child came to soon afterwards. Mrs. Munro, sen., had a couple of ribs broken. Mrs. Munro, jun., and child luckily escaped with a few bruises and shock to the system. The sulky was not in the least damaged and the horse was standing in the sulky close by the sufferers as if nothing had happened. The ladies being some distance from any help, did the best they could in getting the sulky on the road, and returned to their home. Mr. Peter Munro rode to Sunny Corner and telephoned to a Bathurst doctor, who hurried out, and very quickly attended to the patients, who are getting along very nicely.

10-12-1915 On Friday evening last a very successful reunion of the residents of Meadow Flat and surrounding district took place in the old school room at Meadow Flat, the function taking the form of a complimentary social and presentation to five local recruits, who had got special leave from Casula camp, Liverpool, where they are in training. The recruits were Corporals, F. J. and D. G. Brown and Privates W. F and G. Butfield, A.H. Lawler, Privates L. Thew, Rydal, and Roy Osborn, Sunny Corner, were also present.

15-12-1915 Sunny Corner Police Court.

Mrs. A; Astley v. A. Donaldson unlawful assault. Defendant pleaded not guilty. There were several witnesses on both sides. After hearing evidence, the P.M. dismissed the case.

Police v. P. Astley, summoned for cruelly ill-treating a pig, the property of Donaldson Bros at Yetholme. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and brought his wife as witness. Several witnesses were heard for the complainant. The P.M. stated that he did not know who was committing perjury, but would give the defendant the benefit of the doubt, and dismissed the case.

22-12-1915 A very severe hailstorm swept across the district on Monday afternoon, hailstones as large as large marbles falling incessantly for half an hour. The potato crops were beaten into the ground. Fruit trees which had escaped the late severe frosts fared no better. Fruit and leaves were stripped off them, and battered into the ground. Many windows were broken. The hail was followed by very heavy rain, two inches being recorded in an hour.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Oakes wife of Mr. P. W. Oakes. The deceased lady had been ill for some time, so her death was not unexpected. She had reached the age of 75 years.

Miss Piper was Assistant in 1915. On 1st October her father wrote to the Department complaining that the lady his daughter had been boarding with had left the district, and that consequently his daughter had been forced to board at the hotel. He asked that she should be moved to a school where she could get private board. Mr. Chiplin reported: "there is now no private place here where a female teacher can secure accommodation. I secured private accommodation for Miss Piper with Mrs. Mann (storekeeper), but Mrs. Mann recently closed the store and left Sunny Corner. Other houses are mostly very small, and the people poor with big families."

Miss Piper was removed and Mr. Frederick Woodbridge was appointed in her place. Mr. Woodbridge resigned a few months later, and owing to the war time shortage of teachers the Department found it difficult to replace him. Consequently they agreed to a suggestion of Mr. Chiplin's that his daughter, Gladys, should act as his temporary assistant until more teachers became available. Miss Chiplin was untrained, but her father considered that, with his assistance and supervision, she was capable of adequately filling the position, and the Inspector's reports were sufficiently favourable for the arrangement to be continued until Mr. Chiplin's removal to another school in July 1918. Miss Chiplin was then informed that if she wanted to continue teaching she must compete for a scholarship at the Training School at Hereford House. However, she wished to continue living with her family, and resigned her position. Extensive renovations were carried out to the school building at this time. These were first decided on in April 1914 when the District Works Officer inspected the building. He recommended that the large schoolroom, which was now the only room in use, should be divided by a glazed partition, that the windows should be altered to give left hand lighting instead of the existing rear lighting, that the whole of the building should be painted, and that other repairs should be carried out. The Architect, however, thought that since the enrolment was only 80, and attendance 50.3, the alterations to the main room were unnecessary. Inspector Wright thought that these repairs were more necessary than any others since "In winter the enormous room, with comparatively only a handful of pupils in it, is cold, draughty, and cheerless" and that if any economy was necessary it should be on the painting. The repairs were approved, but in April 1915, it was decided that they must stand over for the time being.

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5-1-1916 The festive season passed off pleasantly here. There was quite a large influx of visitors. A bazaar in aid of the School of Arts was held and resulted in nearly £20 being raised. Mr. C. W. Chiplin had charge of affairs, and everything went off smoothly and a very successful function resulted.

A social in aid of the Church of England improvement fund was also held in the School of Arts Hall, there was a very good attendance and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Sports Club held their usual race meeting, which was quite as successful as any of those held under more favourable circumstances, Mr. J. S. Murray was secretary, Mr. R. W. Magill, judge Mr. Chas. Worren, starter; Mr. N. Gnat, clerk of the course. There was a fair number of entries for the various events; and the racing generally was very satisfactory.

A ball was held in the School of Arts Hall the same evening, and was the most largely attended here for some time. Mr. Chiplin acted as M.C. in his usual satisfactory manner. The nett proceeds of the day will be devoted to one of the patriotic funds.

12-1-1916 Another old and highly respected identity has passed over to the great majority in the person of Mr. P. T. Fitzgerald, whose death took place on Friday, after a long and, painful illness. .The deceased gentleman had resided here for very many years, and has left a widow and grown up family of four sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. The late Mr. Fitzgerald was only 56 years of age, and was one of those who by unassuming ways, sterling, honest, and quiet generosity,

won the regard of all. The funeral took place at Kirkconnel cemetery and was largely attended. Father Cooney, of Oberon, officiated at the graveside.

One of the late Mr. Fitzgerald's sons (Tom) has enlisted in the A.I.F., and expects to embark for the Front in a few days. His many friends wish him a safe return.

14-1-1916 The Turon Shire Council announced that it would be pleased to co-operate in every direction in securing recruits. The Sunny Corner committee asked that all replies received at Bathurst from Sunny Corner men should be forwarded to Sunny Corner for inspection. The matter was left over until the next meeting pending the receipt of further information from headquarters. A letter was received from the Mayor, stating that he had given a pair of field glasses for the troops, and that any donations of glasses by Bathurstians would be thankfully received. It was decided to insert a notice in the press asking for donations in this respect.

Mrs. FITZGERALD and Family, of Sunny Corner, desire to return Sincere Thanks to Dr. Wilson, Portland, Rev. Fathers O 'Brien (Kelso), and Cooney (Oberon), Mrs. Stains, (Sunny Corner), and all friends for assistance, wreaths, cards, etc., in their recent sad bereavement.

21-1-1916 Common made a loss of just over 3 pounds for 1915

26-1-1916 The high prices being realised for wool are a source of satisfaction to sellers. Messrs. Thompson Bros., of Warrie station, received up to 19d per lb. for the greater part of their clip.

Miss H. Riper late assistant at the local public school, has been transferred to Blayney. The vacancy here is being filled by Mr. Woodridgc, from the Goulburn district.

2-2-1916 Mr. T. Baker, only son of Mr. Jas. Baker, of this neighbourhood, has passed the medical test and goes into camp this week. Tom is a member of the Sunny Corner Rifle Club, and will have little to learn in this respect.



Thomas Baker of Sunny Corner, NSW, in World War 1 uniform and aged in his early 20s. He was killed in action in France. Crown Studio Postcard, Sydney, per Magill family, Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

2-2-1916 Portland. The 'Kookaburras" arrived about midday to-day. They were met about a mile out by the Recruiting Association, the local and the cadets and a large number of towns people. The official reception took place in the town, where the school children and crowds of people were assembled. They were welcomed by Mr P Dennis, President of the association, and entertained by the towns people. They will leave here after breakfast to-morrow for Bathurst. The "Kookaburras"' route march was to have ended at the Lithgow Depot, but the large military camp at Bathurst having been established, the itinerary has been altered. Instead of coming down through Wallerawang, the men are marching from Portland, through Sunny Corner direct to Bathurst. It is expected that they will reach Bathurst to- morrow afternoon about 90 strong.

4-2-1916 The Kookaburras, about 100 strong, passed through here to-day. Owing to the very short notice given local residents were unable to make adequate preparations for the reception of the men, but a few energetic workers got together and laid a good supply of tea and biscuits ready, which helped to augment the supply of provisions the men had with them. A halt was made at the Recreation Ground for lunch and a couple of hours rest. Fall in was sounded at 3 o'clock, and Captain Hitchin, on behalf of the officers and men of the Kookaburras, thanked the residents for their kindness in providing the tea etc., and after hearty cheers had been exchanged the contingent set out for Yetholme, nine miles distant where they camped for the night after having accomplished a march of 18 miles.

A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Benedicts Church Mt. Victoria on Monday last by Rev. P. Doherty, the contracting parties being Miss Stella Sparks, third daughter of Mr. T. Sparks, Cranbrook Little Hartley, and Mr. Charles Alfred Sparks, third son of Mr. J. Sparks, late of Sunny Corner. Both of the contracting parties had previously resided at the Corner.

Mr. T. B. Persse, late of Sunny Corner, now lieutenant in the British Expeditionary Force, writes to say he is now well, but had been home on sick leave for some weeks. He had been with a transport column in France for some considerable time, but did not know what his next move would be. His brother (Captain Dick Persse) had gone with his regiment to the Mediterranean.

Tom Baker has been accepted and is now in camp in Bathurst.

Private Len Attwell is home on final leave, and returns to camp at the end of this week.

18-2-1916 Trooper Cecil. C. Nichols, writing from Egypt to his parents at "Warrugulla," Sunny Corner says that he is in camp at a fashionable suburb of Cairo called Maadi. The majority of the business people live out there in fine large houses, surrounded by very fine gardens.

We trained from Suez to Cairo about one hundred miles, all being pleased to get off the boat after a months run across from Sydney. There is a good railway system here, managed by Egyptians. We had several lectures on board regarding the awfulness of some of the places in Egypt. You out there in good old New South Wales, cannot imagine the state of things in some parts here. I have seen several things here I would like to send home, but we have been advised re purchasing as diseases may be introduced if sent along. I have seen so much in Cairo which I have just revisited, that I feel justly proud of our own good country .I often think of our own detestable grumblers, finding fault with our own good country that if they were living over here they would have just cause to complain. I have met many of my old friends over here, we drill the same hours as usual. I like being here very much, and feel more keen now to have a scrap with the enemy. We have received some very nice presents. One present containing many items, came from a young lady in Western Australia, and I intend writing to thank her very kindly for such a beautiful collection of necessary comforts, etc. I believe our good New South Wales ladies are sending plenty of comforts along. The Red Cross and Soldiers Comfort Fund have been so good to us with gifts of use. I would advise many of our young men left in N.S.W. and who could well be spared, to join. I don't ask for those who are required at home to come and help us, through our stupendous undertaking. We must win, or God help the many otherwise.

18-2-1916 Common Trustees Sunny Corner. Messrs. Christopher William Chiplin, Alfred Sparks, John Sparks Murray, James Lowe, and Thomas Robert Cecil Hubert Francis.

26-2-1916 A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Methodist Church Bathurst, on Wednesday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Arthur James, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Whitehead, of "Boomy," Molong, and Miss Ada Ettie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Smith, of Sunny Corner. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. W. W. Woodhouse.

The bride was given away by her father, and wore a pretty Grecian frock of white crepe de chine with square court train, lined with pale blue satin caught at the corners with orange blossom and pearls; she also wore the customary wreath and veil, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses presented by the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were Misses H. Hester and C. Whitehead, who wore dainty dresses of white Assam silk, relieved with pale pink, and with pale pink hats to match, also "Nellie Stewart" bangles, the gift of the bridegroom.

The best man was Mr. W. Hunt. Miss Makepeace played the "Wedding March" as the couple left the church. The wedding breakfast was held at Heath's, and Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead left by mail train for Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The bride travelled in a steel-grey costume of crepe de chine, with a black tagel hat.

The second wedding was also celebrated by the Rev. W. Woodhouse (Methodist) in the absence of Rev. J. H. Robertson (Presbyterian). The principals in this ceremony were Cr. J. McCarron, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. McCarron, of Canowindra, and Miss Ethel Franks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Franks of Palmers Oakey. Mr. E. McCarron acted as best man, and Miss Clifford, of Rylstone as bridesmaid. After the wedding breakfast the happy couple left for Melbourne. Their future home will be at Canowindra.

8-3-1916 There are still hopes of a revival of the 'mining" industry here. The Sunny Corner mineral leases are in new hands, and while there is no definite news the holders are very sanguine at getting things moving again. It is also stated that negotiations are afoot for the purchase of a plant to treat the ore already available. Messrs. Sinclair and Wilson two successful and experienced prospectors from Limekilns, have taken up a prospecting area near the old cricket ground at Dark Corner. Patches of good gold were found in the locality a few years ago, indicating the presence of a rich reef in the neighborhood.

Reports of a good show on Mr. A. Gray's property at Dark Corner are also to hand it is stated that a nice looking reef has been struck and development work is going on.

Operations have been resumed at Bushrangers after a period of suspension. It is said that the syndicate are negotiating for the purchase of the battery at the old Paddy Lackey mine with the view to treating it on their own ground.

Several old buildings were recently pulled down here and removed for erection at Portland. In a couple of instances the chimneys were so undermined by rabbits that they toppled over when the buildings were taken down. The explanation is that the rabbits burrowed under the chimneys for the sake of the warmth in winter. This theory is supported by the experience of a local resident who returning home early one morning from a vestry meeting or some such gathering, was surprised to see a rabbit sitting on each hob of the fireplace, dozing by the dying embers. His first impression was that the “tea" had been too strong and had affected his eyesight. Moving closer to make a nearer inspection he disturbed the rabbits which disappeared through a hole in the hearth. Subsequent investigations showed that they had set up housekeeping and were bringing up a large family under the hearth, part of which had fallen in, thus giving them access to the inside of the house.

Nervous people have been made a bit uneasy by the reports that lights had been seen moving about on the hills surrounding the town. Some were inclined to put it down as German spies signalling to Zeppelins or aeroplanes, but fears have been removed by the discovery that the lights were from the lanterns of rabbiters going round their traps.

13-3-1916 Some time ago your correspondent posted several packages of newspapers addressed "any soldier on active service with the Australian expeditionary forces" enclosed a card with his own name and address. That the papers were much

appreciated is proved by the fact that your own has received letters from five different soldiers thanking him for the papers and enclosing packets of post cards with views of Cairo, Heliopolis, and Malta. The men write rather interestingly of their various experiences and all are anxious for news of Australia. As some of them says, “We get plenty of English newspapers here, but that's not much good to a bloke who hails from Sunny New South Wales. The papers must have been well distributed, as one man writes from Malta, another from Heliopolis, another, from Cairo, another from somewhere in France, and another from Tel el-Kebir.
Several of the local lads who have arrived in Egypt have sent home souvenirs, in the shape of beautifully embroidered scarves, table centres, handkerchiefs, etc.

A meeting of the Sports Club was held on Saturday last, when it was decided to hold races and sports on Easter Saturday, the nett proceeds to be given to the Patriotic Fund.

In April 1916 it was decided to proceed tenders were invited, and that of J.C.Hopper (£247) was accepted. The work on the school was completed during the following October.

2-4-1916 Kaiser Bill is dead, and no doubt many people will be pleased to hear the glad news. He had been acting the goat a lot lately attacking women and children, and behaving in an offensive manner generally.
As he was coming on a bit too strong, he was court-marshalled and sentenced to be shot.

10-4-1916 Duncan George Ferguson of Palmers Oakey enlisted in Sydney.



14-4-1916 Private John McLachlan, who will be home here on final leave in a few days, will be testimonialised before leaving for the front. Our roll of honor very nicely done by Miss Lily Nichols, contains four names on it, and any more that chose to follow suit.
17-4-1916 Trooper Cecil. C. Nichols, writing to his parent's at Sunny Corner says he is quite well and happy. He adds: One of our tent mates is a young fellow named Armstrong. I met him once in Dubbo, N. S. W. He was a great friend of Miss. Byrne, late assistant teacher at Sunny Corner, and a cousin of Mr. Charles Scott of Meadow Flat.
I saw a pack of jackals fighting quite near our camp. They don't interfere with us, having, plenty of food on destroyed horses. We have just received word that we are to make a move shortly, at midnight. I am very sorry we could not take part in the regimental competition, but we will be at a more serious and earnest competition shortly instead. In a trial bivouac competition in B Squadron our troops won. We dismounted, piled our rifles in line, unsaddled and unbridled, put in pegs. Linked our ropes together, tied up our horses to the line, and were dismissed, all in four and a half minutes, and then at the order, we were saddled and fixed up properly and away at a gallop in three minutes. I might also state, if not too egotistical, that I got top score in the 7th Regiment a couple of days ago for musketry shooting, a possible at one range and in the rapid shooting ten shots in a minute. I got eight bull's eyes and two innners. I was going to ride a very wild horse for a mate yesterday, but before

I was properly seated he threw me. The rifle hurt my head in the fall, and I also hurt my arm. This was my first 'fall,' and I have ridden a few wicked horses, too.
I am feeling splendidly. Don't Worry about me. I have learnt many points now. I am getting quite fat now summer is coming. Tell all eligibles they are losing the chance of a life time. In my next if God spares me, I may be able to give you some interesting news re something I have never experienced before, real fighting against the enemy. Our regiment is a good one, and composed of very many very good rifle shots, and good follows. Our officers are all splendid men. I have met such a lot of my good old friends over here, and we are all determined to do our very best when the occasion arises.
I hope in bonny N.S.W. our enemy subjects are kept well under control: Don't give the beggars a chance for if we go under—no ! that Will never happen — they will be up against you all, quick and lively.

20-4-1916 Fanny Knight, Yetholme, Rydal, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner, six times weekly, coach and two horses, between Rydal and Sunny Corner; Sunny Corner, West Mitchell, and Yetholme, via Main-road, six times weekly, horseback or sulky, between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, £149 annually, contract expires .December 31, 1916.'
Bridget E. Attuell, West Mitchell; West Mitchell, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey twice weekly, horseback, £54 annually, contract expires December 31, 1916

5-5-1916 Private Jack McNeill Killed in Action.



Jack McNeill

8-5-1916 The Education Department's medical officer, accompanied by a nurse and dentist, inspected the local school children to-day and as of consequence a good many of the youngsters are suffering from swelled heads. Some of them treated the tooth-extracting operation as quite a joke, possibly because it was the moans of getting some a half-holiday.
18-5-1916 Owing to representations made by Mr. E. Durack, M.L.A., the Education Department has decided to effect repairs to the Sunny Corner Public School.
25-5-1916 Privates G. A. Chiplin and T. Baker, of Sunny Corner, who are shortly sailing to the front, were each presented with a wristlet watch, a silver-mounted pipe, and tobacco pouch, the latter containing a sovereign "for luck", comrades of the local Rifle Club presented him with a buckskin money belt. Corporal Baker is the tenth man from the Rifle Club to enlist, and when it is considered that the total membership is only about twenty this is not a bad record. The first man to enlist from Sunny Corner on the outbreak of war was the late captain of the club, T. B. Persse, now a lieutenant in the British Expeditionary Force. Our Sunny Corner correspondent states that Corporal Tom Baker was home on final leave last week-end.
26-5-1916 The health of a couple of our oldest residents has been occasioning some anxiety to their relatives and friends lately. Mr. James Staines has been suffering from pneumonia, and Mr. J. Attwell of West Mitchell had a very bad turn also. As they are both well over the allotted span, their condition caused much concern for a time, but fortunately they are now reported to be much improved.

Efforts are being made to raise funds to carry out repairs to the Kirkconnell R.C. Church and cemetery, which are beginning to show the effects of time. This church is one of the oldest buildings in the district. The land was donated by the late Mr. James Murray, father of Mr. Chas. Murray, of this town, the same gentleman who assisted with the building of the church itself, which was erected nearly seventy years ago. In the interval many of the old pioneers of the district and their

descendants have been laid to rest in this remote Gods acre, and the present effort should appeal strongly to those people, whether residents or not, who have relatives or friends at rest there.

1-6-1916 Bob McKinnon of Palmers Oakey enlisted.



14-6-1916 STAINES. In loving remembrance of our dear daughter and sister, Rose, who died June 14, 1913.
Do not ask us if we miss her,
There is such a vacant place;
Can we e'er forgot her footsteps,
And her dear, familiar face?
Inserted by her loving mother, father, sisters and brother's, K. and J. Staines, Sunny Corner.
STAINES. In sad but loving memory of our dear sister and aunt, Rose, who died 14th June, 1913.
We miss our darling sister,
No matter how we call
There's nothing left to answer
But her photo on the wall.
Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Lily and Jack Collins.

17-6-1916 The health of Dr. Magill, of Sunny Corner, has been very unsatisfactory of late writes our local correspondent, while Mr. John Knight, of Dark Corner has also had a bad turn.

19-6-1916 At Sunny Corner Corporal Tom Barker, after spending final leave was entertained by his friends, and presented with a wristlet watch. Corporal Barker is the tenth member of Sunny Corner Rifle Club who has enlisted.

Privates G. A. Chiplin and T. Baker, of Sunny Corner, who are shortly sailing for the front, were each presented with a wristlet watch, silver mounted pipe, and tobacco pouch, the latter containing half a sovereign "for luck"

A social was held in the School of Arts Hall on Saturday night in honor of Acting-Corporal Thomas Baker, only son of Mr. Joseph Baker, of Fern Hill, Sunny Corner, and Pte. G. A. Chiplin, oldest son of Mr. C. W. Chiplin, head-teacher of the local public school. Corporal Baker enlisted some time ago, and expects to leave for the front almost immediately. Pte. Chiplin went into camp just after Easter, and is making good progress with his training. Both lads have spent the greater part of their lives here, and being very favorably known, there was a large attendance of visitors and local residents to show their appreciation of the lads patriotism in enlisting. Dancing was indulged in during the early part of the evening and songs were rendered, by Mr. R. Llewellyn and Mr. C. W. Chiplin. At about 10 p.m. the company was called to attention, and Mr. A. J. Brown, who acted as chairman, announced that presentations were to be made to each of the soldier guests. He spoke in eulogistic terms of their courage and the good example they had shown by offering their services in the defence of the Empire. Messrs. T. H. Williams and C.H. Scott also spoke, and the chairman called on Mr. G. C. Fraser to make the presentation. Mr. Fraser in a few appropriate words, then presented to each soldier, on behalf of the Recruiting Committee and the residents, a luminous wristlet watch, a silver-mounted pipe and tobacco pouch, and a half sovereign. At the conclusion of the function hearty cheers were given for the King, the soldiers, and their parents.

26-6-1916 It has been snowing here continuously for the past 30 hours, and is still snowing. Although we have had over 8 inches of rain this month some every day but two, the snow is now a foot deep in the open. The roads are impassable. A regular blizzard is blowing. The maximum temperature for the past 24 hours is 35 degrees.

Mr. Chiplin headmaster at the local public school, is still suffering with a bad leg, the result of a sulky accident a month ago, and is only able to get to and from school with the aid of a stick.

Police Constable Graham has resigned from the force, and leaves here next week. He was a conscientious officer who will be greatly missed.

28-6-1916 The funeral of the late Mr. Joseph Jeffree (late of Hill End and Sunny Corner) will leave his son, Oscar's residence, at one (1) o'clock, for the Methodist Cemetery, Sunny Corner. (*Another paper reported Portland)*

30-6-1916 Constable J. M, Sheridan, who has been stationed at Oberon for nearly four years, has been transferred to Sunny Corner, and will take up duties there at the end of this week.

6-7-1916 Mr. A. Grabham, of Dark Corner, has been notified by the Defence Department that his son, Sapper Harold Grabham, had been killed in action on June 20.The news cast quite a gloom over the whole community, as the young soldier was very well known and deservedly popular. He was a member of the Mining Corps, which only recently went to the front, and it must have been in their earliest operations that Sapper Grabham met his death. The bereaved parents have already received many messages of sympathy from friends. Another son, Private Tom Grabham, is also at the front, and was doing well when he last wrote.

Mr. Charles Gant, who has been a resident of Sunny Corner for over 20 years, has transferred to North Sydney owing to ill-health. Mr. and Mrs. Gant and family were highly respected at Sunny Corner, and carry the best wishes of their many friends in that locality with them. (*Daughter Jane and son William John served overseas in WW l. CF)*

7-7-1916 His Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has accepts the resignation of the under-mentioned teachers, to take effect from the dates set opposite their respective names, which was also their last day of service: Mr. Frederick Woodbridge, Assistant Teacher, Sunny Corner, 29th February, 1916;

14-7-1916 Another old identity has joined the great majority. Mr. John Knight passed away at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Edward Bennett, Dark Corner last week, at the age of 75. Jack Knight as he was familiarly known, was born at Kelso, and spent most of his life there abouts and at Hill End and at Sunny Corner. Right up to the last few weeks he followed up the search for the elusive yellow metal, although he knew his end was approaching, he was quite cheerful, and expressed himself as quite satisfied with his past life.

I regret to record the death on Wednesday of Mr. John Knight, which took place at the resilience of his son-in-law, Mr. Edward Bennett. He had only been unwell for a short time. The late Mr. Knight was 74 years of age, and was born at Kelso. He has left a widow who, with her daughter Mrs. Edward Bennett tenderly nursed him in his last moments, three daughters, Mrs. George Demnan (Hill End) Mrs. William Keary (Bourke), and Mrs. Edward Bennett, (Dark Corner) and one son. Mr. J. H. Knight (Canbelago).

The deceased followed the occupation of a gold miner all his life and commenced digging for the precious metal on the Turon fields at the early age of 10 years. He was also a remarkable cricketer and frequently occupied the crease for the whole day. He met with many exciting experiences during the course of his long life, and was at Lambing Flat at the time of the riot there. He was a most interesting conversationalist in regard to old time happenings. We all sincerely mourn his loss. The funeral was largely attended, the local school children being present to show their respect to the deceased, who frequently amused the children with his songs and stories of his young days. Mr. John Murray, of Sunny Corner, owing to the unavoidable absence of Father O'Brien, read the burial service.

Mr. George Stait who has been carrying on the road between here and Pipers Flat for many years, has retired and handed the business over to his son Jack. Apparently inaction does not suit Mr. Staits health, for he has not been well since he left the road, and is now bad with pleurisy.

Mr. J. T. Martin, our local blacksmith, has also been suffering from a very heavy cold and has not been able to carry on business as usual.

14-7-1916 Miss Lillian Thompson, sister of Messrs. Thompson Bros., of “Warrie” Palmer's Oakey, passed through here last week en route to France to join the Red Cross Society as nurse.



Miss Lillian Thompson

19-7-1916 On the latest casualty list appears the name of Private G. E. Mann, reported to be seriously ill. This refers to Guy Mann, youngest son of Mrs. S. Mann, storekeeper, late of Sunny Corner.

Pte. Chas. Chapman is now in France, having been transferred to the artillery. Previously Pte. Chapman was in the training camp at Tel-el-Kobir, which is something of a coincidence, as his father, a veteran of the Egyptian campaign, took part in the historic battle at this same spot 34 years ago.

Kangaroo shooters are doing pretty well down Palmers Oakey way where the marsupials are reported to be very numerous, as a result of the protection extended to them during the past few years. One man got over forty in one paddock. Foxes are also plentiful, and add considerably to the shooters returns, as the skins bring as high as 12s each.

21-7-1916 Inspector-General of Police, has approved of the under-mentioned Police Officers being appointed Inspectors under the Tobacco Act (47 Victoria, No. 12),

vis.: —Constable John Moore Sheridan, stationed at Sunny Corner, from 1st July, 1916, vice Constable Graham, resigned.

26-7-1916 .Mr. Chas. Cook, whose death was reported from Bathurst last week, was an old ex-resident of Sunny Corner. He had been closely associated with the mining industry here for many years and was one of the principal shareholders in the Paddy Lackey mine, one of the best paying concerns about here even in the good old times.

The late Mr. Cook was also largely interested in the Big Hill mine and in the West Mitchell battery. Like many others who take an active part in mining operations, his health began to fail and Mr. Cook left these parts a few years ago for a more congenial climate.

Private G. A. Chiplin was home on final leave last week end. He was looking very fit and well, so evidently camp life agrees with him. He left on Monday night to re-join his company, which is expected to sail very shortly.

The annual meeting of the Rifle Club was held on Saturday evening last, Capt. Chas. Scott presiding. The balance sheet showed the credit balance brought forward from last year to be £17 2s 8d, and receipts £10 Is 6d. The expenditure was £9 12s, leaving a credit balance of £18 3s. During the past year, presentations were made to seven members who volunteered for active service. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Patron, Mr. E. Durack. M.L.A.; president, Mr. R. H. Bulkeley, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. H. E. Brown, Chas. Murray, N. A. Poyitt, J. Cook, W. T. Palmer; captain, Mr. Chas. Scott, sen.; Mr. A. Nicholls : treas., Mr. G. C. Eraser; committee: Messrs. J. T. Martin, D. O 'Dell, G. Shumack, J. S. Murray, R. Shumack, R. Murray, J. Hunter, J. Shumack.

Mr. Fraser (treasurer) proposed that as the club had a very substantial surplus in hand the sum of £10 be invested in the Commonwealth war loan. Money was urgently required to meet war expenditure, and besides helping the Government it was a very good investment. The motion was seconded by Secretary Nicholls and carried unanimously.

Unfortunately, the numerical strength of the club is not at all satisfactory, a big percentage of the old members are now on active service and new members are urgently needed to fill the vacancies, and bring the muster up to the required strength.

There are plenty of' men about who while they may have very good reasons for not enlisting, for active service, and who would declare themselves quite prepared to fight when the enemy comes here, could join the club and be prepared.

27-7-1916 The late Mr. Charles Cooper was an old resident of Sunny Corner, he had been closely associated with the mining industry there for many years, and was one of the principal shareholders in the Paddy Lackey mine, one of the best paying concerns in that centre. He was also largely interested in the Big Hill mine, and in the West Mitchell battery.

2-8-1916 COLLINS. In loving memory of our dear mother Alice Collins, who died at, Bathurst August 2, 1913.

She is gone but not forgotten,
As it dawns another year,
In the lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of her are always dear.
Inserted by her loving children, Sunny Corner.

COLLINS. In ever loving memory of my dearest mother Alice, who departed this life August 2 1913, aged 44.

Always dear mother of you I am thinking,
Grieved to be from you apart,
In tears and grief I watched you sinking,
With sad and aching heart,
I dream I see your dear sweet face,
And kiss your still cold brow,
But in my aching heart I know,
I have no mother now.
Inserted by her loving daughter, Ollie.

11-8-1916 Appointed J.P. George Carnegie Fraser, of Sunny Corner;

14-8-1916, Private Len Attwell Sunny Corner. He did his duty as a soldier brave and true. Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, A. Knight.

19-8-1916 ROGERS. Killed in action in France between July 22 and 23 Elton Rogers, aged 22 years, late of Sunny Corner and Paddington.

He fought the good fight for God, King and country. Inserted by his loving cousin, Elsie.

21-8-1916 Mr. James Staines, a very old and respected resident, passed away yesterday, after a lingering illness. The deceased, who had been a hardworking man all his life, was employed for many years as a smelter at the Sunny Corner mine, and on that closing down, went to Burraga. He was well over eighty years of age, and has left a widow and grown up family. The funeral took place this afternoon, when friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place.

24-8-1916 Property Sale. Mr W. J. Sheridan, of Lithgow, has disposed of his Lochaber property at Capertee to Mr. J. H. Elbourn of Palmers Oakey, who will take up his residence here about the end of September.

31-8-1916 Writing from a 'dug-out' somewhere in France, Lieutenant T. B. Persse, of Sunny Corner, says that he was well and was engaged laying telephone lines; his brother, Captain Dick Persse, had gone to India with his regiment, while his younger brother, Gerald, had been so severely wounded that little hope was held for his recovery.

31-8-1916 The battery at West Mitchell has been sold to Messrs. Eastdown and party, of Woodstock, and Strait Brothers' teams have been busy removing the machinery and buildings to Rydal, from where they will be railed to their destination.

The Paddy Lackey battery, which was sold to a Portland syndicate some time ago, has also been transported by the same carriers. Almost all the mining machinery has gone from here now and all that remains to mark a once prosperous industry is a number of unsightly dumps and a great many dangerous holes in the ground, while here and there the gaunt frame of a poppet head stands as a monument to the enterprise of some long-forgotten syndicate.

1-9-1916 Mr. A. Grabham of Dark Corner, has received a letter from the officer commanding the 4th section 1st Australian tunnelling company, to which his son, the late Sapper Harold Grabham, was attached. The O.C. writes as follows: "By the time my letter reaches you will have been advised of the death of your son, Harold, on the 20th (June), at 6 p.m. by enemy shell fire. He was just coming up with his mate, Arthur Kennedy, from underground, when a shell burst at the mouth of the rise and killed them both. Harold was killed instantly. We arranged to have him buried in the railway dugout cemetery, at Zillcboko, near Ypres, by the chaplain. His comrades, under Sergt. McKenna, attended the graveside. He was a fine lad, popular with all ranks, and a first-class miner. I am sending his personal effects to you, and am enclosing his section record, from which you will see he has been doing his duty faithfully. To his sorrowing parents and to all his friends in Australia, his officers and comrades extend their deepest sympathy. "

Mr. Grabham has also received letters from the sergeant and men of Harolds section, all of whom are Canadians, who speak in glowing tones of the sterling character of their late comrade and express their sincerest sympathy for his bereaved relatives. It must be a great comfort to them to know their gallant son had won such respect and esteem from his officers and comrades in arms.

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In consequence of the constant wet weather farmers are unable to harvest their potato crops, and serious losses will be sustained, as many of the tubers will rot in the ground.

There is a good deal of sickness prevalent in town just at present. Among the most serious cases are those of Mr. W. Vipen, who is suffering from a bad attack of pleurisy, and Mr. James Sparkes who is very ill with pneumonia. Mr. R. Llewellyn of the local post-office has been suffering with a bad throat for some time past, and on consulting a doctor was advised to go to Sydney as soon as possible to see a specialist. He left for the city to-day.

6-9-1916 Progress Association released 200 rainbow trout in the Coolamigal and Bobs creeks.

11-9-1916 Mr. and Mrs. James Attwell of West Mitchell, have been notified by the military authorities of the death of their son Len, who has been killed in action in France. The deceased enlisted from Newnes some twelve months ago. He was of a very happy disposition and well liked by everyone. The news of his death has caused general regret throughout the district, coming as it does so close upon the deaths of Lieutenant Balkeley and Private J. Carr, both of whom, if not natives of the town, spent the earlier years of their lives here. To the parents and relatives of these young heroes the heartfelt sympathy of all classes is extended, each has nobly done his duty.

22-9-1916 ATTWELL. Pte. Len. Attwell killed in action in France 14th August 1916 beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Attwell Sunny Corner. In honors cause he gave his all.

Inserted by his loving father, mother, brothers and sisters.

Messrs. C. Jennings, P.M., E. T. Webb and J. W. Percival, L.Ms., occupied the Bench at the Bathurst Licensing Court yesterday morning and granted the renewal of publicans licenses in the following cases. Charles Murray, Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner.

23-9-1916 At an In Memoriam service conducted at Campsie on Sunday, 17th September, by Chaplain-Captain Harold Wheen, the following tribute was read : —

Elton E. Rogers was born at Sunny Corner on 19th February 1894, and died in the North of France on 24th July 1916. From his earliest days his heart turned to God as the flower seeks sunlight, for he was the child of devout parentage. At 12 years of age, however, in a mission conducted by Mr. J. T. Leafe in Paddington Church, he definitely responded to the call, 'Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.' Then as the way opened for fellowship and service among God's people, he readily followed the gleam .His minister during those years was the Rev. Dr. Carruthers who writes: 'Elton was a good lad, as sincere Christian, one who always tried to do his duty. He has given his life for his country and at the call of duty. His is a place among the heroes, and even better, his is a place among the glorified on high. The Rev. Harold Wheen, who had known him from his babyhood, writes: 'He was a pattern of good, clean, merry-hearted boyhood. How the parsonage children welcomed him when he called, for his weekly romp with them. He could laugh and tumble with the merriest, and yet withal, there was a singular gravity of demeanour that indicated how high and solemn were his conception of and outlook upon life. I believed that God

would call His young servant to be not only a teacher in the class room, but a preacher at the sacred desk. And so did it transpire, and had this brave lad been spared to come back to us, his course would almost certainly have led him into the Christian ministry.

The Rev. John Penman, one of his pastors at Campsie, says: 'We all loved Elton. He was such a kind lad, and a good Christian always. The testimonies of those under whom, or with whom, he worked either as teacher in training, or in practice, are notable.

The Headmaster of Belmore Public School, Mr. J. Watts, writes: 'We looked upon him not only as a brilliant teacher, but as one who was a splendid example to his pupils in his work and in his life. I shall always remember him for his true nobility of character and his unselfish self-sacrifice in performance of duty.

'Rev. A. H. Johnstone, Campsie, writes: 'Our, Campsie congregation has probably never been so deeply stirred as it was by the news of the death of Elton Rogers. One of our .most consecrated and useful members, the very soul of our Endeavour Society, a promising young local preacher, our loss is great. Happy, merry-hearted, and manly, he was a general favourite, particularly with the young people. Loyal and lovable, he was the minister's friend, ever ready to help where he could. One's heart fills up at the thought that this happy young life will come in and go out amongst us no more.

'Mr. James W. Wright, Hon. Secretary of the Parents' and Citizens' Association, Belmore, writes: 'He has left behind a name of being one of Britain's noblest sons. '

The mother of one of his pupils writes: 'Such a straight living and Christian young man he was. He taught my boy at Campsie school and had a wonderful influence over him, and amongst my boy's most cherished possessions is a letter from him, which will always be a guide to him throughout his life.

Mr. C. H. Currey, Secretary to the Staff of the Teachers' College, Sydney, writes: 'On behalf of the Principal and Staff, I wish to assure you of our sympathy with you in the loss of your son, who, as one time President of the College Council, and as one of the most public-spirited of students, had won for himself far enduring place in the memory of this College.-"As a preacher he had already begun to make his mark. He was fluent with that fluency born of the overflowing heart. He was a preacher with a message hot from the place of vision.

One who heard him preach at Canterbury writes: 'All the folk at our little church had grown to love the young preacher, especially the children, in whom he took such an interest. '

A close comrade, who is now with the Expeditionary Forces, writes: 'He was the finest lad I knew. You have lost a glorious son. I have lost a dear friend, yes, a brother." When the call to arms was heard through the land, the two brothers, Adrian and Elton, two true mates, and the only children of their parents, as soon as the conviction of the duty and the crisis of the hour gripped them, buckled on the King's uniform, and after training, left together in January of this year. Through the strangeness of camp life in Egypt, and later in the lines in France, these young soldiers stuck true to each other and to the trust reposed in them by father and mother.

Elton writes : 'I have dreamed a thousand times of getting out of the train at Campsie, crossing the green, and rounding the old corner. But remember “That heaven and earth and hell Proclaim, God sits the on the throne And ruleth all things well.” In his letter dated 28th June, he says: 'I have had numberless instances of God's presence with me, instances which I hope to tell you of, in safety someday, and instances which, I hope, may, too, lead me one to put their trust in Him.

But he will never cross the green, and round the old corner, and tell, in safety here, of how God was ever with him. He took part in the terrible 'push' of the last days of July, when the haughty and cruel enemy was thrust back from many bleeding French villages, and once more the flag of freedom for suffering France was hoisted overhead, and hoisted, thank God! thank God ! by the hands of our dear Australian lads; but the road to that freedom was a bloody one indeed, and among the many great true hearts that were stilled in death, among the many fathers' and mothers' lads, whose forms strewed that road to victory, that Via Dolorosa — that Way of Sorrow and of Triumph — one true heart that ceased to beat was Elton Roger's, and one prone form was his who fell that he might up lift the fallen, who died to save a world's morality. Servant of Christ, well done! Rest from thy loved employ; the battle fought, the victory won, enter thy Master's joy.

28-9-1916 The following motion was carried unanimously by the War Service Committee: "That the members of this committee pledge themselves to do their utmost to Induce the people to vote 'yes’ at the referendum".

5-10-1916 Private Tom Baker was home on final leave last week. He expects to leave for the front in a few days. Tom is a grandson of Mrs, T. Baker senr., of Fern Hill Sunny Corner, who is very well represented among our defenders, having one son and six grandsons either at the front or preparing for it. This represents every eligible member of the family, including the second generation. This is a record to be proud of.

Sunny Corner also lays claim to having produced the oldest volunteer. He had reached the age at which most men reckon they are qualified for the old age pension, but our hero held very different views, and went and presented himself at the recruiting office and was only turned down because he was a little shorter than the minimum height. As he does not expect to grow any taller now, he is impatiently waiting to see it the standard height will be reduced, when he will have another try to enlist.

Aubrey Magill, only son of Doctor Magill, attended at Victoria Barracks during the week, but was not accepted owing to defective eyesight. This is the third time he has offered his services.

6-10-1916 Mr. Richard Shumack of Dark Corner has been seriously ill for the past few weeks and has been removed to Bathurst for medical treatment. Latest advices are that there is little improvement.

7-10-1916 I hear that the postmistress of Sunny Corner sent a parcel of tobacco addressed to "A Soldier," and received a reply this mail from Harley Calo, saying he was the lucky one to get her parcel and how nice to come from so near home. Miss N. Piggott has also received replies from soldiers for parcels so sent.

13-10-1916 McDONALD. In loving memory of my dear husband, and our father, Alex. E. McDonald who passed away at “Arean Farm” Sunny Corner 15th October, 1914.
A better father never lived.
Or one more sure and kind,
His equal in this weary world,
We very rarely find. .-
Inserted by his loving wife, sons, and daughters, Alex, Ellen, George, and Isabella.
16-10-1916 Recently a quiet, but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Marys Roman Catholic church, Kirkconnell, the contracting parties being Kathleen Teresa, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wade, of Meadow Flat, and James Joseph, eldest, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Moran, of Portland. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Brien.
23-10-1916 Trooper Cecil C. Nichols, writing to his parents at Sunny Corner, under date September 5, says: “Very many thanks for your parcels. I also received a parcel with a choice selection of dainties from the pupils of the Dark Corner Public School. Every item came in good condition. And how good of you all to send them. My mate also received two parcels. We invited some of our friends to join in the feast, because they invite us when they receive their parcels. How we all appreciated the nice things, especially from the good and kind school pupils. Kindly thank them for me please. I also received many illustrated papers as well as the 'Mercury,' etc. The Y.M.C.A. are so good to us all. I do not know what we would do here in the monotonous desert, but for their kindness. A piano came a few days ago and was placed in the marquee, and we immediately had an impromptu concert, which was quite a success. The marquee was crowded and dozens of chaps sat all round outside on the sand. I was going to say grass, but there is no grass here in the desert. There were some very good singers. I played the accompaniments, also a few pieces. In a few days we are going to have a real good concert and I am in charge of the programme. It is a treat to have some good music here. The table of "Hymns for Soldiers," you sent was very good and caused much amusement when shown to my mates. The railway is built right out past here “Sinai Peninsula” and we now fare very much better in the way of food etc. The Y.M.C.A. established a canteen here and we can purchase many luxuries now. The dates are getting ripe here. I got a bucket full lately, and they are very nice indeed. There are tons of them here in the palm groves, low ground, and hollows close to water. We have had a good three weeks spell, including three days leave at Port Said, where I enjoyed much surfing. I met some very nice English people at Port Said, and was invited to lunch with them. It was grand to have a talk to people of our own nationality. There are such a few at Port Said.
For some time after the battle of Katia, near the Canal, I used to go through the fighting in my sleep, so my mate used to tell me. I am pleased you received my cable re getting through all right, not a scratch, although my poor horse was shot from under me. At times, when opportunity afforded us, we would lie down and rest, and sometimes I would fall asleep on the sand, and awakening found my faithful horse was standing over me. I think I mentioned that we captured about 300 of the enemy Army Medical Corps Red Crescent. The doctors and the A.M.C. men were told that they could return to their army or units. It is a rule in warfare, that all doctors and Red Cross men unarmed are not to be detained as prisoners, but they all refused to go back. They preferred to remain with us, rather than be under the German officers, and were quite content to remain as prisoners of war. All were well treated and said, 'Finish the war.' Poor beggars, they looked so afraid at first, as the Germans told them we shoot all prisoners. But they soon found it different and were very quite. The Turks are fine stamps of men, and though some of them are dark, the majority of them are as white as we are. The doctors were principally Turks and Armenians, the latter being forced into the war. One could speak English very well, and was not any way backward in giving us any information. In our capture of prisoners one German officer had to be shot. He would not march at the head of his men or in the ranks. He wanted a horse, private escort etc., causing a lot of trouble and giving abuse. The captured Germans took their beating very badly. These are the latest figures in the Katia battle: Turkish casualties: Prisoners captured 3930 (34 German officers and gunners), killed and wounded 5251; total 9181. Our casualties: Killed 202, wounded 882, missing 46; total 1130.-
The captured arms were: Machine guns, nine (with 32 new barrels); rifles 2300; ammunition, l,000,000 rounds; German 12 pounder guns, 4 (with 400 rounds of shells ammunition); horses and mules, 400; and camels, 800. The above figures, together with news of Roumania 'stepping in,' were posted up to-day, so are thoroughly reliable.
I have been doing a fair amount of carpentry work lately. Since the fighting, about half a dozen of us are sort of engineers to the regiment. I am making a cupboard for the officers mess at present. In a few days we will be on the move away out far into the desert to. Good-bye and God bless you.'
1-11-1916 The result of the vote on war conscription in Sunny Corner 51 yes and 137 no.
3-11-1916 Exemptions from Service. Herbert James Staines, minor, of Sunny Corner applied for exemption on the grounds that he was the main support of his mother. He had two brothers, one of whom was a miner at Cullen Bullen, and the other was living in New Zealand.
9-11-1916 Senior-constable Sheridan, of Sunny Corner, has been appointed inspector of saleyards at Sunny Corner.
10-11-1916 A very enthusiastic farewell social was tendered to Miss Llewellyn on the eve of her departure for Roseville. Miss Llewellyn has been postmistress at Sunny Corner for about two years and has carried out the duties of that position so satisfactorily that she has been promoted to a similar position at Roseville. Though everyone is pleased to hear of her advancement all deeply regret the loss of such an amiable and obliging official. Miss Llewellyn has won the respect and goodwill of all by her unfailing kindness, and obliging manner. Many of the pensioners were deeply affected when they heard of her departure.
The social was very largely attended despite the short notice people had received; During the evening Messrs. Charleston, Magill and Chiplin spoke in very eulogistic terms of the way Miss Llewellyn had carried out her duties at the post office. Miss Llewellyn and her parents have been residents of Sunny Corner for a good many years, and apart from the excellent manner in which they have carried out their official1 duties have proved estimable citizens in their private capacity. In every charitable

or patriotic function their services were fully and freely given, and their departure will leave a blank that will be very hard to fill. Unfortunately Mr. Llewellyns health is far from satisfactory, but is hoped the change will prove beneficial.

Mr. William Coleman had the misfortune to have his home and the contents completely destroyed by fire a few days ago. It is not certain how the fire originated, but a very strong wind was blowing at the time, and the place was completely burnt out in a few minutes. Practically nothing was saved, the family being left just with what they stood up in. "Bill" Coleman is a hard-working, straight going man who deserves a lot better luck than has come to him, and an effort is being made to give practical expression to the sympathy felt for him in his misfortune.

General regret is expressed here at the death of Mr. T. L. Williams of Meadow Flat. The deceased took a prominent part in all patriotic movements about the district and could be relied on to keep up his end. Sincerest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

18-11-1916 War Service. Aubrey Allan McGill, farmer at Sunny Corner was granted a conditional exemption on account of being the only son and sole support of his father.

20-11-1916 Very wintry weather conditions have prevailed for the past few days. Strong squally winds accompanied by heavy showers of sleet sweep across the landscape at short intervals, varied at times by smart snowfalls, which enveloped everything in a chilly mantle of white. Even the "oldest inhabitant" does not remember such weather so late in the year.

30-11-1916 Information was received last week, of the death from wounds at the western front, of Private James Baker, who, with his parents, resided at Portland for several years, and was a pupil of the public school. The deceased was a grandson of Mr. T. Baker, of Sunny Corner, and his people are well known in the town and district.

8-12-1616 Miss Lily Nicholls, daughter of Mr. A. H. Nicholls, of Dark Corner has been appointed to the position of postmistress, which was rendered vacant by the promotion of Miss Llewellyn to Roseville post office.

16-12-1916 Charles Murray of the Royal Hotel Sunny Corner was granted a booth license for the Sunny Corner races to be held on Boxing Day.

23-12-1916 Mr. Chiplin has just received letters from his son Gordon at the front, and both he and other local lads are fit and well. May they continue so, is our earnest prayer.

29-12-1916 Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Franks, Palmers Oakey, received word a few days ago that their son, Gunner Franks, had been wounded in France, and was now in Westminster Hospital. Gunner Franks enlisted over two years ago. Prior to enlisting in Sydney he was engaged as a shunter at the Central Station. He is brother to Mrs. E. Draper, of Ganbenang Valley.

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5-1-1917 Mrs. Strickland, wife of Mr. Strickland of Sunny Corner, died suddenly whilst on a visit to Lithgow. She was 50 years of age, and leaves a family of eleven sons and daughters.

The Patriotic Committee and Sports Club combined forces to hold a patriotic sports and race meeting on behalf of the Repatriation Fund, and the result was the most successful meeting held here for many years. Visitors were present from all round the district, Portland, Wang, Cullen Bullen, Oberon, and Palmers Oakey being especially well represented.

FITZGERALD. Sacred to the memory of our dear husband and father, P. J. Fitzgerald, who departed this life on January 7th 1916, at Sunny Corner.
Eternal rest grant unto him, and let perpetual light shine upon him. R.I.P.
Inserted by his loving wife and family.

8-1-1917 A very enjoyable picnic was held in the recreation ground on Monday last when the scholars of the Church of England Sunday school and their friends, large and small, gathered for a day's outing. There was an abundance of eatables, to which the youngsters did full justice, and there were prizes for which some of our rising athletes put on some fine performances. A thunderstorm in the afternoon damped the clothes but not the spirits of those present.

The trustees of the recreation ground have had a couple of fine swings erected. The ropes are of steel wire guaranteed to hold a weight of four tons so the most adipose person can indulge in the pleasure of a swing without the fear of' the rope breaking at a critical moment:

A social in aid of the R. C. Church funds was held in the School of Arts Hall on New Years Night. Although most of our holiday visitors had gone away there was a good attendance and the function proved very successful.

10-1-1917 Constable J. M. Sheridan, of Sunny Corner, has been promoted to the rank of First Class Constable.

A very rich find of gold is reported from Cox's Flat, about seven miles from Sunny Corner Messrs. Gray and party have been prospecting in the vicinity for about six months and now report having struck a rich gold bearing quartz reef at a depth of seven feet. So far the reef has been traced for a distance of 300 yards and is a foot wide, running north-west. Specimens brought into town are heavily studded with coarse gold and would easily go thousand ounces to the ton. The prospectors, who are old experienced miners, reckon that a hundred ounces to the ton is a fair estimate for the full body of the reef. The find is situated on Mr. Grays property on Coolamigal Creek, which runs into the Turon River and is in practically new ground, as except for a little shallow alluvial, no other mining has been done in this vicinity. The reef formation is quite different from any other in this neighborhood and is said to closely resemble that of the old Lucknow mine. Many years ago Mr. W. Ross, a well-known prospector in the early days got several nuggets, one being 4 ounces in weight, in the creek a few hundred yards below the present find, but all attempts failed to locate the reef. This is the most important fine made here for many years past. There have been some good patches found, but nothing with any promise of a permanent character like the present discovery. The mining industry has been practically dead here for the past few years this find should bring about a revival. Already 33 claims, representing 300 acres have been lodged. The finders have pegged out only 20 acres, though they are entitled to 75. Development work is proceeding with all haste and it will not be long before a substantial quantity of ore will be put to the

test. During the past few days many hundreds have visited the scene, and it is understood that several offers have been made, including one of £500, (some papers say £5000) for the mine.

16-1-1917 The following applications have been received by the Mining Warden for authority to enter land adjoining the Verdun Gold Mine at Dark Corner: From W. Parr, of Dark Corner (10 acres); Aiden Shumack, of Dark Corner (5 acres); James Murray, Sunny Corner (5 acres); Walter B. Wilkinson, Victoria (10 acres); Christopher W. Chiplin (5 acres), on portions 59 and 74, parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh at present owned and occupied by Alexander Gray; Herbert Shumack. Sunny Corner (10 acres); Percy A. Hansard, Bathurst (20 acres); Charles A. Hansard, Bathurst (10 acres); Percy Hunt, Bathurst (5 acres), on portions 59, and 74 (owned and occupied by Alexander Gray) and 71 (owned and occupied by E. J. Bennett), parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh; John Murray, Sunny Corner (5 acres); Walter J. Wilkinson (10 acres); Aiden G. Shumack (10 acres) ; George Shumack, Dark Corner(10 acres); Percy A. Hansard (20 acres); Richard Kenna, Bathurst (5 acres); Charles Rollo Brett, Bathurst (15 acres), and Percy A. Hunt, parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh, at present owned by R. McLennan Smith; from E. J. Bennett, Dark Corner (10 acres); M. Scott, Dark Corner (10 acres); A. H Nicholls, Sunny Corner (10 acres); Frederick Jennings, Bathurst (15 acres); Richard Kenna, Bathurst (5 acres); E. Peel, Bathurst (5 acres), H. C. Slade, Bathurst (5 acres) on portion 65, parish of Coolamigal county of Roxburgh, at present owned and occupied by E. J. Bennett; from E. J. Bennett and M. Scott (20 acres) portions 65 and 71, parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh, at prcsent owned by E. J. Bennett; J. J. Fitzgerald, Sunny Corner (5 acres) R. Kenna. (1 acres), on portion 71, owned by E. J. Bennett; from Percy J. Hansard (20 acres); Louisa Turner, Sunny Corner (5 acres), on portion 59, owned by A. Gray; from Percy A. Hansard (10 acres); W. B. Wilkinson (5 acres), portion 71. owned by A. Gray; G. C. Fraser, Sunny Corner (5 acres), portions 55 (owned by E. J. Bennett) and 56 (owned by Jessie Martin); Richard Shumack (10 acres), portion 67, owned by George Parr; J. W. Shumack (10 acres),, portion 12, owned by Herbert Shumack.

(*Every paper in Australia ran this story, some said it would return 1000 oz per ton and it ran for miles. Most got it right that George Parrs horse did uncover the "find". My aunt Flora said she went to the mine with her father and Mr. Parr showed them some good looking stone he had in buckets in the hut, and then produced a lump and said "What do you think of that Duncan?, and he replied "looks hungry to me" but when he turned it over it looked like a slice of toast spread heavily with butter)." The following sums it up*. CF)

Private advices from Sunny Corner and from local residents who visited the scene of the gold find near Dark Corner, to the effect that the magnitude of the find has been greatly exaggerated. The future prospects are bright without being phenomenally so, but that is probably all that would fairly be said about the field or the find at this juncture".

2-2-1917 The local Church of England was the centre of interest on Saturday last, when Mr. H. Porter of Cullen Bullen was married to Venn, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Nichols of the post office, Sunny Corner. The Rev. P. J. Harris, Rector of O'Connell parish was the officiating minister. The bridesmaids were Miss Porter, sister of the bridegroom and Miss Dulcie Nichols sister of the bride. Mr. Denham acted as best man, and Mr. H. Potts as groomsman. The church had been beautifully decorated with flowers and greenery by the girl friends of the bride, a conspicuous feature of the decorations was a large wedding bell arranged by Miss M. Baker. After the ceremony the wedding party adjourned to the residence of the brides parents where the wedding breakfast was served. The happy couple left per motor for Sydney, on route to the Gippsland Caves, where the honeymoon will be spent.

THE VERDUN MINE. The field is visited at regular intervals by mining experts, who anticipate giving the field a good trial. A store is being established by a local resident, and a large marquee is about to be erected as a temporary boarding establishment for the convenience of persons desirous of visiting the field.

Mr. M. Collins will run his coach either from Rydal or Sunny Corner.

Mr. Charles Murray and his son John, at Sunny Corner, are ever ready to give any information to anyone calling on them, respecting the field of operations.

7-2-1917 At the Turon Shire Council meeting yesterday Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald, of Sunny Corner, was granted a license to slaughter cattle.

9-2-1917 At the Wardens Court at Sunny Corner last Monday, Mr. Fred Jennings asked Mr. Warden Mance, relieving Mr. Burke, who is on holidays, whether it was a fact that at a meeting of applicants held last week in Mr. Warden Burkes office at the Bathurst Court House, Mr. Burke assured those present that in the marking off that portion 59 and 74 would be marked along the supposed line of reef first, then the underlay blocks on the same portion would be next-marked off, and was he, the new Warden, aware that to suit a privileged few, after their respective claims were marked off on 59 and 74, they went to the north end of the field to portion 63, and then came back to the south end of the field, and marked their respective blocks on portion 71, while other applicants for underlay blocks on 59 and 74 waited two days. One of them waited in the drizzling rain.

Some of them came many miles in answer to the notice from the Warden's Department. Would the Warden ask who was sitting on the bench with him if he made that promise, and if he did so, if he instructed the surveyor to do so. By whose authority were his orders broken?. 'I am here representing myself,' said Mr. Jennings, and eight other applicants, amongst them men who are always willing to put their money in to help develop the country and they never cry if things don't turn up trumps.'

Mr. Warden Burke, turning to Mr. Jennings, said: 'I don't think it fair for you or anybody else, on the eve of my holiday, to ask such questions as that, but I do believe I made that promise to you and others that 59 and 74 would be marked off first. But it seems that the surveyor, who is a most painstaking officer, acted for the best for all concerned on the field, and if you and your party are not satisfied, Mr. Jennings, there is another tribunal to appeal to. I don't blame you, but I do blame the men you represent. I happen to know a few of them. They are not game to come here themselves, but send you here to do the dirty work, and I strongly resent their actions in this matter. There the matter ended.

9-2-1917 Common made a profit of 10 shillings for 1916.

12-2-1917 MONTGOMERY. — In loving memory of my dear husband, William Edward Montgomery, who departed this life February 12, 1914. Aged 72 years. “Gone, but not forgotten.”

Inserted by his loving wife, M. A. Montgomery, West Mitchell.

14-2-1917 Mr. F S. Mance, Mining Warden, presided at the Warden's court held here this (Tuesday) morning. Fourteen applications for authority to enter on blocks in the vicinity of the Verdun mine were dealt with.

An application for suspension of labor conditions on the old Sunny Corner mine, was made by C. W. Cliplin.

J. H. Charleston lodged an application for the cancelation of the same lease on the grounds of non-fulfilment of labor conditions. Both cases were taken simultaneously.

The Warden granted one months suspension, the application for cancellation being disallowed.

Another important find is reported from Dark Corner, where a big body of highly mineralised quartz has been found on Mr. E. Bennetts property. This is on a totally different line from the Verdun mine. Mr. Carthew, mining inspector, had a look at the show and it is stated, expressed the opinion that it would probably develop into a good payable reef.

Samples have been taken for assay but results will not be available for a few days.

It is also stated that miners along the Verdun line have got the reef in several places, and that the stone is carrying a little gold. This will encourage others to carry on and thoroughly test their ground.

Five pupils from the local public school sat for the recent qualifying certificates examination and all were successful. The names are, Elsie Attwell, Harold Smith, James Egan, Keith Chiplin and William Sparks.

18-2-1918 The weather last week .was remarkable, chiefly for its extreme variety. The earliest part was the hottest experienced this summer, while the last few days were cold enough for midwinter. Strong southerly gales were blowing, accompanied by misty rain. Several of our oldest residents are suffering from various forms of sickness.

Mr. Thomas Baker, of Fern Hill has been very ill for sometime, as also has Mrs. E. Grabham, snr., of West Mitchell.

Land values seem rather flat round these parts. At an auction sale in connection with the instate estate of the late E. E. Pratt, of West Mitchell -two-acres of freehold land, enclosed with wire netting, wore sold for 25s the lot.

23-2-1917 Private William Gant, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gant, of West Mitchell, was here on final leave last week. He is an ex-pupil of the Sunny Corner Public School and has not yet attained his twentieth birthday. Private Gant has joined the Light Horse and Camel Corps. He is a typical Australian, a good rider and an excellent shot.

First class Constable Sheridan has been a very busy man since the Dark Corner gold discovery. In addition to ordinary duties he has been burdened with a great deal of work as local Warden's clerk and had also to attend to the revision of the electoral roll. At one time there were two policemen at Sunny Corner.

28-2-1917 A Sensational motor accident occurred on the Palmers Oakey road on Saturday evening resulting in the destruction by fire of a motor car, the property of Mr. H. Carmichael of Bathurst who with a couple of friends, was returning from a visit to the Verdun mine. When near the 29 mile peg, and ascending a steep hill, the car took fire and the occupants jumped out, and in doing so Mr. Burgess Secretary of the Bathurst P. P. Board, fell and injured his shoulder. The others were more fortunate and escapee injury. The car ran backwards down the hill, overturned, and in a few minutes all that was left was a mass of twisted ironwork. The party walked into Sunny Corner, a distance of seven miles. Their misfortune was made known to Mr. Harry Brown, of Meadow Flat, and that gentleman motored the party on to Bathurst.

2-3-1917 The other day the five-year-old son of Constable Sheridan came into his dad in great glee with something in a treacle tin, “see what I've got dad” he said, and proceeded to shake the contents on to the floor. It proved to be a brown snake eighteen inches long, and very much alive. Mr. Sheridan soon cut both the snake and its career short with a piece of tin. How the youngster escaped being bitten is a marvel.

6-3-1917 A very pleasing ceremony took place at Sunny Corner on Saturday night at the conclusion of Mr. John Millers political address.

The gathering was extremely large and advantage was taken of the opportunity to unveil the honor board containing the names in beautifully finished gold letters of those men who had enlisted from the Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat, Dark Corner, and Yetholme districts, and gone to fight the foe.

The list contained 30 names, but it was explained that there had been two more enlistments since the list had been prepared.

Mr. Charles Scott was chairman, and Mr .Chris Scott performed the ceremony by delivering a patriotic speech and raising the Australian flag from the board. The ceremony took place to the accompaniment of the National Anthem.

The board was greatly admired by those present. The list of names bears eloquent testimony to the activity of the local recruiting committee, of which Mr, C. W. Chaplin is secretary.

Sunny Corner: T. B. Persse, C. W. Chapman, R. Osborn, F. S. Withers, T. Fitzgerald, L. Attuell, J. Bourke, T. A. Baker, G. A. Chiplin,

Meadow Flat: F.J. Brown. D. G. Brown, A. H. Lawler, W. F. Butfield, G. Butfield, R. S.Eslick, H. Dibley, C. Ward

Dark Corner: H. Grabham, A. T Grabham, C. C. Nichols, J. McLachlan, D. L. McLachlan.

Yetholme: A. McDonald, V. Turner, W. S. Vivian, L. Cassels. N. Graham, R. S. Sloman, Robinson, S. Oddy-

Of these four, viz., H. Grabham, L Attuell, T. A. Baker and A. H. Lawler, have made the supreme sacrifice, and six have been wounded, some several times.

11-3-1917 Stated that a Sydney and Melbourne group have acquired a working option over Messrs. Gray, Budden and Williams Verdun mine at Dark Corner. This is the mine in which the sensational find was made in January.

14-3-1917 Local farmers are much concerned about the condition of their potato crops, which have been seriously affected by the constant wet weather of the past few months. The tops have died off very quickly, before the tubers have had time to mature, and a good many of the tubers themselves, especially in low ground, had started to rot. Since the fine weather set in the position has improved considerably, and though the return will fall short of earlier expectations there will be fair crops harvested.

Cattle buyers have been active round the district lately and good prices have been paid for all stock secured. Poddy calves have brought up to £4 and yearlings £8.

16-3-1917 Twenty men are now employed on the Dark Corner goldfield. Prospectors whose authorities have been granted have commenced sinking a few shafts.

Work is again being resumed at the old Sunny Corner silver mine. It is understood that the capital is bring provided by a small company, and it is hoped that operations on a much larger scale will be attempted.

5-4-1917 Another old age pensioner has passed in his certificate. It was Mr. Harry Moore, whose death took place at Portland hospital yesterday. The deceased had been in indifferent health for some time. The late Mr. Moore was a native of England, and had been engaged in farming pursuits at Meadow Flat, for a good many years, but had lately resided in Sunny Corner.

The Labor partys proposal to tax cats has already begun to bear fruit, or rather kittens, quite a number of which have been dropped over your correspondents garden fence.

13-4-1917 The Easter holidays passed over very quietly here, the wintry weather preventing anything in the way of outdoor amusements. Good Friday was bleak and showery all day, and towards evening there was a sharp fall of snow which quickly covered the landscape to a depth of several inches, and ever since the temperature has been close to freezing point, with a strong southerly wind.

A bazaar in aid of the Catholic Church was held in the School of Arts Hall on Easter Saturday and Monday nights, and despite the unfavourable weather, was well patronised.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the improvement of the local church building.

The season just passed has been a disastrous one in many respects on account of the damage done to hay and potato crops by the excessive rain, but some other crops turned out fairly well. Cabbages were very plentiful and of great size, most of them with hearts as big as a balloon, and hard as hams, but there was very little demand for them, and many a good cabbage broke its heart because nobody wanted it.

20-4-1917 Pte. Tom. Fitzgerald; son, of Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, has been invalided home from the front. Pte. Fitzgerald took part in the capture of Pozieres, where he was wounded in the head and legs by shrapnel, besides suffering from the effects of asphyxiating gas. Steps are being taken to have practical recognition to Pte. Fitzgeralds great sacrifices in the defence of his country.

Letters were received by the last mail from most of the local boys at the front. 'They do not give much news, but report "all well."

The town has had quite an animated appearance lately the oldest inhabitant started to rub his eyes on Monday last and wonder if the good old times had returned again. Besides the teams engaged drawing ore from the Sunny Corner mine, three wagons loaded with honey arrived from Palmers Oakey. This was the property of Mr. Chas. Ferguson. With honey at sixpence a pound and a few good colonies of bees are nearly as good as the Verdun gold mine.

1-5-1917 Under the auspices of the War Service Committee, Private Tom Fitzgerald, the first local wounded soldier to return to Sunny Corner, was tendered a 'welcome' social at the Sunny Corner School of Arts Hall recently. The attendance was large and representative. During the evening the guest was presented with a roll of bank-notes, eulogistic speeches being made by Messrs C. W. Chiplin (secretary of the Sunny Corner War Service Committee) and Mr. C. Scott, (pre. of the Meadow Flat Comm.).

The recipient suitably acknowledged. Musical items were contributed by Messrs Chiplin, J. Shumack and Barkell and Misses Chiplin, Shumack and Barkell.

12-5-1917 Another of our boys at the front has paid the supreme sacrifice. This is Private Tom Baker, only son of Mr. Joseph Baker and grandson of Mrs. Thos. Baker, of Fernhill, Sunny Corner. Mr. Baker received word yesterday that his son had been killed in action on April 15. The deceased soldier enlisted about eighteen months ago, and was specially trained as a bomb thrower. He was of a very quiet re-tiring disposition and was only about 24 years of age.

It was only on Saturday last that word reached here that Private Herb. Baker had been severely wounded. Mrs. Baker, senr had one son and six grandsons on active service; two of the grandsons have been killed and one wounded. Great sympathy is expressed for those who have been so sadly bereaved.



Willie McLachlan, son Mr. J. McLachlan, of Dark Corner, met with a serious accident last week. He was chopping wood when the axe slipped and cut his foot from toes to ankle. A doctor was sent for and stitched the wound. The patient is weak from loss of blood, but is doing as well as can be expected.

There has been quite a chapter of accidents with horses round here lately. Mr. Tom Gorman, organiser for the Nationalist party was giving his horse a drink at the water trough, when the animal took fright and bolted. He made straight for a large plate glass window in Messrs. Bulkeleys store, but swerved sharply and fell on some loose metal at the roadside, and was smartly captured before he could get going again. The only damage was a broken strap.

A young horse being driven by Mr. C. Francis, shied and overturned the sulky, breaking the dash-board and back of the seat, the occupants escaped without a scratch.

A team of eight horses belonging to Mr. Scott, bolted on the Bathurst road. One shaft was broken off the wagon, and several of the horses are suffering from severe gravel rash through being dragged along the ground.

The horses attached to the mail coach from Rydal, bolted near Meadow Flat, and ran into the fence. A couple of posts were knocked out and the coach somewhat damaged, but nothing else was hurt.

20-5-1917 The Early Days A Home-Built Car Of 1903. By Bede Carroll

Mr. R. F. Lean built a car at Sunny Corner early in 1903, a picture of which is published to-day. The two boys who are seated in the car are sons of Mr. Lean. They were 12 and 10 years of age respectively. They took an active part in building the car, and thoroughly understood the art of motoring and petrol engines before they were 15 years of age. This has proved a great help to father and sons as they are now established in the motor business at Lithgow.

'From my earliest days,' stated Mr. R. F. Lean, describing his experience, I had an idea that there should be self-propelled vehicles on the roads as upon the railways. Until I was 12 years old I lived close to three railways in Cornwall. As I grew up and began to read it was with eager interest I read the exploits of Trevithick and Merdock, with their steam road machines. Being of a mechanical turn of mind, it was natural for me to follow up the various efforts that were made to perfect a road carriage for private and public use. At first I was for a steam machine, and I had planned out one (or several) to be driven by a steam engine. This was further impressed on me by seeing (for the first time) a steam phaeton built by Thompson of Victoria and which was exhibited by them at the Bathurst Show in March 1900. But the advent of the petrol engine in a much improved form completely changed my scheme for a steam car, and I decided to alter my plans to suit an engine of the kind.

'The frame work was hickory side-pieces, bent in Sydney to allow front wheels clearance in steering. The wheels were ordinary front carriage wheels, front axle, the sulky axle ends, cut off, and fitted into strong pipe T pieces to make up-to-date steering arrangements. This in turn was connected through an upright piller to a lever ¾ pipe bent to shape and connected to the pillar by a hinged joint so that it might be lifted up for convenience in getting in and out of the car.

'The engine was placed under a bonnet, in front together with water and petrol tank. Battery ignition was used, and the power was conveyed to the gear by a 3½ in belt, crossed to give better grip. A long pulley was fitted to the crank shaft, with an outrigger bearing and the gears were wood pulleys, the centre one free for neutral; one having a pinion with long hub, which also acted as a bush for one second gear. The other pulley was fixed to the shaft on which all pulleys were carried.

'This in turn was worked in conjunction with a dog clutch for top speed. I also had an arrangement of sliding gear for low speed. The belt shifting lever was at the side, as seen in photo. The top gear clutch was worked by a pedal, and also low gear by a pedal.

'The brake was ordinary carriage pattern, operated by foot pedal.

'There was no reverse nor differential. The rear axle carried right through. Large cog wheels were keyed to the axle, and a system of ratchets fitted in road wheel hubs, acted as differential, so that the outside wheel, in rounding a corner could run

free. The inside wheel, of course, was the driver. In running down hills, both wheels could run free. The brakes had to be specially strong, and efficient to hold the car on long hills.

'The car weighed 10 cwt empty, and in the 10 years running had no trouble with brakes, nor did we ever have the car towed home. On one occasion, owing to the belt giving way, we had to push the car some distance for safety, and walk home, but after repairs to belt and replacing it, we were soon at home again.

On another occasion the axle broke on a trip from Sunny Corner to Bathurst, when only four miles out, and 20 miles had to be covered. I had three bearings for the axle, and fortunately the axle parted so that the gears could still be used to drive one wheel. After hanging the loose end up with straps, we proceeded without, further trouble to Bathurst, and, of course, had the axle repaired. I fitted another bearing after this, so that any further trouble in this direction would be overcome. .We had lots of other break-downs, more or less serious, but always managed to get to our destination, and never missed a train. By carefully watching for weak spots, and replacing or improving the parts, we could do all our work quite well.

Our travelling was principally between Bathurst, Sunny Corner, and Lithgow. I might say the seats were placed back to back, and seated six comfortably. The body was fairly well sprung, and also the front of chassis, but owing to the arrangement of gears I could not spring the rear axle, and this, with the gears exposed, made the wear on teeth very severe.

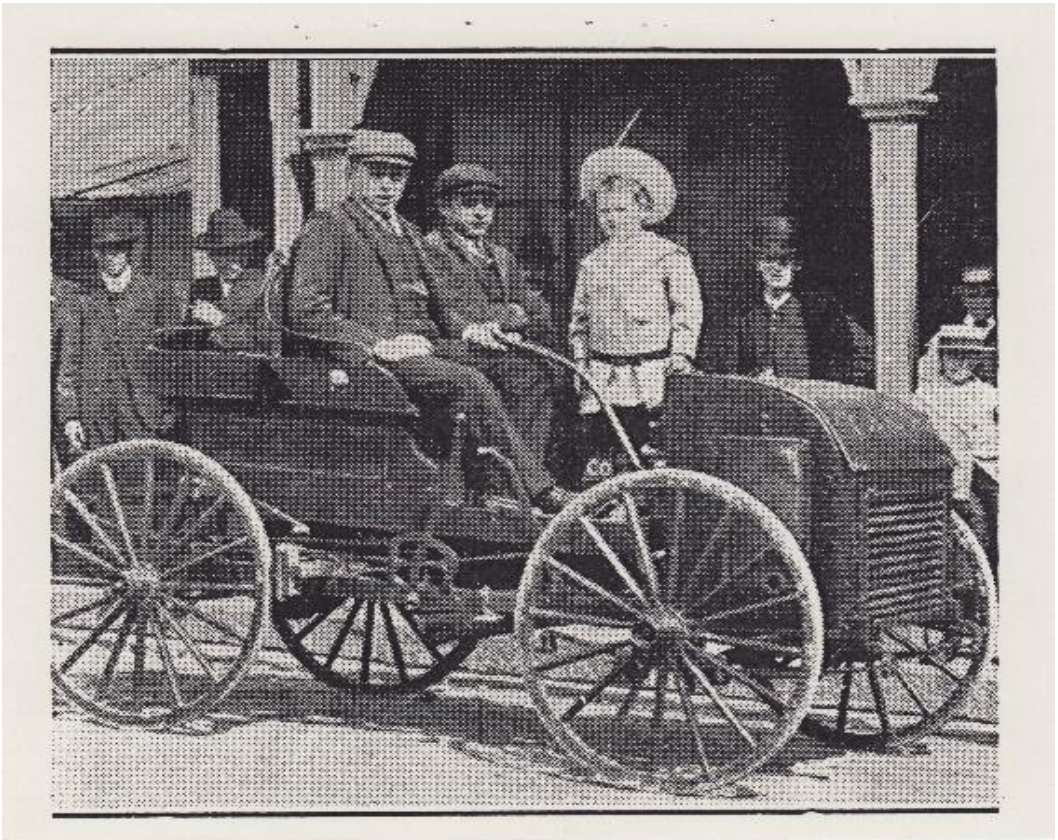
The gears were cast in steel at Lithgow iron works in Mr. Sandfords time, patterns being made by myself.

On a good bit of road, with 1200 revolutions of the engine, we would get up very fair speed.

The car could not be classed as a silent one, but was not any noisier than a buggy. Naphtha was sold in 10 gal drums, and cost about 20/ each landed in Sunny Corner.

Our first run was on August 10 (polling day), 1903. I remember this, because it was the first time the women's franchise was exercised. The engine cost me £50, and wheels, seats, springs, and other things that I could purchase about £40. The car was built in my spare time, and took about three years. I had a small workshop, with a few homemade tools and a foot lathe that would take bars 30in long. All my turning was done on this, and to make the rear axle I had to do so in two pieces and join it up afterwards.

About 4 years ago the car was dismantled, the engine being fitted up to drive a generator for a picture show, and it is still in use. The rest is still about our present works, some of the pulleys being in use. My boys used to drive the car about as soon as they were able to turn the engine over. No license was required in those days. We had to be very careful in approaching horses. Ours was the first car ever seen in that district (Sunny Corner), and was a source of much interest.



Richard Lean's car, built at Sunny Corner, NSW in 1903. This was the first car to be built in NSW and possibly the first in Australia. Richard Lean was the engineer at the Paddy Lackey gold mine at Dark Corner, NSW. The car was built from bits and pieces and steered with a lever. Newspaper cutting from Trevor Parmenter. Collection Vicki Powys.



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23-5-1917 Mr. and Mrs. J. BAKER and Daughter wish to thank all kind friends for expressions of sympathy with them in their late sad bereavement. Sunny Corner, May 21.

25-5-1917 Mr. Edward Hunt an old local identity, passed over to the great majority yesterday. The deceased, who came originally from the old country over sixty years ago, had attained the age of eighty-three. The remains were interred in the Sunny Corner cemetery, the Rev. F. J. Harris conducting the burial service.

A memorial service in honor of Ptes. Fair and Baker, recently killed in action in France, was held in the Church of England on Sunday. There was a large congregation. Special hymns were rendered by the choir, and a very eloquent and touching sermon was delivered by the Rev. F. J. Harris.

1-6-1917 Officers being retired from the Public Service. Mr. Alfred Harvey Nichols, Teacher, Dark Corner. Last day of service, 15th May, 1918.

1-6-1917 Sapper Cecil Nichols, writing to his parents at Sunny Corner from Palestine on March 31, says he had been too busy fighting to write or post any letters. He goes on to say, "We attacked Gaza on the 24th March, infantry in the front, and mounted troopers on the flank and round the back of the enemy positions. This being hard country, quite different to the desert, the infantry got right up to the front and were right in it this time. The bombardment was terrific, and lasted all day. Our infantry and some mounted men took the town, and first line of trenches and redoubts, and held them until next day, when the enemy was heavily reinforced. The town and redoubts were taken and retaken several times. It was like taking a fortress, and the slaughter on both sides was terrible. Hand to hand fighting in the streets and houses, through windows etc., with bullets and bayonets everywhere. It was the toughest job we've struck yet. The mounted men did good work at the back, took a lot of prisoners, and advanced a long way into the town, but were kept back in reserve for a long while, to give the infantry a chance. However, we waited too long, thousands of enemy reinforcements from Beersheba came up and though we kept them back until about 9-00 PM. we had to ultimately retire or we would have been cut off from the main body.

"Next day the fight went on just as fiercely. The Light Horse captured one place, the 7th got two guns, and the New Zealanders the same, and then fired them back at the enemy. It was funny afterwards, talking it over. One 7th chap fired a shell at a house where Turks were hiding, and it knocked the house right in, whilst the Turks ran out with their hands up. Our mounted men captured a German general. Just at dawn they saw carriages driving through the streets. About eight troopers chased them a long way, and at length captured the general and his staff of about twenty officers. It was a very exciting chase. Since then a Turkish general has been captured, also 800 prisoners. Our mounted troops had few casualties, but the infantry lost heavily. The machine gun fire was deadly. The Turks counter attacked on the second morning, and I believe hardly a Turk got back alive. The Turks must have lost heavily, for our guns never ceased all the first day, and I believe our men were burying them ten deep in places. The enemy is back in the town and have a line right across to Beersheba, they will take some pushing back now.

"It is lovely country, and worth fighting for, we are only about 80 miles from Jaffa, the seaport town of Jerusalem. Our chaplain says this is the sixth time Gaza has been under siege, and has been a very difficult place to take. However, it may be only a matter of a few days more. For the last six days we have not taken our clothes off, just went to sleep (what little we had), as we were, and ready to move off at a moments notice. Before I post this I expect terrible things will have happened. All is about ready again.

, "I received quite a nice lot of letters and papers. I received an invitation to a wedding in Sunny Corner, and I replied to the effect that I was unable to be present owing to a pressing engagement with the enemy. We have been living on bully beef and

biscuits for nearly two weeks, mobile rations, but once we got some fresh meat. A party of us saw some of the Turks cattle and after the fight that night we ran a young beast in and butchered it and for breakfast had fried steak, liver, and heart. Our troop did well for several days. Lots of others did the same thing. I bought some fowls eggs and some very large sweet oranges fairly cheap, a couple of days before the attack on Gaza.

I saw eight monsters to-day, tanks, I'll bet the Turk's will get when they see them coming at them."

The soldier concludes with "We are again on the move. God knows whether we will come back again, for we are up against something extra strong."

4-6-1917 A young man named Leslie Grabham oldest son of Mr John Grabham of Dark Corner met with a rather serious accident a few days ago. He was handling a young horse when the animal pulled back causing him to fall heavily, with the result that his collar bone was broken and shoulder dislocated. Medical aid was requisitioned, and the sufferer is now well on the way to recovery.

Our popular postmistress Miss L. Nichols is in receipt of the following very encouraging report from the superintendent of the savings bank department of the Commonwealth Bank: "The Bank's inspecting officers report on your office is very satisfactory, and we desire to compliment you on the manner in which the business has been conducted, and to thank you for the interest displayed in the business of the bank. We are pleased to have your co-operation in an endeavour to extend the influence of the bank whenever opportunity occurs."- During the period Miss Nichols has been in charge of the post office here she has always maintained the high standard of efficiency for which this office has been noted in the past, and has carried out her duties in an agreeable and obliging manner.

14-6-1917 Mr George Attwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Attwell of West Mitchell has passed away after a long and panful illness. He leaves a widow and four young children. The remains were interred in the Church of England portion of the Sunny Corner Cemetery, the Rev. F. J. Harris, rector of O'Connell officiating at the graveside. Much sympathy is felt for the aged parents and relatives of the deceased, as it is only a few months since the youngest brother, Private L. A. Attwell, was killed in action.

Steps are being taken to raise funds to carry out much-needed improvements to the Sunny Corner Cemetery, where a heavy growth of scrub has sprung up during the past few years.

Mining matters have quietened down considerably. At the Verdun mine the prospecting shaft on the southern end is down over thirty feet, and a drive is now being put in and the reef may be struck at any moment. Should it come up to expectations, the syndicate which holds the option over the mine will take it over, and enter on a vigorous development policy. Mr. Vincent Casey is in charge of operations at present.

A few other claims in this locality are still being worked. Government aid has been granted to Messrs. Bennett and party, whose show is on the Palmer's Oakey road, and to Mr. J. H. Pye, who is working midway between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner.

A Lithgow syndicate has taken up the old Bulldog mine. The ore here is somewhat similar to that at the Sunny Corner mine and with the present high price of metals, it should prove a profitable undertaking.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson has acquired the Sunny Corner mine, and with it a large quantity of ore mined many years ago. This is being sent away for treatment, but there are reports that a plant to deal with the stuff locally is to be erected shortly.

Mr. Morris, Assistant Government Geologist, has been on a visit to the Verdun goldfield, and spent about a week in that vicinity.

20-6-1917 At the Wardens Court, held at Sunny Corner, G. Shumack, of Sunny Corner was granted suspension of working conditions on authority No.1767, for six weeks and J. Murray, a similar suspension for six weeks.

25-6-1917 Hundreds of tons of ore are being carted from the mines at Sunny Corner to the Pipers Flat Railway Station. Each team makes three trips per week.

10-7-1917 WOUNDED. Pte. ROY OSBORNE, Sunny Corner.

19-7-1917 It has been snowing heavily since midnight, and although the ground was wet, it is lying to a depth of over three inches.

Much anxiety is felt at the serious illness of Mr. Chas. Murray licensee of the Royal Hotel. Mr. Murray has been ill for some time, but on Saturday serious symptoms set in, and Dr. Wilson was at once called. The doctor holds out no hopes of recovery, and all the members of the family have arrived home. Mr. Murray is one of the oldest residents of the district, and is universally known and deservedly popular. Wide felt sympathy is felt for the family and many a prayer has been sent up for his recovery.

25-7-1917 Mr. Chas. Murray, proprietor of the Royal Hotel, died on Friday morning after a long and painful illness. Although Mr. Murray had been suffering for a long time the end came rather unexpectedly. He was up and about on the previous Saturday, but on Sunday took a serious turn and had to lie up, he never rallied again.

The deceased was one of those open hearted, generous men, whom to know was to respect and hold in the highest esteem. Of him it can truthfully be said that he was a true friend to everyone but himself, he had been in the hotel keeping business for between thirty and forty years, and during that time had kept five different hotels. He had every reason to be proud of the fact that he had never had a bad mark or a complaint against him in all that time. Mr. Murray was also, widely interested in mining here, and was part owner of the Big Hill gold mine and the West Mitchell battery. He has left, a widow and grown-up family to mourn his decease. The family are as follows: Mrs. G. Shumack, Mrs. W. Francis, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald (daughters), Mr. J. S. Murray, and Mr. A. V. Murray (Grenfell) .(sons).

The funeral was arranged to take place on Sunday but owing to the heavy snowstorm was postponed till today (Monday). A large concourse of relatives and friends, followed the remains to their last resting place at Kirkconnell cemetery and within a stones throw of where the deceased was born just, seventy years ago._ Rev; Father O 'Brien officiated at the grave side.

The severe weather we have experienced here for the past week culminated in a heavy snowstorm. The ground was covered to a depth of from one to two feet, while in places the drifts formed banks of snow ten feet high.
The mail from Rydal did not arrive till after two o'clock, and everyone was surprised that it got through at all. There was no outward mail on Saturday, either to Yetholme, Palmers Oakey, or Rydal. There is still plenty of snow about, but the roads are clear, although very muddy and heavy. The road from Portland is badly cut up, with the heavy traffic from the mine here, and is almost impassable for light vehicles.

27-7-1917 Two more names are to be added to the Sunny Corner Roll of Honor. They are Jack Shumack, youngest son of Mr. J. H. Shumack, and his cousin Bert Shumack, both of Dark Corner. They went into camp on Monday last.

27-7-1917 Private Gordon Chiplin, son of Mr. C. H. Chiplin, school teacher of Sunny Corner, writes from France as follows: "We are still in the trenches and having a pretty rough time. We had five days of very heavy shelling, don't want to go through it again. For sixteen hours Fritz never stopped and it was hot I can tell you, then all one night we were sitting up with our gas masks on. I am very sorry to say I have lost my old mate Charlie Ward, he was wounded in the left arm yesterday morning, got a pretty bad one. He will not see any more fighting, and I'm afraid he will lose his arm, poor chap. He and I were standing on 'post' and another chap named Siden was sitting in a hole in the bank, alongside us, when Fritz opened up with his guns and a shell lobbed right on top of us. It blew Siden out of his little dugout and wounded Charlie, while I got a bit of a shock, everyone says it was marvellous we were not all killed. I did not know what had happened for about ten minutes. I can't make out how Siden got out of his dugout, there were a good many about the trench at the time, and no one saw him, so they started to dig for him then they found him in the bottom of the trench. The bayonets were blown off our rifles and a Fritz rifle we were using for sniping was blown to pieces, so you can see we were lucky to have got off so lightly. Poor Charlie is the worst off. Siden and I have been sent out of the line for a few days rest, to get over the shock, but expect to be back in the thick of it in a few days time. (Letter dated 21st May 17)
Charlie Ward, is a son of Mr. Sam Ward, of Mt. Lambie. His arm has been amputated, and he is now on his way home."

Charlie Ward and Private Chiplin enlisted at the same time, were trained together at the Bathurst camp and left together with the 'Dinkums' and had been mates right up till the time Private Ward was wounded.
Private Roy Osborn, son of Mr. J. Osborn, was reported wounded sometime back, but as no further news has been received, it is assumed that he is doing alright.

8-8-1917 The Local Government Department wrote to the Turon Shire Council yesterday stating that the Minister for Public Works had approved of the Council disposing of the caretaker's residence at Sunny Corner water reserve.

13-8-1917 Mr. John Shumack, sen., one of our very best residents, died very suddenly in Sydney on Sunday.

17-8-1917 Messrs Ashby and McQuillen, who have been prospecting for about six months in the vicinity of Coolamigal Creek, in the Sunny Corner district, report having struck payable gold, after thoroughly testing the acre held under authority to enter. The reef has been sunk to a depth of 45ft in some places along the line of lode, which is running east and west with an easterly underlay. The shoot of gold has been provided for a distance of 700ft along the line of reef. The assays run from 15dwts to 3ozs 4dwts of gold and 2ozs 15 dwts to 11ozs of silver. The reef is from 5 to 24 inches wide, and is improving with depth, the prospect at 45 feet is remarkably rich, and samples were dollied and proved to contain more gold than quartz. The prospectors are both experienced mining men, who came to the district at the time of the Verdun rush, and have been working here ever since. No extravagant claims are made concerning the find, and the assays quoted were made by the Department of Mines, and were taken from widely separate parts of the reef.

STAINES. — In loving memory of our dear father, James Staines, who died at Sunny Corner August 16 1916.
Empty is your corner dad,
Vacant is your chair,
It is when we go to visit mum,
We miss you everywhere.
Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Walter Dowling, Cullen Bullen.

Mr. John Shumack, a well known and highly respected resident of Dark Corner, died suddenly in Sydney on Sunday. He had been in poor health for some little time and went away for a change and to seek medical advice.
The late Mr. Shumack was one of the largest, and most progressive farmers in the district. He was a hardworking, upright man, the soul of honor, ever ready to assist those in need, and in every way a man of sterling character and one which any community can ill afford to lose. The deepest sympathy of all classes will be fully extended to the bereaved, family and relatives. The remains were brought from Sydney last night and the funeral took place at Dark Corner cemetery to-day. It was largely attended by friends and relatives from the surrounding district. Rev. Father O'Brien conducted the funeral service.

21-8-1917 Mr. Cornelius Lynos, an old local identity, died rather suddenly at his residence on Monday. He had been unwell for about a week, and a neighbor, calling in to see him, found him dead close to his house. The police were informed, and the occurrence reported to the district coroner, and as there were no suspicions circumstances, an inquiry was dispelled with. The deceased had been a resident of Sunny Corner, for about twenty years, and was nearly 80 years of age at the time of his death. He always lived alone and as far as is known had no relatives in this country. A considerable sum of money was found on the body and has been taken charge of by the Public Trustee. The remains were interred in the Catholic portion of the general cemetery. Mr. J. Fitzgerald read the burial service in the absence of the Rev. Father O'Brien.

An effort is being made to carry out some very necessary improvements at the local cemetery. Subscriptions towards defraying expenses have been invited and tenders have been called for doing the work. As a number of local men are now unemployed owing to the strike the time is very opportune for having work of this kind carried out.

Exceptionally boisterous weather has prevailed here lately, the wind, at intervals attaining terrific force. Many large trees were uprooted. One was blown down close to Mr. Osborne's residence. When the limbs were chopped off the trunk assumed the perpendicular again, and no doubt will take another lease of life.

Mining matters are rather quiet. There is nothing doing anywhere, except at the Sunny Corner mine, where a shaft is being sunk with the object of reaching a body of ore said to have been left in one of the levels many years ago. The Wilkinson Bros., who now hold this property, are also experimenting with the view of finding some method of treating the slag, which is said to contain silver, and lead in payable quantities.

As a preliminary the Bob's Creek battery has been put in working order, and a quantity of the slag will he crushed and dealt with in the usual way.

Messrs. Wilkinson are very confident that they can successfully deal with the material and as there are over a million tons of the slag, everyone here hopes they will be rewarded by the realisation of their expectations.

Old records show that in 1891 Sunny Corner was credited with a population of 1677; at the census of 1911 it had declined to 269.

23-8-1917 A fine tribute to the value of the Kirkconnell estate has been shown by Mr. K. K. Wolstenholme who, having sold his famous 'Montavella' orchard to the Government, has purchased three hundred acres at Kirkconnell.

Mr. Wolstenholme has lost no time in preparing his new purchase for productive purpose. He is now clearing for planting, and is preparing the site for his new residence.

13-9-1918 A slight discrepancy appeared in the report of Blaxland Shire Council meeting. It was stated that Mrs. Lyn Yates, of West Mitchell, applied to the Council for the refund of £3, value of work done to the road near her property, and that Council decided to meet the request. This was not the case, as, fearing that to do so would establish a precedent, the Council decided not to entertain the request

26-9-1917 Mr. C. Jennings, S.M., had before him at the Bathurst Police Court this morning an application from Mary Bridget Murray executrix of the estate of her late husband, Charles Murray for the transfer of the license of The Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, from her late husband to herself. The application was granted.

8-10-1917 Mrs. Turner, relict of the late James Turner, of West Mitchell, died rather suddenly at her residence on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased lady was over seventy years of age and though she had been ailing for a little time the end came rather unexpectedly, heart trouble being the cause.

The contractor for clearing the local cemetery, Mr. J: Collins, is making good progress with the work. When completed the place will be a vast improvement on the old order of things. A row of pines along the boundaries would greatly add to the scenic effect.

The Rifle Club shows signs of returning animation, after a period of inactivity. A well attended meeting was held recently, and about twenty new members were enrolled. Mr. A. H. Nichols was elected captain, vice Mr. Chas. Scott resigned, and Mr. C. W. Chiplin was elected to the position of secretary, rendered vacant by Mr. Nichols elevation to the position of captain. Mr. J. M. Sheridan and Mr. T. Fitzgerald, were added to the committee.

8-10-1917 Privates John and Bert. Shumack were home for the week-end last week, and spent a few happy hours among their relations and friends. Both soldiers look well and speak fairly well of life in camp.

12-10-1917 A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at the Kirkconnell Church recently by Father. O'Brien. The contracting parties were Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dowler, of Tarana, and Henry Frederick, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kemp, sen., Willow Glen.

15-10-1917 McDONALD. — In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Alexander E. McDonald, who departed this life at Sunny Corner, 15th October 1914.

All is sad within our memory,
Lonely are our hearts to-day;
For the one we loved, so dearly;
Has for ever passed away.

Inserted by his loving wife and family, Alex., Ellen, George, and Isabella McDonald.

19-10-1917 Official notification was received in Bathurst yesterday that Lieutenant Colonel C. W. Thompson, A.M.C., M.C., has been wounded in France, and admitted to hospital. The nature of his wounds was not stated.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thompson is the son of Mrs. W. G. Thompson, of 'Warrie' Palmer's Oakey, and cousin of Mr. A. G. Thompson, of Bathurst, and of the late Captain Hubert Thompson, who was recently killed in action. He is 32 years of age and is in command of the 14th Australian Field Ambulance. He has been on service since the earliest days of the war and was present at the landing on Gallipoli. It is sincerely hoped that his injuries are not serious,

26-10-1917 Mr. H. J. Fraser, who, after being rejected several times for active service, was accepted as a munition worker, and sent to England, writes to his brother, Mr. G. G. Fraser of Sunny Corner, as follows: "We got home safely after about one of the slowest trips on record, just on seventeen weeks. We should have done it in eight at the outside as we had good weather most of the time, though between Durban and Capetown it was somewhat rough. The machinery kept getting into knots, and the boat could not keep up with the convoy. At one part of the voyage we had to put back 1200 miles. We were attacked by a submarine about two days out from Plymouth, but they missed, and one of our destroyers got the sub. We landed at Plymouth, and were sent to different parts of England. I am to start work to-morrow. The weather here at present is splendid, in fact quite warm. We are living in huts, and get our food at reduced rates. Everything is terribly dear. Butter and sugar are almost unobtainable, each family is allowed so much, according to size. Meat is weighed out to you by the ounce. Bread is all brown, you cannot buy white flour. Clothing is also very dear, and costs much more than in Sydney. By what I can see here,

the people in Australia have a lot to be thankful for. They do not know there is a war on out there. The Zepps were here a little while ago after the munition works. They dropped bombs, but only made holes in some vacant ground, doing no damage.

A little girl named Iris Coleman, aged about eight years, daughter of Mr. William Coleman, met with an accident under rather peculiar circumstances. She was carrying a smaller child on her back when she fell, sustaining a broken thigh. Medical aid was obtained and the little sufferer subsequently removed to Portland hospital. This family have had more than a fair share of bad luck lately, as it is not long since their home was burned down.

2-11-1917 Mr. George Stait an old and very highly respected resident, died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Alf. Sparkes on Monday, after a long illness. He was a native of Sydney, but had spent the greater part of his life in this district, where he followed the occupation of a carrier, his age was nearly 70 years, and he has left a widow and grown up family of 12 children.

8-11-1917 Mr: A. Grabham of Dark Corner has been advised that his son, Pte. Tom Grabham has been severely wounded in the arm. Pte. Tom. Kemp, son of Mrs. M. Kemp of Meadow Flat, is also reported wounded. He was the youngest, but not the smallest, volunteer to enlist from this district. He went to the front about twelve months ago. He is not yet eighteen years of age, but is over six feet high, and weighed about 13 stone. Their many friends will wish both the wounded lads a speedy recovery.

9-11-1917 The death has occurred in London, at the age of 90 years, of Mr. Samuel Levy Bensusan, whose son, Mr. Darrell A. Bensusan resides at Bowral, New South Wales.

The deceased arrived in Australia in 1850, and was identified for many years with extensive mining operations. He opened the first copper and tin smelting works in Australia, and for a time he represented the mining interests of Messrs. Rothschilds.

He personally discovered the Sunny Corner silver mines, and formed a large company, which operated for many years until silver dropped in price. He was instrumental in the discovery of nickel in New Caledonia.

14-11-1917 Private H. Dibley, one of the Dinkums, and son of Mr. James Dibley, of Diamond Swamp, is reported as suffering from a bullet wound.

Pte. J. McLachlan son of Mr. and Mrs. T. McLachlan of Dark Corner is also reported wounded.

21-11-1917 Private Joseph Pebblewick, well known in Sunny Corner and Burraga districts, has been reported wounded a second time. Mr. Pebblewick married the eldest daughter of Mr. Edward Morgan, at one time of O'Connell.

3-12-1917 MARA. -Died of wounds in France November 1st 1917. Private William Ernest Mara youngest son of John and H. Mara, Gollan via Wellington, late of Kirkconnel, Sunny Corner beloved brother of Alice, brother in law, James Egan, and family.

4-12-1917 Mr. C. Jenning S.M., yesterday granted an application from Mary B Murray of Sunny Corner, for a publicans booth license for the Sunny Corner races on Boxing Day.

14-12-1917 Tran. Teacher Miss Margaret Kilfoyle, from Warrumbunglo to Dark Corner;

21-12-1917 To the Editor. Sir, By letters from England I find that in spite of the millions Australia has given voluntarily to the war, and the other millions taken in taxation, and yet again the other millions borrowed, our Australian heroes even in the most favorable circumstances receive the poorest food and not enough of it, and suffer cold in the bitter northern winter, because they have no fuel for fires. The following is from an Australian in the flying corps: "It is now winter and getting very cold, especially in midair. We have no fires, and I am so cold that I can hardly hold the pen. We are all fearfully cold; This weather is the limit. Give me Australia, God's own country. The food is very scarce. We don't get any butter only dripping. There is hardly any sugar or tea. We are on half ration now, and I can tell you I feel very hungry and long for a decent feed. I wonder if we will ever see home again. I think they ought to let us go home now, and send some others to take our places."

And yet there are people in Australia in peace and plenty purchased by these heroes who do not wish to send them reinforcements. Yours, etc. LYN YATES. West Mitchell, Sunny Corner.

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7-1-1918 Owing to the abandonment of the usual annual race meeting, the holidays were rather quieter. A basket picnic was held on the recreation ground and a good programme of favourite events was put through. Though no charge was made for admission a credit balance of nearly £6 was shown on the days proceedings. A sheep donated, by Messrs. Thompson Bros., Palmers Oakey was disposed of by a guessing competition and realised £3.-

A juvenile ball and a sports ball were both well patronised, and proved very successful.-

Mr. C. W. Chiplin acted as M. C, and music was provided by Misses Chiplin and Barkel and Messrs. Rex Williams, C. W. Chiplin, and T. Barkel.

A ladies bracelet, disposed of by art union, was won by Miss Elsie Francis. The proceeds of the sports and ball, which showed a credit balance £21 were in aid of the funds of the Y.M.C.A. The art union realised £9 8s, which was donated to the War Chest Fund.

Those movements were under the auspices of the Rifle Club, and it is mainly due to the energy of the officials and members of the club that the efforts showed such a satisfactory result.

9-1-1918 The death occurred in the hospital at the week end of Eben Pratt; a very old identity of the Sunny Corner district. Deceased who was 81 years of age had been for many years engaged in mining around Sunny Corner. The funeral took place on Saturday at Portland.

28-1-1918 Mr. Henry Burgess died very suddenly on Thursday afternoon, at the age of 72. The deceased was chopping wood in his yard when he collapsed and died immediately. He had been suffering from rheumatism for some time. Always a hard working man, he stated to several people that he would be back at work again very shortly. He has left a wife and grownup family, who are well known here, at Sunny Corner, and the surrounding district. His sons are Messrs. Fred

Burgess, Charles, Essel, and Harry, and his daughters Mrs. Hosa, Mrs. R. Burgess, Mrs. T. Walsh, and Mrs. E. Bingham. Deceased had lived here for about 14 years. Last May, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess celebrated their golden wedding. The funeral took place at the Portland cemetery, and was largely attended. The Rev. E. A. Homfray conducted the burial service.

31-1-1918 Mr. Bert McKenzie, son of Mr. John McKenzie, has been invalided home from the front, after about two and a half years of active service, part of which was spent at Gallipoli. Pte. McKenzie was wounded in France. He has another brother still at the front and whom he has not seen for many years. Though they were at Gallipoli and France at the same time, they never met. The young soldier is spending a few days with his father at Sunny Corner.

1-2-1918 A very successful social was held in the School of Arts Hall on Friday last, under the auspices of the Dinkum girls of Meadow Flat, assisted by the Coo-ee girls of Sunny Corner.

The function proved a most enjoyable one, and was well patronised both by local residents and visitors from the surrounding district. A substantial cash balance resulted. To quote from a comic song ably rendered by Mr. Barkel everything was "beautiful".

The present season has been exceptionally good for fruit and record crops of raspberries, strawberries, gooseberries, and cherries have been gathered. The gooseberries are extraordinarily fine; although not quite so "ripe" as the famous egg that struck Billy Hughes, they are nearly as big and a darned sight more acceptable.

1-2-1918 Common made a profit of 7 pounds for 1917.

6-2-1918 On account of ill health, Mr. J. T. Egan, of 'Coolcappa,' Sunny Corner, notified the Turon Shire that he would have to cease work on March 22. His health has been far from good, and he proposes to take up some other class of work.

Jack Shumack who was severely injured by being kicked by a horse at Dark Corner last week, is still an inmate of Strathmore Private Hospital.

The doctors state that it will be necessary to remove the eye. The unfortunate boy was well liked by all who knew him and he and his parents have the deepest sympathy of all.

1-3-1918 Mrs M. Kissell, of West Mitchell, has been advised of the death of her brother, Sapper Charlie McConnely who died in France on 11th instant. The young soldier enlisted, with his brother Donald, from Orange, two and a half years ago, and left for the front with the 1st Australian miners. He had passed through many severe engagements, and escaped without a scratch, but succumbed to a severe attack of bronchitis.

The younger brother Donald, was seriously wounded and put out of action for seven months, but recovered. He is now in the firing line. The many friends of Mrs. Kissell sincerely sympathise with her in the loss of her soldier brother.

20-3-1918 A memorial service for the late Mrs Baker was held in Holy Trinity Church of England on Sunday evening last. The Rev. A. G. Grosswoll was the officiating minister and spoke in very feeling terms of the deceased lady who was universally known and respected by all denominations. An unusually large congregation attended the service.

25-3-1918 Master Jack Attwell oldest son of Mr. Arthur Attwell of West Mitchell was taken seriously ill a few relays ago. He was taken to Bathurst for medical attention, but is still far from well.

5-4-1918 A very successful bazaar was held in the School of Arts Hall on Easter Saturday and Monday nights. There was a crowded attendance each evening, and good business was done by the small but irresistible army of young ladies who disposed of many useful and valuable articles by raffling; in some cases the profits realised would make the toughest profiteer envious. Miss McCulla was secretary, Mrs. McCulla and Mrs. T. Sparks, had charge of the refreshments stall, while Mrs. A. Attwell and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald presided over the fancy stall. Among those who assisted with the raffles were the Misses Shumack (4), Miss Sparks, Miss Osborn, Miss Chiplin, Misses Strickland (2), Miss Barkel, Miss Guihot, and many others. The receipts reached nearly £40, so that both financially and otherwise the function was a great success. The proceeds are in aid of the local R. C. church funds.

17-4-1918 As Mr. Samuel Withers was on his way to his work at Ben Bullen lately, and as he was riding past a picturesque spot among the hills about a mile from Mr. J. McLachlan's residence, he stopped to pick up a small twig. As he did so the horse he was riding became very restive, ending in a series of buckjumping manoeuvres in the rocky hills and causing Mr. Withers to be thrown heavily among some rocks, breaking his thigh very badly.

Mr. Strickland, also on his way to work, came along some five minutes after Mr. Withers was thrown and promptly placed the unfortunate man in a more comfortable position and went to Mr. J. Martin's for assistance. In the meantime word was sent to Mr. J. McLachlan, who immediately got some bandages and splints, and with the assistance of Mr. Strickland and others, straightened the leg, the bone slipping back into its place to the injured mans great relief.

Word was immediately sent to Sunny Corner, and Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, always ready to do a good turn, quickly jumped into his car and was on the scene in a very few moments, getting Mr. Withers into the car and hurrying him to the Bathurst hospital. At time of writing Mr. Withers was doing as well as could be expected.

Master John Shumack, who met with an accident caused by the kick of a horse some time ago, resulting in the loss of his right eye, is at present in Sydney, and today (Tuesday) is about to undergo an operation in connection with the injury.

Mr. John McLachlan having heard that his brother Donald was in a very low state of health, left to-day for Bismuth, near Deepwater, nearly six hundred miles distant, to see him.

In passing along the road here near Messrs. George and. Richard Shumacks residences, one is greatly pleased at hearing some good musical selections from the musical combination that Miss Vera. Shumack won in a lottery a short time ago. The instrument is an excellent one, and the items selected are very good.

Mr. Drysdale Scott, with his two fine teams, has been busy taking wattle bark, to the railway, also a fine load of honey.

Word was received, by Mrs. John McLachlan that her son Jack was wounded last week in the late dash in the west. Our other soldier lads are still pegging away, some in France, some in Palestine.

19-4-1918 Great sympathy is felt for Mr., C. Bottrell and family in the loss of their wife and mother, whose death took place at Portland last week. The deceased lady had a wide circle of relatives and friends in this district, she was a daughter of Mrs. M. A. Montgomery of West Mitchell.

24-4-1918 The death is reported of Mr. Donald McLachlan, of Bismuth, and formerly of Dark Corner where he was well and favourably known, having worked for many years in the old Paddy Lackey mine. The cause of death was miners consumption, a complaint from which most of the Paddy Lackey miners have suffered. A widow and seven children are left to mourn their loss.

Another old local identity has passed over. This is Mr. Richard Llewellyn whoso death was reported here this (Monday) morning, from Roseville, where the family have been living since leaving Sunny Corner about eighteen months ago. The deceased was a mining engineer and was associated with Hill End and Sunny Corner in their palmiest days. He had a seemingly inexhaustible fund of interesting reminiscences of those strenuous times. He was an accomplished musician, and the possessor of in particularly fine bass voice and his talents were always freely expended for any worthy object. Mr. Llewellyn was at one time conductor of the choir of the Catholic Church at Sunny Corner then at its best and kept the choir up to a high standard till the failure of the mining industry caused a decline in the population.

During the past few years Mr. Llewellyn was a confirmed invalid and suffered greatly from an affliction of the throat from which the kindly hand of death has brought happy release at last. The sincere sympathy of all classes here will be extended to the bereaved wife and daughter who are left to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and father. A well-read refined man, who had travelled much out of the beaten track, the late Richard Llewellyn was one whom it was always a pleasure to meet and on whose friendship one can always look back with feelings of pride and satisfaction.

01-05-1918 Mrs Duncan Ferguson Post Mistress in place of Mrs E E Munro at Palmers Oakey.

2-5-1918 John Strickland was charged at the Bathurst Quarter Sessions this afternoon, before Judge Scholes and jury, with stealing one pair of rubber boots, one shovel, and one rifle, at Sunny Corner, on January 15, the property of the Public Trustee. He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. W. H. Henlen appeared for the accused. Mr. R J. Browning was the Crown Prosecutor.

Short evidence was given that the articles mentioned were missing from the hut of an old man named Pratt, who had died in his hut at Sunny Corner. Constable Sheridan, as Public Trustee of the goods, made inquiries and found the boots in accuseds possession. He valued the whole of the goods at £5 but could not place any value on the boots, which had the soles worn practically off them.

The accused went into the witness box and stated that he had been living at Sunny Corner for 63 years. He had been cutting wood for the old man Pratt, and in payment therefor Pratt gave him the pair of boots, which had belonged to an old man who had died in Pratt's house some time previously.

His Honor at this stage directed the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty. This the jury did without leaving the box and accused was discharged.

6-5-1918 The social, etc., held by the Sunny Corner Red Cross branch on April 26, assisted by the"Coo-oc" and "Dinkum' girls and the "sports," realised a nett amount of £4.4s 9.d, which sum has been sent to the Sydney Red Cross Day Committee.

C. W. Chiplin has received a cable announcing that his son, Pte. G. A. Chiplin, has been gassed, and was in Beaufort War Hospital in London. The young soldier enlisted about two years ago, and although he has had some narrow escapes, this is the first time he has been put out of action.



6-5-1918 Mr. Cecil Francis, a carter in the employ of Messrs. Bulkeley and Co. here met with a serious accident this (Thursday) morning.

He was on his way to Dark Corner with a load of goods, when part of the harness broke and the horse became unmanageable and bolted off the road down an embankment. Mr. Francis was thrown out, and the wheel passed over his thigh breaking it about midway between the knee and hip. Mr. Edward Fitzgerald came along shortly after and at once galloped back to Sunny Corner for assistance. Many willing helpers were soon on the scene.

Mr. C. W. Chiplin assisted by several others rendered first aid with improvised splints and bandages and made the injured man as comfortable as possible, till Mr. W. B. Wilkinson brought out his car and removed the sufferer to the Portland hospital. Latest advices are that he is doing as well as can be expected.

He displayed great nerve during the trying ordeal of being moved about and having the broken limb adjusted. The horse and cart got tangled up in the scrub, but neither sustained any serious damage.

This is the third occasion on which the services of Mr. Wilkinson have been requisitioned for removing men with broken legs, within the past three weeks. The first was near Blayney, when a man got a fall from a motor bike, and the second was when Mr. Sam. Withers had his leg broken through being thrown from a horse, out in the 'ranges' at Dark Corner. He had to be carried nearly six miles on a sheet of bark, but is now doing well in Bathurst.

10-5-1918 The death occurred in the hospital on Sunday of Mr. J. Phillips, a well known resident of Sunny Corner. The deceased was admitted to the Portland hospital on Saturday afternoon suffering from pneumonia. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon at the Portland cemetery.

17-5-1918 Word has been received that Pte. Joseph Pebblewick, M.M., has been severely wounded in the groin. Pte. Pebblewick is well known at Burraga, Sunny Corner and Portland and married Miss Minnie Morgan late of O'Connell. This is the third occasion on which he has been wounded. On several occasions he has declined rank, preferring to remain a private with his chums.

6-6-1918 Mr. J. Thomas, of Portland, received word that his youngest son, Pte S. P. Thomas, had died of wounds in France on the 8th instant. Pte. Thomas enlisted in January. 1916, and having belonged to the Town Band was at once drafted into the band of the A.I.F. He applied for and obtained a transfer to the infantry and went to the front in October last. He took part in several engagements, but came through without a scratch until his last trip to the trenches. No details are yet to hand. Mr. Thomas and family are well known in the Sunny Corner district, where they resided for many years.

12-6-1918 One of the very best homecomings has taken place here eventuated last Monday evening, when Driver Thomas Grabham, was welcomed home, after returning wounded from the front. The welcome home took place in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shumack, who with the able assistance of their amiable daughters, artistically transformed some of the rooms, giving pleasure and comfort to all in attendance. Not only were the comforts inside, for Mr. Shumack converted the veranda into a cosy sports room, where very many pastime games were pleasantly indulged in by old and young. A very nice piece of work on bright red material with large letters in white the words Welcome Home. The work being done by a few good quiet patriotic workers. It was placed in a prominent place in the front room and was quickly noticed by all on entering the room where dancing was kept going for some time. Mr. Chiplin acting as M.C. At about ten o'clock, when all who intended being present had arrived, Mr. A. H. Nichols was called on to make the presentation, which consisted of a splendid gold albert, a very fine pendant with a soldier and rifle in hand on one side and an inscription on the other side, and a roll of notes. In the meantime Mr. and Mrs. Abe Grabham (parents of soldier Tom) occupied the seats reserved for them. The secretaries of the movement, Misses Ruby and Vera Shumack, led the way followed by Driver Thomas Grabham and Thomas Fitzgerald of Sunny Corner, who returned from the front some time ago, gassed. As the procession entered the room Miss Lily Nicholls played the ever popular air 'Home Sweet Home,' and when all had been seated after the cheering, Mr. Nichols in a few words remarked that he wished to thank them all for selecting him to make the presentation to the first local returned soldier. He said it was about two and a half years since they fare-welled Driver Thomas Grabham and in November, 1915 he left Sydney for Egypt, landing there about one month later. After putting in a certain amount of training in Egypt he was transferred to England, and more training eventually leaving for France, after a long time in action, he was wounded by shell fire in the arm. What the soldier had gone through during this space of time we living in peace as it were, cannot realise. On handing the chain pendant, and roll of notes to our worthy soldier, Mr. Nichols remarked that on behalf of his many friends it gave him very much pleasure to do so and hoped that he would be spared long to enjoy the use of these items. Driver Thomas Grabham said he sincerely wished to thank one and all for their goodness in thinking of him and giving him such a very nice present. When I left, he said, you gave me a very good useful present and when I return you do the same. Really you are too good. What I have done has been done willingly. When so far away from home before and after being wounded I was exceeding pleased to know that I had not been forgotten by you for I regularly received very many parcels, letters, papers etc., which so much help to cheer up a soldier. Soldiers on the battle-field are good follows with no time for nonsense, and are always ever ready to do their duty no matter how dangerous, the more dangerous, sometimes the better they like it. Miss Ella Bennett sang two songs, very nicely and Mrs Bennett recited a poem in fine style. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Shumack and family for throwing their house open and having everything so perfectly arranged on such pleasant lines and their untiring attention to all present, also a vote of thanks to the hon. secretaries for their splendid work in collecting for the list.

Mr. Richard Shumack responded by saying that it was a pleasure to him and his good wife and family to do what had been done especially as it went off so well.

19-6-1918 General regret is felt here at the deaths of Privates Joe Thomas and Frank Mitchell, who have made the supreme sacrifice in answering the call of duty. Both lads were natives of Sunny Corner, and spent their boyhood days here, and were well liked by all.

Their parents and relatives will receive a full measure of sincere sympathy from all their old friends in this neighbourhood. It will be some consolation for the bereaved ones to know that their gallant sons fell in such a worthy cause. Better to be in a hero's honored grave than to live letting the call of duty go unheeded and selfishly indifferent to the fate of all who should be dear to us.

Another old local identity passed away last week, in the person of Mr. Robert Scott, of Dark Corner, whose death took place at the Portland hospital after a comparatively short illness. The deceased, who was widely known and highly respected throughout the district, came from Scotland and settled in this locality 60 years ago, he had reached the grand age of 84 years when the final call came. The remains were interred at the Dark Corner cemetery beside those of his wife who had predeceased him about 10 years.

7-7-1918 Mr. Arthur Attwell, storekeeper, of West Mitchell, died on Thursday night. His wife had only predeceased him three months. A family of seven is left, the children ranging from three to sixteen. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon.

12-7-1918 From June 10 to June 30, 30 pairs of socks and 12 caps were completed by the Dinkum Sports girls.

A district welcome is to be tendered to Ptes. Grabham and Fitzgerald, Sunny Corner, and Ptes Butfield and Ward, of Meadow Flat, in Sunny Corner to-night (Friday). Private Ward belonged to the famous "Dinkums," together with Pte. Dibley, of Meadow Flat, and Pte. Chiplin, of Sunny Corner, and whom the Dinkum Girls were named after. I notice the formation of many girls leagues under this name. Sunny Corner Coo-ce Girls, and the Red Cross League have combined with Meadow Flat Dinkum Sports, to organise an effort for Christmas parcels for the local boys at the front. Yetholme and Dark Corner representatives are also giving a willing and helping hand.

Mrs. H. Burgess an old resident of Sunny Corner died suddenly at Portland last week. She was in her usual health in the afternoon and went to the pictures at night and there took bad. She expired when taken home. Her husband only died in January. She was 73 years of age and only last year the old couple celebrated their golden wedding. Four sons and four daughters thirty-eight grand children, and seven great-grandchildren are left.

18-7-1918 MURRAY. Of your charity pray for the repose of the soul of the late Charles D. Murray, of Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, who departed this life July 20, 1917.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. Inserted by his wife and family.

In spite of heavy snow, over 100 residents from all parts of the district assembled in the Sunny Corner School of Arts Hall to tender a district welcome home to three gallant lads who have returned from France. Privates Chas. Ward, Walter Butfield, and Tom Grabham. Dancing was indulged in till 10 p.m., when the guests, with their parents and relatives, were assembled on the stage over the arch of which was a large banner with the words, 'Welcome home' in big letters. 'Home Sweet Home' was sung by a large choir, assisted by the audience, and then Mr. C. Chiplin, on behalf of the residents, tendered the men a hearty welcome home. He said that Private Ward, who was one of the famous 'Dinkums,' had proved himself a gallant soldier. He had unfortunately lost his left arm in the trenches. Private Butfield who had enlisted in the 18th Battalion, had been twice wounded, and had lost nearly all the mates who had left the district with him, and had returned with a useless arm. However, he was quite cheerful about it and they were proud of him. Private Tom Grabham, the youngest of the trio, had gone through a hard time, and had had his right arm shattered; but seemed to be as full of fight as ever. Mr. Barkel, of Meadow Flat, spoke on behalf of that centre.

Cheers were given for the returned men, and also for their parents. Private Butfield responded on behalf of himself, and comrades. He thanked the residents for their kind welcome and said if any young men still here wanted free gun, free ammunition and plenty of shooting, he had better get to France, where there was plenty of shooting. Dancing was then resumed and kept up till 4 a.m. The arrangements were under the control of Mr. Chiplin, and everyone, present thoroughly enjoyed the function.

31-7-1918 Mr. C. W. Chiplin who has been headmaster of the local public school for the past eighteen years has been offered and has accepted the appointment of head teacher of Heddon Greta School. This place is the centre of a thriving industrial and farming district, and Mr. Chiplin is to be congratulated on his advancement, although his departure will leave a vacancy which it will be very hard to fill.

There has not been a movement, of a patriotic; charitable, or public nature with which he has not been identified. His ability as an organiser, and his energy as a worker have invariably resulted in everything he has taken in hand proving a great success. The members of his family have also contributed generously to the advancement of the social life of the town. A movement to suitably recognise Mr. Chiplins many sterling qualities has already been started.

0-7-1918 Edward Ryan appointed Teacher

5-8-1918 General regret was felt and expressed when it became known that Mr. Fred. McKinnon died suddenly on Friday night. Mr. McKinnon enjoyed splendid health up to within three hours before he died, and worked as usual on that day. Deceased was quite a prominent figure in Cullen Bullen, and was well known in Sunny Corner, Airly, Torbane, and Palmers Oakey. He has left a grown up family, of whom are Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. McKenzie, Messrs. George, Alex., and Ewen, and Misses Kathleen and Dulcie McKinnon. We extend sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

8-8-1918 On Saturday night the Patriotic Committee supervised the raffling of a pig, which was presented by Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Sunny Corner. The winning number fell to Mr. C. Richards, Tarana. Two hundred tickets having been sold, Miss Brown has the pleasure of forwarding the sum of £5 to the Australian Soldiers' Comfort Fund, as the result.

9-8-1918 A farewell social and presentation was tendered to Mr. C. F. Chiplin and family on the eve of their departure for Heddon Greta, after a residence here of 16 years.

Despite very bad weather there was a very fair attendance visitors from Dark Corner, Meadow Flat, and the surrounding district being among those present. Dancing was indulged in till midnight, when supper was served. Afterwards Mr. Barkel was called on to make the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Chiplin.

Mr. Barkel said that he had always found Mr. Chiplin ready to do his bit in any movement of a public nature either in the line of sport, patriotic, or charitable purposes. While he was glad to congratulate Mr. Chiplin on his promotion he regretted that he was losing a colleague whose friendship he valued very highly. The district was losing a citizen whose place it would be very hard to fill. Owing mainly to Mr. Chiplins energy and ability Sunny Corner enjoyed advantages which were lacking in much larger centres.

Mrssrs. A. Sparkcs, H Shumack, and G. Fraser also spoke in eulogistic terms of Mr. Chiplins capacity as a citizen, dinkum sport, and a public official of outstanding ability and integrity.

Mr. Barkel on behalf of the residents of Sunny Corner and district, then presented Mr. Chiplin with a splendid silver tea and coffee service on a silver mounted oak tray. The service was of a beautiful design, richly engraved with waratahs. Miss Chiplin and Miss G. Chiplin were each presented with a handsome gold brooch set with pearls and amethysts, Miss Barkel and Miss Osborn, making the presentations respectively.

Mr. Chiplin responding on behalf of himself and family, warmly thanked all for the presentations and the kind expressions extended to them. He had always tried to do his share in any movement, of public interest, and had to thank those who had been associated with him in the work of carrying on the School of Arts, Red Cross, and war work generally. The district to which he had been appointed was a rich and flourishing one, but he would always remember with pleasure the time spent at Sunny Corner and the many true and loyal friends he was leaving behind. The ceremony was brought to a conclusion by the hearty rendering of "They are Jolly Good Fellows" by the assembled company.

Dancing was continued till nearly daylight, but before breaking up a circle was formed in the body of the hall, and with hands crossed the strains of "Auld' Lang Sync " drowned the noise of the warring elements without. The rain poured incessantly all night, but it failed utterly to damp the spirits of those who had gathered to honor their departing friends.

The following are some of the public positions held by Mr. Chiplin at the time of his departure from Sunny Corner. Assistant returning officer for the Commonwealth, deputy returning officer for the State, trustee and secretary of cemetery, trustee and secretary of Sunny Corner common, trustee of recreation ground, trustee and president of the School of Arts, rectors warden Church of England for 15 years, secretary of rifle club, president of the Red Cross and War Chest, branch secretary of War Service Committee. With the exception of the electoral offices, these positions are all honorary. At social gatherings he was always ready to contribute by rendering a song or playing an accompaniment, as well as by giving financial and personal assistance. In cases of accident he was ever to the fore in rendering first aid to sufferers. Altogether, his removal will leave a vacancy in our small community which it will be very difficult to fill.

21-8-1918 Sunny Corners oldest inhabitant passed away a few days ago. This was Mr. Alexander Wallace who had attained the ripe old age of ninety-two years. He had been sixty-five years in the Commonwealth and thirty four years at Sunny Corner, having come here in the mining boom in the days when Broken Hill was not heard of. The late Mr. Wallace came originally from Scotland and followed the occupation of miner which is not generally conducive to longevity.

Mr. C. W. Chiplin late head teacher here writes enthusiastically of his new appointment at Haddon Greta. The district is being rapidly developed and the population is steadily increasing. He resides in West Maitland which has all the advantages of the city and none of its disabilities. He was formally welcomed by the Teachers' Association of the Maitland district, and elected a vice-president of that body.

Mr. Ryan, late of South Load Forbes, has taken Mr. Chiplins place here and brings a record of good work and good citizenship from the western town. He was a member of the hospital committee there, also the founder of the swimming club. While Sunny Corner has no similar institutions, there are other public bodies in which Mr. Ryans experience and ability will be very much appreciated.

22-8-1918 Private T. Thomas of Sunny Corner, has been killed in action.

13-9-1918 The old Sunny Corner mine which paid away £94,000 in dividends before it closed 20 years ago when copper was about £48 a ton, and silver 2s 2d an ounce, has got its wind again, and is now paying well. Wilkinson and party are getting out a big body of stone, about 100 tons per week being treated. The average ton contains 20oz. silver, 11 per cent lead, 14 percent, zinc, 21 per cent copper, and 4dwt of gold. The present party has had the mine 14 months, and the returns have paid from the start. Good offers have come from old hands, who know the geology of the field, but Wilkinson is not selling. A casual survey of the mine shows that there are several years supply of ore in sight on the 25 acres. With more labor on the show the syndicate will erect a larger treatment plant to avoid the greater part of £5 6s a ton for transport to the coast and treatment charge. The stuff' can be mined for about 11s a ton and treated at the surface for about 28s.

The Sunny Corner lode was first worked for gold as far back as 1875. About ten years later smelters were introduced and mining for silver was commenced. During the first twelve months the mine produced 1,109,454 ounces of gold and silver bullion, and up till the time of closing down, about twenty five years ago, had paid £94,000 in dividends. The reason given for the closing of the mine was that the rich gossan and black ore had been worked out, and had given place to very complex sulphide ore which the smelters were unable to deal with. The impression got abroad that it was too refractory and low grade to be worth troubling with.

21-9-1918 A message was received from Rev. Father O'Brien to-day announcing that Private Bert Shumack had died of wounds. The young soldier was only about 21 years of age and embarked for the front about twelve months ago. He was a nephew of Messrs. Richard Shumack. He was a fine, steady lad, a splendid horseman, a good shot and just typical of the men who have won for Australia the high and honourable position she now holds among the Allied nations.

Another Dark Corner soldier. Private Dan McLachlan, is reported wounded. He has been on active service nearly two years. His brother, Private J McLachlan, has been wounded three times. They are sons of Mr .and Mrs. John McLachlan.
Private Roy Osborn, is reported as being in hospital in France suffering from wounds. He has been gassed on two occasions previously and was the first to enlist from this district when war broke out.

2-10-1918 A well attended meeting was held in the School of Arts Hall on Wednesday night whereat it was decided to hold a market day and dance at night, at an early date, the proceeds to be devoted to the benefit of the Portland and Bathurst hospitals. Mr. E. J. Ryan was elected president of the movement, Mr. J. Murray secretary, Mr. J. H. Pye treasurer, and a strong committee, representative of the whole district was also appointed.
At the same meeting it was decided to form a Parents and Citizens Association, Miss Nichols being appointed secretary.

The dreaded influenza has made its appearance here as at other places, and a good many residents have been attacked by it. Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald is suffering from a serious attack of pleurisy and medical aid had to be summoned. He is now slowly improving.

9-10-1918 A very enjoyable picnic was held by the bonny banks of Bobs Creek. The weather was ideal and a large crowd attended. Outdoor games, such as Jolly Miller, and "Kiss in the Ring" were indulged in. Perhaps the young folk wished to make the most of it before the health officers got in their deadly work.

16-10-1918 McDONALD. In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, Alexauder E. McDonald, who departed this life at Sunny Corner 15th October 1914.
You are not forgotten, father dear,
For true love never dies,
The dearest spot on earth to us,
Is where our father lies.
Inserted by his loving wife and family, Ellen, Alex., George, and Isabella.

24-10-1918 A very successful plain and fancy dress ball was held in the School of Arts Hall on Friday night last. The attendance was large and everything passed off well.

6-11-1918 The Market Day and Sports held in the local recreation ground in aid of the Bathurst and Portland Hospitals was a huge success, there was a large attendance of visitors from all round the district and the Portland people proved 'dinkum" sports as usual, and rolled up in great force.

11-11-1918 Sunny Corner mines are most active at present. Two 14 horse teams have passed through Bathurst, both of which are to be utilised to carry the ore to Rydal.

19-11-1918 Messrs. C. Smith and K. Ashby, representing the Sure Gift Syndicate, have reported the discovery of a valuable make of gold at Dark Corner. Official information shows that the scene of the find is eight miles from Sunny Corner and about three miles from the old Paddy Lackey gold mine through which the prospectors believe run the same make of stone. Two shafts put down on the line of reef, respectively 50 and 30 feet, have shown the ore to be highly payable, the 30 tons taken out having averaged slightly under two ounces to the ton.
The reef has an average width of about 1ft 8in., and has been traced a distance of 2000ft.
The official report of the find describes it as the most important in the division for many years. The members of the syndicate have applied for adjoining Crown land.

26-11-1918 According to a statement prepared by Mr Wilkinson who with a party is working the old Sunny Corner Silver Mine, work has been continued without interruption for the past 12 months, satisfactory results being obtained.
The tramline was continued to a distance of 100ft beyond the main shaft, or 1000ft from the tunnel entrance. Here a rise put up disclosed ore assaying 30oz silver, 5dwt gold, and 20 per cent of lead. Several hundred tons of this ore was broken until the shoot went below the water level. A pumping plant was then procured and the water lowered. A winze was then sank 125ft on the northern side of the main shaft and about 250ft from the one referred to as No. 1.
A stope was opened out here for a width across the lode channel of forty feet. This stope was taken 10ft. high and is now about 15ft wide. Three lodes are disclosed in this stope, the whole of which is in lode material of payable values. The bottom 7ft of this stope is in black leady sulphides, which are still going underfoot, the depth being unknown, although a winze 40ft did not break through.
The value of this ore averages about 23oz. of silver, 3dwt of gold, 12 per cent lead, and 4 per cent copper.
On top of this black lode a seam of white pug ore about 2ft thick occurs. This is too low in value to justify its being sent away, and is being dumped.
Above the pug ore a white iron lode occurs, carrying fair values. This lode has not yet been prospected, only a few shoots having being put in to obtain assays. Owing to the difficulty of handling this ore an underlie tunnel was started some 100ft further north with the object of carrying the tramline under the ore. After driving about 6ft this tunnel struck the lode and has been driven in the ore about 90ft. This ore is of payable value. This tunnel will break into the new stope in about 10ft more driving, No. 3 tunnel, about 140ft above the No. 4 tunnel was crushed in by falls. This tunnel has been re-opened and discloses a lode body of heavy sulphide ore about 20ft thick. This ore is payable, but further work must be effected to enable it to be got at cheaply, as this part of the mine has been crushed with earth movements.
During the year a furnace was erected in the mine and up-to-date stamper battery and concentration plant has been purchased, but has not yet been erected. Ore shoots have been installed for loading the wagons.
The mine output is at present hampered by the difficulty of obtaining carriers and teams for removing the ore. The leady sulphide ore is at present sold to the Sulphide Corporation at Boolaroo, and the copper ore goes to Port Kembla. The matter from the furnace at the mine also goes to the same works. The present developments below No, 1 tunnel show about 25,000 tons of black sulphide ore, averaging 23oz silver, 3dwt of gold, 12 per cent lead, and 4 per cent copper.

The extent of this lode below the present prospecting work is unknown.
The dimensions of the white iron lode are also unknown, but must be very great, as it has been driven on for forty feet and shot into at places without any hanging wall being located. This lode gives 19oz silver, ? percent copper, 3dwt gold, 54 percent iron, and 2 percent lead.
The No. 3 tunnel work exposes a very large lode 20ft or over in thickness, with the other dimensions unknown. Assay average 18 oz silver, 20 percent lead, l dwt gold, 12 percent zinc, and 1.5 percent copper. Several small veins from 6in to 2ft in thickness extend in the extreme southern end of the mine workings, giving very high values.
These have not been followed or developed as yet, but nine tons broken from one vein returned £92 from Port Kembla. Others average 60oz.

27-11-1918 Mr. Thomas Kearns a well known former resident of Sunny Corner but more recently of Portland, was killed at Wollongong by falling from a bridge.

29-11-1918 Tran. Teacher Miss Margaret Kilfoyle, from Dark Corner to Portland;

3-12-1918 With a head of hair resembling that of a Fijian, a young, well-dressed man from West Mitchell, named Frederick J. Symons (34), a laborer, was charged before Mr. C. Jennings S.M., at the Bathurst Police Court yesterday with having stolen a rug valued at £5, the property of Margaret Murphy from the Family Hotel on November 23. He was represented by Mr. W. H. Henlen. . Symons was fined 3 pounds.

11-12-1918 Very hot arid dry weather conditions have prevailed here for the past six or eight weeks, herbage is drying off and water is beginning to give out, bush fires are burning all round the district and the town is enveloped in smoke, a good fall of rain would be very much appreciated at present.

The local War Chest Branch held a very successful social for War Chest Day, nearly £30 being raised as a result of their effort.

The Dinkum Girls League despatched 49 pairs of sox, six shirts and seven pairs underpants for the War Chest for month of November.

A meeting of the Sports Club was held on Saturday evening last and was decided to run a big sports meeting on Boxing Day. A programme running into £20 for prize money was drawn up and adopted. The matter is being taken up enthusiastically and it promises to be a very successfull function. Mr. J. Ryan is secretary and Mr. Shumack treasurer.

The death took place on Monday of Mr. John Boss, an old and very highly respected resident of Lithgow. The deceased, who was 78 years of age, formerly followed the occupation of a gold prospector and was well known in the Sunny Corner and Turon districts. He had resided in the town for about 25 years. The cause of death was senile decay. The interment takes place in the Dark Corner cemetery this afternoon.

16-12-1918 Master Jim Shumack oldest son of Mr. Richard Shumack, of "The Needles," Dark Corner, met with a rather serious accident while mustering sheep on his father's station.
He was heading a few runaway sheep when his horse fell, crushing his leg severely and breaking the small bone. Fortunately he was able to remount his horse and reach home.
A motor car was at once secured and the injured lad was taken to Bathurst for medical attention: The Shumack brothers have been having more than a fair share of trouble lately, it is only a few months since Pte. Bert, Shumack died of wounds received in action in France, and about ten months ago Jack, son of Mr. G. Shumack was kicked in the face by a horse and lost an eye as the result. Many friends will extend sincerest sympathy.

18-12-1918 Appointment of J. P. Shumack, Richard Joseph, of The Needles, Dark Corner;

20-12-1918 Trans. Teachers Mr. E. J. Ryan, from South Lead to Sunny Corner;
Mr. C. Chiplin, from Sunny Corner to Heddon Greta;

31-12-1918 After holding nearly every responsible position that medical officer can hold on the field and in the hospitals, Lieut. Col. Clive W. Thompson, son of Mr. W. G. Thompson of "Warrie" Palmers Oakey and cousin of Mr. A. G. Thompson of Bathurst, returned to his native district during the Christmas holidays. With the rank of Captain, Dr. Thompson left Australia as medical officer of the 1st Battalion of the A.I.F., and took part in the historic landing on Gallipoli. Shortly after the Lone Pine battle, where the Captain carried General Bridges, who was badly wounded, out of reach of shot range, he was awarded the military cross. Since then he has seen service under all kinds of conditions and looks none the worse for his experiences.

Palmers Oakey Tennis Club Members for 1918.

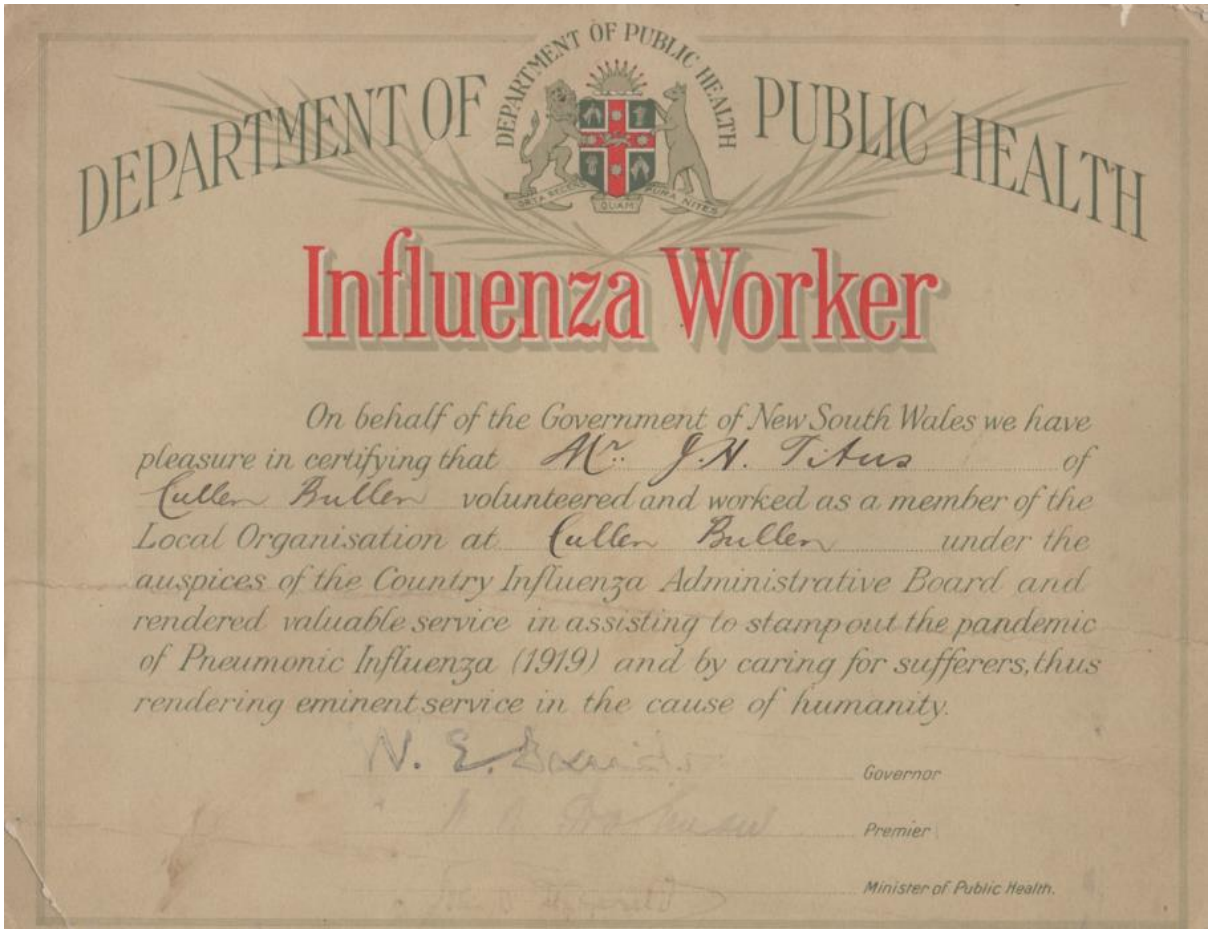
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INCOME

Tennis ball Subs	6-1-6
Sum for Cricket Mats	2-10-0
	8-11-6

EXPENDITURE

Tennis balls	6-18-10
Tennis Net	2- 2- 6
	8- 1- 4
Income	8-11- 6
Expend.	8- 1- 4
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Influenza Worker

On behalf of the Government of New South Wales we have pleasure in certifying that Mr. J.N. Titus of Cullen Bullen volunteered and worked as a member of the Local Organisation at Cullen Bullen under the auspices of the Country Influenza Administrative Board and rendered valuable service in assisting to stamp out the pandemic of Pneumonic Influenza (1919) and by caring for sufferers, thus rendering eminent service in the cause of humanity.

N. S. Davis
Governor

Premier

Minister of Public Health.

1919

7-1-1919 Mr Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, holder of seven championships, including a Commonwealth trophy took part in the bird shooting. His handicap was 31 yards, and after grasping five birds with the first barrel in the first sweep, he dropped out, his form being "not too good," as he put it. The Sunny Corner man describes Charlie Cabot as one of the very best first barrel shots in the Commonwealth.

8-1-1919 Matters locally are settling down after the whirl of excitement which prevailed during the festive (no error) season. The weather conditions were ideal for holiday making.

The first function on the holiday programme was a musical entertainment and Christmas tree in aid of the Church of England. It was well carried out and generously supported by all and proved most successful, about £17 was raised.

A very successful days sports and races were held on Boxing Day and attracted a large attendance. Portland sent a big contingent including the band, which rendered a very attractive musical programme. The races and novelty events were all keenly contested and everything passed off satisfactorily. The attendance is said to have been the largest for many years. Over £21 was taken at the gate, the total receipts being £33 odd. Mr. E. J. Ryan was secretary, and Mr. R. Shumack treasurer, of the function.

A ball in aid of the Red Cross was held at night under the auspices of the School of Arts members. This was also largely attended and proved most successful. The nett proceeds amounted to £22 4s. Mr. J. Barkel had charge of the dancers and was ably assisted by Messrs. E: Fitzgerald, Staines, Banning, and Butfield, while the music was provided by Mrs. Lawler, (violin), Miss. Barkel, Mrs. Shumack, and Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Mr. Barkel (piano), and Mr. P. Lawler (accordion). Supper was served at midnight.

On Saturday the local Cricket Club held a social, this also proved very satisfactory.

On New Years Night the annual social in aid of the R.C. Church funds was held. Like the preceding functions, this was most successful, financially and otherwise. The position of secretary and treasurer was very ably filled by Miss McCulla. During the evening several articles, were raffled with the following results. Wristlet watch won by Miss M. Grabham; gold brooch won by Mr. O. Stait; silver tea infuser won by Miss Barkel; pair silver jam spoons won by. Mr. H. Odgcrs.

15-1-1919 Yesterday morning a serious bush fire started near the reservoir, and before night, after spreading over a large area, much damage was done to the fencing enclosing the reservoir. Many hands kept the fire from reaching the caretakers residence. The water supply is now open to all stock, and if a new fence is not immediately erected much inconvenience will be the result.

The rifle shed and target pit were in danger of being destroyed but one of the members of the club by hard work checked it.

16-1-1919 So far this season has been one of the driest experienced in this part for many years. Though quite apparently appears to be no vestige of grass as yet the stock, on a whole are in fair condition. Gardening when water is not available, is out of the question. Early sown potatoes are also suffering.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, who has been putting much expert knowledge into the Sunny Corner Mine during the past few months, has been amply rewarded by the good results from the high grade ore obtained. At present a fair number of men are employed but Mr. Wilkinson is willing to put on more if up to the mark.

Our local school, since Mr. Ryan took charge a few weeks ago, has made such good headway that a lady assistant has been promised. Not only has Mr. Ryan done good work at the school but he is ever ready to assist in matters for the betterment of the town and district. Mr. Ryan was the prime mover in an effort here lately which resulted in about £100 being divided between the Bathurst and Portland Hospitals.

That some institutions are run on exceptionally ludicrous lines was amplified here a few evenings ago when five residents wished to become members of our local School of Arts. Going with a prominent member and wishing to get something to read they were informed by the president that they had to be elected members at a meeting before they could secure books. The five were subjected to the indignity of standing outside in the cold until much business had been transacted at the meeting at which they were nominated, and perhaps would have had to wait longer but for the effort of a friend.

Mr. Symons, a respected resident of the town for many years, passed away on Monday morning after an illness extending over many years. The funeral took place yesterday.

The Directors of the Eagle Gold mine at Coolamigal Dark Corner, came up from Sydney on Monday to inspect it and finding everything satisfactory have decided to carry on.

Miss Dulcie Nichols, sister to our local postmistress, and a pupil of the University High School, Melbourne, received word this morning that she successfully passed in all subjects at her University Examination held lately in Melbourne.

Some of our soldier boys expect to be home at about or soon after Easter.

17-1-1919 Common made a profit of 1 pound for 1918.

23-1-1919 Miss Dorothy Brown of Nyngan has been appointed assistant at the Sunny Corner Pubic School and has taken up her duties.

24-1-1919 A. meeting of the Sports Club was held on Saturday evening last to receive the financial statement of the sports meeting held on Boxing Day. This showed that the total receipts exceeded £35, and: that the credit balance was £7- 14s, which must be considered very satisfactory.

A meeting of the old Race Club was also held the same evening. This club has been doing the Rip Van Winkle stunt since the war broke out though most of the members have taken an active part in running the patriotic meetings held in the interval. The treasurer's statement showed that the sum of £7 0s 9d stood to the credit of the club. After a little discussion it was decided to amalgamate the two bodies and form one club to be called the Sunny Corner Sports Club. Subscriptions were fixed at 5s per member. Mr. E. J. Ryan .was elected secretary and Mr. R. Shumack treasurer. About twenty members were enrolled at the meeting. It was decided to hold a sports meeting on February 15th, the Boxing Day programme to be repeated and a ball to be held at night.

30-1-1919 An ex-resident of Sunny Corner, Mrs. Duke, wife of Mr. John Duke, died at Nyngan a few days ago, after a protracted illness. Deceased was 63 years of age and a native of Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Duke have resided in the western district since 1882, spending about a quarter of a century at Sunny Corner.

4-2-1919 At the Bathurst Police Court yesterday, Mrs. Mary B. Murray, licensee of the Royal Hotel Sunny Corner was granted a booth license for the Sunny Corner Sports and races on Feb 15th .

5-2-1919 In his monthly report to the Turon Shire Council yesterday, the shire engineer (Mr. J. O'Neill) sated that during the month a bush fire at Sunny Corner destroyed 83 panels of the waterworks fence, and as the water supply was very low he was compelled to have the fence renewed at once. This cost £8.19s 6d. The repairs being round timber (blackbutt), 9 feet centres, 3 black wires and 2 barbs.

Messrs. Thompson Bros., of Warrie station Palmers Oakey experienced quite an exciting time last Saturday night, when their homestead was in danger of being burnt down. By some unaccountable means the kitchen caught fire and everything inside was reduced to ashes in a very few minutes. By the determined exertions of Messrs. Thompson Bros, and the men deployed on the station the homestead was saved. All the furniture etc, was removed from the building, and willing hands with the water supply kept the fire confined solely to the kitchen, the night being exceptionally calm.

7-2-1919 Common Trustees Sunny Corner; Messrs. Thomas Robert Cecil, Hubert Francis, Alfred Sparks, Martin Kissell. William Sparks, and Walter Stait.

12-2-1919 The Sunny Corner races which were to be held on February 15, have been postponed owing to the action of the Government. The meeting will be held at a future date.

14-2-1919 The only effect the influenza epidemic has had here so far is the abandonment of the race meeting arranged for Saturday, but with the Tennis Club, the Rifle Club, and the Cricket Club all going strong, we will pull through all right.

The cricketers added a victory to their list last week, by beating a Duramana team at Kelso.

17-2-1919 Charles Fraser, 12 years of age, son of Mr. C. O. Fraser, of Sunny Corner was admitted to the Lithgow hospital last night with a revolver bullet in his left foot. Dr. Hutley extracted the bullet, and the injury is not considered serious. The boy was on an early morning shooting expedition when the accident happened. He placed the weapon on the ground when it unexpectedly exploded with the result stated.

At Sunny Corner gold mining had been more active than for some years.

The production was valued at £1312, an increase of £1034 over 1917

3-3-1919 Mrs. Attuell wife of Mr. A. J. Attuell of West Mitchell, Sunny Corner, died at Strathmore Private Hospital Bathurst on Saturday morning after only a few days illness. Last week she was well and hearty. On Thursday she complained and was ordered by her medical adviser to go to Bathurst at once. It was then found that her case was hopeless and she died as stated. A deep gloom was cast over all the mountain villages when the sad news became known. The deceased lady was

respected and loved far and wide. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray and was born at Kirkconnell. Besides her broken-hearted husband, she leaves a family of seven, five girls and two boys, the eldest being 15 and the youngest two years of age. The remains were conveyed from Mr. W. S. Hodges funeral parlor on Saturday night to West Mitchell, and yesterday afternoon the funeral took place, the interment being made in the Catholic Cemetery at Kirkconnell.

In the church and at the graveside the Rev. Father A. E. O'Brien, of Kelso, officiated. The silver-mounted polished cedar coffin had on the lid 'Mother,' 'At rest,' and was carried by Messrs. James Sparks, S. Ogers, Sam Barry, A. Sparks, J. Martin and Thomas Scott, and the pallbearers were Messrs. H. Stains, W. Berry, F. Simons, J. Fitzgerald, P. Smith, Jack Sparks, R. Smith and L. Grabham.

The funeral was a great length, people coming from very long distances to show their respect to one that will be sadly missed. Many beautiful wreaths and crosses were placed on the coffin.

8-3-1919 BIRTHS WILKINSON.—February 22, at Sunny Corner, the wife of L. O. Wilkinson—a daughter (Marjorie Rawson).

11-3-1919 Mrs. John Murray, Mrs. R. Shumack and Mrs. A. Small, of Sunny Corner, desire to thank Dr. J. Brooke-Moore and Dr. Harris, Miss McCarthy (matron) and the nurses of Strathmore Private Hospital for their attention and kindness to them during the illness of their late daughter and sister Mrs. A. J. Attuell of West Mitchell, also to all relations and friends for letters, telegrams and floral tributes and messages of sympathy and condolence.

12-3-1919 The Sunny Corner races, postponed owing to influenza restrictions, will be held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., as advertised.

21-3-1919 Kelso can boast of a population of 1014, Perthville 600, O'Connell 494, Rockley 1156, Sofala 396, Sunny Corner 926, Wattle Flat 581, Burraga 1231, Newbridge 835, Blayney 2162.

26-3-1919 The residence of Mr. William Ossington, Dark Corner road caught alight about 10 o'clock on Monday night, and everything was lost. Hughie, a young son of Mr. Thomas Ossington had a narrow escape being severely burned about the head, and his uncle William sustained severe burns to the hands and arms while rescuing him. Mr. Ossingtons son has been seriously ill for some time and is still in Bathurst hospital, while one of his daughters, Mrs. George Strickland, died here yesterday from pneumonia. Deceased has left a widower and nine children, the youngest being one year. Sympathy is extended the family in its severe trouble.

27-3-1919 That misfortunes never come singly is exemplified by the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Willam Ossington, who passed away in the Bathurst District Hospital yesterday morning. The late Mr. Ossington, who had been a resident of Sunny Corner for over 30 years, had been suffering from heart trouble, but in spite of care and attention gradually got worse and, as stated above, died yesterday.

Only on Monday night last Mr. Ossington's daughter, Mrs. M. Strickland, of Sunny Corner died, leaving a family of eight children, and on that night Mr. Ossingtons residence at Sunny Corner caught fire and the building and contents were totally destroyed. One of Mr. Ossingtons sons had only returned home from Lithgow about half an hour when the fire started and it was with considerable difficulty that two children who were asleep in the house were rescued.

Mr. Osslngton leaves a widow and a family of nine children, all grown up. The funeral takes place to-day, when the remains will be interred in the Catholic Cemetery at Sunny Corner.

The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. James Rogers, of Havannah street, and Mr. A. Rogers, of Seymour street, Bathurst.

25-4-1919 Mrs. W. OSSINGTON and Family of' Sunny Corner desire to return their sincere thanks to all kind friends for sympathy, letters, and cards, also special thanks to Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Guihot for kind help in their late sad bereavement.

The Easter holidays passed off very quietly here owing, no doubt, to the influenza epidemic, there were very few visitors this year. So far the health of the community generally is very satisfactory.

Two of our soldiers returned last week, Ptes. Roy Osborn and J. Shumack. The former has had nearly three years of active service and was gassed twice and wounded once.

Pte. Shumack has had a good deal of illness and is still under medical treatment.

A bazaar in aid of the R.C. Church was held on Saturday and Easter Monday nights, and a satisfactory return was realised.

2-5-1919 Private Roy Osborn; who has returned after nearly three years on active service, was entertained at a social and made the recipient of a presentation by the residents of Sunny Corner on Friday evening last. There was a good attendance represented of the surrounding district, and a very enjoyable time was spent. The presentation took the form of a gold albert with a gold medal, suitably inscribed, and with the soldier's battalion colours inset. This young soldier is a native of the town, and a son of Mr. James Osborn, one of our best known residents. Although he has been gassed twice and wounded once, he looks very well, and says he would not have missed the experience on any account.

Jack Wilkinson the ten-year-old son of Mr. Lionel. Wilkinson, sustained a broken thigh through falling from a tree. It appears the boy was climbing the tree, and when about twenty-five feet up a limb broke and he fell to the ground. A doctor was called in, and set the fracture. The patient is doing as well as can be expected.

7-5-1919 The Turon Shire Council received a letter from the Sydney Motor Cycle Club yesterday thanking the Council for granting permission to the club to hold races on the Sunny Corner Yetholme course during Easter week, and stating that owing to the influenza epidemic the races had been postponed.

22-5-1919 Mr. John Everett Lumley, sergeant of police, died in the Broken Hill Hospital last night, the cause of death being Paralysis. He leaves a widow and one child.

Sergeant Lumley was born in May, 1880, at Wardell, on the Richmond River.

He fought in the war in South Africa, and on his return to Australia in 1901 joined the police force. He was first stationed at Bathurst, and was then transferred to Lithgow, where he married. Later he had charge of Nevertire, and next Sunny Corner. He gained his promotion as first-class constable and then as sergeant, the latter on his transfer to Tibooburra, where he had been stationed for the last three and a half years. He was taken ill at Tibooburra last week, and was brought to Broken Hill by motor car and admitted to the Hospital. Yesterday afternoon he appeared to rally and was able to express his particular fancy of the moment regarding food. He however became worse again at night, and died just about midnight.

He was a Freemason, but his long residence in the outback districts prevented him taking active part in the doings of the society.

Mrs. Lumley and her child (another child died a year or two ago) was at Lithgow when she was advised of her husband's illness, and for a week she has been trying to get across the State. To go via Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide to get to Broken Hill meant encountering the delays due to the influenza epidemic precautions, and Mrs. Lumley therefore decided to travel across the State. She reached Wilcannia, and yesterday started from that place by Coach, but on account of the effects of the rain upon the roads the coach had to turn back, and it was decided that it would be useless to make any further attempt to do the journey until the next morning (to-day). A wire has been sent informing her of her husband's death, but she may have left Wilcannia before its arrival there.

In the hope that Mrs. Lumley would be able to get through in time for the funeral the time of burial has not yet been definitely fixed.

24-5-1919 The Catholic Church at Sunny Corner was the scene of a pretty wedding a few days ago, when Corp. Thomas Fitzgerald, late of the 18th Battalion, A.I.F., and son of Mrs. Fitzgerald, and the late Mr. P. J. Fitzgerald, of Sunny Corner, was married to Amelia Violet (Millie) daughter of Mrs. W. C. Bennett, of "Daisy Bank" Dark Corner. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. O'Brien, of Kelso. The bridesmaids were the Misses Ella and Lottie Bennett, nieces of the bride. Mr. M. Fitzgerald, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

The bride wore a dress of ivory crepe-de-chine, had embroidered, and trimmed with pearls, she also wore the customary wreath and veil, the latter being worked and presented by Mrs. W. B. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner. The bride carried a beautiful boquet of carnations, sweet peas and asparagus fern, with green and purple streamers, the colors of the bride groom's battalion. The bouquet was arranged and presented by Mrs. J. K. Charleston of Wahroonga. The bridesmaids wore white voile, with pink trimmings, and mob caps, and carried bouquets to match.

The wedding breakfast was held at the residence of the bridegrooms mother where the usual toasts were duly honored. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald left for Bathurst where the honeymoon will be spent. The brides travelling dress was of wine colored taffeta silk with tagal hat to match.

Among the numerous and expensive presents were several substantial cheques.

30-5-1919 A welcome home and presentation were tendered to Ptes. J. McLachlan and J. Shumack, of Dark Corner, on Tuesday evening last. The function was held at “Springvale”, the residence of Mrs. J. Shumack, and despite the unfavourable weather, was very largely attended. The room had been very tastefully decorated by the Misses Shumacks for the occasion. Dancing was indulged in till midnight, when supper was served. Mr. R. Shumack. J. P., welcomed the returned lads, and congratulated them on their patriotic spirit in going abroad to fight in defence of their country. On behalf of the residents of Dark Corner he presented Pte. McLachlan with a gold albert and pendant with the; soldier's battalion colors inset, and a pocket wallet. Similar presentations were made to Pte. J. Shumack by Mr. J. D. Martin. Pte Shumack responded on behalf of himself and comrades, thanking the people for their generous presentations and kind remarks. The company responded by singing, "They are Jolly Good Fellows." Dancing was continued till the early hours. Everybody had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Both returned lads are natives of Dark Corner and ex-pupils of the school there.

Both are still under medical attention and have to report to headquarters at an early date. Pte. McLachlan was wounded three times, very severely on the last occasion, having been struck by pieces of a bursting shell which killed all the other five members of his party.

2-6-1919 Despite the cold wet weather, there was a big roll up of old friends to welcome Private Gordon Chipln at a social held in the School of Arts Hall. Dancing was the main feature and the night was all too short for most of the young people. The music was provided by Mrs. G. Shumack and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald and Miss Shumack (piano), and Messrs. C. Burgess and J. Shumack (accordion). During the evening several songs were very nicely rendered by Mr. H. Porter, the accompaniments being played by Miss L. Nicholls. Refreshments were served at 11.30, and after these had been dealt with the president of the local Red Cross and War Chest branches made a short speech in which he mentioned that it was just a few days over three years since they had met in the same place to give a 'send off' to Private Chiplin and his comrade in arms, Private Thomas Baker, who had made the supreme sacrifice. As a token of respect to him and all others who had given their lives in the great cause, all present arose and stood in silence for a few moments. The speaker also referred to the great obligation all those who had remained at home were under to the men who had gone to fight for them. They had given these lads a great send off when they were going away and had promised them an even greater reception on their return. The boys had done their bit and the least the people could do was to do theirs by fulfilling the promises made to them on their enlistment. Reference was also made to the good patriotic work carried out by Private Chiplin's father, Mr. C. W. Chiplin late head teacher at the local Public School. Mr. E. J. Ryan expressed his pleasure at being given the opportunity to convey his measure of appreciation to the son of his predecessor, and added that if it had not been for the part played by their guest and his fellow soldiers, the people of Australia would have been in a very serious position to-day. Mr. H. E. Brown (Meadow Flat) conveyed the good wishes and congratulations of residents of that area to Private Chiplin. Letters were read from Councillor W. Garrard

(Yetholme) and Mr. W.H. Barton (Meadow Flat) apologising for their inability to be present and conveying their best wishes to the returned soldiers.

Other returned men present were Privates T. Grabham, R. Osborn, J. McLachlan, and J. Shumack. Private Chiplin was subsequently presented with a handsome gold medal suitably inscribed and a pair of gold sleeve links with his initials engraved thereon. The medal was pinned to the soldier's tunic by Miss Laural Chapman, daughter of Mr. Chas. Chapman, a veteran of the Soudan campaign, and sister of Gunner C. Chapman, still on active service and the first native born to enlist from this district. The sleeve links were presented by Miss L. Osborn secretary of the Red Cross, and sister of Private R. Osborn, who returned from active service only a few weeks ago. The function was brought to a close by the company singing 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow. Private Chiplin in responding thanked the people sincerely for their kind welcome and valuable gifts He also thanked the ladies of the Red Cross and War Chest for the many useful parcels he had received while away, the comforts and other good things were all very much appreciated. He was glad to be back among such kind friends again. Hearty cheers and the spirited rendering of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

4-6-1919 In regard to the welcome to soldiers reported in previous report it should be noted that the function was held and arranged by residents of Dark Corner. No one outside that little centre was allowed to contribute towards the presentation, and the whole credit of the movement is solely due to the Dark Corner people.

9-6-1919 Mrs. W. OSSINGTON and FAMILY, of Sunny Corner, desire to return their very grateful thanks to all those who so kindly contributed towards their assistance in their recent heavy loss.

20-6-1919 Mr. James Passeri an old and respected resident of the town, passed away at his residence here on Saturday night, the cause of death being asthma and pneumonia. The deceased had followed the occupation of a miner for many years, and was fifty four years of age at the time of his death. He has left a widow and grown up family. The remains were interred in the Catholic portion of the general cemetery.

23-6-1919 The death occurred in the hospital on Saturday morning of Mrs. F. Garland wife of Mr. V. F. Garland, of Sunny Corner road. Deceased was thirty-six years of age and lived for some years with Mr. Francis, at the Royal Hotel Sunny Corner. She was a daughter of Mr. M. Sinnott of Meadow Flat, and to the husband and relatives the greatest sympathy will be extended.

27-6-1919 Tran. Teacher. Miss Dorothy Brown, to Sunny Corner;

30-6-1919 The death occurred on Saturday of Mr. James Batterham, brother of Mr. T. Batterham, of 99 George Street Bathurst. The deceased was 64 years of age and resided in Bathurst and Sunny Corner districts for many years. He was unmarried.

4-7-1919 The death occurred in Bathurst a few days ago of Mrs. Margaret Cook, relict of the late Chas. Cook, late of “Shiloh” Sunny Corner. Mrs. Cook will be well remembered by residents of this district on account of her many kind and charitable actions during her residence here.

7-7-1919 The death of Mr. Arthur Attuell at West Mitchell, Sunny Corner caused profound regret, both there and in Bathurst. Mr. Attuell for many years has carried on a big store keeping business. He was also postmaster and mail contractor. His business brought him to Bathurst once a week and his dealings with Bathurst store keepers proved him to be a very straight and honest man. It is only four months ago since his wife died in Bathurst at the early age of 40 years. A family of seven children are left orphans. The eldest being a girl has been very useful to the others since the mother's death and she is only about 10 years old.

14-7-1919 At a meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association, held in the School of Arts Wednesday evening it was decided to celebrate Peace Day by holding a monster picnic in the recreation ground on the 19th inst., to be followed by a ball at night. The Shire Council has allotted about £6 towards meeting expenses.

The death is reported from Bathurst (from influenza) of Mr. Harry Haverhand son of Cr. Frank Haverhand until recently proprietor and lessee of the Coronation Hotel at Portland. The deceased appeared to be recovering from the disease when he had a relapse. He was a native of the Capertee district, and had lived practically all his life, he was 36 years of age in the Portland and Sunny Corner districts. With his parents he went to live at Bathurst a couple of years ago, and became a partner in a flourishing motor business. He was a very good billiard player, and a bowls enthusiast. He was most popular with all who knew him, and sincere sympathy will be extended to the bereaved parents.

18-7-1919 Chief Secretary's Office, Sydney, 18th July, 1919.ARSON.- £25 REWARD.

WHEREAS on the 8th ultimo unoccupied premises, situated at West Mitchell, near Sunny Corner, the property of William Henry Turner, were damaged by fire; And whereas at an inquest held on the 21st idem, before the District Coroner, the following verdict was returned:—"I find that the said premises, situated at West Mitchell, in the Police District of Bathurst, in the State of New South Wales, were, on the 8th day of June, 1919, damaged by fire; and further find that the said premises were maliciously set fire to by some person or persons unknown : Notice is hereby given that a reward of Fifteen Pounds (£15) will be paid by Government (in addition to Ten Pounds (£10) offered by William Henry Turner) for such information as shall lead to the apprehension and conviction of the guilty person or persons. In addition to the above reward, His Excellency the Governor will be advised to extend a free pardon to any accomplice, not being the person who actually caused the said fire, who shall first give such required information. This reward to remain in force for three months only.

22-8-1919. Driver Charles Chapman has just returned after over four years on active service. He enlisted at the age of 18, being the first local lad to volunteer and the last to return. The young soldier was attached to the 113th Howitzer Battery and though he served in many of the most important engagements on the western front and had some narrow escapes, He has returned safe and sound, on one occasion he was 'elevated' about six feet by a shell that burst close by, and on another got a bit blustered by some mustard gas that Fritz sent over, but carried on. He never lost a day from either sickness or injury. Driver Chapman is a son of Mr. Charles Chapman of West Mitchell, a veteran of the Soudan campaign. The son received his training

at Tel-eb nebir, the scene of a great battle in which his father had taken part many years previously. Driver Chapman was accorded a welcome home in the School of Arts Hall by the resident of Sunny Corner and district and was presented with a gold Albert and gold pendant as a token of their appreciation of his services in the great war which has just been brought to a victorious conclusion.

Private Tom Kemp, another returned soldier, was entertained at a social at Meadow Flat, on Friday last, and made the recipient of a presentation from the residents of that centre. Pte. Kemp was the youngest and biggest volunteer from round this district, he was only sixteen years of age and over six feet high, he has had a rather exciting time 'over there' having been wounded three times.

Pte. Dan McLachlan, son of Mr. John McLachlan, of Dark Corner, returned home on Monday last. His brother, Pte. Jack McLachlan was invalided home a few months ago.

Farrier Jack Odgers eldest son of Mr. John Odgors, of Williewa Creek, and formerly of West Mitchell, was in town yesterday visiting relatives and friends here. He returned from the front only a few days ago, after being away over three years.

Honey is scarcer in the district than it has been for years. Ferguson Bros., of Palmers Oakey, have secured the record price of £74 13s 4d a ton, or 8d per lb., for honey on rail.

29-8-1919 Operations at the Sunny Corner mine give indications of considerable expansion in the near future. For some time the management have been experimenting with the object of concentrating the metal in the ore and thereby doing away with the heavy expense involved in sending the crude ore to the smelters on the coast for treatment. The desired object has been achieved, the result exceeding the most sanguine expectations. For the purpose of the experiments a blast furnace which had been in use in the early days of the smelting here (about 25 years ago) was overhauled and put into commission. A parcel of 104 tons of ore was run through, and the resulting matte was sent to the smelters at Port Kembla and returned £690. To confirm this result several other smaller parcels were tested, and yielded equally satisfactory returns.

The proprietors are so gratified with the success of those experiments that they have decided to install a modern smelting plant, as soon as possible. With proper equipment even better results than the foregoing may be confidently expected.

Since taking over the mine Mr. Wilkinson has carried on vigorous development work and has large reserves of ore in sight in each of the levels. From the No. 5 level a tunnel was driven over 1000 feet; tapping a solid sulphide lode 120 feet wide and valued at an average of £8 per ton. This is an entirely new find and has not been previously operated upon.

The present owners have been in possession of the mine about two and a half years.

Despite many difficulties, such as lack of transport facilities, shortage of water, and scarcity of efficient labor, they have produced crude ore to the value of £30,000. The output for the previous 25 years was practically nil. The latest developments show that the mine has still a very productive mid profitable future before it.

25-9-1919 Mr. James Henry Pye has been appointed a trustee of the Sunny Corner Recreation Ground, vice Mr. C. Murray, deceased.

11-10-1919 To the Editor. Sir, I wish to bring under the public notice and censure a special kind of mean cruelty and robbery now being practised by rabbit trappers, and will give my own experience by way of illustration. I had reared a particularly handsome black cat with golden eyes, which was a great pet and had been carefully trained till it was as intelligent as a good dog. It never went very far from the house, but trappers set traps near my garden fence, without giving me warning. My cat was not at the fireside that night, as had been his invariable custom. A search discovered the skinned body in an adjoining paddock. There was no sign of any injury from a trap. The animal had been unnecessarily killed for the sake of a few paltry shillings for its skin. Cats are being slaughtered everywhere for this purpose, In the aggregate a large cat kills more rabbits than two trappers.

Kill all the cats and the rabbit pest will be greatly increased. Can you tell me if there is any means of stopping this contemptible sort of petty robbery and murder. I would remind these cat murderers of the truth of the old saying, "Kill a cat, seven years bad luck." The bad luck is brought about actually by the wishes of the cat owners !. Yours, G. LYN YATES. Warragulla,. Sunny Corner.

16-10-1919 A man named J. H. Knight was severely burned while tending the furnace at the Sunny Corner mine. Some red-hot slag blew out and Knight was badly burned about the face and hands. It was feared that his sight would be injured and he was taken to Portland for medical attention and there are now good hopes that the sight will not be affected.

Nice steady rain set in last night and it has been showery all day. The fall has only been light, about 20 points, but it is much appreciated, as it will freshen up the grass, which had began to go off on account of the hot dry weather prevailing lately.

The annual meeting of the School of Arts was held on Saturday, 11th inst. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr, G. C. Fraser; vice presidents; Messrs A. Sparkes and H. Shumack: secretary, Miss K. McCulla; treasurer, Mr. A. H. Nicholls: committee, Mrs. J. Sparkes, Misses Osborne, Grabham, Messers. E. J. Ryan, E. Fitzgerald and J. Sparkes.

3-11-1919 A very interesting tennis match was played on the recreation ground court between a team from Palmers Oakey and a combination of local and district players. Honours were even, each side winning exactly the same number of games.

19-11-1919 Quite a gloom was cast over the community when news was received that Mr. J. H. Elbourn, one of our most esteemed residents, had passed away in Mudgee.

On Tuesday last Mr. Elbourn while driving some sheep to his Palmers Oakey property, was taken suddenly ill, and had to be driven back to his home. The following day Dr. Nickol was sent for, and diagnosed the case as pneumonia and pleurisy. As Mr. Elbourns condition grew rapidly worse the doctor on Saturday after a second visit had him removed to a Mudgee hospital, where he passed away early on Sunday morning. The deceased, who was 48 years of age, was a native of the Mudgee district.

Mr. Elbourn, besides being a devoted husband and father, was an excellent citizen, and highly esteemed. His death is particularly sad as he has left a widow and six young children ranging from three to thirteen years, to mourn their irreparable loss.

For those the sincerest sympathy of the whole community will be expressed. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the remains being laid to rest in the Methodist portion of the Mudgee cemetery. The last sad rites were performed by the Rev. Bellhouse, of Mudgee,

Mr. Ryan succeeded Mr. Chiplin in July 1918, and in November 1919 he asked the Department to acquire the paddock behind the school reserve for his cow. He pointed out that many years before this paddock had been surveyed for building blocks, but as the town instead of prospering has decayed, and hundreds of houses have been removed and their sites abandoned, these sites would never be required for building. He was informed that an area of over six acres was considered ample for the school site, and that the request not be granted. Numbers fell rapidly after the end of the war in 1918.

3-12-1919 A combined welcome home is to be tendered to Troopers Will Gant and Cecil Nichols in the School of Arts Hall on Friday next. These will be the last of the local men .to return from active service. Both have had about three years with the Light Horse in Palestine and are suffering from the effects of malarial fever. Trooper Gant, a veteran of 21 years of age, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gant late of West Mitchell, of which place the young soldier is a native. Trooper Nichols is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nichols, of the local post office, but has not been much in this locality. However, the people of the district are always pleased to meet and honor any man who has done his bit in the great war.

19-12-1919 A combined welcome home was tendered to Sergt. C. C. Nichols and Trooper W. Gant, in the School of Arts Hall a few evenings ago. Both soldiers were members of the Australian Light Horse, and saw service in Palestine.

During the evening, Sergt. Nichols was presented with a handsome leather travelling bag and Trooper Gant with a gold albert and pendant, suitably inscribed. The presentation to Sergt. Nichols was from residents of Dark Corner, where the young soldier's parents lived at the time of his enlistment. It will prove a very appropriate present us our young friend has, another engagement, (not a military one this time) which will develop into a honeymoon early in the New Year.

A very enjoyable social was held in the hall on Friday last. The attendance was good and the function, both financially and otherwise, was most successful. The proceeds are in aid of Mr. J. J. Egan, who has been in very poor health for some time.

Polling day passed off without incident here. The number of votes polled, 192, was exactly the same as last election. On that occasion Mr. Carr had a majority of 18, while Saturday's poll gave Mr. Nicholls a majority of 2.



A waggon-load of tan bark that had been collected at Dark Corner, NSW, headed out through Sunny Corner. The bark was from a local acacia known as Black Wattle (A. falciformis) and was used for tanning leather. 1920s. Photo from Wilkinson family, Sunny Corner, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

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16-1-1920 Mr. J. J. Egan, of Coolcappa, Sunny Corner, desires to return his sincere thanks to all kind friends who assisted in the benefit on his behalf, which was greatly appreciated, and of great help to him.

19-1-1920 The years work in this division was satisfactory. At the Sunny Corner Mine, Wilkinson and party commenced operations; but the heavy cost of transport to Cockle Creek and the high cost of treatment, added to the fact that the Cockle Creek Company only paid on the silver-lead contents, compelled the mine owners to cease this mode of treatment. A blast furnace blower was erected and an oil engine installed and so far, the company have been able to treat the ore locally.

About 3,000 tons were treated for an estimated return of about £16.700 comprising, Copper 35 tons valued at £3,500; gold 300 ozs. valued at £1.200; silver 60,000 ozs. valued at £12,050.

27-1-1920 A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church of England, West Maitland, on the 10th instant, at 2 p.m., when Doris Millicent, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Chiplin, of "Mashobra," Regent-street, West Maitland, was married to John Sinnott Shumack, grazier, of "Springvale," Dark Corner (late of A.I.F.).

The bride wore a handsome dress of ivory satin, with overdress of ninon, and a wreath and veil with orange blossoms, and carried a shower bouquet, the gift of the bridegroom.

The bridesmaids were Misses Ruby Shumack, Lily Osborn, and Faith Chiplin. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Gordon Chiplin as bestman, while Mr. Jack Chiplin acted as groomsman. The bridesmaids wore ivory and pale pink crepe de chine, and carried bouquets, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride also wore a gold wristlet watch and the bridesmaids handsome gold brooches and bangles, the gifts of the bridegroom.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Arthur Killworth, M.A. Dr. McMilan presided at the organ, and Miss Rene Moore sang "Beloved 'tis morn." The bride was given away by her father.

After the ceremony, the bridal party and guests adjourned to Miss Chamberlains rooms, High-street, where the guests were received by the brides parents and the wedding breakfast was partaken of, about 40 guests being present. The chairman, Mr. T. A. Sharp, of Newcastle, in a neat speech, proposed the health of the happy couple, to which the bridegroom responded. The other customary toasts were then honored. After the breakfast, the guests adjourned to the railway station to bid farewell to the bride and bridegroom, who left for the city by the 4.45 p.m. train amid showers of confetti, and cheers from a large gathering of friends. The couple were the recipients of numerous wedding gifts, including several cheques. After an extended honeymoon tour, Mr. and Mrs. Shumack will take up their residence at "Springvale." The Chiplin family were well-known and highly-respected residents of Sunny Corner for many years, Mr. C. W. Chiplin being head-teacher of the local Public School. He was transferred to Maitland district about 18 months ago.

11-2-1920 At the Melbourne Pidgeon shoot Mr. W. B. Wilkinson of Sunny Corner more than held his own.

5-3-1920 A quiet, but dainty wedding was celebrated in Bathurst recently when Mary Carmel Cosgrove, late of Porters Retreat, near Oberon, was married to Roy Osborn, (late A.I.F.), son of J. Osborne of Sunny Corner.

The bride looked charming in a dress of palest grey georgette, with silver trimmings and hat to tone. She carried a bridal bouquet of white sweet peas, cactus dahlias and narcissus, which with a diamond ring, was the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. G. Keene, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and wore a frock of pale blue ninon voile, with a touch of pink and, hat to match. The bridegrooms gift was a bouquet of pink cactus dahlias" and sweet peas, tied with palest pink streamers. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a pair of gold inscribed sleeve links. Mr. Jas. Osborne, brother of the bridegroom, filled the roll of best man. After the wedding breakfast the happy couple left by mail train for Sydney and Newcastle, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a navy serge contend skirt and black picture hat, with real ostrich feathers. The presents included several cheques.

10-3-1920 The Sunny Corner Mine is about to be floated with a capital of £50,000, in order to complete some recent important developments that have taken place lately. Teams have arrived and are busy carting machinery etc. from the nearest railway station, Piper's Flat, nine miles distant. Ere long the old mine will be quite alive again.

Mrs. M. A. A. Montgomery, (relict of the late Wm. Montgomery, who for many years carried on a butchery business in West Mitchell, died at her residence, West Mitchell, recently. Deceased was 77 years or age. She came to reside at West Mitchell in 1862, and lived there continually until her demise. That she was well known and respected was manifest by the large concourse of people who assembled from all parts of the district to pay a last tribute. Deceased, whose family consisted of Mr. George Montgomery (Corimal), Mr. E. Montgomery (Lithgow), Mrs. E. D. Smith (Sunny Corner), Mrs. W. Edwards (Cullen Bullen), Mrs. J. Redman (Cullen Bullen), Mrs. F. McKinnon (Cullen Bullen), Mrs. W. Turner (Cullen Bullen), Mrs. W. Smith (West Mitchell), Mrs. C. Bottrell (Airly), deceased, (Mrs. J. Titus (Cobar),

Deceased left a large number of descendants, two sons and six daughters, 51 grandchildren, 41 greatgrandchildren, altogether 100 direct descendants living. She was well known for her hospitality and nursing capacity, and will be greatly missed by her many relatives

15-3-1920 Sunny Corner races were held on Saturday. There was a good attendance and the racing was most enjoyable. Portland and Bathurst hospitals, in aid of which the meeting was held.

15-3-1920 John Sparkes Murray was at the Police Court this morning, granted a billiard license for his rooms at Sunny Corner.

19-3-1920 Common made a profit of 6 pounds for 1919.

22-3-1920 A report states that the Sunny Corner mine has started with about thirty men. The engineers strike having ended it will now be possible to have the matte treated again. The furnaces it is added, are at work and teams are busy taking matte away, and return with coke and other supplies.

26-3-1920 Mr. and Mrs. J. W. SMITH, of West Mitchell desire to tender their sincere thanks to all kind -friends and relatives for letters, cards, telegrams, and kind expressions of sympathy, and to especially thank .Mr; and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, Mrs. M. Kisscll, Attuell family, Mrs. R. Smith, also Mrs. Jas, Martin (2), for kindness shown them during their recent sad bereavement.

27-3-1920 Booth Licenses: Races on April 3; May Bridget Murray, for Sunny Corner.

9-4-1920 The Easter holidays passed off quietly here, beautiful weather prevailed the whole time. A nice shower fell on Sunday and served to freshen things up generally.

A race meeting, followed by a bazaar and social, was held on Saturday. The bazaar was continued on Monday night and a very satisfactory financial result was achieved. The proceeds were in aid of the Catholic Church funds.

On Easter Monday the freshness of our usually placid atmosphere was pungent with the odor of benzine and vibrant with the rattle of motor bikes. The Sydney motor cycle club had a race twice round the Meadow Flat-Yetholme-Sunny Corner circuit, owing no doubt to so many counter (not bar counter) attractions, the attendance was not up to the usual standard for this event, and there were few competitors.

A number of residents visited the metropolis for the show, and other Easter festivities. Some of those who remained behind say they have only deferred their trip till the Prince arrives.

A meeting was held on Monday evening last and a branch of the A.W.U. was formed. Mr. J Wilkinson was elected local representative.

16-4-1920 The condition of the local water supply is causing considerable alarm on one occasion the water ceased running and investigation showed that the level had fallen below the pipe which carries the water to the mains. The pipe was lowered and the supply has been all right since, but should any further shrinkage take place it will not be possible to maintain the supply without resorting to pumping.

Work at the mine has been fairly brisk since the holidays. About forty men are now employed. Additions have been made to the plant, and with plenty of ore in sight prospects are good for the future. The greatest difficulty the management has to contend with is the irregular supply of coke, due chiefly, to the erratic ways of the railway which has a habit of mislaying trucks of coke with irritating consistency. The carriers had two trips to Piper's Flat for nothing last week, and altogether lost over a week from the cause above mentioned.

Sunny Corner is experiencing a housing problem like more populous centres. Every building is occupied and several new businesses have been opened.

Mr. G. C. Fraser has taken over the business of Messrs. R. H. Bulkeley and Co., of which he has been manager for the past 15 years. All the other members of the staff are being retained, they have been connected with the business a good many years.

The recent rainfall will be greatly appreciated by all stockowners particularly. The greater part of the cattle from about here have been moved to the neighborhood of Capertee where feed is more plentiful.

5-5-1920 The Turon Shire Council yesterday received a petition from several rate payers at Sunny Corner praying that the cattle water trough should be disused until there was more adequate supply of water for domestic purposes. It was unanimously decided that the Engineer should make necessary arrangements to comply with the request.

Mr. A. T. Shumack of Dark Corner, writes: A red dingo slut recently trapped in the Wolgan district is reported to have escaped from its owner at Sunny Corner, and has been seen dragging a piece of trace chain around its neck.

2-6-1920 The Sydney Gun Club, which has decided to attract the best shooters in Australasia to its competitions. Mr. W. Wilkinson of Sunny Corner, made some of the best scores in the £100 starling handicap. Mr. Wilkinson has competed in 29 State and club championship contests winning 22 and being runner up in six.

4-6-1920 At Tuesday's meeting of the Turon Shire Council in connection with Sunny Corner waterworks the engineer submitted the following estimate of works necessary to improve the system: 26 chains of new fencing at reservoir, £15 12s; 40 chains of dog proof fencing £40; repairs to platform suction carrying pipe £3 10s; supply of new chock value £6 5s; cost of testing 28 meters, £10 4s; total, £75 11s. The matter was deferred until next meeting.

4-6-1920 Common Trustees Messrs. William Smith and L. 0. Wilkinson, vice Messrs. M. Kissell and W. Sparks, resigned.

7-6-1920 Mr. James Attwell, an old and highly respected resident of West Mitchell, passed away on Tuesday night. The deceased gentleman had nearly reached the age of 87, and had been ill for some time. Widespread sympathy will be felt for the widow and family, who have had more than their share of trouble, having lost three sons and a much loved daughter-in-law, within the past few years. The remains, were laid to rest beside those of his sons George and Arthur. The third son, "Len," lies somewhere in France, having made the supreme sacrifice.

Mr. A. H. Nichols, has been advised that the village is entitled to a war trophy in the form of a captured German machine gun. At a meeting held on Wednesday evening it was decided, to accept the trophy and Lieut. F. J. Brown, Mr. E. J. Ryan, and Mr. J. Sparks were nominated as trustees.

I can remember seeing a machine gun in a shed on Shumacks property "Springvale" at Dark Corner and was led to believe that Jack Shumack brought it back from the war.

A story goes that the Shumack boys tried to get the machine gun to work. That is not easy as it uses ammo about the same size as the Australian 303 but the 303 is rimmed and the German is rimless. So to overcome that problem the boys filed off the rim on the .303, it must have worked for at some stage as it went off and the bullet went between Bills legs and almost took his crown jewels with it. CF.

18-6-1920 Portland Police Court. (Before P. Denis and A. Boyd, Js.P.)

Albert Green, alias Theodore Sutter was charged by warrant that he did at Sunny Corner on the 27th April last obtain from Mary Knight the sum of £5 by means of false pretence.

Evidence having been given by Mary Knight and Constable Sheridan the accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six months hard labor in Bathurst gaol.

23-6-1920 There was a decrease in the Sunny Corner division, when 302oz. of gold were won, valued at £1211, or £101 less than the previous year.

25-6-1920 Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894: — Trustees Messrs. Edward James Ryan, James Sparks, senior.

5-7-1920 ATTUELL; In loving memory of our dear father, who departed this life 3rd July, 1919; aged 49 years.
We cannot clasp your hand, dear dad,
Your, face we cannot see,
But let this little token tell. ' .
We still remember thee.
Inserted by his, loving family, Elsie, Rita, Doris, Peggy, Florence, Jack and Jim, West Mitchell.
28-2-1921 ATTUELL. — -In loving memory of our dear mother, Bridget Elizabeth Attuell, who departed this life lst March, I919.
Your memory is as dear to-day
As in the hour you passed away.
Inserted by her loving family, Elsie, Jack, Rita, Dorrie, Peggy, Flo; and, Jimmy. West Mitchell.
9-7-1920 Over a foot of rain has been recorded since the break in the weather early in June. At Dark Corner the fall was particularly heavy, and resulted in considerable damage to fencing in several cases. Newly sown crops were washed out, but the benefit which will result from the rain generally will compensate for all the damage done.

A valedictory social was tendered to the Nichols family on Saturday night. Mr. Nichols was for a time school teacher at Dark Corner, and Miss Lily Nichols has been in charge of the Sunny Corner post office for over three years. Both have taken a very active part in all matters of public interest. During the evening Mr. Nichols was presented with a silver mounted umbrella, and Miss Nichols with a gold brooch set with pearls and rubies, as a mark of appreciation by their friends throughout the district.

The convent school, which has been closed for a number of years is being taken down preparatory to removal to Dark Corner, where it will be re-erected as a church.

14-7-1920 The Lands Department notified that Messrs. Edward James Ryan and James Sparks, sen., had been gazetted trustees of the Sunny Corner recreation ground.

16-7-1920 The management of the Sunny Corner mine have experienced a good deal of trouble lately in the transport of their ore and matte. The high price of fodder made the work no good for horse teams, and now a powerful Fiat motor lorry has been put on the job. This does the return trip to Rydal in about three hours, where the horse teams used to take a couple of days.

The motor lorry convoying ore from the Sunny Corner mine, is carrying over four tons and making three trips daily to Rydal station. In the old days when the Corner was in full swing 25 or 30 teams were, on the road.

Work at the mine is proceeding steadily. The furnace is not working, pending the installation of a boiler to provide power for the blower and for hauling up the slag. Ore is being forwarded to Port Kembla in fulfilment of a contract with the smelters there.

23-7-1920 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Presbyterian Burial Ground: —Mr. A. Mann.

The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December. 1887, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground: —Messrs. James Sparks, Edward Fitzgerald, Alfred Sparks, and Thomas Fitzgerald (in lieu of Messrs. C. Murray, J. W. Shumack, and Right Reverend J. Dunn, deceased, and J. Murray, resigned.)

29-7-1920 Tran, Teacher Miss Dorothy Brown, from Sunny Corner to Rylstone (relieving).

12-8-1920 The weather for the past week or two has been unusually boisterous and cold. Stinging showers of sleet impelled by a strong wind have driven across at frequent intervals, and the landscape is enveloped in a snowy panoply, while the eaves of the buildings are festooned with icicles nearly a foot long.

Even the cattle have icicles hanging round their sides, the warmth of their bodies melts the snow on their backs, the moisture runs down the long hair on the ribs and freezes again before dripping to the ground. Most of the stock is in low condition; the mortality is sure to be heavy.

13-8-1920 The death took place in Bathurst hospital to-day (Thursday) of Mr. James. Osborn, a highly respected resident, of Sunny Corner. Deceased, who was 79 years of age, has left a grown up family, three sons and two daughters. His wife, predeceased him five years ago.

Mr. Osborn had been in the employ of Messrs. R. H. Bulkeley and Co, for 34 years.

1-9-1920 The death occurred suddenly, early on Monday morning, from heart failure, of the Mayor of Bathurst, Alderman Frank Havenhand. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, and who was about as usual on Sunday, was in seemingly good health, and was only till an hour before his death, He had welcomed Lieutenants Parer and Mcintosh on Friday, and attended the funeral of the late Mr. John Meagher on Saturday.

The late Mr. Havenhand was well known in the west. Besides the mayoral chair he occupied the office of councillor in the Turon Shire, and for many years was also a member and president of the Blaxland Shire Council. He took a leading part in most public movements and occupied seats on many local bodies. He was a fine sportsman, played a good game of cricket, and was above the ordinary in his younger days as a boxer. He was for years president of the Sunny Corner and Portland racing clubs and was also bandmaster of the musical organisations, both of which he formed, in those centres. He was also a good bowler, and billiard player.

Born in England, the late Mr. Havenhand arrived in Australia about 42 years ago and shortly after went to Crown Ridge on the Mudgee road, and married, there in 1882. With his wife, he kept the Crown Ridge hotel for a few months, and in 1883 went to Bathurst, and became licensee of the court house hotel. About three years later he built the court house hotel at Sunny Corner, which he kept for about 17 years. He then built the Coronation hotel in Portland and resided there for a number of

years. Fifteen years ago he left Portland to take over the Prince of Wales Hotel at Nowra, which he conducted for five years, after which he returned to Portland, and a few years ago went to Bathurst.

The death of Mr. Havenhand makes the fourth in the family in 14 months. In May 1919 Mrs. Harry Havenhand died; in July 1919 deceased's son Harry; and in July of this year his daughter, Mrs. McCaughey.

8-10-1920 Work at the mine is proceeding steadily, although operations were hindered considerably by the recent wet weather interfering with the transport of ore. There are now four motor lorries engaged carrying the ore to Piper's Flat, and given fine weather those will be able to shift about 40 tons daily. More miners are required to increase the output of ore.

Cattle buyers have been active round the district since the breaking of the drought and large numbers of stock have changed hands at satisfactory prices. Feed is coming on well, and the prospects for the coming season arc excellent.

Mrs. E. M. Slattery late of Oberon has been appointed post mistress here in place of Miss Nichols, resigned. Mrs. Slattery has already created a very favourable impression by her obliging manner and attention to duty.

The Catholic Church at Dark Corner is almost completed, and is to be opened at an early date.

Monday will be observed as a holiday here on account of the Eight-hour Demonstration at Lithgow.

13-10-1920 The death occurred on Tuesday at his residence on the Williewa, of Mr. John Oscar Stait, a very old and highly respected resident. Deceased was a native of Parramatta, where he was born on October 8, 1841, and was married in Sydney in November, 1865.

Coming to Portland about 65 years ago he resided for a time at Meadow Flat, from which place he went to Sunny Corner, where he worked for 25 years. He and his two brothers were the founders of Sunny Corner mines. It was here that deceased worked a small farm, while his two brothers prospected. Having had some success, they went away for a few weeks, and on their return found their claim had been jumped by other prospectors, and as they had been more than 14 days away, they lost their claim. One brother is still living at Sunny Corner on the farm. For many years before the construction of the railway, he drove teams over the mountains, and for some years was employed by Cobb and Co. His later life was spent in the Portland district, having resided on the Williewa for about 41 years. During this period he was occupied in prospecting and digging on the Turon and other parts of the district. For the last years, he has been an invalid. Deceased was an interesting personality and could tell many a good tale about the old times. He was in Portland in the early days of the lime industry, when lime was burned in small square holes in the ground, and had to be taken to Wang by teams. He has left a widow and family of five sons and four daughters, most of whom reside in Portland and district. His two sons, George and Oscar, reside in Lithgow, one daughter in Newtown, and another at Emu Plains. His grandchildren number 44, and great-grand-children 7. The funeral took place on Thursday, and was largely attended. The remains were interred in the Portland cemetery. Much sympathy is expressed for those bereaved.

20-10-1920 I have three dogs and two pups. Towser can jump through the back of a chair and over a stick or through your hands. Spot has his trick to do, it is to sit up and shake paws. I have four little kids and three goats, and I have a pony so quiet I can go out on the hill and catch him with a piece of bread. From Edith Sparks (12 years), Sunny Corner.

20-11-1920 The population of our village continues to diminish gradually, among the more recent departures are Mr and Mrs. J. P. Martin who have removed to Hornsby district and Dr. and Mrs. Magill who have made their home at Lidcombe, the Doctor and his wife have been residents for about forty years and have always taken an active part in all matters of public interest and will be very much missed, they take with them the good wishes of a large circle of sincere friends for their future welfare.

Owing to the decline of membership it has been decided to disband the Rifle Club and all rifles have been called in with a view to returning them to the Ordnance Department.

The Club is one of the oldest in the State and included among the earlier members some of the best shots in the Commonwealth.

The state of the local water supply is causing considerable dissatisfaction and inconvenience, the water is badly discoloured and has a most disagreeable taste and smell, the reservoir is overflowing and matters could easily be rectified by raising the intake pipe, so that the water would be drawn from near the surface and not from the bottom amongst the slit.

The attention of Shire Councillors and officials has been directed to the matter but so far the policy of doing nothing with great energy has prevailed. A good deal of the fencing, enclosing the reservoir has been used for firewood and stocks of all descriptions have free access to the water. Now that the hot weather is upon us it is up to the Shire Council to get a move on and do something to remedy the evil.

8-12-1920 Sunny Corner Water Works. As instructed, certain repairs have been effected to this work since last meeting, consisting of the raising of the suction pipe and the supply of two scour valves for the main system. The completion of this scheme should be undertaken as soon as possible with a view to preserving a fine water supply. Frequent complaints reach this office as to dogs and other vermin bathing in the reservoir and the paling fence surrounding same is being used as firewood by travellers. The Council decided to charge a fee of 2/6 for persons using the water.

9-12-1920 Mr. A. H. Nichols, late of Sunny Corner, received a wire from his son, Rev. R. G. Nichols, M.A., Th. L., Diploma of Education, stating that he received a cable from the London University that he successfully passed his B.D. examination.

20-12-1920 Sunny Corner Races. There is a £40 race programme on at Sunny Corner on Boxing Day. The course is in excellent order, and good racing is assured. All post entries. This meeting promises to be the very best in the district during the holidays.

22-12-1920 OAKES. —In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Mary Oakes, who departed this life December 19th 1915 at Sunny Corner.
We miss thee from our home, dear mother;
We miss thee, from thy place;
A shadow o'er our, life is cast.
We miss the sunshine of thy face.
We miss thy kind and willing hand,
Thy fond and earnest care.
Our home is dark without thee;
We miss thee everywhere.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary and William Oakes, and grandchildren, Lidsdale.



Public School, Sunny Corner, NSW, view from behind the school, 1921. Empire brand postcard, per Don Stait, Sydney, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

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7-1-1921 The races held here were a distinct success, both financially and otherwise. A very considerable profit resulted, and this was handed over to alleviate the distress of a poor family, whose breadwinner has been long incapacitated owing to a very serious illness

24-1-1921 Mining operation have been resumed here after the usual holidays. The low price of metals however, is causing some anxiety, silver being lower now than it has been for many years. As a set off against the falling prices some very rich ore has recently been discovered. So possibly the old mine may continue operations in spite of the slump in metals. At present the manager, Mr. Wilkinson is crushing some tons of slag. Should the results warrant it he may erect a battery on his property.

26-1-1921 Mr. P. W. Oakes died at Crudine. For the past five years he resided at Lidsdale with his son, Mr. W. J. Oakes. His health has been declining, and while on a visit to his son at Crudine he became worse and the illness proved fatal. The late Mr. Oakes was 79 years of age, and after leaving the Sofala district he resided at Sunny Corner for some years. His wife died five years ago.

28-1-1921 While gathering cherries on Wednesday a lad named Frank Dobson fell from a tree owing to the breaking of a branch. His aunt, Mrs. J. Bickford, was seated beneath the tree, and her nephew fell on her. The lady appeared to be seriously injured, and it is feared that her left leg has been dislocated at the knee, besides which she sustained abrasions and shock.

2-2-1921 A very successful basket picnic with athletic sports, followed by the inevitable dance eventuated here on Saturday last.

The proceeds of the several events are very satisfactory, and after expenses, which were kept down to the minimum, are paid, the balance of nearly £20 will be paid to the Bathurst Hospital The programme was in the hands of enthusiastic workers, whose

efforts deserved all that was achieved. Visitors from Bathurst were Mr. W. McPhillamy, president of the hospital committee, Mr. Paul treasurer of the same body. Nurses Rea and Robertson, and Mr. and Mrs. Owens. The sports over, tea was partaken on the ground, after which a large gathering assembled at the hall where they enjoyed one of the most pleasant dances ever held at Sunny Corner. A feature of the evenings entertainment was a waltzing competition for which eight couples entered. A keen contest ensued, the artistes giving a splendid exhibition of graceful rhythmic movement to excellent music supplied by Mrs. Owens, piano, and Mr. Owens, banjo.

The judges, Mrs. Lawler and Messrs. Mc Kinnon and Martin, had a difficult task in selecting the best, when all were very good, but ultimately their choice was for Mr. M. Fitzgerald and his partner, Miss E. Attwell; second honors going to Mt. W. Sparks and Miss O. Shumack.

The dancing of the competitors was very favourably commented on while enthusiastic applause rewarded Mr. and Mrs, Owens for their splendid music.

Those talented and generous artistes were splendidly assisted by Mrs. J: Fitzgerald; Mrs. Lawler, Mrs. J. S. Shumack; and Miss Lawler. At interval Mrs. Owens rendered vocal items, all of which were much appreciated and those together with the fine dance music supplied by the willing artistes made Saturday nights dance one that will be remembered for a long time. Towards midnight Mr. McPhillamy thanked the Sunny Corner people for their practical support, and expressed surprise that so small a community could do so much.

It may here be said that within the last two years, Sunny Corners efforts have enriched Bathurst Hospital by about £80, without counting the pound for pound Government subsidy, no mean record.

During the absence at Rydal of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes of Sunny Corner their home was broken into and two watches and chains as well as a quantity of wearing apparel was stolen.

An entry was also made into the residence of Mrs. MacDonald, but the house was unoccupied and unfurnished. An arrest by Const. Sheridan has been made.

7-2-1921 At the police court Thursday, before Messrs. Pye and. R. Shumack, Js.P, three youths, each of whom were just seventeen, pleaded guilty to stealing from a dwelling goods to the value of £2. The magistrates, on sentencing the lads to a month's hard labor in Bathurst gaol, gave some excellent advice, which it is hoped will be followed. The boys, for such they are, explained to Const. Sheriden that hunger made them depart, from the path of honesty. This fact the constable stated for them to the bench. It seems a pity that, in a country like ours, there should be any hungry boys.

Mr. Haynes, whose house, was entered and whose goods were stolen, was not anxious to press the charge when he ascertained that the culprits were mere boys. It is to be hoped this will be a turning point in their careers and, that they will have no further experience at police courts.

14-2-1921 A politician recently seeking the suffrages of the Sunny Cornerites, and looking at several relics of better days, confidentially and confidently expressed his belief that Sunny Corner would gradually pass into the realm of things that have been and no longer are, that it would pass off the map, leaving to the world only a theme for some budding Wordsmith to compose another "Deserted Village". Recent events rather confirm the politician as a prophet. We are now without a blacksmith. Our late knight of the hammer went citywards some time ago. The old shop still remains unoccupied one more proof, if proof be needed, that Sunny Corner is not progressing. The drawback is keenly felt at times, making it necessary for people to visit Portland, in order to get their horses shod.

Owing to the low price of silver, it no longer pays to send the ore away. Consequently, the manager, Mr. Wilkinson, is arranging to have smelting operations resumed.

Should the results be satisfactory work will be continued and possibly Sunny Corner may still remain on the map.

The sum of £18 18s 7d was paid to Bathurst hospital as the result of a recent effort. This would indicate that those left in the Corner recognise their duties towards such institutions.

A meeting of town people recently decided to renovate the local hall. They hope soon to raise funds with which to accomplish this object, and also to put the School of Arts on a better footing.

25-2-1921 Mrs. Caroline Withers died at her daughters residence Hill street on Thursday, at the age of 72 years from senile decay. The deceased lady who lived in the Sunny Corner district for over 30 years, came to Lithgow a couple of years ago. The following are sons, and daughters Mr, Eric Withers, Ben Bullen; Mr. Sam Withers, Sydney; Mrs. Stacey, Extension Estate, Lithgow; and Mrs. Orchard, Hill street Lithgow. Her husband predeceased her about 12 years ago.

Stock here are in splendid condition. It is probably many years since this part has produced such excellent grass. The long drought, which preceded the break, apparently gave the land a rest, which has caused it to respond so generously, that local cattle are as fat as or fatter than stock brought from the back country.

Constable J. M. Sheridan, who has been in indifferent health lately, has gone to Sydney for medical advice. He has been ordered surf bathing and may require a short spell from police duties.

A very successful effort to revive interest in the local school of arts was made here on Saturday night last.

28-2-1921 Several hundred people in Bathurst witnessed the finish of the road race from Bathurst to Sunny Corner and back (50 miles) held under the auspices of the Bathurst Cycling Club on Saturday.

Eighteen riders started from Mr. A. T. Tippings Motor Garage, and only four were officially recorded as having finished at the same place. The winner was Dave Brooks, whose handicap was 17 minutes and riding time 2 hours 44 minutes.

3-3-1921 Sunny Corner Waterworks. All material for fencing of reservoir at Sunny Corner is now on the ground, awaiting further instructions.

Walter Barwon Wilkinson, manager of the Wilkie Silver Lead Syndicate said he had been engaged in the industry for upwards of 27 years, the last three of which, were spent on the Sunny Corner field. At the mine he managed there were 15 men employed at present, as against 35 a few weeks back when the company was compelled to shorten hands owing to its inability to sell the ore at a satisfactory figure.

7-3-1921 Master Gerald Ryan has just received word that the Minister for Education has awarded him a scholarship in the teachers training college, as a result of his pass in the recent leaving certificate examination. This young man however has entered a solicitor's office in Sydney, and may not feel disposed to accept the scholarship.

16-3-1921 Mr. A. Noble school inspector, has just completed his annual inspection of the local schools. As a result of his visit Miss Naylor, teacher of Dark Corner public school, has been appointed temporarily as assistant at Sunny Corner. This arrangement is due to the fact that practically all the Dark Corner pupils are on the sick list.

11-4-1921 Mr. Charles Scott was married in Sydney a few days ago to Miss Nicholls, our late postmistress. Their many friends wish them happiness and prosperity.

21-4-1921 Although they have been getting good yields of silver and lead for some time now, the owners of the old Sunny Corner mine have been forced to apply to the Bathurst Mining Warden Mr. A. B. C. Burke for suspension of labor conditions on the ground of the increased cost of treatment. The application will be dealt with by the Warden at Sunny Corner Tuesday next.

22-4-1921 Mr. Fergie Smith an old and respected resident of Dark Corner died at his home on Friday night. In his time Mr. Smith was a capable miner, and spent many years of his life in this capacity. While working underground he contracted what is sometimes, known as miners complaint the cause of his death. A widow and grown up family mourn the loss of a good husband and father. To whom will be extended the sympathy of a wide circle.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, manager and part owner of the now idle Sunny Corner silver mine, after several years residence here has moved off to his farm near Mt. Victoria. No doubt should circumstances warrant it, he will return some day and try his luck once more.

The closing of the mine is already being felt. Several men have lost employment and are now seeking work elsewhere. All of which is not good for the town.

28-4-1921 The death occurred yesterday afternoon at Kirkconnel, of Mrs Alexander Miller, at the age of 70 years. The deceased, who was the third daughter of the late Mr. John Piper (son of the late Captain Piper) was a native of the district, and had resided there practically all her life. She had only been ailing a comparatively short time. She is survived by two children Mrs Alice Bland, of Kirkconnel, and Mr. John Miller, ex-M.L.A. for Bathurst. By her death, the district loses one of the old school, a lady, who, during her life had won for herself, the esteem and admiration of all she came in contact with and her death be widely and sincerely regretted and deep sympathy extended the relatives in their great loss. The funeral will leave St. Stephens Presbyterian Church Bathurst, to-morrow morning.

29-4-1921 At the Sunny Corner Wardens court on Tuesday, before Warden Burke, Walter B. Wilkinson, as agent for Arthur Caffin applied for a suspension of labor conditions for six months on what is known as the Old Sunny mine. The applicant stated that the present lessee had held the mine for about three and a half years, and during that time about £52,000 had been spent in developmental work and improvements. About 14,000 tons of sulphide had been shipped to Cockle Creek and Mount Kembla for treatment, and there still remained about 25,000 tons of sulphide and gossan ore in the smelters at the mine. Quite recently the contract with the Mt. Kembla Smelting Co., expired, and the company refused to renew.

Mount Kembla was the only outlet for either ore or product The Companys present means 20/- a ton more than the previous rate, while metals have gone down in price, the last shipment showing a net loss of 24/- a ton. The present smelting charges, together with the low price of metals and the limitations of the market rendered a continuation of the work impossible.

At the present market price of copper after smelting, the lessee would receive about £38 a ton. The Cockle Creek Co. charged £4-6s a ton for smelting, with certain penalties for lead and zinc, and it was utterly impossible to pay these treatment charges without serious loss. The lessee was therefore compelled to ask for a suspension for the purpose of raising further capital with the object of further developing the mine, and to erect a modern plant on the mine. This would entail an expenditure of £25,000. Witness said it was unlikely that they could resume operations for six months, but as soon as there was any improvement they would resume: If silver prices reached 4/ they would resume at once. The price of' silver a month ago fell from 5/6 to2/5. They had employed up to 36 men at times, and an average had been 20 men in steady employment. They had not paid one dividend and in about 3 years had spent in wages £1400.

During the three years they had taken out of the mine over £70.000 worth of ore, and had never applied for suspension.

In granting four months suspension the warden highly commended Mr. Wilkinson for his splendid work, his spirit; his pluck and wonderful tenacity in tackling the Sunny Corner problem against such adverse conditions, particularly in view of the fact that for years before his arrival Sunny Corner was regarded as being a worked-out-mine.

2-5-1921 Sunny Corner has what probably no other town of its sizes possesses. It has a wireless telegraph station. This however is a private concern, the owner being Mr. Alec. McDonald, who must have given the matter great study. Messages it is said, have been picked up from Brisbane and even from Auckland New Zealand. The young enthusiast who installed the plant deserves success in full measure, and will very likely achieve it.

An auction sale was held here on Saturday when a quantity of galvanised iron and a couple of cottages were sold. The latter will be pulled down and moved off, supplying still further evidence that the town is declining.

Sickness, principally whooping cough is affecting the school attendance rather seriously.

An accident which might have ended fatally, occurred at Kirkconnell last week. A little girl, daughter of Mr Baker, of Diamond Swamp was having a ride in the motor mail bus from which she jumped too soon, falling heavily on the hard road, she received injuries necessitating her removal to Bathurst hospital.

Sunny Corner has a splendid water supply. Recently the Turon Shire had the reservoir well fenced with wire netting. Messrs. Kemp and Ross completed the work a few days ago.

4-5-1921 A cricket match was played, on Saturday between Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner, and resulted in a win for the former by an innings and 219 runs. Scores: Meadow Flat first innings 274 — J. Ward 74, P. Lawler 58, C. Scott 40, R. Williams 49, W. Lawler 18. Sunny Corner first innings 28, second 27.

11-5-1921 At the Sunny Corner police court on Monday before Messrs. F. Brown, A J. Brown, and J. H. Pye, Js.P., William Alfred Child, Morris Biggs, Samuel Turner, and Thomas Johnston, were charged with that they did in company at Meadow Flat on the 6th inst., steal from the dwelling house of Francis Newton Pearse, one axe, one adze, one mattock, and one hammer, of the total value of £1. Child, Biggs and Turner pleaded not guilty, and Johnston guilty. After evidence, Child was found guilty, and Turner and Biggs not guilty. The last two were discharged, while the other two accused were sentenced to six months hard labor in Bathurst gaol.

William Alfred Child and Thomas, Johnston were further charged that they did in company, at Sydney on 2nd v May 1921, steal one horse, spring van and harness, the property of W. Newell of 3 Baptist Street Redfern. They were remanded for eight days.

It was stated that there are a number of other charges pending against Child and Johnston in connection with alleged robberies between Sydney and Sunny Corner.

13-5-1921 Mrs. D. F. SMITH and FAMILY, Sunny Corner, desire to thank relatives and friends for floral tributes, telegrams, cards, letters, and kind expressions of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement in the loss of their dear husband and father.

10-6-1921 Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, manager of the Sunny Corner silver mine, paid a visit here on Saturday last. In the course of conversation it was gathered that he is most anxious to resume operations and will do so as soon as conditions warrant.

Like several other places Sunny Corner experienced the weeping walls phenomenon recently. As we live in cloudland it will not surprise us if our walls did the best weep of all. There was almost a young flood in some buildings.

A couple of cases of riotous behaviour occupied the attention of Mr. J. H. Pye, J.P., who sat at the local court on Monday.

24-6-1921 The School of Arts monthly dance was held recently and though not numerously attended was a very enjoyable affair. .This was due mainly to the excellent music kindly contributed by Mr. J. Fitzgerald, a student from St. Stanislaus College, Bathurst, holidaying here. He was ably assisted by the Misses Shumack.

The Committee of the School of Arts at its monthly meeting practically decided to extend the reading room. Probably, this will be attended to soon.

Up to this week the weather has been unusually mild. There has however, been plenty of rain, probably too much for the potato diggers.

It is reported that Miss. G. Slattery, daughter of our postmistress has been successful in a postal examination and will soon receive an appointment.

Mr. Dunn a practical miner is engaged in prospecting locally for a gold reef. That he may be successful is the general wish.

A number of citizens met recently to discuss matters in connection with property belonging to the now defunct Rifle Club. Before disposing of this property an effort is to be made to revive the club. The young fellows think over thirty good shots can be enrolled. If so there is no reason why rifle shooting should not boom here again.

1-7-1921 Mr. Wm. Turner for many years a resident of this place, died at Cullen Bullen on Sunday last. He was buried at Yetholme on Tuesday. The deceased had followed the calling of a miner and like many others, had contracted what is sometimes called miners consumption. He was a young man and has left a widow and four children for whom sympathy is felt by everyone here.

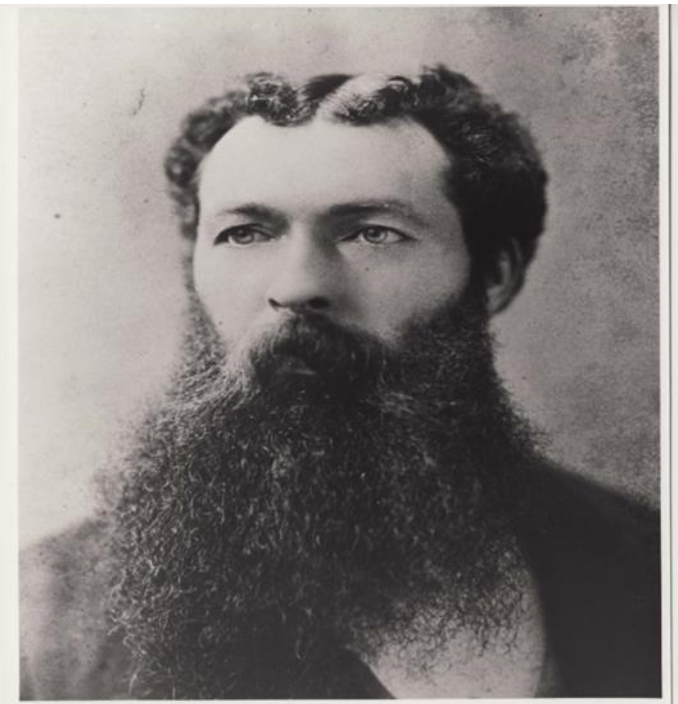
Remarkable weather has prevailed here during the winter. So far we have experienced scarcely one cold day, while on the other hand we have had many warm genial ones.

The wattle is bursting out in bloom almost two months before its time. Fears are entertained that the last part of winter may counteract the spring like weather so far experienced.

It is said that an unsuccessful attempt to rob the local store was made on Sunday night.

Mrs. M. KNIGHT Sunny Corner begs to tender her deep felt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sinnett of Mort-street Morts Estate, for the great kindness shown her during her illness in Lithgow while attending her son, who is in hospital.

4-7-1921 Big flood in the Turon River, biggest for 32 years, due to very heavy falls of snow and rain in the headwaters.



Dr. Robert Waller Magill, a doctor at Sunny Corner, NSW, from 1884 to about 1920. He died 10 July 1921 age 76. Photo by Tuttle & Co, Melbourne, 1883-91, per Magill family, Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

11-7-1921 MAGILL. On July 10th At Raphael Street, Lidcombe, R. W Magill, late of Sunny Corner, aged 76 years.

14-7-1921 A nugget of gold weighing nearly 17 ounces was found at Dark Corner, in the Sunny Corner district yesterday, by a prospector named Herbert Shumack. It is valued at £70. A former prospector had cut a trench to within a couple of inches of this nugget and another stroke of the pick would have unearthed it. A rich patch was struck in this same gully some years ago. One nugget weighing 20 ounces was found, as well as several smaller ones. All the ground in the vicinity has been taken up, and prospectors are at work trying to locate the reef from which the gold has been shed.

25-7-1921 An informal meeting of a few gentlemen interested in the launching of a butter factory took place recently. Mr. G. C. Fraser was deputed to ascertain the initial cost of setting up a factory. Replies received so far are not encouraging. One estimate of inaugurating the scheme is as high as £6000, another is £4000. If someone can show how the affair can be launched for, say £1000, there may be a chance of raising that sum.

Mr. C. Chapman a very old resident of this place is moving off with his family to the Narrabri district. Mr. Chapman has had some war experience, while Mrs. Chapman was a good worker in patriotic movements.

Mrssrs. A. Wilkinson and Peterkin visited this place on Thursday on mining business.They have been engaged in assaying the silver ore to see if it might be possible to re-open the mine. So far I understand the results are not encouraging, and unless something better comes to light a further suspension of labor conditions will most likely be asked for. The low price of silver and high cost of production may stand in the way of our mine reopening for some time.

3-8-1921 July, which came in with a fall of snow, went out with one also, and the latter fall gave us the coldest weather experienced here for many years. Snow four feet deep in places.

Frozen taps, icicles, icy roads, and howling winds have been our lot for two days. Milk too has been frozen and before writing these notes I had to break through a thick coating of ice on my ink. Whatever virtues this place may have as a summer climate it can be very sour in the winter.

4-8-1921 Another of the old pioneers of the Sunny Corner district has passed away in the person of Mr. George Hemsworth, whose death occurred recently at the age of 85 years.

19-8-1921 Since the recent wild weather, milder conditions, have prevailed and we are again able to concentrate a few thoughts on our one burning question the proposed Sunny Corner butter factory. Already a site has been suggested, and to that extent some progress has been made. It is described as being ideal, inasmuch as it lies midway between two unfailing springs and convenient to the post office. No doubt something definite will soon be announced. In the meantime great hopes and expectations have been aroused.

The local footballers are practising very hard and are supposed to be in great fettle.

They expect to meet a team from Yetholme soon, and have already been photographed, in case circumstances should warrant the insertion of their pictures in a sporting paper. Among them are a couple of runners who take catching, and on those great hopes are centred.

The bush trees round about show the devastating influence of the extremely cold weather that prevailed here recently. At first sight one would think the bush was bursting into blossom. Closer inspection shows that the whitish tree tops are wilted leaves. This wilting is, no doubt, a result of the fearful climatic conditions that accompanied the snow storms.

Mr. John. S. Shumack who has been in Sydney some time undergoing medical treatment is home again.

24-8-1921 Mr. Thomas McCauley (40) a lifelong resident of Sunny Corner passed away suddenly on Sunday afternoon. Deceased had for some time suffered from miners phthisis, and notwithstanding his delicate state of health he

refused to take a rest. When the Sunny Corner silver mine was under the management of Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, Mr. McCauley was his right hand man, and account of his integrity and trustworthiness his services were much valued.
On the closing of the mine Mr. McCauley found employment in one of the mines near Wallerawang. During last week the deceased contracted influenza and for several days was confined to his bed. On Sunday afternoon he felt much better, but quite suddenly fell back dead. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and four young children at the loss of a fine hard working husband and good father.
Mr. McCauley was much esteemed by all who know him. His early demise is genuinely regretted for he was always willing to take his part in anything that conduced towards the welfare of the town. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon.

5-9-1921 News of the death of Mr. Les. Simpkins was sorrowfully received here. He had lived at Sunny Corner for many years before going to Portland. His many friends will deplore his untimely end and deeply sympathise with his young widow.

The Sunny Corner footballers played a match recently against a team from Portland, the latter winning by 29 points to 13. The local players though defeated, played well, many of them being raw recruits. Further they won for themselves the name of being good sports which, after all, is better than victory.

23-9-1921 Reserve No. 42,393 at Dark Corner, area 7 acres 2 roods, notified 22nd January, 1908, for Public Recreation; Messrs. Herbert Shumack, Aiden Shumack (in lieu of Messrs. C. Stewart, resigned, and J. W. Shumack, deceased).

5-10-1921 It is thought that the local silver mine may open sooner than has been generally expected. Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, when seen a couple of days ago, stated that the price of silver has advanced sufficiently to make it possible for the shareholders to resume operations almost immediately, and without waiting for the term of suspension recently granted to expire. It is to be hoped Mr. Wilkinson's expectations may be fully realised.

Influenza has stricken a number of people in this part. As result of an attack of this ailment, Mrs. E. J. Ryan is now an inmate of Portland hospital.

21-10-1921 A frightful burning accident occurred at Newnes yesterday morning as a result, of which a little girl named Margaret Attwell aged 10, is in the Lithgow hospital, suffering from terrible burns to the face, head and body and extensively from shock. Her condition is very critical. It seems that the girl, who was living with her grandmother, Mrs. J. Murray, was in the kitchen while Mrs. Murray was making toast. The child's guardian left the kitchen for a moment, and was barely out when she heard screams. Rushing back she saw Margaret in flames. Mrs. Murray endeavoured to extinguish them with buckets of water, but failed, and neighbours hearing the child's screams, hurried in eventually succeeding in overcoming the blaze, but not before the unfortunate girl had been dreadfully injured:
She was brought to Newnes Junction on Mr. Fell's motor rail truck, and from there to Eskbank in a goods train. Margaret's mother and father, who were long time residents of Sunny Corner, are both dead, and she was adopted by Mrs. Murray.

It is reported that Mr. R. Shumack has decided to take up the Occidental hotel business at Dubbo, and that he will be leaving here very shortly. The Race Club will greatly miss his services, both as treasurer and a capable starter.

Wintry conditions still prevail, with a snowy feeling in the atmosphere, and fire wood in keen demand.

Word has been received that Mrs. J. M. Sheridan wife of Constable Sheridan, was successfully operated upon in a Sydney private hospital lust week.

26-10-1921 A meeting of the Race Club was held on Thursday night, when Mr. Shumacks resignation on account of his departure from the district at an early date was received and accepted with regret. Mr J. J. Fitzgerald was unanimously chosen to act as the clubs new treasurer. Before the meeting closed eulogistic references, were made regarding Mr. Shumacks services on behalf of the place generally, and he was assured that the best wishes of the club were with him.
On Saturday night another meeting of the Race Club was held, when it was decided to make a presentation to Mr. Shumack on the 29th inst.

4-11-1921 Mrs. KNIGHT of Sunny Corner wishes to return thanks to the kind friends of Wolgan for the twenty pounds nineteen shillings and sixpence that they collected on her sons behalf.

A very successful function took place in the local hall on Saturday, when a farewell dance was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. R. Shumack and family, who leave on Monday for Dubbo, where they will conduct the Occidental Hotel, Mr. E. J. Ryan who was in the chair referred to the fine public spirit always displayed by Mr. Shumack, whose services on behalf of the Race Club were especially meritorious. Mr. Fraser spoke of the fine work render to every patriotic movement by the whole of the family, whose departure would leave a void very hard to fill. Messrs. Murray, Sheridan and Kelly spoke in similar strain, and wished the guests a full measure of prosperity in their new home.
Then on behalf of the Race Club the chairman presented Mr. Shumack with a fine travelling rug. In doing so he remarked that the warmth likely to be derived from the rug might serve to remind Mr. Shumack of the warm feelings entertained towards him by every member of the club. After the singing of "For He's a Jolly good Fellow,' Mr. Shumack responded. The gift would be valued for the good wishes of which to him it was a symbol. He would always be glad to meet any of his friends should they went westward towards Dubbo. He had spent many happy years in this district, and had found it hard to say farewell to so many friends. He wished the old town a return to its former prosperity.
At intervals songs and recitations were rendered by capable artists. The music was supplied by Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. G. Shumack and Mrs. J. S. Shumack, while the refreshments were in Mrs. Slatterys capable hands. Towards midnight a large circle was formed and a very successful function brought to conclusion by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne.

9-11-1921 Mrs. J Hall wife of Mr. James Hall, of Wolgan and only daughter of Mrs. Fitzgerald of this town, died here on Monday. The deceased had been ailing for a very long time and came to reside at Sunny Corner about twelve months ago, hoping the change to this climate would, prove beneficial.

She had consulted many doctors and recently was an inmate of a Bathurst private hospital. No skill however could avail in her case, and death must have come as a happy release from a long term of suffering. She has left a widower and two young sons. The utmost sympathy is felt for the relatives and this was shown by the large number of people who followed the funeral to Kirkconnell. Before setting out for the cemetery a requiem mass was celebrated in the Catholic Church by Rev: Father O 'Brien, who also conducted the service at the grave side.

18-11-1921 Mr. John Knight has just returned from Sydney where, at considerable expense and suffering he has been receiving treatment for a fractured arm. His case was a very serious one and required the best skill possible. An interesting X-ray photograph of the arm bones shows how acute was the trouble, and how lucky he is to still retain the limb. In order to effect a cure a slice of bone was taken from the sufferer's leg and used in the injured arm. There is every hope that a cure has been effected.

21-11-1921 On Wednesday afternoon Mr. J. H. Pye J. P., met with a nasty accident as a result of which he now lies in the Portland hospital with a broken leg. It appears that he was riding after a couple of horses, when his pony, shying at some object, lost her footing and fell. Fortunately the rider was able to free his feet from the stirrups, but the ponys weight came upon his leg, fracturing it near the ankle. Mr. Sheridan and Mr. M. Fitzgerald were soon on the scene rendering what aid they could. In the meantime a car was despatched from Portland convoying the acting matron, who after supplementing the first aid already rendered had the patient conveyed to the hospital. His many friends hope to see him with them again as soon as possible.

25-11-1921 A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's Church of England Lithgow by Rev. R. B. Robinson on Saturday, the contracting parties being John, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Costello, of Inch-street, Lithgow, and Edith second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sparkes of Sunny Corner. The bride who entered the church on the arm of her brother, who gave her away looked very nice in a gown of white silk. She also wore the customary wreath and veil. She was attended by the Misses Aggie Costello, sister of the bridegroom and Maud Baker. The former wore a dress of white silk, and the latter was gowned in white voile. Their bouquets, together with gold brooches, were the gifts of the bridegroom. Mr. A. Costello was best man and Mr. C. Howard groomsman. The reception was held at the bridegroom's home at 90 Inch-street, at which there were 50 guests. Later an adjournment was made to the Central Rooms where the night was spent in dancing and harmony. The happy couple who received numerous gifts will reside in Lithgow.

30-11-1921 During the fierce thunderstorm here on Saturday, a foal running in Mrs. B. Sharps paddock was struck by lightning and killed. Mrs. Sharps son Albert had a marvellous escape from sharing the same fate as the foal, he was engaged carting manure to the cultivation field, when a fierce flash of lightning tore the front out of his cart and hurled him to the earth. The lad was carrying a pitch fork, which was thrown some distance away and when found was without its handle. The boy states that he experienced a feeling of numbness and it was some time before he was able to walk. Probably the flash which so alarmed the boy was responsible for the foals death.

2-12-1921 Reserve No. 42,393 at Dark Corner, notified 22nd January, 1908, for Public Recreation: —Edward James Bennett, Esquire (in lieu of Mr. W. J. Smith, resigned).

7-12-1921 The usual week end rain made its appearance on Sunday when seventy five points were recorded. Either Saturday or Sunday has been wet for the past three months.

Mrs Sheridan wife of Constable Sheridan, returned to Sunny Corner on Friday, after a term in Sydney, whither she went to undergo surgical treatment.

Some consternation was caused here on Saturday when a case of snakebite was announced, the victim being Alan Grabham a school boy. It appears that Alan was walking in the grass near his home, when he trod upon a rather large black snake which struck him on the leg. His first impulse was to kill the reptile, but changing his mind he pulled down his stocking and noticed two punctures. Hurrying into the house he procured a knife and rubbed it along the leg. This caused blood to ooze from the puncture and convinced the lad he had been bitten. Prompt measures were taken in accordance with instructions received at school. In the meantime Alan's brother finished the snake. After this Alan hurried to the local teacher, who applied a remedy believed to be effective. The boy became rather drowsy and though Mr. Ryan the teacher felt everything was right he took Alan to see Dr. Wilson. The latter advised keeping the lad handy in case dangerous symptoms set in. However nothing serious happened. The drowsiness completely diapered. Either the remedial measures taken were very effective, or the woollen sock prevented the bite from doing much damage. In any case it is satisfactory, to know that things turned out so well. It might be well for parents to warn their children of the risk they run regarding snakes. Everyone should have a knife and ligatures at least and knowhow to use them.

23-12-1921 Some excitement was caused locally when a message was received that someone had fired a rifle at a young lady of this town. Certainly a rifle was fired, but so far it has not been ascertained who did the firing. The young lady was staying with Mrs. McDonald of Dog Trap. While temporarily alone in the house she entered a bed room where it is alleged, a masked man saying, "I've got you," fired a pea rifle at her. The bullet passed through a couple of walls, this being the only damage done. The lady in question then fell upon a bed, while the man escaped after putting away the pea rifle, which belonged to Mr. McDonald in its proper place. The intruder is fully described, Sergt. McRae of Portland, and Constable Sheridan of this town, have the matter in hand.

30-12-1921 The Boxing Day races attracted a large gathering. Unfortunately rain began to fall before half the programme was completed, and kept on so persistently that further racing was considered dangerous. Keen disappointment was felt by the numerous sportsmen who came to patronise the meeting, which but for the weather would have been the best held here for many years, thanks to the preparations made by a very large committee. As soon as the Sunny Corner Handicap was run, Mr. A. J .Brown, the president announced that racing for the day was over. By this time many people had left for their homes or fled to seek shelter from the continuous rain which registered 3 ¾ inches.

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4-1-1922 Some months ago Mr. Herb Shumack found a fine nugget of gold, worth about £60 on his claim near the town. During the recent wet weather he was able to unearth another fine specimen, this one being worth about £14. The general opinion is that both nuggets have been shed from a reef which may shortly be found and which is likely to be very rich.

6-1-1922 The old year went out very quietly with most of us huddled up near the fire. Since Christmas Day the weather has been remarkably cold, more like July than January. During the month just ended there were six hundred and fifteen points of rain, and for the year now closed we had 42 inches and 61 points.

9-1-1922 The death took place at the Lithgow hospital on Saturday morning of Margaret Armour Mary Attwell aged 10, the victim of the burning accident at Newnes on October 20. The burns were most severe and extensive. During her long stay in the hospital the little one has had the most sympathetic attention of the matron and nurses, with whom she was a favorite, whilst many residents have made frequent inquiries regarding the young sufferer.

One little act of kindness touched the heart of many. A little girl named Joyce Glen took an unusual interest in the patient and determined in her juvenile way that Margaret should not be without a 'dolly'" for Xmas. She herself collected more than enough money for the purpose, and the doll was duly presented. It should be a source of much joy to the winsome little collector that the gift she was instrumental in securing gave great happiness to her unfortunate little friend who was so soon to pass away.

Margaret's mother and father who were one time residents of Sunny Corner are both dead, and she was adopted by Mrs. Murray. An inquest was to have been held at Newnes to-day.

9-1-1922 At the courthouse on Thursday last auctioneers' licenses were granted to Messrs. J. T. Murray and A. J. Brown, J. P.

11-1-1922 News of little Peggie Attwell's death which took place in the Lithgow hospital on Saturday morning, was received here with intense regret. The little girl was a native of West Mitchell, where not long since the grim reaper claimed first her mother and then her father, leaving seven orphans, the oldest of whom was only sixteen. Then the grandmother, Mrs. Murray, of Wolgan took Peggie who, as will be remembered met with a serious burning accident there some weeks ago. The remains were brought by motor hearse on Sunday morning to her old home at West Mitchell, a home whence three funerals have set out in less than three years. After remaining there a little time they were conveyed to Kirkconnell R. C. cemetery in the afternoon, and laid beside those of her mother. A large concourse of people attended the last sad rites being performed by Rev. Father O'Brien. Among those present were Mrs. R. Shumack, Dubbo, Mrs. Small and Mrs. Withers, Sydney, aunts of the deceased, besides Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wolgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray junr., of Wolgan. The utmost sympathy is felt, for the sorrowing children, who mourn the loss of a very bright little sister, whose sweet nature, made her a general favorite. They have indeed borne a full measure of sorrow during the past three years and it is hoped that for them brighter things are now in store.

The remains of Mr. M. Moran, of Lithgow who died at Portland, were also laid to rest at Kirkconnell R.C. cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The two funerals arrived almost at the same time. Consequently a very large number of people were gathered together in the old churchyard. The Rev. Father O 'Brian was the officiating clergyman in this case also.

11-1-1922 A local resident as received word that Mr. Wilkinson intends opening up the mine again shortly, and that he hopes to start the furnaces going soon. It is to be hoped the news is true, both in the interests of the place and of the men requiring employment.

18-1-1922 Mr. W. H. Kissell an old identity of this place died on Wednesday and was buried on Friday. The funeral was well attended, the officiating clergyman being Mr. Alan Black of Portland. The deceased had been suffering for many months from an incurable growth and consequently death must have come as a happy release. He has left a widow and several children for whom much sympathy is felt.

23-1-1922 Mr. Jack South, of West Mitchell, has been suffering from pneumonia. For a time, his condition caused anxiety, but he is now fortunately convalescent.

A grader is being used on the racecourse which, as a result, should be in splendid condition for the meeting on the 28th inst.

25-1-1922 Several district residents met with rather trying experiences during the fearful storm which passed over here on Thursday last. Mr. Sheridan with his wife and son attempted to drive home from a place two miles distant. His light was violently extinguished and in the inky darkness his horse got off the road causing the sulky to topple over. Fortunately no one was injured. The horse a very quiet one was extricated with difficulty and the harness and sulky were left behind. The party by dint of feeling almost every step, reached home in a couple of hours, drenched to the skin. Mr. Sheridan describes the storm as the worst he has ever seen.

The tent of Messrs. Kemp and Dowler was blown over, much to its occupants hardship. In attempting to re-erect it one of the men had a pole blown upon his neck with considerable fury. It was only after great trouble that the distressed campers were able to regain shelter.

Mr. J. Turner, of Yetholmc was out all night with his team on the Bathurst road.

Mr. A. McAbee reached his abode at about 1 a.m., having travelled seven miles in about as many hours. He could not see to unharness his horse and consequently plodded along in the darkness, occasionally broken by lightning flashes.

Mr. O'Dell of this town had difficulty in walking from a neighbors house to his own house distant only about a hundred yards. One and all agree that it was an awful1 storm.

Local cricketers met and defeated Meadow Flat team on Saturday. For the winners J. Passeri and the ever consistent A. Shumack did best with the bat, while H. Shumacks bowling was right on the spot. It was largely due to his fine trundling that Meadow Flat could only score 43 runs, to which Sunny Corner responded with 120.

A meeting of commoners was held on Saturday night, when Messrs. A. Sparks, L. O, Wilkinson, E. J. Ryan, J. J. Fitzgerald, and J. W. Smith, were elected trustees for the next term.

Many horse owners have ordered accommodation here for the race meeting. There will be more horses here this time than Sunny Corner has seen for many years.

13-2-1922 The death took place in the district hospital on Saturday, of William Bell at the ripe age of 82. The deceased who had resided in Lithgow for about 36 years, was a former resident of Sunny Corner where he was well known and highly respected for over a quarter of a century. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia and heart failure. The late Mr. Bell whose wife predeceased him by 34 years, had a family of 11.

24-2-1922 Sunny Corner Common Trustees Lionel Ottley Wilkinson, Alfred Sparks, John William Smith, Edgar James Ryan, and John Joseph Fitzgerald.

2-3-1922 The death took place at a private hospital, Bathurst, of Mrs. Mary Munro, in her 74th year. Deceased was a very old and respected resident of Palmers Oakey. A large grown up family is left. Interment will take place at the Palmers Oakey cemetery to-day.

6-3-1922 A further stage in Sunny Corners decline was reached on Tuesday when the last hotel ceased operations, the last of the Mohicans, as it were. Its licensee Mrs. Murray, some time ago, surrendered the license and was awarded a substantial sum as compensation. In relinquishing this hotel Mrs. Murray has completed a very long innings as an inn-keeper. Forty-two years ago she and her husband, the late Mr. C. Murray, had a hotel at Lewis Ponds.

Their next venture was a similar business at West Mitchell, and from there they came to this place. Mrs. Murray has thus seen both Sunny Corners meteoric rise and its gradual demise. During her long career in business has earned a name for probity, uprightness, and charity, and she carries with her into retirement, the good wishes and respect of everyone.

14-3-1922 Messrs. Johnstone and Kelly labor candidates for Bathurst, should, and possibly do thank Providence that they are alive to-day. While journeying to Sunny Corner on Saturday last to address a meeting their car temporarily got out of control, and dashed towards the side of a culvert, apparently bent on finishing a couple of political careers. The two front wheels actually climbed over the culverts side, and just as the car seemed about to dive for the creek below it was suddenly stopped. Two very startled politicians levered it back to safety and repaired certain damage by a free use of fencing wire.

24-3-1922 Dreadful weather was experienced here on Saturday night and Sunday, when a devastating wind blew with almost hurricane force. Gardens have been wrecked, pastures wilted, and peoples tempers have also been affected, for there is nothing more annoying than continual blowing, whether it comes from boasters or weather clerks.

3-4-1922 It is generally conceded that the cause espoused by Mr. Dooley has slipped a bit locally. Several who voted the Labor ticket last election, backed another horse on this occasion, or remained at home. Various causes contributed to this, one of them being the gun license, with which some people are not satisfied and for which they blame the Government. Will this measure now be repealed, or will it not? That is the question agitating one or two minds here.

Dry weather still prevails and winter prospects are none too bright. Already someone is predicting a drought to last three years.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson the manager of the Sunny Corner mine, called here a few days ago. From his conversation it would not appear that the mime is to be worked again, for some time at least.

10-4-1922 A very pretty wedding took place at the Methodist Church Portland, on March 22, when Evelyn Maud Sharp, second daughter of Mrs. B. Sharp, of Sunny Corner, and Mr. John Herbert Dickie, third son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dickie, of Upper Meroo.

3-5-1922 This little community received a shock on Saturday morning when one of our most esteemed residents, Mr. John Grabham suddenly passed away. The deceased gentleman was known to be in a weak state of health, but had not taken to his bed, and on Friday was up and about his nice property a couple of miles from here. On Friday night he retired to bed as usual, but about midnight, he was seized with a fit of coughing and very shortly afterwards passed away, in the presence of his wife and two children. The cause of death was miners consumption.

Mr. Grabham was one of those who had an interest in the well known Paddy Lacky mine which, while putting many people on their feet also put many men in their graves. Practically every man who worked in this mine, among whom was the deceased, contracted miners phthisis. Up till Saturday six of them had prematurely passed away and now Mr. Grabhams untimely death makes Paddy Lackys seventh victim. The funeral took place on Sunday and quite a large gathering followed the hearse to Dark Corner cemetery where the burial service was read by Rev. Mr. Whittaker of Portland. Prior to the funeral the Rev. Mr. Crosswoll visited deceaseds late home, and conducted a service there. The utmost sympathy of a very wide circle of friends goes out to the widow, who with a daughter and three sons, mourns the loss of a good husband and father.

5-5-1922 An important sale took place here on Tuesday, when a quantity of machinery, piping, ropes, wood, some engines, and other property belonging to the Sunny Corner silver mining syndicate were disposed of. The prices realised were extremely low and some bargains were struck. This sale, it is thought, does not augur well for the reopening of the mine, which has now been idle for almost a year. Among the visitors to the sale were Mr. W. B. Wilkinson and Mr. Charleston. The latter was here in Sunny Corner's palmy days, and saw the mine dwindle from a great concern to comparative oblivion. Then Mr. Wilkinson came along and raised local hopes to a high pitch. Under his management an era of prosperity was enjoyed, but dark days were approaching and ounce more the old mine went out of commission. Whether it will always remain so is a question agitating a few local minds. The pessimist says it is done; the optimist says it will come again. One of these is right.

10-5-1922 Mr. W. Walshaw a prominent resident of the district, died suddenly in a Bathurst private hospital last week, and was buried at Yetholme. A very large number of people followed his remains to the grave, thus testifying to the great respect in which deceased was held. Some years ago our late friend became interested in a West Australian gold mine, a gold mine indeed, for it raised him from humble circumstances to a position of great wealth. He was able to build a palatial

residence at Yetholme, where he resided for many years. At the time of his death he was still interested in the splendid mine, and drawing regularly from it big dividends. Notwithstanding his wealth he remained unspoiled, and was as simple in his tastes as in the days before fortune handed out to him her gifts so lavishly. To the last he refused to own a motor car, remaining faithful to the good old horse and sulky. He was genuinely charitable in a quiet way, and on this account will be sadly missed. No tramp, it is said was over sent away hungry from the mansion at Yetholme.

17-5-1922 Mr. H. E. Brown, of Meadow Flat met with a piece of bad luck one day last week. While cranking his motor car his wrist came in contact with the crank and the result was a fracture. His brother Mr. A. J. Brown, motored him to Bathurst where a doctor attended to the injury. I am pleased to say he is making good progress towards recovery.

On Saturday night several people met in the local hall to farewell Mrs. J. Sparks who is proceeding to Kandos almost immediately. The function was very successful, showing the respect in which our departing guest and her family are held. They together with Mr. Jim Sparks, who had already left for Kandos, take with them the best wishes of Sunny Corner.

9-6-1922 Constable Sheridan and family have gone to Sydney for a holiday. During his absence Sergeant McRae of Portland, will keep an eye to the place.

Some snow fell here on Tuesday night, but thawed almost immediately. The weather is wintry, as it should be in June. Last year our winter came in August and came with a vengeance.

Our postmistress, who recently married, is leaving soon for Portland. Her successor is Mr. W. Butfield, a returned soldier who was badly wounded at the war.

The Sunny Corner footballers recently journeyed to Yetholme and scored a well merited win.

A start has been made towards demolishing the largest building in Sunny Corner. It was once occupied by the late C. Murray as a hotel, when Sunny Corner was a name to conjure with. Then it did a roaring trade with seven other inns catering for thirsty souls. Six of its companions have long since been removed. Its demolition will leave a big gap in this once prosperous town. However, it was serving no purpose here, and will later on greet the dawn at Kandos, whither it is being removed forthwith.

Mr. Godfrey Upton, an old age pensioner, and for many years a resident of Dark Corner, was taken to Portland hospital recently and died shortly after admission, the cause being one of senile decay.

14-6-1922 Mr. Wilkinson, late manager of the local silver mine, is here once more. He proposes to smelt a quantity of ore, an operation that may take about a month, after which the smelter will close down, whether for a short or a long period is more than can be safely foretold. Appearances would indicate that they will have an extended holiday.

Messrs. D. Scott and G. Shumack are busy drawing huge loads of wattle bark through the town to Piper's Flat. Their teams comprise twenty and twenty-two bullocks respectively, and look somewhat imposing as they lumber along.

16-6-1922 A Sunny Corner correspondent writes that this centre has now produced something which, will take the wind out of Tarana's sails, namely a juvenile snake killer, who is considered to be the champion of Australia. The boy for whom the honor is claimed is Dick Bland, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bland, of Kurrawong, which is a portion of the Kirkconnel estate, near Sunny Corner. This lad last summer killed nine snakes, all with a golf club belonging to his mother. His last kill measured 4ft 6in' in length.

21-6-1922 Further progress towards destroying the town is reported. The pretty little cottage once the home of the late W. Turner and his family at West Mitchell, has been demolished, and will like the old hotel, next appear I believe at Kandos. The incessant noise of hammering is quite a feature here lately. The pity however is that it all means destruction instead of construction, retrogression and not progress.

23-6-1922 The Bathurst Pastures Protection Board has received letters from Mrs. G Lyn Yates, of Wonagulla, near Sunny Corner strongly advocating the abolition of the crow bonus. The letter reads thus. “You can scarcely be aware of the mischief and loss caused to pastoralists and agriculturists by that now enactment of yours which allows a bonus of sixpence per head for crows. Your cure is infinitely worse than the disease during four years on the land. A few days ago I lost a sheep and a lamb through crow poisoning by irresponsible people and also two fine ewes in lamb. The baits are dropped broadcast over the country. If you want to have sheep or useful birds like the magpie and kookaburra and other grub eaters left in the land, then discontinue to pay the crow bonus. It is not the pastoralists who resort to the practice, but those who have no stock. Those people do not mind if they kill sheep or crows belonging to someone else provided they receive the bonus. The compulsory poisoning of rabbits or a bonus given for their ears would get rid of the disadvantage to pastoralists who would do their utmost to serve their flocks in their own way. The bonus idea is to the advantage of boys and persons who do not own stock or land. Thus the landowners are forced to provide funds to encourage their work being injured.” In a further letter she stated: “Since writing my first letter two more sheep have been poisoned. I have had them examined and it was discovered that they were poisoned by phosphorous. I have found out that the mischief was perpetrated by irresponsible trappers anxious to obtain the bonus and regardless of the injury done to landowners. Another grazier has lost sheep through the same way as I have. Anyone who secures the crow bonus by phosphorous poisoning would be better dead. I have my little flock camped up in my house grounds as I am afraid to allow them out in other paddocks for the phosphorous seems all over the paddocks in alarming quantities. Evidently the birds are carrying the bait. For Gods sake make the alteration quickly and suppress the bonus system. If you want to protect the grazier make it a criminal offence to allow poisoning, but only on their own land. If the graziers were allowed to lay poison they would take precautions to save their stock and thus stop the ne'er-do-wells from throwing the poison about indiscriminately. At present it is a terrible slate of affairs.

I cannot see for the life of me the idea of killing crows. Rabbits are being killed and the carcases thrown away. The crows cat them and prevent flies from laying millions of eggs to produce blow flies who would kill the sheep in summer time. The crow is like the magpie, one of our best friends. The present scheme of bonus giving is terribly short sighted and is assuming large proportions. With phosphorous whole flocks of sheep may be affected and never get over it and recover their health. Its sale

should be strictly prohibitive and its use should be a punishable offence. Drastic action, should be taken to reverse the present inaction."

23-6-1922 Sergeant Colin Christopher McRae, to act as Assistant Registrar of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the District of Macquarie, at Sunny Corner, during the absence of Constable Sheridan, on leave,—from the 3rd June, 1922.

5-7-1922 Several people braved the intense cold of Friday night to say farewell to Mrs. Haynes, our late postmistress Mr. E. J. Ryan, who occupied the chair, referred to the many splendid qualities of Mrs. Haynes who was able to combine efficiency with courtesy. After Mr. M. Fitzgerald had made eulogistic reference to our departing guest, the chairman asked Mr. Fraser to make a presentation on behalf of Mrs. Haynes many friends. This Mr. Fraser did in a very neat speech, after which Mr. Haynes thanked the donors on behalf of his wife.

Constable J. M. Sheridan and family returned on Friday from Sydney, where they have been holidaying for a mouth. They were in time to spend one of the coldest nights this cold spot has experienced in many years.

10-7-1922 Good rain fell here on Wednesday night, ninety points being recorded. On Thursday night another snow fall was experienced, making the third so far this year. This one was rather light and disappeared before mid-day on Friday.

Messrs. O'Dell and Grabham are making good progress with their job of demolishing the once important Royal Exchange Hotel, which catered for thirsty souls here some years ago. It should soon be ready for removal to Kandos.

Smelting operations are in full swing at the Sunny Corner silver mine, where about twenty men are finding temporary employment. It is said that if silver advanced by a few pence per ounce operations might be continued. This would be a fine thing for the place and those who are now temporarily employed.

Word has been received that Constable Sheridan's term of office here will soon expire. He anticipates a removal very soon.

26-7-1922 A heavy fall of snow succeeded 21 hours torrential rains at Sunny Corner, and the whole landscape is a glistening sheet of white. Every few minutes a giant limb off one of the immense pine trees of the district crashes beneath the weight of the snow, and telephone lines have been brought to the ground in several places.

4-8-1922 The rainfall for July was within a few points off nine inches, consequently the ground has received a fine soaking from which good results are expected in spring.

The furnace is once more in full swing after the recent enforced stoppage, due to rain and snow.

9-8-1922 Last week Mr. Boyd, district coroner and Dr. Wilson paid a visit to a place not far from here to hold an inquiry regarding the death of an infant. In consequence of the illness of the child's mother the inquiry was adjourned for a month. This is a distressing case. When the woman was taken ill her mother was absent in Portland. It is thought the unfortunate woman lay the whole of one very cold night on the bare boards of her room. When found in the morning she was thought, to be dead, while beside her was a dead child.

16-8-1922 During the past week wintry conditions have prevailed. A little snow has fallen, but soon disappeared.

Messrs. O'Dell and Grabham have demolished the once important Royal Exchange hotel. The material was in an excellent state of preservation, and represents a splendid bargain, to the purchaser.

Mr. Jim Sparkes residence has also been demolished, and it too, like the hotel above referred to, will reappear at Kandos.

The local mine has again closed. It is thought however, that operations will be resumed in a fortnight. Should results then seem satisfactory a continuation of work may be expected.

23-8-1922 After a fortnight's very unpleasant wintry weather, snow began to fall on Friday night. By Saturday morning the ground was covered to a depth of seven inches.

The landscape looked remarkably beautiful in its white mantle. Though very cold, our record of last August has not yet been reached, and we are by no means anxious to reach it.

24-8-1922 A sensation was caused yesterday afternoon by the shooting of a fugitive by Constable Sherridan of Sunny Corner. The police received word of the theft of a racehorse from Mr. Rourke, at Bell on Tuesday, and Constable Sherridan got busy. He intercepted a young man named Jas. Carmichael aged 21, about half way between Yetholme and Sunny Corner, who was on horseback and travelling in the direction of Bathurst. Both the constable and Carmichael dismounted, and while the constable was looking for brands on the horse Carmichael was riding, the latter bolted into the scrub near Green Swamp. The constable called on the fugitive to stand but no notice was taken. The constable then fired a shot in the air and gave chase on foot. The fugitive was too fleet for the constable and it was apparent by the lead he was setting up that he would escape. As his quarry would not heed the frequent shouts to stand the constable fired, the bullet striking Carmichael in the back just under the shoulder blade and embedded itself in the body but fortunately did not pierce the lungs. This brought the fugitive to a halt and the constable requisitioned the services of a civilian. The Bathurst police were telephoned for a car to be sent out also a policeman. This was done and the wounded man hurried in to the District Hospital, where he was admitted He is now under police guard, and on making inquiries last night his condition was said to be unaltered.

30-8-1922 Constable Sheridan makes daily inquiry regarding the condition of the man who, as a result of a bullet wound received a few days ago, when evading arrest now lies in Bathurst hospital. Latest reports are that the mans condition is satisfactory.

It is quite on the cards that Mr. Sheridan and his family may be leaving very shortly for Lithgow, to which town the constable expects a removal. He will fill the position occupied by Constable McPherson who died recently. The name of his successor at Sunny Corner is so far not known.

The prospects of the mine reopening soon are not now considered very bright, the results of last smelting being regarded as unsatisfactory. So the old mine which has had many ups and downs, especially downs, would appear to have entered upon another stage of its rather inglorious career.

4-9-1922 Our local postmaster, Mr. W. Butfield a returned and badly wounded soldier, who recently received his appointment here, has surmounted the difficulties naturally felt by one taking office for the first time. Owing to a disabled right hand, a lasting memento of the great war, he does his writing with the left. Under the circumstances it is pleasing to know that he is making good and giving general satisfaction.

6-9-1922 Two inquests were conducted at Meadow Flat on Saturday by Mr. A. Boyd, coroner, of Portland. One was an adjourned inquiry concerning the death of an illegitimate infant, which took place on the 1st or 2nd August last. The finding was that the infant died from haemorrhage and exposure, because of lack of attention at birth, the mother having collapsed at the time.

The second inquiry concerned the death of David Dunne Middleton, who died at Lithgow hospital, on 17th August. He had met with an accident on 27th July, when a tree fell upon him. The Coroners finding was death from pneumonia, following injuries accidentally received while in the act of felling timber.

11-9-1922 Const. Sheridan of Sunny Corner who has been transferred to Lithgow, vice Const. Mac Pherson deceased, took over duty yesterday.

13-9-1922 A very heavy thunderstorm passed over the district last Thursday. At Yetholme the lightning was particularly vivid and fierce. One resident had a remarkably narrow escape from death. Standing in his backyard he saw a hen struck dead, he being but few paces away at the time. Another resident who claims the possession of much electricity within his body, is also reported to have had an escape. During an especially severe flash he saw electric flames leaping out of his clothes. There may be some electricians, who can explain the phenomenon, without actually doubting the voracity of your correspondents informant, who by the way, has a reputation for George Washingtonism.

Word has been received that Sergeant Dolman, of Hargraves, is to succeed Const. Sheridan. Whether his appointment is to be permanent or temporary is not known yet.

20-9-1922 On Thursday morning a pioneer of the district, in the person of Mrs. Dowler, senr., of Locksley, passed away. The deceased who was well over the allotted span, had resided in the locality for practically the whole of her life. Her husband predeceased her some fourteen years ago, and there are eight surviving children, Mrs. Moran, of (Portland), Mrs. T. Slattery, (Mountain View), and Messrs. James, Thomas (Locksley), Robert, Levi, Harry (Eusdale Creek) and William (Tarana), besides thirty grand-children and five, great-grandchildren. The remains were interred in Kirkconnell cemetery. The Rev. Father Casey conducted the last rites.

Miserable, unspring like weather has been our lot for a whole week, a misty rain falling most of the time. In all about half an inch has been recorded.

Sergeant Dolman arrived here on horse-back from Hargraves on Wednesday and took over the local police station. A quiet peaceful time seems in store for him on this patrol.

A fair amount of sickness is prevalent throughout the district. Many people are suffering from colds, while others, principally children, are affected with mumps.

Preparations to witness the eclipse on Thursday are being made. Specially darkened glasses have been ordered and, should the sky condescend to be clear on the eventful day, a good view will be obtained.

25-9-1922 The dead body of a man with his throat cut was found near the road side a few miles from Capertee. The police were notified and the coroner communicated with. As it was undoubtedly a case of suicide, an order for burial was issued.

Articles found on the body indicate that the deceased was a returned soldier named Munro. A Savings Bank passbook, showing a credit balance of only a penny, was also found on the body. It is alleged that the corpse was allowed to remain on the roadside for the greater part of the day, no covering of any kind being placed upon it, and each passing vehicle sent a shower of dust over it. Later it was removed in a dray and placed in a stable to await burial. The local stationmaster read the burial service and two other Diggers, who happened to be in the vicinity, formed the cortege and paid their last respects to their dead comrade. They are highly indignant at the callousness displayed in this case.

25-9-1922 While on his way to school on Wednesday morning Hilton Sparks, son of Mr. Alf. Sparks, had the bad luck to break his leg. He was practising jumping a gutter near the town, and had successfully cached the other side several times. At last he jumped upon the opposite bank and he felt a stinging pain in the shin bone, and also heard, a crack. The local teacher was sent for, first aid methods were applied, and the boy was then taken to Portland Hospital.

The partial eclipse was witnessed well here as the sky was remarkably clear. The temperature suffered a very noticeable diminution while the old moon was in the road.

Wednesday was a very cold and light snow fell at intervals during the day but towards night a very sharp and heavy storm came along making the landscape white for miles round. It is hard to get rid of winter in Sunny Corner.

26-9-1922 James Kelly, alias Carmichael, who was shot in the back at Green Swamp, while trying to escape arrest by Constable Sheridan, died at the Bathurst District Hospital this morning. On August 24, Constable Sheridan, who was stationed at Sunny Corner, received a message from the Lithgow Police Station to the effect; that a bay gelding valued at £100 had been stolen from Mr. O Rourke's stable at Bell. It was also stated that, the man suspected had been seen making for Orange. The constable rode towards Yetholme and at Green Swamp a couple of miles from Yetholme met Kelly, who gave his name as Carmichael and his ago as 21. Questioned regarding the horse he was riding, Kelly said that he had bought it.

Asked to show his receipt he started to search his pockets. The constable dismounted and examined the brand on the horse. Satisfied that the brand was identical he told Kelly that he was going to arrest him and charge him with horse stealing. The constable was holding the reins of Kelly's horse, and Kelly tried unsuccessfully to snap away. The constable then told Kelly that he was going, to handcuff him. Kelly jumped off his horse and called out: 'I'm….. if you will.' He dodged the constable around the horses and ran across the road towards a scrub paddock. The constable chased him, calling on him to surrender.

But Kelly ran on and the constable pressed the trigger. The hammer fell on an empty chamber. Kelly heard it and increased his pace. The constable then fired a shot over his head. Kelly still ran. The constable next fired & shot at his legs, but just as he did so Kelly jumped into a water channel and was hit in the back by the bullet. He fell remarking: 'You are a good shot.'
The constable picked him up and asked him where he was shot. Kelly replied. 'In the back.' On examining Kelly the constable saw that the matter was serious and told him that he was sorry that he had hit him in the back that he had only intended to fire at his legs. The constable then secured the services of first, a motor lorry, and later a motor-car, and brought him into the Bathurst District Hospital. When the wound was examined at the hospital it was immediately recognised that it might prove fatal. The injured man gradually sank until this morning when he died.
While gradually sinking at the hospital Kelly said that his right name was Kelly and that his parents resided at Parramatta. He had been working about the country. It was 12 months since he had seen his parents. He also admitted that he had stolen the horse because he wanted to give his own horse a spell. He said that he run away to avoid being handcuffed, that the constable had called upon him to surrender, and that he had fired over his head before he fired at him, he also stated that the constable seemed very sorry that he had shot him and did everything he possibly could for him.
He even visited him while he was in the hospital and always wanted to know if he could do anything for him.
According to Police regulations and practice the action of the constable is regarded as being quite justified. Whilst members of the Police Force are required to zealously guard human life they are justified in shooting in self defence, or in a chase where a person is known to have committed a felony and is likely to otherwise escape arrest. A felony is a crime punishable by death or penal servitude.

6-10-1922 The undermentioned members of the Police Force to be Sub-Inspectors under the Liquor Act. 1912. for the Licensing Districts preceding their names, from the dates specified:—Bathurst—Sergeant Frederick William Dolman, stationed at Sunny Corner, vice Constable Sheridan, from 14th September, 1922.

6-10-1922 The social recently held in aid of the local cricket club was a success in everyway. As a result the clubs financial position has been considerably strengthened. The club is now splendidly equipped with a fine lot of material.

A team from Portland visited this part on Sunday last per Mr. Lowes fine motor bus. Owing to showery weather very little serious cricket was possible. When play ceased, however, the visiting team was in front on the days play. However, as each man retired on making twenty runs, the match was little more than a scratch affair.

Mrs. Murray, of this town, possesses a thirteen months old heifer that has just given birth to a fully developed calf which appears to be well grown, strong and healthy. The young mother and her offspring are the objects of considerable interest locally. No one can remember such a thing happening before. Probably this is the youngest cow in the world. There is no doubt whatever regarding the animals age. She and her calf look like two calves which, indeed, they are.

16-10-1922 Word was received here from Portland that Mr. George Strickland, an old resident of these parts, had been killed this morning in the quarry where he was engaged. The fatality was the result of several tons of earth collapsing and burying him.
The Strickland family has of late had more than its fair share of bad luck. Not so long ago the mother died, leaving a family of nine young children. The father was nobly doing his best despite the heavy handicap, and now comes another bitter blow. The utmost sympathy is extended to the doubly orphaned children. Sergt. McRae, of Portland, telephoned to Sergt. Dolman here and asked him to break the sad news.

16-10-1922 A local effort to swell the schools hospital fund was well supported here last Tuesday. In the afternoon a basket picnic was held on the recreation ground. This was followed by a dance which was well patronised. Mr. M. Fitzgerald was a capable M.C, while Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Miss. R. Shumack, and Miss Ena Shumack supplied the music. A collection taken up realised the sum of two pounds five and sixpence, which has since been increased by a donation to two pounds ten and sixpence. This will be given to the Portland hospital, it represents the local childrens effort to help a good institution.

25-10-1922 Motor cyclists will be pleased to hear that the Sydney Club has decided to resuscitate the Tourist Trophy races which were eagerly looked forward to in pre-war days. The events will be held at Easter, over the Sunny Corner course, a circuit of 15 miles, which will be covered to obtain 100 miles. This is a decent course which tests the capabilities of the rider. It starts at Yetholme. And takes in Sunny Corner. There will be two races, one for junior machines, and the other for seniors, as in the big British T.T. races.

30-10-1922 A very acceptable change in the weather has taken place during the past few days. Just as the grass was commencing to wilt, a shower of rain saved the situation. Further rain has since fallen, the total so far for the week being over an inch. As it is still raining one may safely assume that spring prospects here are fairly bright. There is evidence that good fruit crops will be obtained locally.

A feature of the storm, which broke over here on Friday, was the vividness of the lightning. A very angry flash, followed by a tremendous thunder clap was experienced at the local school house. The children had just been dismissed for dinner, and some had passed through the gate on their way home, when a report like an explosion was heard. Looking out it was ascertained that the gate had been struck and much of it destroyed. Bolts were hauled away and, so far have not been found. One boy, some hundreds of yards away, having his dinner in the shed, felt a distinct shock, something like that received from a galvanic battery.

1-11-1922 Mr. H. Guihot had to ride to Portland on Sunday for Dr. Wilson. He was unable to use the telephone since our local postmaster a single man, was away from the premises. There is likely to be a request made to the postal inspector to arrange telephone facilities for Sundays in cases such as the one referred to. Hitherto our phone on Sundays was left connected with the cement works in case we required a doctor. Some provision for the retention of this privilege is very necessary.

10-11-1922 A fatal burning accident occurred at Palmers Oakey on Wednesday morning, the victim being Mrs. Thomas Scott, well known throughout the district. She is reported to have taken a fit and fallen into a fire. When pulled out by

her children she was in a sad state. She was hurried to Portland Hospital, but her condition was hopeless, and death occurred three hours after admission. She leaves a husband and six children.

17-11-1922 Mr. A. J. Boyd, J.P., district coroner, concluded the inquiry regarding the death of Ellen Mary Scott, of Palmers Oakey at Portland Hospital a few hours after the poor woman had received shocking injuries through fulling into a fire at her home.

Edward Maurice Scott, aged seven, gave important evidence, for which he was complimented by the coroner, and also by Sergeant Dolman. The little chap stated that he was in bed about seven o'clock on Tuesday morning, 7th inst., and heard moaning. Rising quickly, he went out into the next room, where he found his mother lying in the fire. Her hair was burned off, and her clothing was on fire. He pulled her out, and then got his brother up. The two boys then got bags and cloths, with which they extinguished the flames that were slowly consuming their mother. This done, the younger lad, whose intelligence and brightness for a seven year old are truly remarkable, made haste to Mr. Thompson's "Warrie" station for his sister. She had left home a little before, and had just arrived at the station when the brother came with his tale of disaster. The girl, also young, and her brother, returned to their dwelling, and found the mother now on a stretcher. This she had reached partly by her own efforts and partly by the help of her son John, aged 11, who had remained with her. To the little girl's inquiry, the mother stated that she was in great pain. She also explained that while standing near the fire she collapsed in a fit and fell in. Word was sent to the husband at Dark Comer, where he was working. Before going home he sent a message to Doctor Wilson. The doctor, a nurse, and Sergeant Dolman were soon at the scene of suffering and sadness. The poor woman was taken at once to Portland Hospital, where death soon took place.

The coroner's verdict was death from effects of burns and shock accidentally received through falling into the fire whilst in a fit.

22-11-1922 Miss Naylor, who has been teaching at Dark Corner for a number of years, received word of her transfer to Orange, and left for that town on Friday. During her stay here she has made many friends. It is just possible that the appointment will be only temporary, and that Miss Naylor may yet return to Dark Corner school which, in the meantime, remains closed.

Dry weather still continues and needless to say, grass is suffering. Snakes are numerous and already there is a story or so going the rounds. Mr. R. Passeri, it is said, received a big shock recently. He and some friends had been doing some fencing and were enjoying a well earned rest, sitting in a row upon the grass. "Bob" had just finished laughing at a comrade's joke, and looked towards the ground. There beneath his feet was a big snake looking up, apparently to see what all the mirth was about. With great agility "Bob" fell backwards and then did a surprising somersault.

1-12-1922 At the police court on Tuesday morning Messrs. G. C. Fraser and J. Pye, Js.P. granted to J. S. Murray an auctioneers license for the Bathurst district.

Sunday trading licenses were granted to Mrs. M. B. Murray and Mrs. M. A. Knight.

A well attended meeting of the Race Club took place on Monday night, when several new members joined. Considerable enthusiasm prevailed, and important business was transacted. Incidentally it was decided to hold to the annual meeting on Boxing Day, no matter what opposition neighboring clubs might offer. The oldest resident present could not remember when Sunny Corner did not race on Boxing Day.

20-12-1922 OAKES. — In loving memory of my dear mother, Mary Oakes, who departed this life December 10th, 1915, at Sunny Corner.

I miss you, for I loved you,
As memory I recall,
For parting with my dear mother
Was the saddest day of all.

Inserted by her loving daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren, William and Mary Oakes, Lithgow.

27-12-1922 Messrs. Alex and George McDonald took a party of Sunny Corner people to Bathurst on Wednesday in their recently acquired motor bus. The forward journey was very comfortable, but the trip back was attended with some disappointment. When about six miles of the journey had been left behind, the radiator began to leak. Efforts to effect repairs were futile, and for a time it looked as though the party would have to camp at Walang. Just then however, Mr. Alex. McDonald was seized with a happy thought. He decided to sit outside near the radiator, into which he poured at frequent intervals water from a kerosene tin. This involved much trouble on his part, and many halts were made to secure water. However by his resourcefulness the party reached home towards midnight. It takes a lot to stop young Australia.

29-12-1922 Mr. Walter Butfield, who for six months has held the position of postmaster here has resigned. His successor in Mr. Arthur Lawler. During his term Mr. Butfield has given great satisfaction, performing his duties with ability and courtesy.

The Boxing Day races were well attended, and were successful in every way.

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8-1-1923 Mr. Charles Scott, of Meadow Flat met with a very unpleasant experience a few days ago. While driving from church with his wife and child, and Mrs. W. Scott a motor cycle caused his horse to take fright. The animal darted up an embankment causing the buggy to tilt dangerously to one side. To avoid a capsize Mr. Scott jumped over to the opposite side and had the satisfaction of succeeding in his purpose. In the meantime the horse was getting up pace, the buggy was again rattling along the road. Mr. Scott lost his balance, was thrown heavily upon the road and was ran over by both wheels. By this time the horse was bolting and the occupants of the buggy were in a most precarious position. Fortunately, one of the women was able to reach the reins and eventually the runaway was steadied. Mr. Scotts wife then hurried back and found her husband considerably cut about, but fortunately with no bones broken. He was bleeding profusely from a severe cut on the head, and

several cuts about the legs, while a new suit of clothes was reduced to tatters. Mr. H. E. Brown took the sufferer to Portland, where Dr. Wilson rendered medical attention, after which the patient returned to his home. I am pleased to say that, though showing signs of having undergone a severe trial, he is making a satisfactory recovery.

10-1-1923 Sergt. Dolman has returned from his holidays. He is now actively getting around his rather large patrol.

16-1-1923 A terrific hailstorm passed over the town yesterday evening, inflicting serious damage to gardens, orchards, and buildings. Poultry were battered to death by the hailstones, which were as large as pigeon eggs. Growing crops of peas and potatoes were cut to pieces. Some portions were swept away by the flood waters.

Rich gold has been struck at the Verdun mine, Dark Corner, seven miles from Sunny Corner. The stone is the richest seen in the locality. The roof is 2ft. wide, with a vein of golden quartz ten inches to twelve inches wide, and a depth of 20ft.

The reef was first located by Messrs. Gray, Budden, and Williams, the present leaseholders. As is generally known the Verdun mine was discovered about six years ago at the time that the French army was making such a heroic defence of the fortress against Kaiser Willielm's legions. Mr. Gray chose a topical name for his mine.

A syndicate took an option for several thousand pounds, but lost the run of the gold and abandoned the option.

The original, prospectors however, have worked ever since, and have again located the auriferous vein, in close proximity to the first discovery. The reef is dipping strongly southwards. The claim is on private property, owned by Mr. Alexander Gray.

Many applications for authority to enter have already been lodged with the warden's clerk.

Mr. Herbert Shumack, who found several nuggets, one worth £70, some time back, joined Gray's party a few months ago.

24-1-1923 At the meeting of the Common Trustees it was decided to enclose with barbed wire several shafts which for a long time have been death traps for stock. The work is to be done immediately. The work of fencing the recreation ground is getting beyond the talking stage and should soon be accomplished.

Dr. Wilson paid this village a hurried visit on Wednesday night to attend J; Staines, whose health has been causing his relatives much concern, his condition, though still critical has somewhat improved. Mr. W. Scott, late of Parkes, has settled down in the old home so long occupied by his brother, Mr. Chris. Scott.

A couple of lady Christian evangelists have been in district during the past week. During, their stay they held several services in the Union Church, West Mitchell.

26-1-1923 Several claims have been taken up in the vicinity of the Verdun gold mine. Though hampered by water the latters shareholders have been at work on the run which so far, allows no sign of cutting out. Further good specimens have been obtained, and splendid stone is showing on the face, with gold plainly visible. A feeling of optimism prevails among the apparently lucky holders of this mine.

Considerable interest is being manifested in connection with this discovery. Almost daily cars are seen making to the Verdun. Further important developments are awaited.

Generally speaking there is a local revival of the gold mining industry. Work has been commenced again at the Sine Gift mine, also out Dark Corner way, and quite a number of people are seeking gold in the creeks round about, some it is said with a fair measure of success.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson set his furnace going, but it did not go long. Apparently some trouble was encountered, not unusual with furnaces, and when this is overcome smelting will be resumed.

12-2-1923 Mr. E. B. Stait one of the men who found the first gold reef at Sunny Corner which brought the village into prominence 50 years ago, has given an interesting interview to a Bathurst pressman.

In this he declares emphatically that there is still any amount of gold at Sunny Corner and that were he a young man, he would go to one particular spot and sink a claim which would be sure to unearth a payable reef. Mr. Stait and his brother James, were prospecting for gold when they struck the famous reef on which was established the old Sunny Corner mine, and from which so many thousands of pounds were taken.

As a matter of fact it is stated that the mine manager, who received a percentage of the profits, was over £30,000 better off' as a result of his engagement. The lode was of extraordinary richness, in many other, payable metals as well, but unfortunately the discoverers did not reap their reward. A Sydney man who had the lease of the land got to work and the Stait brothers were turned out, but apparently this man was not smart enough to hold it as the mine was lost to both parties.

By those acquainted with the mine it will be remembered that it grew rapidly, and in the 80's was employing about 400 men.

Stait does not think the present easy conditions of prospecting are altogether in the best interests of mining, as unless success, is met almost immediately, a show is abandoned, often without a thorough test.

14-2-1923 The following bursaries have been announced (*several then*): Doris Mary Attuell Sunny Corner. The allowance to bursary holder who reside at home is £12 per year up to the stage of the intermediate certificate, £18 the year following, and £21 for the final year. To those obliged to reside away from home a grant of £40 per year up to the intermediate certificate stage will be made, and £30 per year subsequently.

What looked like a promising change for rain has vanished, and drought still prevails. The country has dried up very considerably during the past few weeks, and looks now almost as bad as during the big drought which ended in 1920.

A very old identity of this place in the person of Mr. J. Lowe, passed away on Friday night. The old gentleman had been in bad health for some time, and suffered considerably during the last couple of weeks. His funeral, which was to Portland cemetery, was well attended. He has left behind a widow and grown up family for whom much sympathy is felt.

Two lorries are busily engaged drawing wood for the furnace. Apparently the result of Mr. Wilkinson's assays has been satisfactory, and the old mine is not done yet.

16-2-1923 Under the provisions of the Marriage Act, 1899, No. 15, the undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed by their Honors the Judges to give consent to the marriage of minors for the Districts hereunder mentioned: — George Carnegie Fraser, Esquire, of Sunny Corner, for the District of Macquarie.

19-2-1923 The Coleman family until recently residing here is putting up a very creditable scholastic record. The two, oldest children, Lila and Jack, gained bursaries as pupils of Sunny Corner public school. The next oldest Nita, who was being prepared here for similar purpose, left some little time ago with her parents to reside in Portland. There she sat for the examination, and word is now through that she has been successful. Three bursaries for one family is no mean achievement.

25-2-1923 This is a story of whiskers and frayed hats, of dampers and dolly pans, of a squat mud hut and a big red fire, and a creek and rusty little specks in the earth, the story of three old bachelors browsing on a reef of gold out near Lithgow.

On one of those sulky ridges of western slopes between Lithgow and Bathurst, 15 miles from the railway by track, through a forest full of foxes and rabbits and red parakeets, is Sunny Corner. It is not particularly sunny. It's not a corner. And the man who named it died without a confession.

Seven miles from Sunny Corner is Dark Corner. This also is not a corner. Neither is it dark. In fact, it isn't anything. When you come to Dark Corner you turn back to Sunny Corner, and then you discover that you are seven miles from it.

It isn't a township. It isn't a settlement. It isn't anything except a dot on the local map seven miles from Sunny Corner. And anyhow, whatever it is or was or is meant to be, there is a rumor in the district, an intensely satisfying and certainly feasible suggestion, that the man who named it was murdered and flung to the mistiest depths of the steepest ridge.

So we must accept "Dark Corner," and go on with the story.

At Dark Corner that is, at a spot seven miles from Sunny Corner, is a huddled mud hut and a reef of gold

And for nearly seven years three old prospectors have been eating in that mud hut and working on that reef, sinking shafts, dollying quartz, washing mullock in the creek, pumping the persistent inrush of water from the lode, and growing potatoes and cutting wattle bark for a living.

Someday Dark Corner may actually be something. Tall chimneys may belch black smoke up from the gully. Strings of skips. The champ-champ of great crushing batteries. And it might be nothing, nothing, but a mere dot on the local map seven miles from Sunny Corner.

That is the lure of it. It's a gamble. Thats why these three old prospectors have worked on the reef for seven years. Even now they are down only 30ft, still on gold, certainly, but is there enough of it to pay. They hope there is. They have an almost ferocious faith that, that little claim by the mud hut will one day be a big gold mine, if they can only get some money to open it up. Meantime, they just work.

The man who discovered the reef in 1916 is Alec. Gray, a tall, lithe man of Scotch descent. He is 53, the youngest of the three. But he looks as fresh as any man of 35. "The climate" you suggest. "No, the breed," he says.

His mates are Charlie Budden, aged 68, and Harry Williams, aged 66. There is a fourth one now, a young chap, Herbert Shumack, but he joined the party only a year ago. "Come in!" drawls Gray, as a stranger peers half scared through the doorway of the hut. You go in. The hut is oblong, split into a living room and a bedroom. The furniture mostly is wattle, pure wattle, without even a cabinetmakers finger print on it. It's made from the natural kinks and twistings of the trees. City furniture dealers striving to satisfy the craze for savage novelty, the nearer the lake and cave dwellers the better would gulp in ecstasy at them.

At one end of the hut blazes a big red fire. Almost too big. Too hot to stand before, anyhow. Perhaps the black was right when he said: "White pheller fool! Him build big fire, can't get near it."

The table in the centre holds a modest jumble of knives and forks and mugs and tins and gold quartz, and a tobacco-cutter made from an old pair of shears. Gray sees you glance at the tobacco-cutter. "You've gottor use yer brains a bit up 'ore," he explains. "Yer don't waste no monoy 'ere, yer know." He pushed his big brown hands down through his belt.

"Still, somebody's gouer do it, it might turn out big. Everything's gotter start in a small way, yer know. All we want is a bit o' cash. We warnt a pump a so on. But none's cominter light so fur. They won't take the risk. Plenty o' men'll chance two or three thousand on a race'orse, but they won't risk a couple of 'undred on a likely-lookin' gold-mine." But it's only a casual sort of lament. To pass it off he suggests some damper and cheese. It's good.

Out at Dark Corner three prospectors delve and dig and dream golden dreams, when they are not stripping bark or rabbit trapping. They have worked on the reef for seven years, and they hope that it will be a big mine someday. Meanwhile they live the simple life in; a mud hut, hidden deep in the bush.

Served up by Charlie Budden with a mug of black tea and a tomato from the patch on the ridge outside, it's got a more wholesome tickle than all the delicacies of all the tea shops in Sydney.

You tell them so. "Oh, I once went to Sydney," Gray says. "Five years ago. The first time I've lived out 'oro since I was born." "How did you like the city?" "Oh, got fed-up in an hour. Me and 'Arry went down. 'We got the first train back the next day. Too many places there. Yer can't see the city fcr 'ouses." "

They have had plenty of divining-rod exports out there. "It's a funny thing," muses Gray "but alt those divinin rod jokers always come along after some bodys already found the gold. Then they go along the reef an swear they're pulled down to it."

There was one of these visitors in a merry party that came out from Bathurst one day. They brought beer, demijohns of it. Then when most of them were starting to sway, one of the party decided to save some for the morning, and planted a demijohn in the scrub not far from the hut. But somebody saw him. "Thish ish ow yer find geld," said the divining rod expert. "I'll show yez." And he gripped his rod and staggered down the gully. At a thick bunch of scrub he stopped dead. The rod dipped to the ground. He stooped down and picked it up, the demijohn!.

"We 'ad a woman expert," too," says Gray. "She stood at the door there an' told us 'ow 'er nervous system or somethin was intensely affected whenever she was anywhere near gold. While she wasn't lookin' I eld a tin of gold quartz under er arm, but I didn't see 'er affected in any way. But I s'pose it's all right. I've got it meself. If I see a piece of gold anywhere, me ands go straight to it. It must be made plain here that that woman was an exception. She came to investigate the reef, a strictly business woman.

There are no women folk at Dark Corner, and they are not wanted. It's strictly a bachelors paradise. For "prospectin ain't no good with wives and things." That is final. These men are proper bachelors. This is their special part of the world, the gold quartz and the wattle trees and the creek and the big red fire, those are the real things in their life. The stars in the sky mean merely fair weather. The rippling of the creek is just an old bush chantey for the hand pumps. They're happy.

And as there are still plenty of homes to be broken up in the big civilised cities, they feel fairly secure. The last things they want to see at Dark Corner are powder puffs and Louis heels.

Gray, in his flannel shirt and frayed felt hat, will show you the reef. He will also show you with a queer kind of persistence, where he nearly stepped on a six-feet tigers tail the other day, and describe the black snakes that slipped through the grass near the dynamite last week, and the big brown one they found down the shaft a fortnight ago. But he means no ill. Snakes are naturally one of the spices of Dark Corner life, and Gray and his mates have just as much right to tell you about them as the suburban postal clerk has to tell you about the new gravel edge walk.

When the inspection is over, when you have seen the main 30ft. shaft, and three others not so deep, when Gray has shown you the last bucket of golden quartz specimens, you begin to feel an almost criminal yearning to miss the only train from Tarana back to the city and wait for to-morrow's.

But you discover suddenly that you have been inextricably enmeshed. In the schedule of this atrociously ordered society that has been so carefully built up, and you leave feeling that, anyhow, even though for only a few hours, you have met some real men.

As you trudge up the track to the roadway, Alec Gray stands at the side of the mud hut and waves his frayed felt hat.

"If yer see any 'ate in Sydney bettern this," he says and laughs. But who would be ill-advised enough to send happy Alec. Gray a stiff-brimmed Stetson?.

28-2-1923 A full-blooded Australian aboriginal has been camped here for some days. By the sale of boomerangs he has been keeping the wolf at bay. On Friday evening he gave the school children a display in boomerang throwing. This was much appreciated and proved very interesting. Our black brother speaks English fluently and holds political opinions. Explaining that he is without a pension, he complains that foreigners can get such assistance while he a real Australian, has to do without. He can wax very eloquent on his subject.

2-3-1923 The death took place at a private hospital Bathurst, of Mrs. Mary Munro, in her 74th year. Deceased was a very old and respected resident of Palmers Oakey. A large grown up family is left. Interment will take place at the Palmer's Oakey cemetery to-day.

Miss Dorrie Attuell who gained a bursary recently, has left for Parramatta to enter there Our Lady of Mercy College. The best of good wishes go with the little lady for her future success in that fine academy.

Mr. Jim. Fitzgerald, who has been having a long holiday here with his people, has again left us to pursue further his studies for the priesthood. All good wishes to accompany this fine young man.

Master Leo Ryan has been awarded a full scholarship in the Teachers College, Sydney, and has also been accepted as a cadet in the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

12-3-1923 At last rain has fallen, the first for nearly two months. The fall, however, was too light to do any good, only eleven points being registered. .

Sergeant Dolman has resumed duty at the police station after a months holiday in the metropolis. During his absence Constable Newland paid a few visits to the place and found a fair amount of work to do, involving a good deal of riding about, including a trip to Portland.

The fruit crops generally have suffered as a result of the heavy hailstorm experienced here in January. Mr. A. Brown, of Meadow Flat, however, has a splendid showing of apples on his fine property.

This is one of the largest orchards in the State and requires its owner's constant attention. Great improvements have been and are being effected. The packing shed has been considerably extended and a cottage has been erected for the convenience of employers, while a new road is in course of construction, the object being to secure an easier grade than the one now used.

Mr. Brow should be able to market very many thousands of cases of apples this year.

At a meeting of Commons trustees held on Monday it was decided to impound all straying, stock. This step was forced on the trustees in order to protect those who pay from being eaten out by trespassers.

In March 1923 Mr. Ryan asked for repairs to the residence, saying it was one of the worst he had ever lived in.·The floors are uneven, the ceilings in places are giving way, and the kitchen walls are so bad that on a windy night a candle cannot be kept alight there. After every fall of snow someone has to clean out the snow which falls in the house, driven there through the defective walls and ceilings.

The Architect inspected the house, and reported. "As the walls have opened away from the brick stacks in places, owing to the settlement of the foundation blocks, the residence is hardly habitable in winter. Otherwise the building is fairly sound, and when renovated could be made comfortable."

Necessary repairs were carried out later in the year by the Departments Painting and Repair Staff at a cost of £140.17.0.

16-3-1923 Work at the local mine will be resumed on Monday. Mr. W. B. Wilkinson has had a motor lorry employed for several days drawing coke and firewood for the furnace.

Mr. R. Charleston is with us again temporarily. He has been busy dismantling some machinery in the vicinity of Bob's Creek.

Mining matters are very quiet at present. Work is, I understand, proceeding at the Verdun and Sure Gift, at Dark Corner.

A number of young people are engaged in trapping rabbits. Some of them are meeting with a fair amount of success, and are making decent wages.

14-4-1923 Mr George Kemp, of Sunny Corner, who is 90 years of age, claims to be the sole survivor of the passengers on the immigrant ship that brought Sir Henry Parkes to Australia 85 years ago. Except that he is, a little deaf, the nonagenarian is in full possession of his faculties. He is neither a non-smoker nor a non-drinker. He has always been a worker, but has always been his own master. From his receipts for goods purchased 70 years ago it is seen that flour was 10d a pound, sugar 8d, tea 4/, and butter 1s. However, roast beef could be had for 4d a pound. Mr, Kemp has ten children, 20 grandchildren, and 39 great grandchildren. The old man is still farming, fossicking for gold, and rabbiting.

27-4-1923 The Rev. F. M. Oliver accompanied by the Rev. Mr., Roberts, both working in the interests of the Bush Brotherhood have began conducting religious services in this locality and have visited the various schools around. The former before adopting his present vocation, was a very highly respected young man, employed in the Commercial Bank at Forbes. He is an earnest preacher of the broad minded type.

Work has once more ceased at Sunny Corner silver mine. The low price of metals left no other course open to the manager (Mr. W. B, Wilkinson), whoso pluck and pertinacity deserved a better reward.

Generally speaking, an air of depression prevails, and the old place continues to decline.

Another building is doomed to demolition. When this work is completed it will be removed to Portland, and re-erected as a cottage for Mr. A. Weinert.

27-4-1923 Staying at Sunny Corner for a short holiday is a rider of the Snowy River brand. Neither Clancy nor the boy who chased the brumbies around Kosciuskos hills could give this gentleman, any start. That, at least, is the opinion of those who saw him a few days ago yard Wade's bullocks. All effort was made several weeks ago to yard these animals, but they remained unconquered at the end of a strenuous days riding. Weary horses and more weary riders returned to their homes, while Wade's bullocks still trod their native hills, secure in their well-loved vastness. Another day was appointed to secure them, well known bush riders were brought to the fray, but all in vain. Other days, and other riders were tried, but Wades bullocks simply snorted defiance and kept roaming in their own kingdom. At length reputed stock men gave up the hunt, declaring that no man alive could yard them. Just then a quiet, inoffensive looking man came along from Sydney, where he has resided for about fourteen years. In his early days he did like Clancy a good amount of droving, and hearing of Wade's bullocks, the old fighting spirit was aroused. Like Clancy too, he offered to lend a hand. Though age is creeping on him and his hair is white as snow, he came, he saw, he conquered. Mounted on a well known old grey horse, as good as Pattersons drovers, he gave an exhibition of riding that would have surprised the young bloods. No matter where the big stag went the old grey was like Nemesis, at his heels. He might jump fences, but so would the rider. At last the leader was conquered and driven out on Portland road, and the rest was easy. It was indeed, a great achievement for both greys, the white-haired man and his mottled steed. Both came in for unstinted praise from those fortunate enough to witness the stirring performance, as alone and unassisted, he brought the leader back. The young 'uns have still something to learn from those who learned their riding in the droving days, with an occasional sprint after brumbies, none of which could give any start to Wade's wonderful bullocks, now happily beyond that bourne whence bullocks, do not return.

4-5-1923 Among the residents of Sunny Corner is a live political wire in the person of Mr. Tom Arthur, for some time a member of the Board of Trade, and also a member of the A.L.P. executive. Mr. Arthur has only recently come to live amongst us, having acquired a small property from Mr. Hughes, who had previously bought it from Mr. Coleman. At present the new owner is working hard getting his land in order, and for the time being is giving politics a rest. It is pretty safe, however, to hazard an opinion that next election will see the A.W.U. man in the fight up to his neck.

Some misty weather prevailed here last week and about half an inch of rain was recorded. Very much more is required to give any material benefit. Notwithstanding the unsatisfactory season, some fair potato crops are being obtained, in view of the good price ruling, this is a very fortunate thing for our farmers.

Mr. Frank Guihot has purchased the property once occupied by the late George Strickland, who was accidentally killed in a Portland quarry some months ago. The new owner will be taking possession almost immediately.

The herdsman of Sunny Corner common got busy early on Sunday morning, and mustered about fifty head of straying stock. These were mostly very poor. They were afterwards released by their respective owners. Further musterings are contemplated.

Already some stock owners are reporting losses. This at such an early stage, is a sign that winters toll is likely to be a heavy one.

Mr. J. Currie, and his son, Mr. Les. Currie, who have been holidaying here, return to Sydney on Saturday. The former has played a sensational part in yarding Wade's bullocks. The latter returns to his medical studies at the University, and has but one more barrier to cross before he becomes a doctor of medicine.

10-5-1923 A letter from Mrs. Meranda, of Warragulla, Sunny Corner, is typical of a number that have been received by the Wild Life Preservation Society from nature lovers in various parts of the State. "I am greatly interested in the preservation of wild life, and have tried to keep my place as a bird sanctuary. But of what avail for me to try to save wild animals and birds when all my neighbours, forced thereto by the pastures protection boards, are sowing phosphorus and cyanide broadcast for rabbits? Under pretence of obeying the boards the poisons are used for killing the different sorts of opossums, which are becoming extinct here, where they formerly abounded, since the rabbit took possession and formed an excuse for killing them with cyanide. Sheep also fall victims to this mad orgy of poisoning, encouraged by the pastures boards. As phosphorus is the poison most used, being the cheapest, and easily obtained from the stores without any restriction. I suggest that action be taken to have the sale of all poison mixtures prohibited entirely, and that all poisons be sold under signature to responsible landowners only."

11-5-1923 Mrs. Knight, who for some time has conducted a small business here, has removed to Dark Corner.

Messrs. Grabham and O'Dell have completed the demolition of another of Sunny Corners unoccupied buildings. Gradually the places are disappearing, and it will soon be easy to pass through Sunny Corner without being aware of the fact. A pleasing feature about the latest case is that every part has been pulled down. Usually the old chimneys are left, and these create a feeling of depression which we might easily be spared.

18-5-1923 While going his rounds with potatoes, Mr. Patrick Barry met with a nasty accident at Portland recently. The axle, of his cart broke and he was thrown rather violently to the ground, sustaining some cuts and a few severe bruises. I am pleased to report that the old gentleman is now well again.

A sick swagman was found camped in the recreation ground pavilion last Sunday. He had come from Portland, where some days before, he had fallen rather heavily in the street, striking a kerbstone. When discovered on Sunday he was in great pain. It was thought that he was suffering from a broken rib. First aid remedial measures were adopted, and Sergt. Dolman then arranged to have the sufferer sent to Portland hospital.

23-5-1923 News has just been received that Mrs. John Kemp, whose son George was recently drowned at Bondi, has died. Death is thought to have been accelerated by shock caused by the tragic death of her son. The utmost sympathy is felt for the bereaved ones.

25-5-1923 The funeral of Mr. John Murray, who recently died at Newnes, was followed to the pretty cemetery at Kirkconnel last Sunday by a very large gathering. His remains were laid to rest beside those of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur Attuell, whose premature death occurred here some three years ago. The cemetery is almost opposite the spot where seventy four years ago, the deceased was born. There his father had a substantial home and conducted a butchering business. Only a few lilies and some stately poplar trees remain to mark the site of a once prosperous home. Far too many such evidences of prosperity that has fled exist in this district. As a young man the subject of these lines worked in the local silver mines when Sunny Corner was a name to conjure with. Then he afterwards was engaged in a butchering business here, and still later kept a hotel.

On the decline of Sunny Corner he, like many others, sought a home elsewhere, and for the past fourteen years has resided at Newnes. He was highly respected by a wide circle of friends, whose sympathy freely goes out to those he has left behind. These include his widow, a son Mr. L. J. Murray, of Newnes, and his daughters, Mrs. R. Shumack of Capertee, and Mrs. Small, of Sydney.

Mr. George Kemp, who was drowned while fishing at Bondi, some short time ago, was well known here, being the son of Mr. John Kemp, of Tarana, and grandson of Mr. Geo. Kemp, the nonagenarian, of Willow Glen, near Tarana. Much sympathy is felt for his relatives. He was quite a young man, and left a young wife and some small children.

Some good prices are being received for potatoes, and local farmers are reaping a well deserved harvest. This is their turn now to smile and they are smiling accordingly.

A pleasing report has come to hand regarding the scholastic progress of little Doris Attuell, now attending Our Lady of Mercy Convent, Parramatta. She entered this academy recently, having gained a bursary from Sunny Corner School. As a result of the last examination she has come second top in her class. This is most satisfactory. With Lila Coleman doing brilliant work at Parramatta high school.

28-5-1923 Mr. Patrick Barry, a very old and respected resident of this place, sustained a serious loss on Thursday, when his comfortable residence and the whole of its contents were destroyed by fire. Shortly before the outbreak Mr. Barry, thinking everything, was safe, left the house and commenced ploughing nearby. He was soon horrified to see flames darting out from his house. He hurried home, but was too late to save anything, and had the mortification of seeing his home and prized contents passing away in smoke. Just how the fire originated is not known. It is thought, however, that there may have been a few coals left in the fireplace, and that these were fanned into sparks by the fierce wind prevailing, and scattered about the room. The loss is very heavy, as nothing was insured.

6-6-1923 Rain. Up to the present 160 points have been recorded, and the weather is still unsettled.

Mr. Barry has quickly got to work to build another house in place of that which was recently destroyed by fire. A couple of young men have generously assisted the old gentleman to put another roof over his head. They showed practical sympathy, and are deserving of great credit for their thoughtfulness. I find that Mr. Barry lost everything he possessed and that in making an attempt to save his few article's he had a narrow escape from being himself burnt. As it was, his beard and eyebrows were greatly singed. For a couple of nights he slept in a stable. With the aid of R. Passeri and J. Passeri he soon got up a very comfortable two roomed place.

11-6-1923 The death of Mr. John Odgers, an old Sunny Corner identity occurred at his residence in Yale-street, Portland at the age of 59 years. He has left a widow, three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral took place on Friday; the internment was in the Church of England cemetery.

27-6-1923 The death is reported at his late residence, Potts Point, Sandringham, of Mr Joseph Longton, at the age of 79 years. The deceased was one of the most widely known mining men in the West. He managed the Lucknow and Kentworth Group mines. In 3½ years under his management, the same group paid over £1,380,000 in dividends, while under his supervision of four years, the Sunny Corner paid a profit of £88,000. He was buried at Meadow Flat.

4-7-1923 A very old identity of this place in its pioneering stage was laid to rest on Friday in Kirkconnell's pretty cemetery. This was Mr. James Murray, who died at Orange on Thursday, at the advanced age of 8I. His father came to these part's in 1835 and the deceased first saw light in a cottage situated close to where stands the present substantial stone edifice known as Kirkconnell House. Later the family moved about a mile nearer Bathurst, where Mr. Murray senior, conducted a butchering business. A few poplars and lilies mark the site of what in far-off days was a comfortable home. Mr. Murray gave two acres of his land as a site for a Roman Catholic Church and a cemetery for adherents of that faith. There in the fullness of time, he found a last resting place, and there too, have been buried many of his children and grandchildren. Among the children

who sleep their last sleep in that pretty, well-kept cemetery, are Mr. Charles Murray, who died at Sunny Corner about six years ago, Mr. John Murray, who recently died at Wolgan, and now Mr. James Murray the last of the old pioneer's sons to cross the great divide.

Until about nine years ago, the late Mr. James Murray lived in this district, which he left, for Orange, after selling his property adjoining Kirkconnell estate. In earlier days he had a large number of sheep to manage and employed several shepherds. This was before the advent of wire fences and long before Sunny Corner became famous for its gold and silver. He was the eldest son of the old pioneer, and with his death is removed one more important link with a picturesque period of our history, our pioneering days. There is no doubt Mr. Murray possessed valuable information regarding that period. It is to be hoped that, this knowledge has been ' handed ' on to be of use to the present generation. I fear, however, that in this as well as in other districts splendid opportunities of acquiring first-hand knowledge, valuable local history, only occur to us when we close up the grave of some passing pioneer.

The funeral left Orange at 10 a.m. on Friday and reached Kirkconnell at 2 p.m. The Rev. Father Casey, of Portland, read the burial service. A large number of Sunny Corner people were present. The deceased left several daughters and one son, Mr. James Murray of Portland, to each and all of whom our sympathy is extended.

The pavilion at the recreation ground had a narrow escape from destruction by fire recently. A swagman took shelter therein and made a fire inside upon a piece of iron. Shortly after his departure the building was found to be on fire. Two young men arrived on the scene only just in time to save the place and a valuable set of cricket materials, including a new mat, which are housed in a room adjoining the pavilion.

11-7-1923 Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, who for several years managed the local silver mine, paid this place a visit lately. It does not appear that he is likely to resume operations here, and the old mine seems doomed to a long period of idleness.

Mr. Tom Arthur recently returned from the city, where he spent a few strenuous days at the Labor conference. He is settling down to work on his farm, where already considerable improvements have been made. His wife and child are expected this week.

11-7-1923 Mr. J. Strickland, of West Mitchell, lost a very valuable dog recently. Besides being a handsome member of the canine family, he was about the best fox hunter in the land. It would be hard to say how many foxes he has destroyed. In this way he made a considerable amount of money for his owner. Unfortunately, he struck what most good dogs strike, a bait intended for another dog.

20-7-1923 Put in another night, after many years at Thompson Bros. Warrie, Palmers Oakey and had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Thompson senior and Miss Thompson. The lady's husband will be remembered as having been for so long the postmaster of Bathurst, who garnered the high esteem of so considerable a section of the State. If I remember aright, his father was P.M. before him so that for a big slice of a century, Thompsons controlled the Bathurst P.O.

Since I was last there, a new house of the bungalow type has been built, quite the prettiest in my ' Mercury ' district. With its position, and when the plan of the proposed lavish gardens, etc., is completed, the homestead will be a model of beauty among rural residences.

In this district are a number of deserted soldier settlement blocks, which tell their own tale, a tale of failure. On some of those, substantial cottages were erected at considerable expense. Standing tenantless, as they do, they at least afford food for bitter reflection. If within a few miles of this place four or five returned men have had to abandon their holdings, how many deserters must there be throughout the State. They were not deserters when our country needed their services. They stuck it to the last. Why then, do these men, used to fighting against fearful odds, find it necessary to give up the struggle?. Their empty cottages force this question upon us.

Admitting that some returned men should never have been put upon the land, one is forced also to admit that some really good men have failed simply because it is not possible to accomplish the impossible. It is not possible to grow wheat at the North Pole. When that feat can be accomplished, then a returned soldier may raise a crop on some of the settlements provided for him throughout the State. Those who have failed through no fault of their own should be given, not another chance, but a real chance.

25-7-1923 Some very rough weather was experienced here last week. During that period the sun shone for one day, Saturday. On every other day we were treated to showers of snow, and sleet and the ground was covered with a thick white mantle practically the whole time. In some, places patches of snow still remain. Truly this is a sunless Sunny Corner.

The weather has had a serious effect on school attendance. At two schools at least, in the district it was not possible for children to get in even one days attendance last week. At time of writing weather conditions are still unsatisfactory. After shining for one day the sun has again hidden. Stock are having a very trying time.

Some slight repairs have been affected at the School of Arts hall where further improvements are contemplated.

30-7-1923 Miss Vera Shumack, whose marriage to Mr. Roberts was celebrated at Portland recently, was well known here. She was a native of Dark Corner, where she resided with her parents until they removed to Dubbo a couple of years ago. After remaining in the western town for a time, the family removed to Capertee, where they conducted the hotel. While residing in these parts she was one of the most popular young ladies in the district, and has the best wishes of a large circle of friends for her future happiness.

Mr. W. Sparkes, who is well up in local statistics, informs me that so far, the losses of cattle here for the winter number thirty. He cannot remember a time when the winter's losses were as great.

6-8-1923 Mr. A. J. Brown of' Meadow Flat is a busy man these days. A great deal of his time is occupied in travelling to different parts of the state attending to various matters in which he is interested. And besides he has to manage one of the largest orchards in the district. It consists of about sixty acres and contains some twelve thousand trees, which have only

recently come into bearing. Up to the present its plucky owner has invested upon it eight thousand pounds. He hoped this year to get back a good part of this big outlay, but a record hailstorm in the course of twenty minutes blighted those hopes.
Notwithstanding, Mr. Brown, in whom the spirit of optimism is strongly developed, is pushing on, sparing neither labor nor expense to make his orchard one of the best in New South Wales. Mr. Brown cannot command success, but he can deserve it, and the latter he has done most thoroughly.

9-8-1923 Sunny Corner boasts of the possession of a boy giant. His name is George Smith, son of Mr. William Smith, of West Mitchell. He is 17 years old, stands 6 ft. 4 inches in height, and weighs 13 stone 6 lb.
Smith is as straight as a rush, beautifully proportioned, and exceptionally strong.

10-8-1923 Mr. T. R. Nash, postal inspector, has again visited this part in connection with contemplated alterations, which have now been definitely settled. Owing to the resignation of Mrs. Lawler, who has very ably conducted our post office for the past eight months, it was necessary to find a suitable successor. The inspector's choice fell upon Miss Elsie Attuell, postmistress of West Mitchell. For a time it was thought the latter office would be closed. Owing however, to local opposition, a compromise was effected, by which West Mitchell drops from the dignity of a post office centre, and now, instead, has a receiving office. The latter is to he conducted by Mrs. W. Smith.
The many friends of Miss Attuell congratulate her upon receiving the appointment. She is one of the most capable young ladies who can be found anywhere and deserves the best of good tilings that Dame Fortune has to dispose of. When 15 years of age she lost her mother, and a few months later the father died. As a child she was left a great responsibility in having, as the eldest of the family, to take the place of father and mother to the younger ones.
How she has accomplished the task is a well known fact here, where she is regarded with the greatest of admiration. She is indeed one of our bush heroines, of whom New South Wales should be proud. Though still well under twenty-one, she enters upon her duties not usually entrusted to one so young. Those who know the epic struggle she has put up since being deprived of her parents are quite confident that she will not be wanting and that in our new postmistress, we should have a model of courtesy and efficiency.

17-8-1923 At the Sunny Corner Police Court, Charles Strickland was fined £4/5/1 for having in his possession 17 skins of protected animals.

22-8-1923 On Saturday night last a number of residents met to say farewell to Mrs. Lawler, who for the past eight months has conducted the local post office. As a mark of esteem and appreciation of her courteous and obliging manner, she was given a suitable present, for which she thanked the donors.

Miss Attuell, our new postmistress, officially took charge on Monday. She and her younger sisters and brothers have vacated their old residence at West Mitchell, and are now comfortably established in the fine cottage attached to the post office.

29-8-1923 Shire of Turon. Notice is hereby given that Sergeant Third Class Frederick William Dolman, of Sunny Corner, has been appointed Inspectors under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act, 1902, to act in the Shire of Turon, within their respective police patrols. Kelso, 29th August, 1923. F. D. Cooper, Kelso, 29th August, 1923. Shire Clerk.

7-9-1923 Mrs. Ossington, to whose serious illness I referred recently, died at Blacktown, on Thursday. Her remains were brought here for interment on Sunday. The Rev. Father Casey read the burial service. The deceased lady was one of Sunny Corners old hands, and was highly respected. She has left a large grown up family, including Messrs. Tom, and William Ossington, of Lithgow. To the bereaved ones, who did everything possible for their mother, the utmost sympathy is felt by a large circle of friends.

The winter of 1923 is likely to be remembered here for many a year, inasmuch as it was probably the worst on record. It began early in May and has not yet concluded its evil efforts. Just as we were beginning to think spring was approaching, a blizzard got to work with very unpleasant consequences. This happened on Thursday evening. Soon the whole place was enveloped in snow, making the tenth fall for the year. It came on with a sudden and vicious flash of lightning, which went very close to claiming at least a couple of victims, who, apparently, are lucky to be now alive. These are Mr. Jack Passeri and his mother. The former was leading a horse towards his house, and was about a hundred yards from home, when the flash appeared and knocked him over. His mother was in the kitchen at the time, and thought the chimney was struck. She was also knocked over and saw blue lights dancing about and, what is very strange, smelled something resembling the smell of carbide. About a quarter of a mile away, Mr. P. Barry, who had a bucket in his hand, received a great shock, and saw the lightning dancing about in the vessel.
Our little village has received undue attention from the electrical engineer, who sends his shafts from aloft. Not long ago a boy was knocked out of a cart. Later the school gate, was shattered, shortly after some children had passed through. Still later a tree in the same neighborhood was struck, and now two residents have had a very narrow escape from death.

Mr. G. C. Fraser has taken over the Rydal store, until recently kept by Mr. Cafe, and will in future reside there. In the meantime the Sunny Corner business will be conducted by other members of his family. This place will be all the poorer by losing Mr. Fraser, who has been a good citizen in every way, during his long residence here. His many friends trust the venture may prove successful and return the new owner a full measure of prosperity.

17-9-1923 The Family of the late Mrs. OSSINGTON, of Sunny Corner, desire to tender their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Malcolm, Father Casey, also to their kind relatives and friend, for letters and sympathy cards, and floral tributes in their late sad bereavement.

6-10-1923 The new telephone line is to be erected between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner. This will be a great boon to residents of Dark Corner as it will put them in direct touch with the outside world by telephone and telegraph.

24-10-1923 Sunny Corner cricketers journeyed to Meadow Flat last Saturday and sustained defeat. They were not strongly represented and are keenly felt the loss of the Shumack brothers, who are now playing with a Bathurst team.

2-11-1923 Much needed repairs to the school residence are being effected by Messrs 0. Kurtz and W. Ortt, of Mudgee.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald is the possessor of a very useful grey horse, which recently almost bled to death. Its owner was awakened early one morning by Mr. M. Collins, the one Sunny Corner resident who is always astir before the fowls. In the course of his matutinal meanderings he found the horse in a bad way and at once sought assistance. Blood was oozing from the animals fetlock so quickly that something had to be done immediately. With difficulty the bleeding was stopped, just as the horse was on the verge of collapsing. Apparently the cut was caused by broken glass.

5-11-1923 Mr. William Strickland died on Thursday at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Appleby, Bowenfels. The deceased, who was 62 years of age, was a miner by occupation, he had resided for years in Lithgow. He left the district for some time, but lately came back again on a visit. He is survived by a widow and grown-up family. Of late the family had been residing at Alexanderia Sydney. Mr. Strickland was a native of Sunny Corner.

A man was driving a spring-cart containing 35 dozen eggs, from Sunny Corner to Portland, when one wheel flew off, causing the vehicle to drop heavily upon its side. Not a single egg was broken.

19-11-1923 A well attended meeting of the Race Club was held in the School of Arts hall on Thursday night, when the secretary presented a balance sheet which showed a very satisfactory financial position. It was decided to go on with the annual fixture, the Boxing Day races.

21-11-1923 I was very much interested in your Rydal correspondents report regarding the prosperous farmers whose holdings he recently referred to, and trust that each of them may meet with the success his efforts deserve. I am also delighted to accept the Rydal scribes invitation to refer to others further out than Mr. Arthur Browns fine property. Incidentally I may mention that everything said regarding Mr. Brown is absolutely correct. It is indeed, a marvel to many how he is able to give his orchard the great attention it receives. One of these days he will get a bumper crop and strike a good market, and then he will be well rewarded for hours of hard labor and considerable outlay of capital.

Just opposite Mr. Brown's fine home is Meadow Lea estate, comprising three thousand acres of rich pastoral country. Its new owner, Mr. Kerr, has lately effected considerable improvements, having netted the boundary fence and remodelled the house. The estate is well stocked with cattle and sheep, and is probably one of the soundest properties in the district. Further improvements are going on, principally burning off old logs, it is apparently the owner's intention to have his place as much like a park as possible. A lovely home in a lovely climate.

Further this way is the well managed farm of Mr. Charles Scott, whose place is a credit to its hard working owner. At present a beautiful crop of oats, very heavy and forward, takes the eye. Several acres of peas look remarkably well, and ground has been prepared for later sowing. Mr. Scott is one of our most successful potato growers, his rich basalt country being "the very thing" required for the purpose. He was fortunate to have a heavy crop this year, and, consequently, benefited as a result of the high prices ruling. Mr. Scott has also a very choice dairy herd built up by careful selection. Everything pertaining to the dairy is right up-to-date, with absolute cleanliness an outstanding feature. Butter made under such conditions is eagerly sought, and at present sixty pounds of this choice product are sold every week in Portland alone. Cowsheds, bails, and dairy are strongly built, and well looked after. Another feature of this farm is a small saw bench, worked by an engine, which also works the chaff-cutter. The Homestead is substantially built of stone, with very thick walls, thus ensuring coolness in the summer, and cosiness in the winter. Close at hand is a very fine orchard which gives promise of a good fruit crop, while the house plot is well tilled with vegetables and flowers. Mr. Scott has not long been married, his wife being one of our numerous ex-postmistresses. While in charge of this office she was noted for efficiency and thoroughness, qualities which are a great asset to the wife of a farmer. A visit to the farm is sufficient to show that Mr. and Mrs. Scott arc winning success, and are deserving of all the success they are winning.

Adjoining Mr. Scott's farm is that of Mr. C. Sharp, one of the most practical men in the district. He has fifty acres of hay crop looking splendid and has also planted a good area with potatoes. Houses and sheds are substantially built. Mr. Sharp is not afraid of work, and the present prosperous condition of his holding is the result.

Another successful farmer is Mr. Alec. McDonald, whose farm is about one mile from Sunny Corner post office. Potato growing is his speciality. This year he was very successful, and of course reaped the reward of high prices. He owns a new motor lorry which he finds very handy in connection with his farming operations.

Still nearer Sunny Corner is Mr. Pyes small, but very compact farm. Everything is in its proper place here, the owner being particularly keen on method and order. Fine crops of peas and oats are now showing.

Opposite Mr. Pyes neat farm is the holding of Mr. J. Stait, who has the usual crops of potatoes and peas, both of which look very well.

Adjoining is the property recently acquired by Mr. Tom Arthur who, hitherto, has been better known in the political world. He proposes to cultivate extensively cauliflowers and cabbages, and at present has a good showing of peas and potatoes.

Mr. L. O. Wilkinson's farm has a good showing of peas and oats. A small plot is set apart for raspberries, which apparently, do well here. Mr. Wilkinson intends to go in more largely for this fruit, for which there is a good demand.

Generally speaking, the holdings referred to are looking very well, and should the weather behave decently, good results are likely to be achieved this season.

22-11-1923 Sergeant Dolman, who has retired on a long service holiday, and who first served in the police force at Mudgee, and who was recently stationed at Sunny Corner, spent the greater portion of his holiday in Tasmania.

During the Boer war Sergeant Dolman and another constable, who a long time ago retired from the force, and who is now hotel-keeping in Sydney, enlisted from Mudgee. Among the conditions at that time was that which permitted those who enlisted to supply their own mounts, and in less than half an hour the residents of the town subscribed enough money to buy horses and send the two volunteers away fully equipped.

23-11-1923 Quite a number of district residents have either ordered or are about to order new motor cars. Some of these are no doubt the result of high prices for potato crops. Good luck to the owners. One young man is declared likely soon to stir up dust with a Rolls Royce. Besides a motor car he proposes to have an up-to-date motor lorry to cope with his heavy potato crops. He finds that horse teams are not quick enough for this purpose. So he is disposing of wagon and horses.

I am pleased to be able to report the arrival of a new settler, together with his wife and family. This is Mr. Ryan of Portland, who has taken over the place once occupied by Mr. Ossington. Our new settler proposes to work in Portland and reside here, where he has facilities for gardening and fruit growing.

7-12-1923 A travelling troupe passed through here recently with a very large number of horses and a few other animals. They did us the honor of camping in our midst for the night. At about midnight a local resident became possessed of a brain wave, which made him arise from bed and examine his little well grassed paddock. There sure enough, he found strange stock to the number of over 20. They were soon out. When daylight came the Bohemians searched the paddock in vain, and had some difficulty in rounding up their stock, which had strayed considerably. This time the biter was nicely bitten.

21-12-1923 I have to record a rather smart performance on the part of a local gentleman, He was anxious to shoot a gill bird that had been eating his cherries. He was also anxious to perform the job in such a way that very little of the birds flesh would be impaired (for he was going to eat it), consequently he decided to aim for the head.

The bird flew off to a distance of 60 yards, but undaunted, the prospective gill-bird eater pointed his pea-rifle and down came the bird, with a bullet through the head.

I can vouch for the truth of this story, but I won't guarantee that the marksman can do the trick again. He, however, with the same rifle, shot a crow at a distance of 140 yards, measured by a really sober, reliable man.

24-12-1923 Mrs. Annie Roberts, wife of the late Charles Roberts, formerly residents of Sunny Corner and Hill End, died at her daughter's residence Concord, on December 16, aged 71 years. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. John Simpkins, Portland.

28-12-1923 Miserable weather prevailed here on Boxing Day. Scarcely had the races started when rain, which had been threatening all the morning, commenced. Consequently the big crowd that intended to patronise our annual fixture did not arrive. Several car loads from Portland, after starting out, were caught in the rain and turned back. The course for a time was in fair order, but became greasy as the day wore on, and eventually was deemed unsafe for further racing, which there and then came to an abrupt though unavoidable ending.

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2-1-1924 Constable O 'Brien, late of Cowra, is now established in his new home. He is the possessor of a splendid pony, which has won sufficient blue ribbons to make a rug large enough to cover the successful competitor. She is likely to compete at the Sydney show and will be hard to beat even there.

Auctioneers' licenses were granted at the local court, on Thursday last by Messrs. Brown, J's P. to John Simpkins, of Portland, and John S. Murray, of Sunny Corner, while a hawker's license was granted to T. Fitzgerald.

4-1-1924 A tennis match between the local club and a team from Meadow Flat was held on New Years Eve and, after an exciting tussle, resulted in a win for the visitors by 59 games to 52. The play was of a high standard and Meadow Flats victory was largely due, to the great form shown by the lady players.

9-1-1924 A quiet but pretty wedding was celebrated at All Saints' Cathedral Bathurst on the 2nd inst. The contracting parties were Linda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kearns, of Fern Hill, Sunny Corner, and Gordon Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Coolamigal Dark Corner. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Wilton. The bride looked very pretty as she entered the cathedral on the arm of her father. She wore a dress of white georgette prettily embroidered in pale blue and silver beads. She wore the customary veil and cap wreathed with orange blossoms, and carried a handsome bouquet. Miss Lizzie Kearns, only sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and wore a very dainty dress of shell pink silk prettily embroidered, also a hat of pale pink and cream tulle to match. She carried a bouquet of pale pink roses and asparagus fern. Mr. Les. Baker, of Whylandra, cousin of the bride, was best man. The bridegrooms a gift to the bride was a travelling case, and to the bridesmaid a pearl and emerald brooch. The brides gift to the bridegroom was a pair of gold sleeve links.

Amid showers of confetti the wedding party motored to Heaths cafe, where the reception was held. Later the happy couple left for Orange. The bride travelled in corn flower blue dress with hat to match.

14-1-1924 I regret to note that Mr. Pye who recently visited Sydney on account of failing health has benefited but little from his stay, and consequently has decided to dispose of his snug little farm at Sunny Corner. He has been a resident of this locality for about eight years, and is respected throughout the district. He has always been to the fore in matters pertaining to the welfare of the place, and his loss will be felt.

18-1-1924 Constable Leslie Archibald O'Brien, stationed at Sunny Corner, as from 20th December, 1923, vice Sergeant Dolman, on extended leave.

21-1-1924 Mrs. Littler, an old resident of the locality, who has been so ill as to necessitate the attendance of Dr. Wilson, of Portland, has recovered sufficiently to take up household duties again. She is 78 years of age.

23-1-1924 A very important sale took place here on Saturday, when Mr. John Simpkins sold by auction the home and property so long occupied by Mrs. Grabham. After some spirited bidding Mr. James Strickland, of West Mitchell, was successful, and is new the holder of a comfortable, snug home.

4-2-1924 Mr. George Shumack of Dark Corner has sold his property there to Mr. Drysdale Scott, and will be leaving the district shortly. I understand the destination of himself and family is Millthorpe where he will engage in hotel keeping. Their departure means a big loss to the district.

20-2-1924 Master Lance Wilkinson who recently won a bursary entitling him to a period of high school education, will shortly go to Sydney to enter one of the metropolitan high schools. He is the son of Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, who followed journalism in Queensland some years ago and who also frequently contributed to the Sydney "Bulletin." He should creditably acquit himself and make full use of the opportunity the bursary affords.

Mrs. O'Brien, wife of Constable O'Brien has lately arrived, and shortly will be established in the commodious residence at the police station.

Poles for the new telephone line to Dark Corner have been laid along the route. It is thought, that the work of constructing the line will be expedited as much as possible.

The departure recently from Dark Corner of most of the Roman Catholic population makes the continuance of the church there, almost unnecessary. It is quite possible that it will be pulled down shortly and removed to some other part of the parish where it will be of more use.

25-2-1924 Blaxland Shire. From John. M. Attuell, Sunny Corner, drawing attention to the road from Sunny Corner to Palmers Oakey. The road was almost impassable. The engineer stated that the road was very sticky in wet weather, 400 cubic yards of gravel would cover the worst part.

29-2-1924 A very successful valedictory function took place in the local hall on Friday night, when people from far and near came to say farewell to Mr. George Shumack and his wife and family, who left next day for Millthorpe. Mr. E. J. Ryan, who presided, spoke of the sterling qualities of Mr. Shumack, and of the great assistance he had always ungrudgingly rendered in everything pertaining to the welfare of the district.

Reference was made to the honorary services Mrs. Shumack and her daughters had given as musicians for practically every dance held here. After further eulogistic remarks and expressions of regret at the loss the place is going to sustain by the departure of such popular citizens. Mr. M. Fitzgerald took the floor. He endorsed all that had been said, and on behalf of residents of Dark Corner and Sunny Corner, presented the various members of Mr. Shumacks family with some tangible tokens of the esteem in which they are held. To Mr. Shumack was presented a splendid suit case, Mrs. Shumack received a traveling rug; while Misses Shumack received toilet sets.

Mr. Shumacks reply was brief. It was quite evident he felt the strain of leaving so many true friends, among whom he has lived all his life. All he could say was that he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. Though leaving the district, he hoped to revisit it occasionally and renew old friendships.

The singing of "Auld Lang Sync" at about one in the morning concluded a very successful function. Mrs. Tinnerman of Portland, presided at the piano in her usual capable style, and Mr. M. Fitzgerald, as M.C. saw that everything in connection with the dance was of a high standard. Refreshments were served at midnight, and these were excellent.

5-3-1924 Before leaving here for Millthorpe, George Shumack was specially entertained by his cricket club mates, and received from them a very handsome present. The function took place at Mrs. Murray's residence, and was highly successful, songs and recitations enlivening the occasion.

While cutting chaff at Dark Corner last week, Mr. J. T. Shumack met with a painful accident, resulting in a broken foot. He was sitting upon the pole, which fell out of its place and came upon his ankle.

His brother, Mr. Aiden Shumack, hurried him off to Bathurst in a motor car. At present he is an inmate of St. Vincent's Hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected. His cricketer and other friends wish him a speedy recovery.

The school teacher at Sunny Corner Mr. E. T. Ryan, in a letter to the Turon Shire Council yesterday asked permission to construct a dam to catch the overflow from the present town supply besides the water from the spring in the vicinity. This would not cost council anything and would enable him to teach the school boys to swim. The request was acceded to.

7-3-1924 MONTGOMERY. — In fond and loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Mary Ann Abigail Montgomery, who passed, away at West Mitchell on March 8th, 1920, aged 77 years. .

A faithful mother, true and kind,
No friend on earth like her we'll find;
Four years have passed and none can tell
The loss of a mother we loved so well.

Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Will and Eleanor Smith, and grand-children Jack, Harold, George, Alf, and little Mary.

8-3-1924 Do Snakes Swallow Their Young?. Even some old bushmen say that snakes do not swallow their young. At Sunny Corner last season, a black snake, when startled, opened her mouth and received 17 of 24 young. No doubt all would have gone down had she not been killed. On another occasion a black snake had 21 little ones, which she had swallowed when startled. The young were six inches in length, and probably not long hatched.

14-3-1924 Practically all Sunny Corner turned out on Saturday night to be entertained by a concert troupe from Lithgow. Owing to some mishaps on the road, the artists were late, and the programme could not be presented as the manager would have liked. Notwithstanding the handicap, however a very enjoyable time was spent by the audience, and some fine items were rendered. The inevitable dance followed and was much appreciated.

Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, who has been running a greengrocery at West Mitchell, is now launching out on a larger scale, and reports good business as a general grocer.

17-3-1924 From E. Brailey Sunny Corner referring to a notice received accusing him of running dirty water into the road. That was not true. The inspector reported that there was cause for the warning, and Council decided to advise that no refuse water could be run on to a road.

19-3-1924 Two matches claimed attention for the week end. On Saturday Meadow Flat men came along and were again defeated, chiefly owing to the good play of T. Byers, whose consistency is becoming proverbial.

Tommy is a real lover of the game, and thinks nothing of making a long journey to indulge in it. Last week he walked through the bush to Ben Bullen, a distance of about fourteen miles. Thence he got a lift to Capertee, and scored sixty runs.
The second match took place on Sunday, when a strong team from Capertee came here. The game was very interesting, and well contested, the visitors being some 30 runs ahead on the first innings.

26-3-1924 I regret to state that Mr. Aiden Shumack, of Dark Corner the well known cricketer, is not at present enjoying good health. As a result he now lies in St. Vincent's Hospital, Bathurst, where until a few days ago, his brother Jack was receiving treatment for a broken foot. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery and a return to his old form in the cricket field.

Mr. W. Staits son Les who is also a cricket enthusiast, is likewise out of action. One day last week he drove to Wallerawang, where he had the bad luck to break his arm. He had his horse out feeding it, and was putting a parcel in the vehicle when, the accident occurred. He stood on the shaft, and slipped to the ground. Shortly afterwards Dr. Wilson opportunely came along and attended to the victim.

31-3-1924 Mr. W. F. Hurley, M.L.C., who had been ill for some time, died on Friday at his residence in Burwood, aged 75. He was one of the oldest politicians in the State.
In the early eighties he was appointed manager of the Sunny Corner Silver Mine. With only six men at the start, he developed that mine so industrially, that in two years it was employing 1000 men. Under his management the first American water jacket smelting, furnaces were erected at Sunny Corner.

1-4-1924 Mr. J. H. Pye, a retired police officer was found on his property last night leaning against a log in a potato field. Apparently he had been digging potatoes and suddenly became ill.
He was last seen on Friday morning and probably death took place that day
By a strange coincidence the man from whom Mr. Pye bought the property died in the same manner. His body being found in the same paddock eight years ago.



With his cat and some fowls as his only companions, Charles Reynolds, one of the pioneers of the Ardlethan tin fields, spends the evening of his days in his log hut at Dark Corner, near Sunny Corner. He is now 85 years of age, and has been living there for six years.

8-4-1924 For the third consecutive time Sunny Corner cricketers have gone to Yetholme to play a match, which has had to be abandoned owing to the death of a local resident.

11-4-1924 Mr, John Turner, a very old resident of Yetholme died suddenly in Sydney on Saturday. Though he was over eighty years of age, death was unexpected. He had been enjoying good health and had gone to the metropolis for a change. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends goes out to the bereaved widow and a grown up family. The deceased was very highly respected throughout the district.

Mrs. Mary Jane Duggan died yesterday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Hepp, 26 Cooerwull street. The deceased who had attained the age of 86, was born at Pennant Hills. She had lived a most strenuous life with her husband, the late Mr. W. Duggan, for many years.
She accompanied him to Sofala in a bullock-cart when she was only 18 years of age. After living there for some years, they removed to Lambing Flat, and were there during the exciting times of the anti-Chinese riots. Later they removed to Wattle Flat, after which they kept a hotel at Monkey Hill for some time. After a short stay at Sally's Flat, they removed to Sunny Corner where Mr. Duggan tipped the first pot of slag at the Silver King furnace. In 1914 they went to Bathurst and in 1922 came to Lithgow. The husband died last year at the age of 89; Mrs. Duggan only survived him eight months.
Of their ten children, five survive them: Mrs. Green, Geurie; Mr. Sam Duggan, Bathurst; Mr. H. Duggan, Lithgow; Mrs. Hepp, Lithgow; and Mrs. Grant, Oakey Park .

0-4-1924 James Farrelly appointed Teacher.

17-5-1924 Mr. Tom. Arthur, who recently came to live at Sunny Corner, had the bad luck to have his house and contents totally destroyed by fire on Monday night. On Monday morning he and his wife took their child to Lithgow for medical attention, and during their absence the fire occurred. Its origin is a mystery. The utmost sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur in the great loss they have sustained, for it is thought that the building and contents were uninsured.

By the loss of the house another strange coincidence, has been established. About seven years ago the building was purchased here to replace one that had just been destroyed by fire. The destruction of two houses on the same site is rather remarkable. The first fire robbed Mr. Coleman of his home, this outbreak deprives his brother-in-law of a dwelling.

2-5-1924 A change in regard to our local school is at hand. Mr, Farrelly, a relieving teacher has arrived to take the place of Mr. E. J. Ryan, who is taking a holiday for a few months, he proposes to reside at Manly for a time.

The old battery has been dismantled ready for removal to Bribaree. Bit by bit old Sunny Corner is disappearing.

The weather is becoming rather wintry. Stock generally are in good order, and there should be no serious losses this winter.

The annual bazaar in aid of the Catholic Church was held on Easter Saturday, and was a success. There are some good workers here in church affairs who can generally be relied upon to do their best.

5-5-1924 Toyer and party have just completed the crushing of about 5 tons of stone obtained from their prospecting tunnel at the Wee Jean mine at Bushranger Mountain, for a yield of 10 oz, of gold. Mr, George Toyer, an experienced miner, states that the show gives promise of being an excellent proposition. The tunnel is driven into Bushranger Mountain a distance of 340 feet, and although the main lode has not yet been met with, there is abundant evidence that the plucky prospectors, who are spending their money and labor in an effort to prove the worth of the mine, will be rewarded for their labors. If Mr. Toyers contention is correct and there is reason to believe it is, Portland may take the place of the now defunct Sunny Corner as a mining centre. Practically all the work completed at the Wee Jean has been carried out by Mr. Toyer, who is approaching the allotted span of three score years and ten, and the best wishes of the whole community go out to the plucky and popular old prospector in his venture.

9-5-1924 Mr. E. J; Ryan, who has had charge of our local school for five and a half years has decided to take a well-earned holiday for six months. This decision only became known to his friends just before his intended departure. Notwithstanding the late notice, they set to work with a will and organised a most successful send-off, which took place in the School of Arts hall on Saturday night.

Mr. Walter Stait, representing the Race Club, occupied the chair, and in a few words explained the object of the gathering, and wished the guest a pleasant holiday. Then Mr. M. Fitzgerald, also representing the Race Club, spoke of Mr. Ryans work as secretary of the club, and referred to the many fine race meetings he had helped to a successful conclusion. On behalf of his colleagues he then presented Mr. Ryan with a very handsome and costly travelling rug, probably the best rug seen in these parts for a long time.

Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson, on behalf of the children and parents, delivered a splendid address, characterised by faultless English and a clear enunciation which would not be out of place upon the stage. She spoke of Mr. Ryans deep interest in his pupils, and referred, amid applause, to the fact that in five years Sunny Corner School had won six bursaries and numerous qualifying certificates. She then presented the guest with a beautiful gladstone bag, and resumed her seat to the sound of enthusiastic cheers. Mr. Ryan was well received on rising to thank his friends for their tangible expressions of gratitude and goodwill. It had been his intention to slip away quietly, unwept, unhonored and unsung. The fact that anyone could wish otherwise came as a most agreeable surprise, which was increased when he looked at the lovely and costly presents they had been good enough to think him worthy of. In regard to the many bursaries won by Sunny Corner school, he attributed some of the success to the material upon which he had been working, and remarked that for its size this upland town possesses more than the average number of bright pupils. If he had any regret it was that, but for bad luck, two other pupils would also have been bursary winners. One of these broke his leg and lost months work, and the other, who was easily dux of her class, was beaten owing to a severe and inopportune illness, two of her class mates at the time being successful. But for this bad luck the record would have been even better. A pleasing feature about Sunny Corner's bursary winners was that, on entering their respective high schools, they were able to make good from the start and arrive at the top or thereabouts of their respective classes, thus showing, that their success here was sheer merit. He hoped to see Sunny Corner again when the spring flowers were blooming on the hills, and the cuckoos were warbling once more their love-calls.

The Misses Shumack presided at the piano and several ladies assisted with refreshments, which to, were of a very high, order. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a very pleasant function.

19-5-1924 At present the Corner is looking very lively. There is a deal of traffic through the town. Large loads of wattle bark are being taken to Pipers Flat by bullock teams from Dark Corner, and several motor lorries, owned by rabbit skin buyers, do fortnightly trips through the district.

Mr. Farrell, our now school teacher is settling down to our bracing climate, and Mrs. Farrell has joined him. Both express appreciation of the pretty scenery of our hamlet.

Under instructions from the Agent for the Public Trustee,
I will offer for sale by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, 24th MAY, 1924, at 1 p.m. sharp,
One Mile from SUNNY CORNER, on PORTLAND-ROAD, in the estate of the late
JAMES HENRY PYE, the whole of his Property, comprising:
2 Draught Horses, 1 Sulky Pony, 1 Bullock, 1 Chaffcutter and Horse Works, 4 tons Hay, Hay Shed, Wind Mill and Piping, Tip-dray and Harness, Quantity of Other Harness, Sulky and Harness, Quantity Wire Netting, Second-hand Gal.Iron, Farming Implements, Saddle and Bridle, Carpenters Tools, Furniture, Cooking Utensils, and lots of Sundries too numerous to mention.-JOHN MURRAY, Auctioneer, Sunny Corner.

21-5-1924 The "Wee Jean" gold mine in the Bushranger Mountain, half way between Portland and Sunny Corner, is about to be floated into a limited liability company.

Mr. G. Toyer, who has put in five years prospecting on this mine was in Lithgow on Tuesday with a ten ounce bar of pure gold secured from five tons of ore. The mine now requires extensive development and equipment and for this reason Mr. Toyer has consented to flotation, he will of course, be financially interested in the company.

The mine promises to be a very successful undertaking. Mr. Robert Bonar a well known mining engineer and metallurgist has on two occasions visited the mine for the purpose of examining and reporting on it. He states that it is his fully matured opinion that when sufficient vertical depth is reached the syndicate will own a highly payable property with gold values easily mined and treated for recovery. Mr. Bonar says "The property has got beyond the stage of a poor mans show, and must be worked as a mine. There is little doubt that on opening out at 50 feet depth enough stone will soon be exposed for sloping sufficient to keep the stamps going continuously and provide funds for development and equipment.

20-6-1924 Mr. E. Fitzgerald, formerly of Sunny Corner who some time ago joined the police force, was married on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at Newcastle, to Miss Cantwoli, leaving later for Sydney. Among the numerous wedding presents, perhaps the most interesting was a nugget of gold from an old friend at Sunny Corner, a memento of the days when the precious metal was much more plentiful at the Corner than now days. It is understood that Constable Fitzgerald will be stationed at Muswellbrook. Teds many friends at Sunny Corner will join in wishing the happy couple a bright and prosperous future.

The third fall of snow for this year took place on Monday, its most pleasing feature being the rapidity of melting. For snow weather, the temperature was unusually warm, and although a strong wind was blowing in the afternoon, it was not the biting blast generally associated with snow, a fortunate matter for the stock. At the same time, the effect on the roads is the reverse of good. A couple of bullock teams loaded with about five tons of wattle bark each, are at present waiting here for the weather to moderate. After they have gone to and returned from Piper's Flat, the Portland-Sunny Corner road will probably be more suitable for bullock wagons than for motor cars.

Mrs. W. Vipen a very old resident of Sunny Corner, whoso illness has lately caused her family much anxiety, is reported to be slightly improved, though her condition is still serious. She and her husband, Mr. W. Yipen, can recall a lot of the history of Sunny Corner in its days of prosperity, Mr. Vipen having worked for many years at the reverberatory and blast furnaces at the old mine. From building a furnace, to working it, there are no features of smelting furnaces with which he is not familiar, his experience extending from Wales to practically all parts of Australia where the smelting industry has been established.

9-7-1924 The 20 acre farm of the late Mr. J. H. Pye was submitted at auction on Saturday by Mr. John Murray, and knocked down for £321. The purchaser was Mr. Walter Stait, a local resident. Though small, it proved a very productive property in the hands of its previous owner, who improved it very materially during his occupancy.

16-7-1924 The Education Department has decided to remove the greater part of the local school buildings for use elsewhere. The buildings were erected about forty years ago to accommodate 500 pupils.

The attendance has fallen to about 20, thus showing how great has been the decline of a once famous town.



SUNNY CORNER'S SCHOOL

18-7-1924 Mr. Drysdale Scott had an unenviable experience last week, while bringing a load of wattle bark from Dark Corner to Pipers Flat per bullock team. While repairing a bullock yoke near Mr. R. Grabhams place, he was struck on the head by a pea rifle bullet, which pierced two holes in his hat and inflicted a nasty scratch on his head, which bled freely. No doubt it was an extremely narrow escape from death.

4-8-1924 Mr. Stephen Dawson died in St. Vincent's hospital, Bathurst on Friday morning. Deceased who was over 70 years of age, was a native of Wattle Flat. He was a prominent coach driver many years ago, running the mail between Bathurst and Sunny Corner in the boom days of that mine. He is survived by his wife, who for several weeks has been an inmate of St. Vincent's hospital. A sad feature of the death is that the old couple would have celebrated their golden wedding on August 25.

Yesterday morning broke with the hills surrounding Bathurst covered with a mantle of snow in places many feet deep. The Bald Hills, in close proximity to Bathurst, were snow capped, a happening not recorded for several years past.

From all parts of the district come reports of the heaviest snow falls for at least ten years.

18-8-1924 A tennis match between Sunny Corner and Yetholme resulted in a win for the latter by 11 games.

A well attended dance was held in the School of Arts, the music being supplied by Miss Atkins jazz band from Portland.

25-8-1924 A very old and respected resident, in the person of Mrs. Staines died on Wednesday, at her residence, Sunny Corner. Both she and her husband, Mr. James Staines, who died eight years ago, were long identified with the Corner, and knew it was one of the principal mining centres of the State, instead of an almost defunct township. Mrs. Staines, who had lived in Sunny Corner for 41 years, had nine children, five of whom are now living. One son who had been away for years, returned from New Zealand just in time to see his mother before she died. Always to be depended upon to lend a helping hand where possible in the case of others trouble, Mrs. Staines will be greatly missed.

A tennis match took place here between Sunny Corner and Lithgow, the visitors winning by three games. Dinner and tea were provided, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

28-8-1924 GODBOLD. In ever-loving memory of our dear mother and grandma. Elizabeth Godbold, who passed away August 28th, 1913, aged 64 years.

We who loved you dearly miss you
As It dawns another year;
In our lonely hours of thinking
Thoughts of you are over near.

Never forgotten by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Will and Eleanor Smith, and grandchildren. Jack, Harold, George, Alf, and Mary, of West Mitchell.

10-9-1924 OUR ROAD.by QUIDAM. (*Col. Wilkinsons father)(Aimed at Garlands Hill)*

Nine miles of winding mountain road, that leads to Portland town,
It falls full fifteen hundred feet from Sunny Corner down,
Old grandpa fashioned part of it, and built it very sound,
The metal that he laid still stands, though he is underground.
In ancient days a common bloke could build a road with stone,
But now a gifted engineer each shire must proudly own.
All sorts of wondrous things he knows, with lore his mind is girt,
And he can make no road at all with any kind of dirt.
Theodolites and aneroids are childrens toys to him,
And in the splendid roads he makes the little fishes swim;
In blind humility to him great wealth the people pay,
And in return he waves his hand and blinds their road with clay.
Then when the winter rains pour down, and howls the winter gale,
For weeks and weeks bold travellers strive, but strive to no avail;
Bogged in the mud some leave their bones, by birds of prey picked bare,
And others, striking greasy spots, skid off to God-knows-where.
Even travelling hawkers die, though strangely hard to kill,
And, lying all their sinful lives, in muddy death lie still;
Thou on the mighty motor comes, the steed that will not tire,
Its bones and muscles made of steel, its innards full of fire.
Three hundred miles an hour or so it spins o'er grandpa's road,
But when it hits the modern part just when it's rained or snowed,
It madly whirls its wheels around, but fails to move ahead,
Till in a slushy grave it sinks, its fiery spirit sped.
The papers say the Concrete Age of roads has come to stay,
The Portland-Sunny Corner road clings to the Age of Clay,
Where boulders rear their hoary heads, and make it very rough,
Some slurry from the gutter serves to blind them well enough.
And when a heavy frost occurs, to add to other ills,
The horses go quite bald behind, from sliding down the hills;
But from those sadly silly words some wisdom you may gain,
If you would travel o'er Our Road, do it in an aeroplane.

17-9-1924 The death has occurred at Orange of Mrs. Elizabeth Boon, wife of Mr. D. W. Boon, at the age of 63 years. Mrs Boon, who was a resident of Lithgow many years ago, and also of Sunny Corner, was an active worker in the interests of Methodism.

19-9-1924 A meeting of the trustees of the Sunny Corner common was held to consider a communication from Mr. Stock Inspector Gittings, Bathurst, which stated that the Forestry Commission desired to have part of the local common dedicated as a State forest, the intention being to plant a large number of trees thereon. Mr. Gittings pointed out that the proposal would entail several years work at Sunny Corner, and that Mr. Forest Officer Luther stated that the proposition would in no way interfere with the commoners grazing rights, or with the procuring of firewood from the area, as the Forestry Commissioners would like the removal of a lot of the present unsuitable timber. It was unanimously decided, as such a

proposition should prove of both local and national service that no opposition should be offered to it and Mr. Gittings was notified to that effect.

A tennis club has been formed by the young people of Sunny Corner and a lot of interest is being shown therein. The old tennis court is being put in order, and now racquets have be secured. Already several matches have been played.

A successful euchre party was held in the local School of Arts on Saturday night in aid of' the funds of the institution, the committee of which has lately been reorganised. An effort is being made to raise funds to procure requisites for the hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins and family, for many years resident in the Corner, have left for Cullen Bullen, where they will reside in future. Their departure will mean the loss of three pupils to the Sunny Corner School.

Spring weather continues and although frosts are still in evidence, they are not severe. There is every promise of a good spring. Already both grass and crops are showing evidence of the milder weather, while fruit trees are coming into bloom. Spring this year is at least a month earlier than usual, and early peas and potatoes are already being planted. ,

Members of the Sunny Corner tennis club journeyed to Lithgow on the 14th inst. per motor car, to play a return match against Lithgow. A very pleasant trip was experienced, the result of the play being a win for Lithgow by 40 games.

20-9-1924 Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins and family, who have been residents of Sunny Corner for many years, have left that centre for Cullen Bullen.

1-10-1924 A sad death took place in the Bathurst District Hospital on September 23 1924 that of Mrs. J. McLeay, of Bathurst. Mrs. McLeay was the fourth daughter of Mrs. W. C. Bennett, of Dark Corner, and sister of Mrs. C. Edwards, Napoleon Reef, E. Bennett, Dark Corner, and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, West Mitchell. Her husband predeceased her about 10 years ago. Mrs. McLeay had to bring up the family of four sons, the oldest of whom is now 19. The cause of death was pneumonia. Much sympathy is felt for the relatives.

The weather at the Corner has experienced a slump, very inclement wintry conditions having supervened on the lovely spring days of a while back. It has been raining off and on for two days and nights, with a sprinkle of snow or sleet every now and then. As most of the fruit trees are in blossom a spoil of heavy frosts would do much harm to the crop.

Mr. J. R. Nash, postal inspector, visited the local post office on Friday last and found everything in the usual good order.

8-10-1924 The passing of Mr. James Oglethorpe, Bentinck Street Bathurst, revives early memories of our village, when horse and vehicular traffic on the Bathurst-Sydney road was heavy. The old Cobb and Co. coaches made the Crown Inn, then kept by Mr. L. Durack one of their stopping places where fresh horses were harnessed to complete the journey. This necessitated a smithing business, which was situated close by, and was kept by Mr. Berry for a considerable time, till Mr. Oglethorpe bought him out. The business was considerably livened up during the palmy days of Sunny Corner, when over 30 teams were engaged carrying to and from the mine to Rydal. The road soon became so bad that the carriers bill for wear and tear was very considerable Later on Mr. Oglethorpe purchased the store close by from Mr. W. Shumack, which he and his wife carried on successfully until their removal to Bathurst, where the same kind hospitality was extended to their many friends who happened along.

Mr. Oglethorpe will be remembered as a good honest Citizen, pronounced in his opinions, clean and above board in his transactions, thus meriting the respect which he held of all.

20-10-1924 Sunny Corner at present maybe considered an earthly paradise for school children, there having been no school since Michaelmas. Mr. Farrelly, who took Mr. Ryan's place, left then and no substitute has since arrived. Apparently the department has quite forgotten the Corner.

Mr. Alec. McDonald lately installed a Fordson tractor, and is as present using it for planting potatoes utilising it to pull a three-furrow plough. Although Sunny Corner fields are very different to the flat areas on the lower levels, the machine is doing the work very satisfactorily. It possesses one signal advantage over horses, in taking its meals only while working. Anyone who has had to feed and look after five or six plough horses can appreciate this factor. As Mr. McDonald now has a Ford lorry, a Fordson tractor, and a wireless outfit, he is plainly a believer in applying the developments of modern science to the ancient industry of farming.

24-10-1924 Gentleman George Dawson, who lived at Pitt Town for some years and was well known and very popular in the Hawkesbury district, came back to Sydney last week, after an absence of 32 years. When he left Australia he was lightweight champion boxer, and his deeds in the ring have always been remembered.

Gentleman George Dawson was born at Dark Corner, near Sunny Corner. He was 8 or 10 years of age when his parents moved to Pitt Town. Mr. Dawson proposes to visit his native place Dark Corner near Sunny Corner, before returning to the States.

21-11-1924 Races will be held at Sunny Corner on Boxing Day. There is an excellent programme of races and trots, as well as foot running and throwing at wicket. There will be six main events and substantial prizes. The races will be picnic ones in the real meaning.

28-11-1924 The Portland Motor Cycle Club will hold a road race through the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner and Mitchell's Creek roads on December 6. The course is of easy access to spectators and several crack riders from Sydney will participate.

5-12-1924 Reserve No. 8,638 at Sunny Corner, area 100, acres, notified 23rd February, 1989, for Racecourse: Messrs. Lionel Wilkinson, David O'Dell, Michael Fitzgerald, John Sparks Murray (in lieu of Messrs. R. W. Magill, T. McCauley, deceased, J. Sparks, resigned, and J. Martin, removed).

8-12-1924 A very severe and unseasonable frost was experienced throughout the district on Wednesday morning and did great damage to early potato, bean, and pea crops. The promise of a splendid spring, which appeared likely a couple of months ago, has been heavily discounted. Fruit, with the exception of apples and pears, will be by no means plentiful, so much foggy, easterly weather, with the packing of the ground consequent of the frequent heavy storms, having done much harm to cherries etc.

Cereal crops are in splendid condition, while there is an abundance of grass, the resulting supply of milk causing a strong demand for pigs, a demand which, at present, is quite unsupplied. Conditions a couple of years ago, when it was hard to obtain the normal price of a sucker for a full-grown pig, had such a discouraging effect on local pig breeders that they decided that it was easier to go broke without pigs than with them, and now, when everyone has pig food and no pigs, there is no supply to meet the demand. Just now a large drove of sucking pigs would find a ready market in the district.

The many friends of Mrs. A. McDonald, who has been seriously ill for the last fortnight will be pleased to learn that her condition has materially improved, though it will be some time before she is able to get about again as energetically as of yore.

Mr. Edward Stait, another old identity, who has been in ill-health for some time, is staying with, his daughter, Mrs. Ryan, in Bathurst.

Mrs. W. Fraser has returned to Sunny Corner after an absence of several months in Portland.

Mr. Farrolly, who was temporarily stationed here on the departure of Mr. Ryan on holiday leave, is again in charge at the local school. It is understood that Mr. Ryan has been appointed to a school near Liverpool.

The Race Club committee are working well to make the Boxing Day meeting a success, and a record attendance is hoped for. Though shorn of so many glories of its more prosperous past, Sunny Corner still sticks to its Boxing Day races, and it is gratifying to see the support the event is accorded, not, only by local residents, but by those of Portland and other localities.

Last week Sunny Corner had a visit from Mr. C. Sloggatt, who gave a conjuring entertainment in the local hall, and obtained a surprisingly good house. Like many small places, Sunny Corner has few people, but when an infrequent show arrives, pretty well everybody attends. The show in question, moreover, had the advantage of being already favourably known here, this being its third appearance locally.

10-12-1924 Regarding a case at the Muswellbrook police court recently, the bench remarked "that great credit was due to Constable E. Fitzgerald on the promptness which he displayed in connection with the case." Constable Ted Fitzgerald is one of the well-known Sunny Corner Fitzgerald family.

His mother as still residing here, while three of his brothers are in business locally.

Messrs. J. J. Fitzgerald and M. Fitzgerald engaged in butchering in Sunny Corner and Mr. T. Fitzgerald storekeeping at West Mitchell. Another brother Mr. James Fitzgerald, formerly in the postal service, and for some time stationed at Oberon, is now entering the priesthood. All music-lovers who have heard his piano playing remember it with pleasure.

15-12-1924 From Lyn Yates, Sunny Corner, pointing out the desirability of Blaxland Council having under its jurisdiction the administration of the "Careless Use of Fire Act." The writer suggested that steps be taken to acquire such authority .It was decided to comply with the request.

17-12-1924 After being in the hands of the Attuell family for about 10 years, Mr. J. Attuell taking up the work on the death of his father about six years ago, the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner-Palmer's Oakey mail is to pass to another tenderer. The Postal Department has accepted the tender of Mr. J. W. Smith, of West Mitchell, for the bi weekly service at £110 per annum, the period of contract being three years from January 1, 1925. The Attuell family also conducted the post office at West Mitchell where they resided till recently, and at present Miss Elsie Attuell is postmistress at Sunny Corner.

Mr. J. Attuell was a small boy just away from school when he first took up the long drive to Palmer's Oakey, and during the lengthy period when the service has been associated with him and the Attuell family, the utmost satisfaction has been given, the service having been conducted with courtesy and despatch in all seasons. Anyone who has travelled from Palmers Oakey to Sunny Corner on a wild winters day, can appreciate the grit necessary in a boy to continuously, bring the mail through satisfactorily, and many residents along the route will greatly miss his cheery presence on mail day.

"Jack" Attuell and the Palmers Oakey mail seemed, a permanent combination.

1924 PALMERS OAKEY COMMON STOCK OWNERS

NAME	**CATTLE**	**HORSES**	
D Ferguson		4	
Mrs D Ferguson	5		
Flora Ferguson	4		
D T Ferguson	5		
C P Ferguson	1	4	
Mrs C P Ferguson	5		
Stan McKinnon	5		
E McKinnon	5		
S Greentree		1	
9	30	9	
Note. The 1900 figures were			GOATS
33	97	183	16

At this time the Palmers Oakey Common closed, and the land sold.

1925

2-1-1925 The usual Xmas tree was held on Xmas Eve, and was, as before, well conducted, and gave much delight to the children. After the presents, had been distributed several dances took place, the music being supplied by Mr. J. Passeri.

The festive season has brought many old residents back to the Corner, among them being Mrs. Murray, grandmother of Miss Attwcll, the local postmistress, and Mr. Charlie Fraser, son of Mr. G. C. Fraser, storekeeper. Mr. E. J. Ryan, our former schoolmaster, is also spending the holidays, here. Mr. W. Vipen, jun., an old-time Sunny Corner boy, and son of Mr. Wm. Vipen, who was for many years employed on the furnaces at the Sunny Corner mine, is again visiting the scene of his boyhood

days, after an absence of about 18 years, having come down from Cloncurry, North Queensland, on account of the serious accident to his brother, Mr. Joe Vipen, of Portland. After the climate of the north, Mr. Vipen finds Sunny Corner decidedly cool.

Xmas Day was ushered in by a white frost. Such a degree of cold at Xmas has not been experienced for many years, and the effect on crops, peas, beans, and potatoes, is the reverse of good.

16-1-1925 Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald, who had been in St. Vincents Hospital, Bathurst for about a week, undergoing an operation, is under stood to be on the mend, and is returning to Sunny Corner to-day.

Mr. A. Sparks sustained rather severe injuries on Sunday last, the result of being thrown from a horse through the crupper coming unfastened while the animal was bucking. Although Dr. Wilson could find no bones broken, Mr. Sparks was very severely bruised and shaken, and is at present confined to bed.

6-2-1925 Common lost 10 pounds for the 1924 year.

11-2-1925 Mr. E. J. Ryan, formerly local teacher, has been appointed to the Lagoon, near Bathurst, and Mr. Farrelly is stationed at Sunny Corner.

One of Mr. Ryan's successful bursary candidates, Miss Leila Coleman, who had adopted teaching as a profession, is now teaching in Portland, while her brother Jack, another bursary winner, is in the telephone workshop at Darling Harbor. Another of Mr. Ryans bursary winners, Lance Wilkinson, is at the Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Ashfield.

Miss Rita Attuell, whose sister, Miss Elsie Attueil, is now postmistress at Sunny Corner, and formerly postmistress at West Mitchell, has just received a position in the post office at Portland, having passed the secondary examination some time ago.

News has been received that Mr. John Martin, for many years a resident of Sunny Corner, and the local blacksmith for the latter part of his stay here, is seriously ill in a Sydney hospital. A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Martin left for Sydney, and have since resided at Hornsby. Mr. Martin was associated for years with the mining industry, having worked on mines from Charters Towers to New Caledonia, while Mrs. Martin also came of mining people, being a member of the Jeffreys family, famous in connection with the boom days of Hill End. It was the 800 odd ozs, from a ton of stone taken out by Jeffreys and party that started the gold producing era of Hawkins Hill. The gold from the patchy vein where Jeffreys and party worked, came quickly and went quickly, but Hill End was a fine place while it lasted. At one time £40,000 in cash was offered for Jeffrey's claim, and refused. But it was "a patch or nothing," and later the patches cut out.

Most, of the Sunny Corner school buildings, once an extensive pile, will soon be removed to Bathurst.

The attendance is now only 22 daily, once it was 150.

Since it was obvious that there would never again be any need for such a large school building at Sunny Corner it was decided to demolish all of it with the exception of one classroom and remove it to Bathurst Public School.

This was done in March 1925, a single classroom being left at Sunny Corner. The Inspector commented. "The population is rapidly decreasing, and it is unlikely that a school will be required at this place for any considerable time."

26-2-1925 Aust Military Forces. Rifle Clubs Disbandments. Sunny Corner.

28-2-1925 Mr. John Miller informs us that the Kirkconnell Estate has been merged with various other suitable properties with the intention of planting extensively pinus insignus for case-making and other purposes. A very strong corporation has been formed with a view to cultivating this much-needed timber on a commercial basis in New South Wales, and the pinus insignus at present growing on the Kirkconnell estate is the best in the State. It is very gratifying to note that a start is about to be made in this direction in New South Wales, and that the Bathurst district is one of the districts chosen for the purpose. There will be no necessity now for our farseeing capitalists to invest in this direction outside New South Wales.

9-3-1925 Word was received here last week of the death of Mr. John Martin, for many years a resident of Sunny Corner, but who for several years recently lived at Hornsby. Mr. Martin .worked on mines in this district and elsewhere for years, and afterwards conducted a blacksmithing business at the Corner. He was a well respected resident of this district, and his death will be regretted by a very wide circle of friends. He has left a widow and two sons, Eric and Jack.

Master Allan Grabham, son of the late Mr. J. Grabham, of Sunny Corner, has passed the necessary examinations and is now at the teachers training college at Hereford House, Sydney, having decided to adopt teaching as a profession.

Messrs. J. S. Murray and L. O. Wilkinson on Tuesday last (before Judge Armstrong at Bathurst) were sworn in as ,Js P. since the death of Mr. Pye and the departure of Mr. Fraser to Rydal, the absence of a local J.P. has caused some inconvenience, in the matter of witnessing documents, etc.

11-3-1925 Amongst the police promotions just notified are. Constables L. A. O'Brien, Sunny Corner, and E. S. Priestly, Lithgow, to be first-class constables.

16-3-1925 The Hon. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick has received the following communications: From the Inspector General, stating that approval has been given for the police station at Sunny Corner to be closed, and for a station to be established at Tarana.

18-3-1925 A local fishing expedition to Palmer's Oakey last Saturday night got a good haul of cat fish. Fishing parties are getting quite fashionable.

3-4-1925 Small Debts Recovery (Amendment) Act, 1922 all proceedings commenced or had under the Small Debts Recovery Act, .1912, at the Court of Petty Sessions holden at Sunny Corner may be continued, executed, and enforced against all persons liable thereto in the Court of Petty Sessions holden at Portland, and that the records of the Court of Petty Sessions holden at Sunny Corner be removed to the Court of Petty Sessions holden at Portland as soon as practicable.

6-4-1925 The eclipse of Sunny Corner, according to a resident, is almost completed. At the end of the present month, the departure of the Fraser, Fitzgerald and O'Brien families, together with one or two other residents, will mean a lessening of

the remaining, population by fully 80. Most of the public school has been removed, police station is now no more, Const. O 'Brien having been removed to Tarana, whilst the remaining shops will close at the end of the month.

9-4-1925 THE DECLINE OF SUNNY CORNER. FROM 6000 PEOPLE, HOTELS, AND STORES TOO

Briefly put, Sunny Corner once contained a population of about 5000 people, 500 to 600 children attended the schools, there were about a dozen hotels, numerous stores, large halls, and probably the first "moving" picture show in this district look place there. Its decline has been slower since the boom really burst, but it has been none the less sure, despite recent efforts by Mr. Wilkinson and others to revive the industry, and to-day the silver city is, to all intents and purposes a memory only.

One of those who knew Sunny Corner before it was so named, and was a resident there when the boom commenced, is Mr. R. F. Lean, of Lithgow. Recently he visited the old place, and naturally sorrowed over the decay which everywhere meets the eye. It is always a sad sight to revisit, in times of adversity, scenes, which in the years gone by, had witnessed feverish prosperity. But, alas, there are many such happenings in Australian history.

It is almost 50 years since Mr. Lean, with his parents, first went to what was then Mitchells Creek (the West Mitchell of to-day), the only township for several miles. There were some stores there, with a hotel, and a fair amount of gold-mining was carried on. The only suggestion that a boom was to come in the district was a mine a mile or so from township worked for gold by Winters and Morgan, and known as the Sunny Corner mine, because of its sunny position, and the hopes that were entertained of its output. At Mitchell's Creek a fair amount of gold was obtained, the residents numbered about 500 and most of the interests were held by Mr. Campbell, well-known in mining circles in the seventies and eighties.

It was in the early 80's that Sunny Corner began to boom, and this lasted for some 10 years, during which time, as previously stated, the population grew to about 5000. There are few people who have not heard of the Paddy Lackey and the Homeward Bound mines, but there were dozens of others, many of them small, and at one time a dozen or more batteries were stamping practically day and night.

The old Sunny Corner mine itself was responsible for the boom. Gold had petered out and increasing quantities of silver were found in the gossan ore. Mr. Lean was working at the mine at the time, and bagged the first lot of ore sent to England, Wales, and Germany, to ascertain the relative values. The report was so good that, with silver fetching 5s. per oz., it was realised it was better than a gold mine. Under the late Mr. William Hurley, the old mine put on hands, and great activity prevailed. The silver was treated at the mine, the first time, by the way, it was attempted in Australia. Other mines opened up and the township, which quickly sprang up was known as Mitchell, after Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor General, whilst Mitchells Creek changed its name (by popular opinion) to West Mitchell, owing to the fact that it was a mile west. Later, however, the name of the new town was gazetted as Sunny Corner, and Mitchells Creek was content with its new name. There was considerable American capital sunk at Sunny Corner (much of it needlessly and heedlessly by the way), including the Silver King and the Nevada. Both were managed by Cornishmen of much experience, Richard Prout the Nevada, and George Lanion, the Silver King. Other mines were the Silver Queen (a comparative failure), the Great Western, the Silver Hill, etc. There were also mines at the Lagoon, Dark Corner, Mitchells Creek, and certainly in the boom days, especially from 1884 to 1890, there was hardly an acre of ground that was not being prospected.

But, with it all fortunes were not made at Sunny Corner. There were some who made a competency, certainly. Mr. Campbell was perhaps as fortunate as any, whilst the Newtons (big Sydney drapers) and Ben Susan (a metallurgical engineer) did comparatively well as owners of the Sunny Corner mine (after Winters and Morgan) during its transition stage from a gold to a silver mine. Others made a thousand or two out of practically worthless land by leasing it to prospectors and syndicates, but generally speaking, Sunny Corner was not a fortune maker. As a matter of fact it ruined many.

The decline of the Corner came when the market for silver was so overstocked that the price fell from 5s to under 2s per oz. Even then an effort was made to maintain the boom, but the stampers were only thereafter worked at intermittent intervals, with the result that people began to move away, many to Lewis Ponds, Mt. Costigan, Cobar, etc. By 1895 the number of residents had dwindled to about as many hundreds as there were previously thousands. In some cases too, the ore petered out, but the decline was mainly due to the drop in silver. It is still maintained that the silver is in the ground, but until the veins are found so rich that zinc will not prove troublesome it will not pay to work. Zinc is the bugbear of the miner when mixed with other metals, and without a big price for silver it is impossible to "work" the ore with profit. Many a man found this out to his cost during the declining days of the old town.

Sunny Corner is down, and unfortunately out. It is to be regretted.

Whilst, at Sunny Corner, by the way, Mr. Lean built, the first motor ear in the district. That was 21 years ago. Mr. Lean was a resident for 22 years, and naturally has a keen regard for the old spot, although he is now a good Lithgowite, and one of our most represtative townsmen.

Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald, for years butchering at the Corner, has purchased a similar business at St. Mary's, near Penrith, and will leave for there with his family about the end of the month, his brother, Mr. M. Fitzgerald, accompanying him. His business and property here will be offered by auction by Mr. John Murray on the 25th instant.

Another old resident, Mr. Alf. Sparks, with his family, is likely to leave Tyndalls Flat, near Sunny Corner, to reside in Portland, while there are other rumors contemplated. Leaving the place just at present appears to have become epidemic. It is to be hoped that the tide will later on turn the other way. Considering the extremely small price placed on property locally, and what can be produced from it, Sunny Corner offers unusual chances for people of limited capital requiring a productive home, while from the standpoint of health is it unequalled.

Probably the future of Sunny Corner will depend on its popularity as a health resort, when the place will come into its own. Compared with many other popular resorts, Sunny Corner, with its elevation of 4,500 feet, putting it on a much higher plane than any other better known mountain resort, and with main road communication to the rail, pure air and water, mountain

scenery and splendid views ranging from the Canoblas at Orange on one side to the peaks around Capertee on the other, should command the attention of city folk were proper inducements offered and known.
Even the snow, cursed though it be by local stock owners, possesses many attractive features for the denizens of lower levels.To those with a bent for mining, there is the added advantage that there is always a chance of something as good as, or better than any of the bonanzas of the past being discovered in the district. In the meantime, however, there are plenty of worse places than Sunny Corner to live at, although fortunes are not easily made there at present. There are disadvantages, but where are there none.

20-4-1925 The Department of Education is having erected another building on the already too small playground at the Rural school Bathurst. The building is evidently one that done duty at Sunny Corner for many years, and is an ornament to the existing buildings.

27-4-1925 Mr. William Sparks, a very old resident of Sunny Corner, left here last week to reside in Portland. Several years ago Mr. Sparks ran a butchering business in the Corner, when the population was considerably larger than now, and there was little of historical interest in the rise and fall of the place with which he was not acquainted. Few people will fail to regret the departure of "Old Wally" as he was generally known.
The butchering business of Mr. J. J. Fitzgerald, who is shortly leaving for St. Mary's, has been purchased by Mr. R. Grabham, of Dark Corner, who will carry it on in future.

8-5-1925 The duties devolving on the officer in charge of police at Sunny Corner have been allotted to Sergeant Wilson, and any matters pertaining to court business will now be conducted at Portland.

13-5-1925 Auction sales and departures have been the order of the day recently. Mr. John Murray has held sales on account of Messrs. J. J. Fitzgerald and M. Fitzgerald, who have left for St. Marys, and Mr. G. C. Fraser, who, it is understood, is to reside in Lithgow. The store at Sunny Corner, for so long conducted by Mr. G. C. Fraser for Mr. R. H. Bulkeley, and more recently on his own behalf, is now closed.
The only business premises now open in what was once a busy street, are the butchering business carried on by Mr. B. Grabham, and Miss Jones confectionery shop.

Mr. W. B. Wilkinson paid a flying visit to Sunny Corner during the week, but only remained a couple of hours. In the course of conversation he stated that he had no intention of again re-opening the old mine.

22-5-1925 The local sports intended to hold a meeting on the recreation ground, and form a tennis club. The understanding was to bring along the hoe and the spade and put the courts in order. As only three or four put in an appearance, the planning and measurement were proceeded with, a better roll up is expected next time.

Mr. W. Scott has added to his herd by the introduction of a nice lot of young cattle, selected, in the Kiama district, which are of the milking shorthorn type.

8-6-1925 The Government does not do things in a hurry. The following has just been Gazetted": "It is hereby notified, for general information, that the office for the registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages for the district of Macquarie at Sunny Corner was closed on the 31st March, 1925. Registrations should in future be made at the office of the District Registrar at Portland. " It is another instance of Sunny Corners decline.

15-6-1925 A well attended meeting of Sunny Corner residents was held on Thursday evening, to consider the question of reorganising the institution, several of the old committee members having left the district. A now committee was appointed, and steps are to be taken to utilise the hall to the fullest extent, possible. Besides dancing, roller skating always a popular pastime during the winter months, is to be carried on.

So far the winter has been mild, practically no snow having fallen. Local potato crops are now being dug, and promise fairly, though they do not compare with those of last year. Demand, however, is much better, and the general opinion is that prices will be higher later on. Stock are in fair condition, the absence of severe cold being favorable to them.

Mr. Williamson, the Yetholme baker, who has for years supplied this district with bread, has just installed a Ford lorry for the round, the first load of bread per motor being delivered to-day (Friday).
Gradually, but steadily the motor is supplanting the horse throughout the district.

The death occurred on Saturday night of Mr. Robert Dowler, a highly esteemed resident of this district. He was taken ill on May 20, and on the following day was conveyed to St. Vincents Hospital, Bathurst, where for a few days his life was despaired of. Rallying, he returned home on Thursday last, and his health appeared to be better than it had been for some time. On Saturday evening, however, he collapsed at the tea table and died from heart failure. His brother, Mr. Harry Dowler, had been talking to him about two hours previously, and there did not appear then to be any cause for alarm. The deceased leaves a widow, five sons and five daughters.
The funeral took place this morning to the Catholic portion of the Kirkconnell Cemetery, and was one of the largest seen in the district for some time. All deceased workmates (employees of the Turon Shire Councils quarry at Yetholme), attended.

19-6-1925 Description of an area of 1 rood 32 perches at Sunny Corner, dedicated for National School, 10th January, 1865 the dedication and grant of which it is intended to revoke. All that piece or parcel of land containing an area of 1 rood 32 perches situated in the county, of Roxburgh, parish of Castleton, suburban lands of town of Sunny Corner.

29-6-1925 As an absurd story, apparently circulated by someone desirous of disposing of the hall, is going around, to the effect that the School of Arts is so heavily in debt that it is necessary to sell it to meet outstanding liabilities, it may be pertinent to point out that the savings bank balance alone is larger than the one small account owing, while cash in hand already amounts to a substantial total, and a large number of additional subscribers can be added to the already strong membership. In addition to this, if there were any necessity for such a step, many individual residents, both of Sunny Corner and Dark Corner, would personally, put up the cash required to pay off the small indebtedness referred to, sooner than have such a valuable asset

for the district pulled down and removed. If such a foolish idea was ever seriously entertained by anybody, it should be should be abandoned.

3-7-1925 FOR SALE.— Cottage and other buildings, suit, removal. Murray. Sunny Corner.

FOR SALE.— Cheap, carts, buggies, sulkies, good order, Murray, Sunny Corner.

8-7-1925 Mr. F. D. Cooper (Shire Clerk) reported to the Turon Shire Council yesterday that applications for renewal of licenses under the Cattle Slaughtering and Diseased Animals and Meat Act and under the Local Government Act, had been received from Messrs. Holloway Bros at Hill End, Messrs. Hodges and McAlister at Wattle Flat and Mr. Graham at Sunny Corner. The secretary recommended that the Wattle Flat request be granted and that the others be held over pending the receipt of the inspector's report.

Mr. C. L. Toyer wrote stating that he had purchased a cottage at Sunny Corner and that he was removing the cottage. He asked had he the right to remove the water pipes on the premises.

The clerk, was instructed to inform Mr. Toyer that the pipes could not be removed as they were the councils property.

20-7-1925 The German machine-gun presented to Sunny Corner at the close of the war, and kept for some time in one of the store windows, now lies in a disintegrated condition in the store building, someone having pulled it to pieces and left the parts lying around promiscuously. Some trouble was gone to, to obtain this war trophy for the district, and it is a pity that when the store closed it was not removed for safe keeping to some other place, such as the school premises. If only as a mechanical exhibit, the weapon possesses interest.

20-7-1925 The light from the naval searchlight display in Sydney on Saturday night last, was plainly visible at Sunny Corner, although it was some time before the cause of the unusual display was realised. The precise geographical position of Sydney is now manifest to many people who were rather hazy on the subject before. As the distance between Sunny Corner and Sydney, as the crow flies, is about 80 miles, the searchlight must be very powerful.

3-8-1925 The marriage was celebrated at Sunny Corner on July 30th by the Rev. Archdeacon Haviland, of Miss Sylvia Grabham, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Grabham, of Sunny Corner and Mr. C. T. Randall, of Portland. The bride wore a becoming gown of pale pink crepe-de-chine and lace. Her tulle veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossom. She carried a posy of pale pink baby roses and sweet peas. Miss Leila Sharp was bridesmaid, and wore a frock of pale blue cashmere desoie, with pretty black hat. Mr. W. Grabham, brother of the bride was best man.

Lunch was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Randall will reside in Portland.

7-8-1925 News of the sudden death of Mr. Frank Twemlow, of Wiseman's Creek, came as a great shock to residents of Sunny Corner district, where Mr. Twemlow, who had for many years visited the locality purchasing skins, was universally known and liked.

Only a week or so before his death he passed through the district buying skins, and promised to return again in a month.

15-8-1925 Campsie Church has lost a loyal and generous member by the death of Mary Jane Rogers, who for the last thirteen years took an active part in all its work. She had known many great sorrows. At the age of nineteen, the young man to whom she was engaged to be married, and through whose human instrumentality she was led to God, was killed.

Her husband, to whom she was married at the age of thirty-two, was blinded in a mining accident at Sunny Corner, and died about five years ago. Her son, Elton Rogers, who was a public school teacher and a local preacher, held in the highest esteem for his gifts and service, was killed at Pozieres on the 24th July 1916.

At the age of twelve she was church organist at Tambaroora, and later on occupied the same position at Hill End.

21-8-1925 Messrs. Drysdale Scott and M. Collins lately performed rather a feat in removing a home loving cow from the property of Messrs. Wade at Meadow Flat. A previous attempt by another party to induce this animal to leave her happy home and supply the demand for beef in Portland, resulted in so pronounced a failure that it was locally prophesied nobody would ever induce her to pass through the sliprails alive. Last week however, the deed was done, and if the cow had any misgivings they were well justified, it being safe to say she will not return to Meadow Flat no more.

11-9-1925 That the chances of a mining revival at Sunny Corner have not yet passed away, is shown by a discovery that is occasioning much interest throughout the district.

Prospecting operations are being carried out on a lead-silver proposition situated on a 40 acre lease recently taken up by Messrs. Greatz and Kerr, about three miles from Sunny Corner, within a few hundred yards of the Sunny Corner-Portland road.

The lode, which was found by Mr. Geo: Kerr, of Homebush Sydney, has been traced for a quarter of a mile with a width of 20ft. or more, and the holders are very sanguine that surface indications stand for a big proposition. So far development is confined to trenching, and about 7ft. of sinking, gossan being struck at 2ft.

The gossan from the surface assayed 10oz. silver and 2dwts, gold but since then corussito or carbonate of lead has been struck, which is expected to assay very much higher in silver.

11-9-1925 HIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of the appointment of the Officer-in-Charge of Police for the time being at Sunny Corner as Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar and Officer authorised to issue miners' rights and business licenses, and as Bailiff of the Warden's Court at that place, published in the Government Gazette of the 28th November, 1919, being revoked, as from the 31st March, 1925.

Sir Dudley Rawson Stratford de Chair, the Governor of the State of New South Wales and its Dependencies, in the Commonwealth of Australia, in pursuance of the provisions of the Mining Act, 1908, and with the advice of the Executive Council, do, by this my Proclamation, cancel the notifications constituting the Lithgow and Sunny Corner Mining Divisions, published in the Government Gazette of the 9th October, 1900, and constitute the lands hereunder described a Mining Division under the name of the Lithgow Mining Division of the Bathurst Mining District, in lieu thereof to take effect on and from the 31st March, 1925.

With the advice of the Executive Council, do By this my Proclamation, cancel the Proclamation establishing a Warden's Court to be held at Sunny Corner, to take effect on and from 31st March, 1925.

28-9-1925 Two deaths occurred locally at the beginning of last week. Mrs. E. Grabham a very old resident of the district, died on Sunday the 20th at the residence of her son, Mr. A. Grabham, Dark Corner. Mrs. Grabham was about 80 and her and her late Husband Mr. Edward Grabham, were long identified with the district; and brought up a large family here, most of whom settled in the locality. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was largely attended.

Mrs. M. Bailey, an old Oberon resident, died on Monday the 21st at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. Kissell, West Mitchell. The remains were taken to Oberon for interment.

28-9-1925 Frederick Henry Garland, a farmer living on the Sunny Corner-Portland road, committed suicide yesterday afternoon. Garland, who was 47 years of age and a widower, lived in the same house as his cousin, Mr. Kemp, He appeared to have been worried recently. Yesterday afternoon he said he could stand it no longer.

He went to his bedroom and locked himself in. On entrance being effected he was found dead. Death was duo to his swallowing a dose of strychnine. Mr. Coroner Boyd held an inquest last night, and a verdict of suicide was recorded.

0-9-1925 Albert Calderbank appointed Teacher.

2-10-1925 A heavy fall of sleet and snow took place on Monday, beginning with rain on Sunday night. Since then the weather has been wintry, but appears now to be clearing again. Snow is still lying about everywhere. This was probably the heaviest fall of snow this year, and came as a surprise. The fall will do a great deal of good as the soil badly wanted a good soaking, which the snow will supply.

10-10-1925 The Sunny Corner school is again open, the teacher being, Mr. Calderbank, lately stationed at Ilford

Mrs. Macartney of Dark Corner the old lady of 94 years of age, who lives alongside the abandoned Paddy Lackey mine, is not in good health at present. The many people who admire her pluck in sticking to her old home despite her age, will unite in wishing her a speedy recovery.

14-10-1925 The death look place on Friday last at Meadow Flat of Mr. Thomas Wade, aged 83, who had resided all his life in the Tarana district. For some time he had been ailing. He is survived by one brother, whilst he had many relatives in and around Tarana and Tarana Quarries including Mrs Levi Dowler, Mrs John Wade. His remains were interred in the Kirkconnell cemetery on Sunday in the presence of a large cortege.

15-10-1925 Mrs. Little of Sunny Corner was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday, whither she was conveyed by the Bathurst District Ambulance.

19-10-1925 Monday the 12th October was, certainly one of the most unpleasant days experienced in Sunny Corner for years. Windy in the morning with a warm wind from the west blowing a gigantic dust storm swept over in the afternoon, accompanied by a fierce gale causing a bush fire in J. Staits paddock to spread with startling rapidity.

Fortunately it was held in cheek, by dint of hard work to prevent it doing damage to anything but grass till the rain came.

During the night there was a good fall of rain so that the day was not without its compensation.

20-10-1925 An area of about 40 acres is being grubbed of apple trees at Kirkconncll to make room for pine trees. Mr. Ralston, of Kirkconnell House, informed me that there are fish in the dams there up to 10 inches long. Food must be very plentiful for them as he said he tried all sorts of tempting baits but failed to get a bite.

23-10-1925 To-day Mr. Chifley will visit Sunny Corner, Dark Corner, Yetholme, Wambool, Locksley and Brewongle, and Kelso, at the latter place he will address the electors at 7 p.m.

29-10-1925 The death occurred at St. Vincent's Hospital, Bathurst, on Saturday, of Mrs. Caroline Littler, relict of Mr. John Littler, of Sunny Corner, in her 82nd year. She is survived by a grown-up family of sons and daughters, numerous grand-children, and several great-grand-children. Amongst the daughters is Mrs. H. C. W. Kear, of Mudgee, who was with her mother when she passed away. Her husband predeceased her 10 years ago. She was a native of the Bathurst district, and with her husband took a prominent part in the activities of the early pioneers. She was a remarkable woman in many respects, and retained all her facilities to the end. Up to a few weeks ago she could attend to her household duties, read, sew, darn, and look after a small vegetable plot. Her charitable work at the places in which she resided is remembered and frequently referred to in grateful terms by the old hands.

30-10-1925 Work has been stopped at the prospecting show near Garlands, nothing of any commercial value having been found. Many better shows are in the district and unworked, simply because the values they carry are not high enough to pay.

The social in aid of the school was very successful, a large attendance resulting. The Monte Carlo and balloon dances caused great amusement. To the usual piano and accordion was added banjo music by Mr. Davison, of Bathurst. A feature was the singing of "Ben Bolt" by Mr. P. Loneragan, a veteran of over 80 years. His fame as a singer was established at Sunny Corner long ago. The school will benefit as a result of the social to the extent of over £5.

2-11-1925 Sunny Corner has recently received some kudos as a result of the athletic prowess of Staff Cadet, Leo Ryan, of Duntroon College. At the annual sports held there on Saturday week he distinguished himself becoming the years college champion

4-11-1925 The euchre party and dance in the hall on Saturday night was well attended, and passed off very successfully. The ladies prize was won by Mrs. Hunter, of Dark Corner, Mr. J. Passeri winning the gents prize.

On Friday next, November 6, a social will be held in the hall in aid of the School of Arts at which novelty dances will be indulged in. Refreshments will be provided and a good attendance is confidently anticipated. Such a good dancing floor as the Sunny Corner hall possesses is made easily available by the ubiquitous motor car to people residing a long way off.

6-11-1925 The death occurred at the Lithgow hospital of Mr. John Henry Strickland, a pioneer of Sunny Corner at the age of 70. Mr. Strickland came to Lithgow about three months ago to spend a holiday with his sister, Mrs. Ellery, but became ill, and later was removed to hospital. The cause of death was senile decay. The deceased had lived a very strenuous life and was associated with the Corner in the days when silver and gold were to be had almost for the asking. His wife predeceased him many years ago. A grown-up family of 11 is left. A man of the bush, he was the soul of hospitality and one whose word in all his dealings was his bond.

12-11-1925 From Queensland to Bathurst. Looking bright and fresh despite their particularly long journey the Bathurst drovers, Messrs. J. and K. Wadman, arrived to-day with a big flock of sheep from Duranbandi Queensland.

The sheep, numbering 2,700 left the Queensland district towards the end of August. Drover Burges had charge of them to Mogil, a township 80 miles north of Walgett. There they were taken charge of by the Bathurst father and son. They have trudged the dusty roads for six weeks, coming via Coonamble, Dubbo, Yeoval, Orange, Millthorpe and the final stretch via the Blayney road.

On the journey only one sheep was lost. The sheep, which are the property of Messrs. Shumack, of Sunny Corner district, were to-day drafted at the saleyards before passing on to the owners property.

The sale of the sheep was directly effected by Messrs Shumack and Wilkins, Bathurst auctioneers.

23-11-1925 Mr. John Henry Sparks died at Lidsdale on Saturday night, under tragic circumstances. The deceased, who was 38 years of age, was a native of Sunny Corner, but had lived at Cullen Bullen for many years where he had been an employee of the Invincible Colliery Co. He was a keen sportsman, and was highly popular amongst all sections of the community, and recently received a presentation from the Cullen Bullen sports club on the occasion of his departure for Lidsdale, where he had gone to work in the Wallerawang colliery. He attended Wallerawang races on Saturday afternoon and returned to the house of Mr. Cunnynghame, where he was staying. He was playing the pianola after tea when he was taken ill and expired in a few minutes.

Death was due to heart trouble. He is survived by a widow and three daughters, the youngest being 14 years of age. The funeral was fixed to take place this (Monday) afternoon from the house of Mr. J. Case. Interment will be in the Catholic portion of the Bowenfels cemetery.

30-11-1925 Mrs Duncan Ferguson tendered her resignation as Post Mistress at Palmers Oaker as from end of year.

16-12-1925 A good fall of rain took place on Saturday night which will greatly benefit the pea crops. Early peas are now being picked.

As there will be no horse races at Sunny Corner on Boxing Day, a sports meeting will be held on the recreation ground, and a varied and attractive programme drawn up, while a dance will take place at night in the hall.

The annual Xmas tree function will take place at the hall on Xmas eve followed by a dance.

19-12-1925 From the Department of Mines, 3rd December, 1925 re Silver Sunny Corner. Adverting to my letter of the 19th September last with reference to reported discovery of Silver near Sunny Corner, I have to inform you that from a recent inspection by a Departmental Officer it would appear that operations have now ceased, the assay returns being unsatisfactory.

29-12-1925 The Boxing Day sports, held in the recreation ground, proved very popular, a large number of Portland and Cullen residents attended, as well as practically everybody from Sunny Corner and Dark Corner and a very enjoyable day was spent and the various events were carried out without a hitch, the promptness with which the programme was run-off being a praiseworthy feature. Such a sports meeting might well become an annual fixture at the Corner. The refreshment booth was kept by Mr. T. Fitzgerald, and supplied all wants. The dance at night was well attended, and brought to a close a very successful day. What was considered by many the most interesting and amusing event was the little girls race. The competitors discarded hats and shoes, and were all out to win. In the boys race it was arranged among the competitors that the winner had to "shout " 6d worth of lollies, and the victor was hardly allowed time to get his breath before he was escorted to Mr. Fitzgeralds booth, where the obligation was discharged. In view of the success of this function it is suggested that later on another sports meeting be held to purchase material for improvements to the recreation ground fence and that a working-bee be organised to supply the necessary labor. It is a pretty and well improved ground now, and it would be a pity to let it fall into disrepair. Even in the worst of heat waves Sunny Corner can always supply a pleasant day for sport. At 4500ft. it is seldom really hot.

The principal events were as follow. Throwing at cricket stump, J; Passeri, Highjump R. Brownlow. 100; yards race, G. Montgomery 1, J. Brownlow 2. Quoit match, Peter Munro. Stepping 100 yards Dudley McLeay 1., Stepping 100 yards (ladies) Miss B Williams 1., Mrs J. Stait 2. Childrens race (girls) Miss Melba Smith and Kathleen Sharp tied twice and divided the prize., Boys race 50 yards Dudley McLeay 1, R. Shumack 2. Ladies race Misses M. Sparks and E. Sharp tied. In the run off Miss Sharp won, Breaking the jar, J. Martin.

In the tennis match between Cullen Bullen and Sunny Corner held on the recreation ground court on Boxing Day, the Sunny Corner team won.

The Xmas Tree held in the School of Arts on Xmas Eve passed off very successfully. There was a large attendance, the children of the district being much in evidence. Various amusements were indulged in, the whole terminating with a dance. Piano music was supplied, by Mrs. Lawler. It is hoped that there will be a substantial profit for the benefit of the School of Arts.

The weather on Xmas Eve as it has been consistently lately was perfect from a holiday point of view, warm in the day and cool at night.

Pea and potato crops however would be much benefited by a good fall of rain soon, the ground being very dry.

Some good scores were put up in the cricket match, Sunny Corner Yetholme played at Yetholme on Boxing Day, and although Yetholme won by 281 runs to 256, Sunny Corner players justifiably felt that while beaten, they were not

disgraced. For Yetholme Phil Lawler with the fine total of 146, and J. Kervin with 55, put up top scores, while the best scorers for the losers were Aiden Shumack 65, J. Baker 43, R. Passeri 42, J. Passeri 42, Bruce McLeay 21, and Harold Stait 11.

1926

5-1-1926 The P.M.G. writes to Mr. A. G. Manning M.H.H. as follows. - I have to intimate that the postmaster at Palmer's Oakey has resigned the position from the end of the year and my enquiry has failed to secure a suitable person in the locality to take over the duties it has been decided to close the office as from January 1st 1926.

Palmers Oakey Post Office closed at the end of 1926, Postal Inspector reported only six families in Palmers Oakey & they were satisfied with a roadside mail delivery instead of a Post Office.

6-1-1926 Miss Nella Ryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ryan, late of the public school, Sunny Corner, has just succeeded in gaining her B.A. degree at Sydney University.

13-1-1926 A quiet wedding was celebrated in the Methodist Church on the 30th inst., the celebrating parties being Miss Leila Sharp fifth daughter of' Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharp, and Mr. W. Grabham of Sunny Corner, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Grabham. Miss Nellie Sharp was bridesmaid, and Mr. C. Sharp filled the position of best man. The Rev. A. Simpson of Portland officiated. The immediate friends of the bride attended a reception at the home of her parents.

18-1-1926 Mr. R. Grabham, who has until recently been engaged in butchering in Sunny Comer, and was about to resume operations, lost his best horse early on Sunday morning January 10, under peculiar circumstances.

The animal which had a bell on was heard galloping past its owners residence on Saturday night, but as other horses were also galloping about this caused no special concern. On looking for it on Sunday however its tracks were found at the corner of the police station paddock, in the angle between the Dark Corner and Bathurst roads, while blood stains were showing on the ground. Eventually the body of the animal was found lying on its back in a gully about 10ft. deep behind Mr. Grabhams residence with two severe wounds in the head, the skull being smashed in. Tracking operations tend to show in the opinion of several residents who took part, that the horse was lying down on the piece of smooth land at the corner of the police paddock and after the wounds were inflicted, struggled wildly for several hundred yards, falling into gullies and blackberry bushes on its way, eventually falling into the place where it was found. At first it was thought that the injuries might, have been caused by a kick from another horse or from some sharp projection that the animal might have galloped into. Apparently, however the wounds were inflicted on a piece of clear ground where there was nothing of a dangerous nature while it is the general opinion that such injuries could not have been caused by a kick. Close examination of the head shows that there is one hole about I inches in diameter close to the eye with another about an inch across about an inch away higher and more towards the middle of the head, while the skin is cleanly cut part of the way from the larger hole towards the smaller. In both holes the skulk is smashed in, and splintered into the brain.

It is now thought that the horse was lying down when wounded, and that the injuries were caused by blows from some instrument like a tomahawk, pick, or shingling hammer.

Much sympathy is expressed locally for Mr. Grabham to whom the loss of such a valuable animal, for which he lately refused an offer of £14, is a severe blow at the present time.

22-1-1926 A largely attended public meeting was held in the School of Arts on Tuesday in reference to a proposal to establish a State forest at Sunny Corner. Mr. J. S. Murray occupied the chair, and the good roll up of the local public showed that the matter is arousing a live interest. In September 1924 this proposition arose in the shape of the submittal to the trustees of the common of a plan taking in part of the common and asking whether they would offer any objection to the portion included being dedicated as a State forest. The trustees decided to offer no objection, considering that the establishment of such a forest would be both a local and material benefit, but owing, it appears, to reluctance on the part of the Mines Department to agree to the proposal nothing definite resulted. Sunny Corner however, being particularly suitable, in the opinion of Forestry experts, for the purpose of a State Forest, a further attempt is to be made to arrive at a satisfactory standpoint, to which end the meeting was held.

Put briefly, the general opinion was that the establishment of such a forest would be a great benefit, provided that a recrudescence of the mining industry should not be made impossible by the whole of the common being reserved for forestry operations.

As the principal mineral belt of the country is naturally the roughest and least fitted for the planting purposes, it was held that the granting of a large portion for forestry and the reservation for mining purposes of the other section could easily coincide, to the mutual benefit of both industries. Sooner or later the best of country, including such once valuable properties as the Sunny Corner, Silver King, Nevada, Big Hill and Little Hill mining propositions must receive another trial, and the fact that other portions of the district were adding to local and national prosperity by growing valuable timber would rather add to the chances of mineral development that detract from them.

After discussing the question the following resolutions were unanimously carried:

(I) That this public meeting of residents and commoners of Sunny Corner and district, unanimously agrees to urge upon; the Mines Department the desirability of granting for forestry purposes the most suitable portions of Sunny Corner Common, with reasonable reservations of the principal mining sections;

(2) That a petition to that effect be drawn up for signatures by commoners and residents of the district. It is stated that the trees to be planted would be pious morguis and pious ponderosa, and the many specimens of the former variety growing locally for ornamental purposes show that soil and climate are very suitable. In regard to the commercial value of pious morguis as grown under forestry conditions, it is interesting to note South Australian results, as detailed by Mr. Walter Gill, State Conservator of Forests, at an Interstate Conference of foresters in 1922. A plantation of 73 acres of pinus insignis, covering a period of 28 years had produced 5 million super feet of wood, realising on sale £21,000, being a net average return over cost of land at £5 per acre, and all other expenses, of £234 av. acre, or a profit of £8 7s per acre per year for the 28 years involved.

As the price of timber owing to the increasingly rapid rate of forest destruction throughout the timber-supplying parts of the world, is continually rising, those who advocate energetic tree planting operations seem to have sound logic on their side.

29-1-1926 Following upon the heat of the past few days a devastating bushfire, extending over nearly 30 miles, is sweeping over Meadow Flat and Tarana district.

All day yesterday hundreds of volunteers fought the flames and at onetime threatened Meadow Flat Post Office, the public school, and adjacent residences. After a strenuous fight, the fire was turned, after having reached within 200 yards of the first building. Stock stampeded in all directions.

The fire started on Mr. Vornons property, near Yetholme, swept across Eusdale to Diamond Swamp Road, consuming thousands of acres of grass, and many miles of fencing, on the holdings of Messrs. Harry Jude and John Kemp. Mr, John Kerr was also a heavy loser, about 2000 acres of grass on his holding being destroyed. His homestead was only missed by a few hundred yards.

Other sufferers are Mr. Norman Payne, of Meadow Flat, and Mr. Kemp lost portion of his orchard in the same locality. Mr. A. Browns orchard was saved after a stubborn fight, after a few panels of fencing had been devoured by the flames.

All night the fire fighters fought unceasingly and to-day the flames had been checked to such an extent that a message received at Tarana stated that the services of additional volunteers was unnecessary.

It was the largest and most destructive bush fire in the Bathurst district for many years. If the heat continues further outbreaks are expected, as localities covered with thick, dry grass.

FIRE BREAKS BACK.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon a report from Tarana stated that after the fire fighters had cheeked the fire, the flames broke back, and proceeded in a southerly direction, threatening Kirkconnell, Rydal, and Tarana. A strong wind nullified the efforts of the hundreds of fire-fighters, who are feeling the strain of their two days battle.

The fire entered the grounds of the Church of England at Meadow Flat, and came within a few feet of the building. The weatherboard school house at Meadow Flat was saved by being kept thoroughly saturated.

It is estimated that so far about 18,000 acres of grass have been destroyed, together with many miles of fencing. No loss of stock has yet been reported.

19-2-1926 The death of Mr. John Pigg, a very old Sunny Corner resident, took place at the Portland hospital on Friday. For many years he had lived at Tyndalls Flat, a short distance from Sunny Corner close to Mr. A. Sparks farm. He was about 83 years of age, and had been failing for some time.

With the exception of two fair thunder storms, one on last Monday and one a week before, very hot dry weather has been experienced locally, and the outlook for grass for the winter is very unfavorable, while the supply of water, excepting a few of the best springs, is not at all plentiful.

The grasshopper pest is very bad, and has done a lot of damage to pea and bean crops, besides destroying any voting grass as soon as it appears. A cheap and effective method of exterminating grasshoppers would be of great value at present.

12-3-1926 Mr, George McDonald, who for several years has conducted a motor service between Portland and Lithgow, has disposed of his business to Messrs. Whiteman and McAnder, and intends settling on the land.

George proved a very obliging and popular proprietor during the period, he conducted his business, and many will extend to him the best wishes for a prosperous time in his new sphere at Sunny Corner.

22-3-1926 Mr. George Julius Morpeth, 78 was brought to the Lithgow hospital this morning by the Wang police, and admitted in a serious condition, suffering from a bullet wound in the head. Mr. Morpeth had been a resident of Sunny Corner for over 40 years, but for the past two months has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Francis, of Wallerawang, The old man was discovered by Mrs. Francis on the veranda about 8 o'clock' this morning in a state of collapse, following a shot. A revolver with one chamber discharged, was found nearby. Mrs. Francis immediately informed the police.

Mr. Morpeth has been a great sufferer from rheumatism for some time, and generally his health has not been good.

29-3-1926 A pretty wedding was solemnised at Kirkeonnell on Saturday by the Rev. Fr. Casey, of Portland. The parties were Miss T. Dowler and Mr. W. Kemp. The bride, who was given away by her brother Ernest, wore a very becoming dress of ivory crepe-dc-ehinc, and the usual wreath and veil. She also carried a bouquet of white carnations and asparagus fern. The bridesmaids, Miss H. Dowler(sister of the bride), and Miss G. Kemp (niece of the bridegroom), wore mauve dresses and mob caps, and carried bouquets of white lilies and asparagus fern. The reception was held at the residence of the brides sister. The happy couple left by the mail train for Sydney.

14-4-1926 Mrs. C. Murray, one of Sunny Corners oldest and best respected residents, has decided to leave the district, and the whole of her property, including the building which was the last hotel in Sunny Corner to close, will be submitted by auction next Saturday by Mr. John Murray. Besides the usual furniture and effects associated with a home of many years standing, the sale will comprise many relies of the days when Sunny Corners primary industry was mining, and the late Mr. C. Murray was a mine owner and battery proprietor, as well as hotel-keeper. Mrs. Murrays departure will be universally regretted throughout the district, while many a swagman who has profited by her unfailing hospitality will hear with sorrow that the old place shelters her no more. Many a weary and impecunious traveller has received a good feed and refilled tucker bags from Mrs. Murray.

Sunny Corner can boast of three more motor conveyances, one being Mr. G. McDonnalds, Buick car, while Messrs. T. Fitzgerald and L. 0. Wilkinson have both invested in motor lorries.

Poisoning rabbits with thistle roots is being carried on with a good deal of success throughout the district, and a good many rabbits have been exterminated. While it entails no danger to stock, this method of poisoning, in experienced hands, appears likely to curtail the pest to a marked degree. While it does not lead to the destruction of native birds, as with phosphatised pollard.

Mr. Harold Smith, son of Mr. William Smith, of West Mitchell, has been passed for the police force, and left last week to enter upon his new career. Previously Mr. Smith was engaged in coal-mining at Cullen Bullen. It is the second local resident to join the force in recent years, Mr. E, Fitzgerald being the first.

15-4-1926 Officials of the Forestry Department have visited Sunny Corner, and it is understood that an immediate start will be made to plant a pine forest on the Common.

28-4-1926 by Cecil Poule. “and so went through Palmers Oakey. I enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. D. Ferguson, en route. Mr. Ferguson, unfortunately, had been in ill health.

The night was spent at "Warrie" station. The bungalow homestead is quite the most charming of any visited by me for the "Mercury." Facing north, a rather steep fall runs from the residence. At the back and to east and west rise the hills, clothed, with faint, but growing green. The well kept raised lawn within a privet hedge was of a deeper emerald.

The house itself is bright and handsome, and it may be guessed how well it looked in such surroundings, and under soft and morning sunlight.

Since I was last there, Mr. Thompson has married. "Warrie" has waited for some time for a chatelaine, the waiting was worthwhile. Mrs. Thompson is a daughter of Mr. Barlow, who was Government surveyor at Dubbo, and other centres. He now lives in retirement at Moss Vale.

The Thompson Bros, have lately acquired Lowther House that massively built brick house which, for so long, has been a land mark to tourists on their way to the Caves.

It has been renovated generally, balconies added, etc. It is charge of Mr. L. Rosewame, a soldier with a good war record.

By the way, in the room I occupied at "Warrie", was a capital oil painting of Govetts Leap. It was probably by Collinridge, anyhow it was most reminiscent of that artist.

I seem to become more and more absent minded. At "Warrie" I broke my own record. That night, after dinner, we were all seated round a noble fire in the drawing-room. Mr. Thompson paid me a small account with a half-note, and some silver. I crossed the room to write a receipt. On the way, the crumpled note in my hand suggested to my own subjectivity, paper crumpled up for the fire. So, I turned and shot the lot in the heart of the blaze. Realised what I'd done before it reached the grate. Some silver was fished out then and the maid found the rest in the morning. But the note. The working of the mental processes is the most fascinating of studies. It should be so, for after all, God and His universes exist for each of us, only in each mind. Which accounts for many things. Mr. Thompson insisted on replacing the note, I declined at first. But, soon saw the logic of his position. After all, it was his fire that destroyed my ten bob.

7-5-1926 Mr. D. O'Dell, a resident for many years, and one who worked for a long time in the Sunny Corner mine, is at present in hospital in Bathurst suffering from an abscess on one arm. His many friends hope that he will soon return cured.

10-5-1926 Hon. J. Dooley has received the following from the Minister for Education: "I desire to inform you that I have approved of the invitation of tenders for the erection of a new building for the Kirkconnell public school.

25-5-1926 The death occurred at his residence at Hornsby on Monday, of Mr. John Cook, 64, a resident of this district for a great many years. He was identified with the old mining days at Sunny Corner, being part owner of the famous Paddy Lackey mine. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. R. F. Lean.

4-6-1926 The death occurred at his residence, Bells Road, Oakey Park, last night, of Mr. James Gant, a well-known and highly esteemed resident. Although deceased had been in ill health for a long tune, his death came unexpectedly. Mr. Gant, who until a few months ago was employed at the Oakey Park colliery, was born at Sunny Corner, and resided here for about twelve years. He was 63 years of age, and has left a widow and family of five daughters and five sons. He was of an unassuming and cheery nature, and won the respect of all. The sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to the sorrowing relatives. The funeral is fixed for Saturday afternoon at 2.

7-6-1926 Mr. John Cook whose death at the age of 56 at Hornsby, was one of the best known mining men in this State, and was associated with Sunny Corner during the latter portion of the boom days. A native of the Corner, he was the second son of the old pioneering families of that district. Quite early in life he became a partner in the company which successfully worked the famous Paddy Lackey gold mine at Dark Corner. With the death of Mr. Cook, only one of the partners now remains, namely Mr. N. Poyitt, who is a resident of Wahroonga. The company (and for this Mr. Cook was instrumental) was the first to use the cyanide process for extracting gold from the battery tailings, and this undoubtedly prolonged the life of the mine by reason of the additional value of the gold recovered. The process proved most successful, and has since been generally adopted. Like most of the gold mines, the Paddy Lackey decreased in value as the depth increased, and about 20 years ago it was abandoned after having been worked between 25 and 30 years.

Following the closure Mr. Cook with his friend Mr. Poyitt continued association with various mining concerns in the district, and also in many parts of the State up to about three years ago. His services as a metallurgist were much sought after especially in regard to the treatment of tailing dumps. The deceased was a prominent Methodist, and was an active member of the church, both at Sunny Corner and Hornsby, where he held office. He married the eldest daughter of the late Robert and Mrs. Mann, of Sunny Corner and has left a family of five. The oldest (Harold) is practising as an architect in Brisbane.

21-6-1926 The Rev. Harold Wheen a prominent Methodist Minister, well-known in Mudgee, died at Roseville Sydney, on Friday morning, aged 58 years. At one time he was stationed at Sunny Corner. A widow and eleven children survive.

30-6-1926 Mr. J. Dooley, M.L.A., has received a communication from the Lands Department stating that the department had agreed to the dedication by the Forestry Commission of part of the Sunny Corner temporary common as a State forest.

14-7-1926 Mrs. C. Murray has left for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Fitzgerald, now living at St. Mary's, where Mr. J. J. Fitzrgerald is conducting a butchering business.

Mr. J. Murray is also leaving for a visit to Sydney, and expects to be away for some time.

With the store building and the one time hotel both empty, the centre of the old township presents a deserted aspect. The police station building, pulled down some time ago, has been nearly all carted away per motor lorry to its new destination, somewhere near O Connell. The purchaser obtained a large amount of material from the building, which was built in the days when timber was considerably cheaper than it is now.

Mr. D. O Dell after a few weeks in hospital in Bathurst, has returned to Sunny Corner much improved in health.

Mr. Alf Sparks one of the oldest residents of Sunny Corner has gone to Sydney to undergo an operation there. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

22-7-1926 The death occurred at Sunny Corner, a few days ago, of Mr. Abe Grabham, aged 62. The deceased, who was born at sea, was attracted to Sunny Corner with several relatives whilst in his teens, and the gold fever caught him before he had reached manhood. He became interested in the Paddy Lackie mine, and did well out of it for a while. In later years the deceaseds ventures were so unprofitable that he abandoned mining, and took up a small farm, which he worked successfully. He was injured on two or three occasions whilst following mining operations, and that influenced him to quit the calling. The deceased was well and favorably known in the district, and is survived by a family of 7 sons, and two daughters.

4-8-1926 Tenders are again out for the various mail contracts. Mr. E. McKinnon, mail contractor Rydal to Sunny Corner-Yetholme and return, has successfully carried out his contract during the three years without missing a day, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He will no doubt again tender.

6-8-1926 A remarkably sudden change in the weather occurred on Tuesday. The day came in with beautifully warm spring like weather, which continued till about 3.30 p.m. Then an ominous bank of clouds blew up from the north-west, to the growling of far off thunder, and by 5 o'clock it was snowing. On Wednesday morning the whole place was white, and the snow looks as if it is going to be for some time. This will be the first snow of the year.

11-8-1926 An old identity of the district, in that person of Mr. William Goodall, died at the residence of Mr. Thomas Hartigan on Wednesday. The late Mr. Goodall was born in London seventy-six years ago, and served in the army in India for fourteen years. Coming to Australia 41 years ago, he engaged in mining pursuits, and was a resident of Sunny Corner for twenty five years, and thus had many a good story to tell of the "Corner" in its palmy days. He then went to reside at Palmers Oakey, and there conducted an apiary.

The late Mr. Goodall continued to live on the Turon until, quite recently, when ill-health, consequent upon an accident, necessitated his removal to Capertee. A sister survives him, she having quite lately resigned her position as mistress of a high school in England. The deceased was well-known locally, and was esteemed as a man of superior mental equipment, as well as for his courteous and kindly manner. The remains were interred in the local cemetery, the Rev. Archdeacon Haviland conducting the burial service.

8-9-1926 The news of the death of Mr. C. Francis in Sydney, came as a great shook to residents of Sunny Corner where the deceased was born. For some years employed in the store formerly conducted by Mr. R. Bulkeley in Sunny Corner. Mr. Francis was well known throughout the district, while his wife was also a native of the locality, being a daughter of Mr. J. Martin of Dark Corner. Her brother, Mr. J. Martin, was on a visit to Sydney, when the accident occurred. Much sympathy is extended by all who know him to his widow and relatives.

Mr. T. Egan has returned to Sunny Corner to resume work on the Great Western tunnel, having temporarily abandoned operations there owing to the wet weather; Some very rich ore was found years ago in this mine, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Egan, who has had a very wide experience of mining, will be able to locate a body of similar stone. Both load silver and copper ore were found there by the former holders, the latter being, it is said in a winze in which water stopped mining operations.

Referendum Day passed off quietly, and though it was bright, and sunny, it was extremely cold with a sharp frost at night. The votes counted at the Sunny Corner polling booth, which included those of Dark Corner and Meadow Flat, resulted:- Industry and Commerce: Yes, 72, No, 49, informal, 4. Essential Services: Yes, 69, No, 53, informal 3;

The Sports Club, in which Mr. J. Passeri is the leading spirit, has commenced to repair the fence of the recreation ground, an improvement which is badly needed, while grass is to be planted on the bare patches on the hill behind the cricket pitch. When finished, the appearance and utility of the ground should be greatly improved. Unfortunately one of the gates was removed by a party with a lorry, while a good deal of damage was done by the same people to the seats at the tennis court. It is believed that the marauders came from Lithgow, and as the value of the articles was small in comparison with the trouble and inconvenience caused by their removal, it was a particularly mean act of petty vandalism.

Owing to the large number of unauthorised stock on the Sunny Corner Common, the owners of which in many cases have taken no notice of repeated requests to remove them, the trustees have decided to institute an impounding crusade, and send a batch of horses and cattle to the Wang pound,

13-10-1926 Mrs. B. Sharp, who recently returned from Sunny Corner to Portland to reside, is seriously ill in Portland hospital, and her many friends will wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Sharp is a native of Sunny Corner and owns a farm between here and Meadow Flat.

21-10-1926 Mr Digby is now in charge of the Rydal -Sunny Corner -Yetholme mail service. Mr. E. McKinnon, who has successfully conducted the mail service, intends severing his connection with the same at the end of the year.

Quite a gloom was cast over Sunny Corner by the news received last Friday of the death of Mrs. Fred Symons, of West Mitchell, who died in Sydney, after a short illness. Mrs. Symons, who was a Miss Odgers before marriage was one of a well known Sunny Corner family. She has left a husband and seven children, the eldest being 11 and the youngest three weeks. Much sympathy is extended to the family and relatives.

Mrs. Ben Sharp is still seriously ill in Portland Hospital and her condition is causing her family grave anxiety.

Mr. John Murray who has spent several months in Sydney has returned to Sunny Corner, and his mother Mrs. C. Murray is returning in a week or so.

22-10-1926 The death occurred in the Portland hospital on Tuesday of Mrs. B. Sharp, for many years residing between Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat. Mrs. Sharp was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Shipley, for many years living at Sunny Corner, and was married to the late Mr. Ben Sharp, of Meadow Flat. Left a widow several years ago, Mrs. Sharp brought up a large family, the youngest now being 16. Married daughters are Mrs J. Dickie of Portland, and Mrs. M. 0. Brien, of Kandos. Mrs. Sharp left her farm some months ago to reside in Cullen street Portland. For about three weeks she was an inmate of the Portland hospital. Much sympathy is extended by her many friends to her family and relations.

25-10-1926 Mrs. J. Ford of Sunny Corner an old resident of the place is at present not enjoying her usual good health, but it is hoped that her illness will be of short duration.

A very enjoyable function took place on Monday, when Mr. Calderbank, our local schoolmaster, and Mrs. Calderbank gave a birthday party at the recreation ground, in honor of the ninth birthday of Miss Hilda Dow, Mrs Calderbanks sister. Practically all the children of Sunny Corner attended, besides a number of grown-ups, and the function ended with a well attended dance in the hall at night.

10-12-1926 In place of the races formerly held at Sunny Corner on Boxing Day, a sports meeting is to be held at the recreation ground. A very attractive programme, comprising many items of pedestrian and athletic events, will be carried out, and judging by the public support accorded to the similar meeting last Boxing Day (the first of these fixtures) a very enjoyable and successful day should result.

29-12-1926 Although local pea crops have been light, owing to the long spell of dry weather experienced till just before Xmas some growers have obtained high prices for their peas in the Sydney markets. Given normal conditions the quality of Sunny Corner peas is exceptionally good, and the standard of picking is considerably higher than that of many pea growing centres. Purchasers of local peas can generally rely on getting well filled pods, which is not the case with a large number of consignments from other places. Whatever is the top price in Sydney markets, Sunny Corner peas usually get pretty near to it. The present abnormal price of peas, however, is not altogether advantageous, as it apparently leads to promote enterprise of a predatory order, one local grower having lost a bushel or so of peas which had been left out overnight: Next morning there were some tracks, but no peas. Last year nobody troubled about stealing peas, but when the market price gets over £1 per bushel mark, principles evidently weaken.

The secretary of the Sunny Corner Common has received a memo from the Forestry Officer at Bathurst stating that an area of 3625 acres has been dedicated as a State forest at Sunny Corner under the name of the Sunny Corner State Forest.

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25-1-1927 Motor Tyre And Meter Case At Police Court Crown Cases Break Down.

A middle-aged Palmers Oakey farmer, named Ewen McKinnon pleaded not guilty at the Bathurst Police Court on Monday morning to a charge that on December 11 1926, in a building of Thomas Macabbee, of Yetholme, he had a motor tyre in his possession reasonably suspected of having been stolen. Mr. J. S. Scobie, S.M., was, on the Bench,

Sen. Sgt. Daley prosecuted, while Mr. W. H. Henlen appeared for defendant.

Evidence was given by Constable Randall, stationed at O'Connell, to the affect that on December 11 he was at Maccabees home at Yetholme, where he saw defendant whom he asked to remove his goods from Maccabees shed. Defendant picked out some tyres, and produced one (submitted in court), saying "this is not my tyre." Allan Maccabee was present, and he remarked to defendant, "You know whose property it is." Defendant replied, "Well it must belong to Clarrie Roberts." A tyre and tube had been reported as stolen from Maccabees but it was not similar to the one produced.

Cross examined by Mr. Henlen witness said McKinnon told him it was not his tyre, but he did not deny ever having it in his possession. He found out that Maccabee had several tyres in his shed, and that several had been taken away by other people from there, but none brought there.

Mr. Scobie: Who has access to the shed? Witness: The Maccabees and the defendant.

Mr. Henlen: Didn't Clarrie Roberts have access too? Witness: Only to the yard.

Allan Maccabee, farmer, residing at Yetholme, said defendant had often brought tyres to his place, the last occasion being about nine or ten months ago. There was a similar tyre to the one produced taken from the shed by defendant in the presence of Constable Randall and witness. Defendant had told him he had picked up a motor meter and had bought a tyre similar to the one produced from a man at Rydal. He was present when Constable Randall questioned him, and McKinnon told the constable that Roberts (to whom be had often lent tyres) might have returned the tyre in question in place of one lent him.

In reply to Mr. Henlen, witness said the shed, which was close to the road, was never locked. The tyre (produced) was practically worn out. A tyre similar to the subject one he saw in McKinnons car some eight or nine months ago.

Did Constable Randall say anything about defendant being lower than a snake? further asked Mr. Henlen.

Witness: I did not hear the constable say that.

Clarence Raymond Roberts, a farmer, residing at Glanmire, said he had access to Macabee's shed, but did not leave any tyres there similar to the one produced. Defendant had lent him two tyres. That tyre in court was not his property.

Mr. Henlen pressed for a dismissal, as there was not a tittle of evidence of theft let alone any reasonable suspicion.

The police case is too weak," said Mr. Scobie, "and I must discharge the defendant.

Mr. Henlen: I never heard in my life, of such a frivolous case brought against a respectable man.

Mr. Scpbie: In these cases it is hard to disprove, and if the police came and asked me where I got some of the furniture in my house, I could not explain, where I got It. (Laughter).

NEXT CASE A Motor Meter.

McKinnon was then charged that on December 11th in the house of Hugh Ferguson, he had a motor meter in his possession, reasonably suspected of having been stolen. He pleaded not guilty.
Constable Randall said on the day in question he went to Mr. Hughie Fergusons home at Palmers Oakey and there saw defendant. He asked him where was the motor meter he had offered for sale. Defendant replied, "I still have it. As you seem to know all about it I will go and get the meter." He went and got the meter from Fergusons house. When questioned as to where he got the meter defendant replied, "I picked it up about half a mile from Rydal on the main Sydney road. Defendant, admitted that he had offered the meter for sale to Macabbee, McKinnon said he did not advertise having found the article, nor did he make any attempt to locate the owner.
In answer to Mr. Henlen witness said he had reason, to suspect that defendant had not picked up the motor.
Allan Macabbee gave evidence that defendant told him he had picked up the subject article. He had left the meter in witness mothers possession for 12 months.
Mr. Henlen submitted there was no case to answer, but the Bench called upon defendant for an explanation.
Defendants Explanation.
Defendant, residing with his brother-in-law, Hugh Ferguson at Palmers Oakey and for six years a mail contractor said he found the meter about two and a half miles this side of Rydal on the main western road. He took the article to Mrs. Macabbee at her husbands wine shop at Yetholme, and told her to keep it in case it was claimed. He kept a look out in the Bathurst and Lithgow papers for any advertisement about the lost meter, but such did not appear.
In answer to Sgt. Daley defendant said he believed he told the constable at Rydal about finding the meter. He did not offer the meter for sale, a few days after picking it up.
Mr. Scobie held that defendant had taken reasonable steps to locate the owner in the circumstances and dismissed the charge. No order was made in respect of the meter.

18-2-1927 Mrs. William Bennett, a very old resident of Dark Corner, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Thos. Fitzgerald, West Mitchell, on Friday afternoon.
Mrs. Bennett, who was 80 years old at the time of her death, had lived for many years at Dark Corner, and had brought up a large family. Her husband predeceased her by several years, but Mrs. Bennett continued to occupy the old home not far from the residence of one of her sons, Mr. E. J. Bennett. Surviving members of the family are Mrs. Chas. Edwards Glanmire, Mrs. Shanahan, Bankstown, Mrs. Tobin, Raglan, Mrs. Dunn, Brewarrina, and Messrs. William Charles and George Herbert Bennett (Queensland); Samuel Bennett (Coff's Harbor); and Edward James Bennett, Dark Corner.
She has left 55 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. The body was interred in the Catholic cemetery at Dark Corner on Monday morning, the funeral being very largely attended, the wealth of flowers covering the coffin testifying to the widespread regret and sympathy felt throughout the district.
Mrs. Bennett was noted far and wide for her great energy and unfailing cheerfulness, and to the time of her death her mental faculties were bright and undimmed as ever, her interest in topics of the day and current events being keen to the end. Great sympathy for the bereaved is felt by her many friends throughout the district, "Old Mrs. Bennett" was admired and respected by all.

21-2-1927 One of the oldest identities in the district died at his home at Sunny Corner Road, Portland. He was Mr. Charles William Ashe, (81) who for some time had been ailing, though his death came as a shock to most people. He was born at Bathurst in 1846, and was educated at King's School, Parramatta. In 1872 he married a Miss Smith of Bathurst, at one time considered to be the belle of that town. They were married at St. John's Church, Glebe Point, the first ceremony to take place in that church. He was until the time of his death the oldest J.P. in the State. He has left behind his widow, nine children, thirty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

8-3-1927 A most amazing happening is reported from Sunny Corner. It appears a public school teacher threatened to suspend three boys if their conduct did not improve and their parents holding that the offences complained of were too trivial to justify such an attitude, removed the children from school until an inquiry was held. The inquiry was conducted by Inspector Dart, who made a very full and careful investigation which, it is reported, did not disclose anything of a serious nature. The threat of suspension, which is unique in local public school history, is thus withdrawn.

11-3-1927 Near Sunny Corner I called on Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, stopped for lunch, and ultimately remained for the night. Mr. W. is an old journalist, and was for a number of years on the Charter's Towers 'Northern Miner.' As well, he had much mining experience, and has written extensively upon it. His imaginative work to has been of distinction and success. It is my native kindness, not my experience, which leads me to differentiate between mining reports and imaginative literature. Mrs. Wilkinson and the family are as bright as kind. Miss Wilkinson, especially, adds an exceptionally keen intelligence to other attractions. She will write successfully, I fancy.

The S.C. school is now taught by Mr. A. E. Calderbank, a young man of whom parents speak well. He has been there for 15 months from near Wahgunyah, the estate of that very worthy gentleman, Mr. W. Sutton.

Miss Attwell attends assiduously to the duties of the local P.O.

Mr. E. J. Murray was back, batching for a few weeks in the old pub, formerly kept by his family. With the Guyra pub, it used to run about dead heat for second highest in the State, Kiandra beating both by a couple of hundred feet. Now, of course, the swagger joint in the Snowy Tableland licks the lot of them.

Re S.C. mine, before the war, arrangements had been made with German correspondents to send a parcel of ore to Zeebrugge in Belgium for treatment. Instead, a visit was made by certain monitors and vessels filled with cement. The S.C. ore is very refractory. The ore body, it is said, is as large as ever, but the cost of Australian treatment is too great to leave a profit. Before Broken Hill got into its stride, S.C. was the greatest silver mine in the Southern Hemisphere £300,000 being paid in divs. during 1884-5-6.

I went up to the trig for the first time, climbed the cairn, squatted, lit my pipe, and drank in the gorgeous view. It is said that some data were inscribed by the surveyors on the points indicating vanes. But all one can see now are scores and scores of the signatures of putrid and petty asses, whose cheap vain glory has led them to attempt an escape by such means from their native and deserved obscurity.

18-3-1927 Common made a profit of 7 pounds for 1926.

26-3-1927 Mr. Ewen. Ferguson, of Palmers Oakey, was yesterday admitted to the Bathurst District Hospital in a serious condition. Later in the night his condition was reported to have been slightly improved.

2-4-1927 The death occurred suddenly on Thursday of Mr. Michael Wade, a very old and respected resident of Meadow Flat, aged 73. Deceased had been ailing for a considerable time, and was found dead by his work mate on Friday morning. The deceased was a bachelor. An inquest into the cause of the death was held at Meadow Flat yesterday by Mr. Alex. Boyd. J.P., of Portland, and a verdict of death from natural causes was returned. The body was removed to deceased nephews residence, Mr. Charles Wade, at Tarana Quarries, from where the funeral will move to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, arriving at the Kirkconnell Cemetery at 12 o'clock.

4-4-1927 Word came to hand this (Friday) morning of the death of Mr. Michael Wailo, of Meadow Flat, where he had resided all his life. Deceased was about 72 years of age. He was camped near Mr. Kemps property, engaged in stripping wattle bark, and on Thursday afternoon complained of feeling ill. That night Mr. Kemp found he was missing from his camp and after a steady search the body was found about a hundred yards from the camp. The police were communicated with, and in the inquiry, the coroner (Mr Boyd), returned a verdict of death from natural causes. Deceased was interred in Kirkconnell cemetery on Sunday.

11-4-1927 Mrs. Dibley, while driving the Sunny Corner mail car on Thursday morning, had a miraculous escape from being killed. When starting the descent of Drapers Hill, within half a mile of the post office, the car got out of control and dashed off the road. The left front wheel collapsed, causing the car to turn over three times before it came to rest on its side. Mrs Dibley remained in the car all the time and though much bruised and shaken, escaped with several minor cuts. The car, an Oldsmobile, also came off very lightly, being very little knocked about considering the turns it made.

So far we have had a wonderful season. There has been very little rain, but also one bad frost. Farmers who have late pea crops are still harvesting them, though prices keep low.

Big loads of wattle bark are being carted to Pipers Flat again. The motor lorry and horse teams seem to have supplanted the good old Bullock wagon even at this work.

20-4-1927 A rather unusual visitor to Sunny Corner, in the shape of a flying fox, was killed recently by Mr. J. Stait. One was seen some years ago, in a neighboring orchard, but they are rare in the district.

Some doubt prevailed here as to the status and powers of the trustees of the Sunny Corner Common now that a large portion of the common has been dedicated as a State Forest. In fact, some stock have been put on the common under the owners impression that the trustees have no longer power to cause their removal. Inquiry from the Department of Agriculture however, has elicited the information that such dedication does not abrogate the rights of pasturage which the commoners have under the Commons Regulation Act 1898, or the powers which the trustees of such Common have under that Act in respect of the pasturage. The trustees therefore, still have the right to impound stock, either stray animals or those which Commons fees are unpaid.

25-4-1927 Miss Mabel Graham, only daughter of Mrs. S. Graham, of Sunny Corner, was married to Mr. Jack Eifield of Sydney, at St Mark's, Darling Point recently.

30-4-1927 As the result of the ambulance benefit, in the shape of a sports meeting and dance held at Yetholme on Easter Monday, the Bathurst Ambulance has benefited to the extent of £53/11/-.

30-4-1927 By Cecil Poule. “At Dark Corner I lunched with Mr. Aiden Shumack, whose hospitality I've often enjoyed. He has a very comfortable and substantial home and I suspect him of steadily climbing to an excellent financial position. He's just the sort of man who does. A brother lives hard by. Mr. Aiden was born here, and is chiefly a stockman, cultivating only for his own use.

The local school has an enrolment of 13, under the charge of Miss Naylor.

Further on I saw Mr. E. T. Bennett hard at work on the road, and then pulled up for the sixth time in 20 years at Mr. H. A. Thompsons. The Thompson familys long connection with the public service in Bathurst, too well known to need much more than this passing note and yet a note or two re that familys history should be given after all. Practically it is the history of Bathurst, for it must stretch over 80 years. The grandfather of the Messrs. Thompson to-day was the first Bathurst post master. He was succeeded by his son W. T., who retired 15 and died 10 years ago. This is indeed a full record to excite pride in the descendants who are now on the stage of life. On this occasion, I was so unfortunate as to miss meeting Mrs. H. A. who by graceful kindness to me on a previous visit gave the final touch of charm to "Warrie" hospitality. She too is the daughter of one who retired after a life with great effect and honor in the service of the State. He is the M. Barlow who was District Surveyor at various centres, including Dubbo. If as certainly was the case he was esteemed as highly in other places as I know he was in the great Dubbo district, he retired to his present home at Moss Vale not only with the proud consciousness of duty well done, but with his fellow citizens plaudits for it following him like a shower of shine. I have written elsewhere of the "Warrie" homestead. It is quite the prettiest which I visit when I take one of my tramps in the Bathurst district. For their mother and sisters, the Messrs. Thompson have bought and renovated the old Lowther House, which has long been a familiar object to those who travel from Mount Vic. to Hampton. It is old but so solid that it might well see centuries out. They don't build like that nowadays.

At Palmers Oakey are several long settled familys. A subsidised teacher was badly needed when I was there. Mr. P. A. Munro was visited. He has lived practically all his life there. Then saw Mr, E. Ferguson, who was suffering from a bad hip, a horse

having fallen on him. My old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Ferguson at the local P.O., were neither of them too well, I'm sorry to say. Mr. Ferguson has also lived here practically all his life, 31 years in the present house and 33 on the site of "Warrie". At one time the Fergusons held at least 50,000 acres about there, and ran 5000 sheep on it. The country has been improved since then, though most of it doesn't look as if it could ever be more than wool country. Mrs. Ferguson was once teaching at Condobolin, while her father, Mr. Deasey was once in charge of Tarana School. I had a short yarn with Mr. H. Theobald and then crossed a ridge and came on the Turon, striking the track from Capertee. I spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Greentree, the gentleman's first name being Septiamus, as he is a seventh son. Mr. and Mrs. Greentree are struggling to establish themselves on a small block of land as apiarists. But, if in humble circumstances, their breeding is very high, and the charm of their innate courtesy altogether admirable. Mr. G. is a Hawkesbury native who went to help to clear up a misunderstanding with Kruger. After that little matter had been satisfactorily settled, he remained in Africa and followed mining pursuits. Then he met and married Mrs. Greentree, who although Yorkshire by birth, had been in South Africa since a child. When the Big Picnic occurred, her husband hastened to it with highly flavored delicacies for Brother Fritz, who finally got a bellyful of them. Joining up, first with General Brabant's Horse in the first instance, our friend served under Botha and then under Smuts in the West African campaign. And having served with the Imperial troops, his sole primary reward beyond a scanty pay, was a gratuity of about £11.

I regretted to hear of the death of the last owner of this block, Mr. Peter Goodall. He had served in the Lancers 'The Death Glory Boys' and was a fine specimen of the British soldier.

6-5-1927 Mr. Charles Francis Franks, late of Palmers Oakey, and well-known to residents of Sunny Corner, Wattle Flat, Sofala and Bathurst, died at Parramatta on Tuesday, and was buried in the C. of E. Cemetery at Rookwood on Wednesday. Besides his wife, a family of eight are left, they are, Florence, Frances, Edith, and Ida, Cecil, Charles, Harold and James.

20-6-1927 Mrs Smith, a very old and esteemed identity of the Portland and Sunny Corner districts, died recently at the advanced age of 64 years. She is survived by a family of five, to whom the deepest sympathy is extended.

8-7-1927 Kirkconnell Estate has recently been acquired by a company (Australian Forests Ltd) for forestry purposes, a contract has been let for clearing a large area and clearing operations have already begun.

Private enterprise in the matter of afforestation appears to get off the mark quicker than the State department.

25-7-1927 The heaviest falls of snow for many years were reported in the Bathurst district during the week-end. At Yetholme there was a depth in places of three feet, making traffic, impossible. Some of the drifts were 10 feet deep. At Oberon snow was nearly a foot deep, while there were also heavy falls at Burraga, Porter's Retreat, Black Springs, Newbridge, Hill End and Sunny Corner.

17-8-1927 A plant for extracting eucalyptus oil from peppermint trees is being installed at Sunny Corner. Leaves from the district are said to test well for oil contents.

24-8-1927 A letter from the Forestry Commission stated, with reference to the proposal to plant a forest at Sunny Corner, that the area was one of a number of planting proposals which it was regretted could not be proceeded with at present, but it was hoped that the forest would be found to be productive in another direction in the near future.

25-8-1927 Mrs. Bridget McCarney, aged 85 years, one of the best-known residents of the Bathurst district. lost her life in a fire, which destroyed her home, on Monday night at Dark Corner, once a famous, but now a deserted, mining village. The old lady was last seen alive late on Monday afternoon, when a neighbour's child visited her home to cut wood and carry water. She was quite well and jovial when the child left. About 8.30 o'clock yesterday morning Mr. Bruce McLean, a settler residing in the locality, was surprised to notice that the house was missing from the landscape. Investigations showed that the six-roomed weatherboard residence had been reduced to ashes. Among the blackened ruins the remains of the old lady were found.

The district coroner (Mr. Boyd) held an inquiry and returned an open verdict.

It is believed that Mrs. McCarney left her bed during the night and that a candle or a spark from the open grate ignited the building. She came to Dark Corner 60 years ago with her husband to work on the gold diggings. Though her husband died there many years ago she lived on alone. For many years she assisted her husband in mining operations.

26-8-1927 The death occurred at the Bathurst District Hospital at midnight last night of Raymond, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Theobald, of Palmers Oakey. Deceased was admitted to hospital on Monday last, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. The funeral will leave Mr. Cam Reed's funeral parlor at I o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) for the Church of England portion of the Palmers Oakey Cemetery, arriving at the Cemetery gates at 3 o'clock per motor service.

29-8-1927 An epidemic of dog poisoning occurred here last week, when several dogs were killed between here and Dark Corner, along which road some poisoned baits were picked up. As most of the animals were valuable ones in connection with the handling of stock, such as those belonging to Messrs. M. Collins, R. Grabham, H. Guihot, and Richard Grabham, their loss is greatly felt by their owners.

The baits were apparently dropped along the road to Dark Corner. A good dog is so useful to a person that has to handle stock, that the person who scatters baits in this way quite oblivions as to what sort of dog he poisons, is deservedly unpopular.

Several Italians are camped around Sunny Coner having come here to work the eucalyptus plants which are being installed here. A number of peppermint trees have already been cut down in the State Forest.

I-9-1927 Mr. John Murray has received word that his mother Mrs. C. Murray, is very ill in Lewisham hospital.

Mrs. Fitzgerald another very old Sunny Corner resident now residing near Sydney, is also stated to be in very ill health.

8-9-1927 A letter from the Church of England Council stated that it was proposed to transfer a wood and iron church from Sunny Corner to West Bathurst and asking Bathurst Councils views as to whether the material mentioned was suitable.

9-9-1927 Sir,-In your issue of the 6th instant you reported a world record in bulls eyes, viz., 28 consecutive bulls. Without in anyway wishing to belittle such a fine performance, I would like to mention that prior to the war the writer hereof (then captain of the Sunny Corner, New South Wales rifle team) put up the following score: 39 consecutive bulls. On a 5in. invisible bull, 20 at 200 yards, and 19 at 300 yards without any sighters at the latter range. If this is doubted by any of your readers, well, proof would be willingly obtained, same being reported in New South Wales papers at the time.
OSWALD MANN. Brisbane, September 6,

28-9-1927 Mrs. J. Bennett, for some years a resident of Sunny Corner has left the district to live in Mudgee where she has relatives. Her house is now occupied by Mr. Webb, manager of the eucalyptus oil plants. This is rather a pleasing contrast to the usual procedure of late years at Sunny Corner where a house has generally been sold for removal when the owner left. In this case, fortunately, there was no need for the cottage to remain empty.

24-10-1927 Wednesday was a very hot day, with many bush fires raging. One which opened form a fire intended to burn a patch of blackberries, burnt a good deal of the Common, but was held in check by local residents sufficiently to prevent serious damage to fences etc.

28-11-1927 Consignments of rainbow trout fry were despatched from Prospect Hatchery during the 1927 hatching season, and arrangements made with the persons named for their reception and liberation in the waters shown on the list attached. D. Ferguson, 'Kelvin,' Palmer's Oakey Turon River, 5 cans; Reedy Creek 5 cans.

12-12-1927 A girl of about 12 named Edna Theobald, a resident of Palmers Oakey met with a painful accident on Saturday afternoon. She was climbing a barb wire fence, when she slipped and her right cheek came into contact with the sharp points of the wire, and a severe wound was inflicted just below the eve. The girl was conveyed to a Bathurst surgery, where several stitches were inserted in the wound. She was then able to return home.

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4-1-1928 Whilst a boy named Ralph Shumack was cleaning a pea rifle at Sunny Corner yesterday morning it accidentally exploded and the bullet entered the thigh of his companion, Jim Atwell, aged 9. The injured lad was immediately taken to the Portland Hospital and attended to by Dr. Wilson. After an X-ray examination last evening the doctor ordered him to be taken to St. Vincents hospital, at Bathurst, where he will be operated on to-day.
It appears that the bullet entered the thigh and broken into two or three fragments, necessitating a moderately serious operation.

3-2-1928 Common made a loss of 1 pound for 1928.

6-2-1928 Regarding the Sunny Corner water supply, the platform carrying the section pipe at the reservoir was in need of repair. It required four new girders and a new deck. If the girders could be procured locally, the work could be satisfactorily completed for about £12, as there was ample decking in stock.

24-2-1928 A quiet, but pretty wedding was celebrated at the R.C. Church Kirkconnell on Wednesday. The contracting parties were Frances Elizabeth second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wade of Meadow Flat, and William John eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bennett, of Dark Corner. Rev, Father Gunner, of Bathurst, officiated. The bride looked very pretty is she entered the church on the arm of her father. She wore a dress of blue crepe-de-chine and lace. Her tulle veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms, whilst she carried a handsome bouquet of lilies and maiden-hair fern. Miss Ettie Wade, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and wore a dainty dress of cream silk and lace, with hat to tone. She carried a bouquet of pink lilies, and maiden-hair fern. Mr. Arthur Dowler, of Tarana, cousin of the bride, was best man.
The bridegrooms gift to the bride was a xylonite dressing table set, and to the bridesmaid a gold bangle. The brides gift to the bridegroom was a silver-plated shaving stand. Lunch was served at the house of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett received, many useful and valuable presents.

1-3-1928 Billy Hughes Writes Of His Days In The West.

And about five o'clock on the afternoon of a beautiful day, when the air was full of the scent of the wattles, and the tender red shoots of the young gums were fragrant and lovely, I rode into Sunny Corner. Months previously I had met of delightful fellow in one of the big sheds on the Bogan, near Dandaloo, who called Sunny Corner his home.
Him without further ado I appointed the chief executive officer of the Sunny Corner Labor League, Unlimited, No Liability, giving him full authority to do all things necessary and proper to advance the interests of the said League, and in particular to make arrangements for a public meeting in Sunny Corner on a day to be fixed. And this he had in part done, having duly set up a notice on one of the verandah posts of the hotel notifying all and sundry that a monster meeting would be held on the appointed night, and adjuring all law abiding citizens to shake a leg and roll up. God Save the Queen. But here his fruitful labours in the great cause of Labour were brought temporarily, at all events, to an abrupt end, for stern matrimony, no respecter of persons, had claimed him for its own. In short his honeymoon synchronising with the last lap of the preparations for the meeting. My advance agent had melted away and gone sporting with Amaryllis in the shade, leaving behind a letter, regretting in manly terms his downfall, which he ascribed to the dry season, the sheds outback having cut out much sooner than usual, with the result that returning with time on his hands and money to burn, he had come this matrimonial cropper. Yours faithfully, Bill Martin.

Bill had not engaged the hall, and had made no converts to the League, except perchance the lady who had caught him in her matrimonial net. However, in a place like Sunny Corner where there was only one street that was a street, one could work wonders in an hour or two. I engaged the hall, borrowed a bell, and proceeded to ring it with great vigour, announcing in a clear, penetrating voice that one of the great events of history was about to be staged, in Sunny Corner that very evening at 8 o'clock. As there were no counter attractions, the free and independent electors of Sunny Corner received the stirring news with obvious interest. I rang long and earnestly, carrying the invitation into the more distant suburbs, so to speak.

All this took time, and it was a few minutes to eight before I knew where I was. There was no time for a meal at the hotel, but as I had nothing since breakfast, and not much then, I felt that I simply could not address this monster meeting without having something to eat. I ought to have said that my circumstances were not exactly affluent. In fact I had no money at all. On the other hand I had eight penny stamps. It is moments like these that are the touchstones of character. Even a Labor Organiser must live, or to put it less provocatively, he must eat if he insists upon living. The store was closed, the proprietor, his wife and his entire staff had succumbed to the witchery of my ringing and were well on their way to the meeting, indeed the male members had already reached the hotel bar and were temporarily quenching their thirst for learning in flowing bowl. There remained only one little shop, where a lady of uncertain age, lineal descendent of Shylock late of Venice, sold lollies, slate pencils, reels of cotton and other equally unappetising articles. But like a precious jewel glittering among a heap of broken crockery, there lay in this window a plate full of luscious peaches. Food for the Gods! My mouth was watering. I entered, and inquiring the price of those lovely peaches, was told six pence a dozen. Almost inarticulate with emotion, and, hunger, I said, I'll take a dozen. They were placed in a bag, and if I had sixpence the business would have been brought to a happy conclusion, but as I had not, trouble, dark and lowering was the order of the day. I attempted to laugh the matter off, affected to be vastly astonished to find myself without any loose change, spoke in what I hoped would be regarded as a lifelike imitation of a wealthy nobleman who had left his purse in his chariot along with his jewels. But the lady's face was as unyielding as granite. No money no peaches. It was evidently a case of “Blucher or night”. I produced the stamps, eight beautiful clean pictures of the 'good old Queen,' well worth framing as works of art, but the lady said in glacial tones that she didn't take stamps. In the end, however, she agreed to take eight penny stamps for six peaches, and with these in a bag I rushed off to the meeting. The hall was comfortably full, and on my invitation, a big man, the village blacksmith agreed to act as chairman. Laying my precious bag upon the chairman's table, I put the case of Labour as I saw and felt it. I spoke well enough, but after going for some twenty minutes I felt that unless I had some of those peaches I simply could not go on. I turned towards the table and was just in time to see the chairman wipe his mouth with the back of one of his great hairy paws, while the middle finger of the other hand he neatly flicked the empty bag off the table. He had just eaten all my peaches.

19-3-1928 Mr. W. J. Simonn, who has been a resident of Sunny Corner for years, is leaving the district for Kandos where he has been working for some time. His stock, consisting of cattle and horses, were submitted to auction and brought satisfactory prices. The residence, on the Dark Corner road, was disposed of privately.

26-4-1928 As the result of a very successful sports day and dance at night which was held at Yetholme on Easter Monday the sum of £74/0/7 was raised the proceeds were divided between the Bathurst Hospital and Ambulance

7-5-1928 Mrs. Eliza Jane Theobald, an old and esteemed resident of Palmers Oakey, died at St Vincent's Hospital on Saturday morning at the age of 76 years. She had been in ill health for some time. Her husband predeceased her by 30 years. She was born in the district, and leaves a grown up family of sons and daughters. The funeral took place yesterday from Mr. Cam Reed's funeral parlor to the Church of England portion of the Palmers Oakey cemetery, where the remains were laid besides those of the deceased's late husband. The Rev. R. W. Ellis of Hill End officiated.

15-5-1928 In the Will of Eliza Jane Theobald late of Palmers Oakey in the State of New South Wales, Widow deceased. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the above-named deceased may be granted to Robert James Theobald the Executor named in the said WILL.

In May 1928 repairs to the school costing £140 were authorised by the Painting and Repair Staff. In the course of his report Mr. Inspector Dart stated "The enrolment for the last quarter was 15, and this is quite likely to be maintained. Water is laid on by pipe from a local dam giving a plentiful supply of good drinking water."

21-6-1928 Australian Forests, Ltd., the forestry company that purchased Kirkconnel Estate, has a large portion of the holding cleared, and a number of pine trees are already planted out, but no move has been made by the Forestry Department in regard to commencing forestry operations at Sunny Corner.

A few eucalyptus oil plants are still working here on the peppermint leaves, and the cut-over -peppermint country is developing a good crop of suckers from the stumps of cut down trees, so that the supply of peppermint leaves should be assured for a good time yet. When the old trees are killed, doubtless a crop of seedlings will come up. It takes a lot to kill out a peppermint scrub.

Mr. Joseph Walpole, of Bathurst, is doing some prospecting for gold at Dark Corner, in a locality where good gold was obtained years ago. As the discovery of a payable reef would mean a lot to the district, particularly in stimulating search for more, everyone will wish him success. Where he is working is not very far from the old Paddy Lackey mine, which in its day turned out a lot of gold. Gold mines are rarities nowadays, but many a payable reef must lie hidden in the earth still. Costs of working nowadays are of course, much heavier, which is a weighty handicap to low-grade propositions.

4-7-1928 News of the death of Dr. Wilson, of Portland has caused widespread and deep felt regret at Sunny Corner, the general feeling being that in him people have lost a friend. No doctor could be more conscientious and sacrificing in regard to country people, or considered the matter of possible profit or loss less than Dr. Wilson did.

No matter what the weather was, or how bad the state of the roads, a message that he was required would always bring the doctor to Sunny Corner and district, day or night, summer or winter, the question of payment never entering into the matter beforehand.

Some winter night trips that Dr. Wilson did to Sunny Corner when the snow lay thick on the ground, and wind, sleet and snow combined to make up a wild winter's night, were bad enough to give anyone legitimate excuse for staying in Portland, but country people could always count on seeing him if it were possible to get through. Many a serious ease in this locality pulled through owing to his promptitude and conscientiousness in getting there, when no one could have blamed him for staying away.

Dr. Wilson, to country people, was far more than a Portland doctor, he was an outstanding identity throughout the district, one who knew everybody, and whom everybody knew, with a personality that was identified with the internals of everybody, high or low, rich or poor. Doctors may come or go, and be equally skilful and painstaking, but the death of Dr. Wilson leaves a gap that can never be quite filled. That he was an indefatigable worker, was obvious to everybody, but the work that he was never paid for, and the countless good turns he did on the quiet, can only be guessed at.

9-7-1928 After unusually mild weather, snow started to fall on Thursday afternoon, about six inches falling. Bright sunny weather ensued on Friday with very cold Westerly winds. The cold spells this winter have been so short that stock are standing it well. On present appearances a lot of people are predicting an early spring.

18-7-1928 Serbian Before The Court. As the result, of an altercation between three men engaged in the extraction of eucalyptus oil at Sunny Corner on Friday afternoon, Anthony Greagieh, a Serbian, was arrested by Constable O'Brien of Tarana, and taken to the Wallerawang police station.

He appeared before Mr. A. F. Pointer, J.P., at Wallerawang court on Monday afternoon, charged with attempting to discharge a firearm, with intent to indict grievous bodily harm, and with having property in his possession reasonably suspected of having been stolen.

He was undefended and was remanded to appear before the Police Magistrate, on Tuesday.

26-7-1928 Heavy snow. Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat. Yetholme. Tarana. Motorists are held up on all sides and in places the snow drifts were over two feet deep.

From Mrs. Lyn Yates, Sunny Corner, indicating certain hardships imposed on her by persons who were in the habit of cutting scrub and allowing same to remain across roads intersecting her property. The writer asked Council to assist in securing a discontinuance of' the practice. Council was in sympathy, and instructed the engineer to further investigate the cause of complain.

13-8-1928 Before Mr. H. H. Farrington, P.M., at the Wallerawang police court this Thursday, Thomas Fitzgerald, of Sunny Corner, was charged that on March 28, he was in possession of one drum of oil reasonably suspected of having been stolen. He pleaded not guilty and was defended by Mr, Henlen (Bathurst).

Const. (First-class) O'Brien, of Tarana, said that on March 28 a man named Jack Orlieh called at the police station and complained of two drums of oil being stolen from Sunny Corner.

Witness accompanied him, with Const. Clare to Sunny Corner, and subsequently went to the defendant's residence about midnight. He was in bed, but said he had two drums of oil in his stable. He went with them and several other men to a shed at the rear of the residence, and showed them two drums containing oil. Witness said, "Where did you get this oil ?" to which defendant replied, "I got them from two foreigners for a debt. I will show you a receipt later." Witness went to defendants residence later, where a receipt was produced for one drum of oil. There was also a letter from a Mr. Webb, in which he said he had given no one permission to remove oil from the stills. Witness took possession of the two drums, which were removed to Wallerawang police court.

In answer to Mr. Henlen, witness said he knew nothing of the transactions between the parties. He knew there was a number of foreigners engaged at Sunny Corner however, but could not say whether they were paid union rates or otherwise. He understood they were working under contract, but as he did not come in contact with them, was not aware if the storekeeper gave them a certain amount of credit.

Jack Orlich, a foreigner and a eucalyptus oil extractor, resident at Sunny Corner, said he boiled the oil and despatched it to Sydney for Mr. Bedwell. He was told something by Anthony Gregich on March 28, and went to Rydal police station, where he told Const, Clare that Mr. Fitzgerald had two drums of oil which belonged to three men who had gone away. Gregich claimed this oil because the men had taken his horse and dray. At Fitzgerald's shed witness saw two drums, which he recognised as belonging to Mr. Bedwell. They were not full. To Mr. Henlen witness said he used to deal with the defendant, but had not done so for six or seven months.

The P.M. I would like to get to the bottom of this matter. I have had a case in which this man Gregich. Was sued for wages, and it turned out they were all partners of a sort.

Mr. Henlen: Need I proceed any further with my cross-examination? It appears that these men, "tick" up a big bill with this storekeeper, a returned Soldier, and then pay him with oil.

The P.M. held that there was a case to answer, and Mr. Henlen proceeded.

Witness, in answer to further questions, said the men owned the oil until it was sold. They were each members of the company, and it was the duty of witness, who was ganger, to send the oil to Mr. Bedwell for sale. When he received the money, it was divided equally. There was another man named Bosanda, who had a tank, provided by Mr Bedwell, of his own.

Mr. Henlen said the two drums were not full, there was about half a drum altogether.

Arthur Johnson Bedwcll, a merchant, of 822 George-street, Sydney, said he had a eucalyptus oil business at Sunny Corner. He had only one man employed, but had a number of stills there which were run by foreigners. He provided the country on which the eucalyptus grew and loaned stills to various people. He undertook to sell the oil which they produced, but he had only a verbal contract with these men to this effect, he also provided the drums to hold the oil. Sergt. Beggs: Do you remember the loss of any oil ?

Mr. .Henlen: How can he miss any oil which had not been sold to him? He only receives the oil from the men for sale. This scheme appears to be a palpable attempt to evade the industrial laws. Witness continuing, said Orlich, Gregich and Hosanda were some of those who had stills at Sunny Corner. He had seen two drums at the Wallerawang police station which he recognised by the brands as his property. No one had authority to sell these drums, which were valued at 12/0 each. A full drum of oil would be worth from £16 to £17. The men working the stills were paid by results, exactly as was the case with share farmers.

To Mr. Henlen: I remember writing a letter to Fitzgerald in which I told him that as the matter of the two drums of oil was in the hands of the police it was inadvisable for me to say anything. I told him that it was very injudicious for him to remove the drums from the stills. He had redress in obtaining his money in other directions. I understood that the oil was given to Gregich in part payment of a horse and dray and was his property.

At the time you wrote this letter you were aware that these men were indebted to the defendant? Yes. Are you the only buyer of this extract ?. No. Do you know that some of these foreigners have sold to other people ?. Not that I am aware of. It did not concern you where these men got their provisions?. No.

This concluded the case for the prosecution, and the P.M. then called on the defendant to prove to his satisfaction where he obtained the two drums in which the oil was contained.

The defendant, Thomas Fitzgerald, a storekeeper and mail contractor of Sunny Corner said he had been in the habit of giving credit to the men employed in the eucalyptus oil business, the accounts frequently reaching high amounts, for the men arrived at Sunny Corner with nothing. The two drums of oil concerned in the present case were scoured from three Czecho-Slavs, who had been camped behind witness's store, in payment of a debt. The oil had been in his possession about five mouths before the police arrived. He had not endeavored to sell it, and had written to Mr. Bedwcll and Mr. Webb. The letters produced were their replies.

The P.M. The witness says he had this oil five months, yet how do you account for the fact that the receipt is not dated until February, 1928— four months' later ?

Mr. Henlen said there were two letters, and the P.M. was under a misapprehension.

Defendant to Sergt. Beggs: It was between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. that the men brought the oil to my store. They were honest men, and I did not measure the oil. They told me that there was sufficient in the two drums to make one drum of oil, and I took their word.

That is my way of doing business, I am honest, and I think every other man should be. The oil was stored in the stable. Mr. Webb (Bedwell 's manager) told me that if anyone went away owing me money I could take the oil in payment. The oil was not hidden away in the shed where no one could see it. In answer to further questions, witness said he had previously told the sergeant that one man was responsible for the payment of all amounts.

Mr. Henlen said he did not propose to call the wife of the defendant, who could substantiate the story for the defence. It had been abundantly proved, he thought, that the drums had been received in a legitimate manner.

The P. M. said it had been stated that defendant had a receipt for the two drums of oil but could only produce one. Then again, it was shown that while the defendant stated the oil was in his possession five months, the receipt was dated four months later. He was not satisfied with the explanation and intended to convict. There was no evidence of oil being stolen.

In lieu of sentence, defendant was ordered to enter into the bond of £10 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, in default 14 days imprisonment. In addition, he would have to pay 8/ court costs, £1/13/ witnesses expenses, £2 compensation, in default a months imprisonment. A week was allowed to pay.

Mr. Henlen said he would like to have these contracts placed on a better basis for the benefit of the men concerned, but the P.M. said he was not concerned with this.

3-9-1928 Mrs. Emma J. Bryant, died suddenly at Guildford, aged 64 years. Beloved wife of Albert Bryant, and mother of Harold Bryant, late of Portland and Sunny Corner.

22-10-1928 The passing of Mrs. Oglethorpe, which took place in Sydney during the early part of last week, has removed one of the oldest identities of the district. The deceased lived for many years at Meadow Flat, where she was very widely known and respected. Her many acts of kindness and skilful treatment in times of sickness will be long remembered by friends in the years gone by. Prior to her removal to Bathurst, where she and her late husband lived in retirement for several years, owing to ill health, deceased had been under the care of her daughter (Nurse Oglethorpe) till her demise at 82 years of age. The remains, which came by motor hearse from Sydney, were interred, at Kirkconnel cemetery.

16-11-1928 The death of Mr. "Paddy" Lonerigan in Lithgow last week removes a very old local identity, who for years conducted a boot making shop in Sunny Corner when the town boasted a large population. Mr. Lonerigan in those days was famed for his singing, being a prominent figure at local concerts. He was an inexhaustible fund of information in regard to local and Hill history being familiar with the inhabitants and mining lore of both places. Many Sunny Corner and Hill End residents were identical, having moved from the one place to the other, and "Paddy" knew them all. Born in Sydney in 1842, he made the hazardous journey across the range by medium of a bullock wagon when he was but six years of age, and arrived on the Sunny Corner and Sofala goldfields at their peak period. A family of nine sons and daughters are left to mourn.

Mr. Dart, school inspector, visited Sunny Corner on Monday last for the purpose of holding an inquiry at the local school. In consequence into the state of affairs prevailing of sundry allegations, some parents refused to send their children and an inquiry was held. Mr. Dart interrogated both parents and children, and made an exhaustive inquiry, in the course of which, it is understood, evidence was elicited that showed conditions were, to say the least, remarkable. It is hoped that the Education Department will take steps that will effectively straighten things up.

21-11-1928 With only absentee votes to be counted, J. B. Chifley (L.) is now leading A. Manning (N.) by 3270 votes, and Chifley is expected to win by over 3000 votes. This would be the greatest majority ever scoured by Labor in Macquarie, the next highest being 1986 obtained by S. Nicholls against E. S. Carr in 1917.

The Macquarie fight, was waged principally on the question of Southern Europeans in Australia, and the fact that there was a large number of Czechoslovakians employed at clearing forest at Yetholme, and at Eucalyptus Oil Works near Sunny Corner, close to both Bathurst and Lithgow, was stressed on every platform of Labor speakers.

26-11-1928 Consignments of rainbow trout fry batched at one or other of the State hatcheries were delivered to local interested persons during the season just concluded, for liberation in Palmer's Oakey Creek 900, Turon River 4,200; total, 5,100 fry.

The death occurred at his residence, 'The View' North Wellington, on Saturday, of Mr. John Schumack, aged 78 years, after a brief illness. The deceased was born on the 24th January, 1850, at Meadow Flat, near Bathurst, and for many years carried on a large business as general storekeeper at Sunny Corner, in its best mining days. He also held the position of Warden's Clerk, Mining Registrar and Postmaster. In 1899 he and his family went to Wellington on account of his health, and he has resided there ever since. He leaves a widow and family of two sons and four daughters, two other sons having pre-deceased him. The daughters are Mrs. H. McLean, of Dubbo; Mrs. F. R Brown and the Misses E. and D. Schumack, of Wellington. The sons are Mr. Lindsay Schumack, of Gulargambone, and Mr. Harry Schumack, of Newcastle.

Mrs. McLachlan, of Corrimal, and Mrs. Mann, of Hornsby, are sisters of deceased.

28-11-1928 In reference to the local school trouble, the following letter has been received from the Education Department: —

"Mr. L. O. Wilkinson Sunny Corner. Dear Sir. With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo, addressed to Mr. Inspector Dart, and your subsequent interview at this office in regard to the conditions obtaining amongst pupils at the Sunny Corner Public School, I beg to inform you that as the result of inquiry made, suitable action is being taken.

It is proposed to remove Mr. Calderbank at an early date. Yours faithfully, S. H. Smith, Director of Education."

This is satisfactory to those parents who have for some time kept their children away from the school recognising that useful and necessary as school education is, there are circumstances which must override even this.

13-12-1928 General sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald in the death of their baby son on Saturday morning. In only two days, his death came as a great shock. Within two weeks of twelve months he was a particularly bright and happy baby. The funeral on Sunday was largely attended, the many beautiful flowers on the tiny coffin being evidence of widespread sympathy.

The tennis courts in the recreation grounds have been again visited by vandals. Some of the posts round the courts have been pulled up. This is the second time this has happened. Moreover, from time to time, things have been removed from the shed. The courts are excellent ones and are a source of pride and amusement to local and district residents, most of whom are members. Also the club is generous in allowing travellers on the Road, many at the present time, to make it a camping ground for the night, a concession much appreciated in a climate like ours. Therefore, the wanton destruction has caused a feeling of resentment.

The weather continues dry. Grass is drying up and crops need rain. Bush fires have been raging round the town, residents say the worst for years, and much country has been burnt out.

19-12-1928 An enjoyable social evening was held in the Sunny Corner Hall on Friday night, in honor of our local schoolmaster Mr. Calderbank, and his wife, who have been transferred to Mt. Irvine. The hall was nicely decorated for the occasion, and the music supplied by Mrs. R. McDonald and Messrs. Pike and Hunter, of Tyldesley and Cullen Bullen, left nothing to be desired. After a repast, which was provided by the ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Caldcrbank were presented with a handsome case of cutlery.

Cr. W. Berry (Turon Shire), who made the presentation, said that although he had not had the pleasure of making Mr. and Mrs. Caldcrbank's acquaintance, until that evening, it was quite apparent that they were held in the highest esteem by the people of Sunny Corner and district, judging by the large gathering, despite adverse weather conditions.

In responding, Mr. Caldcrbank thanked all for their kindness, towards his wife and himself, and said it was with deep regret that they were leaving.

"For They are Jolly Good Fellows," was then sung with great enthusiasm, after which dancing was resumed until the small hours of the morning.

21-12-1928 The great clanger of the indiscriminate and careless use of poison for killing rabbits was exemplified last week at an old orchard near Sunny Corner. A party including Mrs. D. Shirlaw, of West Mitchell, was picking apricots near Mr. Alf. Sparks property at Tyndall's Flat, and Mrs. Shirlaw picked up and ate a few found under the trees. Almost immediately she showed signs of strychnine-poisoning, and although remedial measures eventually brought her round, it was undoubtedly a very close call

It is reported that later on Mr. Sparks found some apricots on the ground that apparently had been cut in halves, poisoned, and neatly closed up again presumably for rabbit poisoning. As children from a house near-by are in the habit of visiting the old orchard, the danger of such a practice is apparent.

Thistle root poisoning is effective, and harmless to people and stock alike. Thistle roots are hard to find at present, however and all sorts of baits, are likely to be used, constituting a grave danger to stock and public.

31-12-1928 Bad bush fires in the area.

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0-1-1929 David Jolley appointed Teacher.

22-1-1929 The indiscriminate and careless use of poison for rabbits nearly resulted in Mrs. D. Shirlaw of West Mitchell dying from the effects of strychnine poisoning. A party including Mrs. Shirlaw was picking apricots in an old orchard near Sunny Corner. She was very ill for some time and is now out of danger.

4-2-1929 It is pleasant to chronicle that that 30 odd turkeys missing from their happy home on the Portland-road recently returned, singing in turkey language, "The Cat Came Back." Two it is said, had strings attached to their legs, suggesting that they had been tethered to something or other for safe keeping, but whether the intelligent birds bit the strings in half after reading their A.W.L. notice in the "Mercury," or whether they were severed by other means, remains a mystery.

The one outstanding feature of the case, is that they did come back, after nearly a fortnights absence. There were evidently no foxes participating in their holiday.

6-2-1929 At about 4 o'clock on Wednesday morning a haystack and shed belonging to Mr. Walter Stait, situated alongside the Sunny Corner-Portland road, together with some fencing, were destroyed by fire, the cause of the outbreak being unknown.

On Thursday afternoon what would have developed into a big bush fire was noticed in some forest country on the common and was extinguished before it had spread far.

What promised to be the most disastrous fire of all locally was that at West Mitchell, where only strenuous fighting saved the residences of Messrs; T. Fitzgerald and W. Smith. It was stopped only a few feet from a row of stables and sheds, from which it would almost certainly spread to the houses and store nearby.

Even a small fall of rain now would minimise the ever frequent danger of fire this season.

The rainfall for January; totalled only 43 points, in three small storms that evaporated almost immediately. It is hoped that there, will be a change in February. Rain now, with some warm weather after wards, would make a big difference.

Another Catches Hold. And Causes Great Destruction. Sunny Corner, Sunday.

A terribly destructive fire raged here on Monday afternoon, on the properties of Messrs. Geo. McManus, Chas. Scott, A. McDonald, J. Stait, and Geo. Kearns. Fanned by a strong westerly wind, its progress through black-butt and gum scrub country was spectacular in the extreme, any hope of staying its advance in such country being impossible. A large area of country was swept and much damage to fencing done.

Other fires which, but for strenuous fighting would have assumed very large proportions, broke out near Mr. William Stait's place on the Common. A large number of people from Meadow Flat and also a contingent from Portland, under Const. Bacon assisted in the fire fighting, and rendered invaluable service. The fires were so widespread and so fierce, that local residents alone would have had no hope of quelling them.

28-2-1929 The death occurred from cerebral haemorrhage on Saturday, at "Warragulla" the residence of Mrs. Yates, on the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner Road, of Marius Adolphe Julien, a well-known personality of the district. The late Mr. Julien, who was 69 years of age, was a native of Sanary Province, France, and had been about 10 years in Australia, nine of which he had spent at Sunny Corner. He was a highly cultured and deeply read man, and was stated to have published many poetical works in his native language. He had seen much of the world, having followed the sea as a calling in his younger days. One of his most striking characteristics was his great love for animals, evidenced by his predilection for pets, and almost to the last the welfare of his pet kookaburra engrossed his attention. His temperament, as might be expected in one inclined to high-class literature, was sensitive and artistic in the extreme, and it is thought that his decease was largely due to anxiety and excitement arising from the imminent danger from the bush fires experienced before the rain. Naturally the fact that his health precluded him from taking any active part, in precautionary measures made the outlook appear even more alarming than if he could have personally assisted in fighting the flames.

The remains in accordance with Mr. Juliens expressed wish, were interred in the Church of England portion of the Sunny Corner cemetery, the funeral taking place on Sunday afternoon.

1-3-1929 A well attended meeting of Sunny Corner residents was held in the school on Saturday to consider the formation of a Parents and Citizens Association.

Our new school teacher, Mr. D. A. Jolly who had convened the meeting, explained the objects and advantages of such an association and it was decided to form one immediately.

Mr. Wm. Smith and Mr. Geo. Smith were elected president and secretary respectively, and the fees for numbers were fixed at 2/6 per annum for gentleman and 1/- for ladies.

It was resolved to hold an euchre party and dance at an early date for the purpose of obtaining funds. These will be utilised to purchase various educational necessities to enhance the effectiveness of the school. At present they are not supplied by the department.

All present enrolled, and it is hoped that the association will speedily become a live and active institution in regard to the conduct and welfare of local educational matters, making the instruction of local school children a matter of interest, not only to the department, but to parents and citizens generally.

7-3-1929 MONTGOMERY. In fond and loving memory of our dear mother and grandma, Mary Ann Montgomery, who passed away March 8th, 1920, at West Mitchell, aged 77 years.

Nine years have passed since that sad day,
When our dear mother passed away,
God took her home, it was His will,
Forget you, dear mother, we never will.

Never forgotten by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Will and Eleanor Smith and family

11-3-1929 The relatives and friends of Mr. Edwin Royal Stait, of Sunny Corner and family, are invited to attend the funeral of his late dearly loved wife and their mother Martha to move from the residence of her daughter (Mrs. Martha Ryan) 14 George Street, this Monday morning at 10.30 for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Bathurst.

12-3-1929 The funeral of the late Mrs. Martha Stait of Sunny Corner took place yesterday and was attended by many relatives and friends many, coming from Cullen Bullen, Portland and Sunny Corner. The chief mourners were her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan daughter and son in law; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stait, son and daughter in law and several grandchildren. The remains, encased in a silver mounted polished coffin were carried by Messrs William and Walter Stait (sons), Thomas Ryan and Jas. Tattersall (son in law).

13-3-1929 In yesterday's issue of the funeral of the late Mrs Stait, of Sunny Corner the names of Mr and Mrs James Tattersall were omitted from the list of chief mourners.

15-3-1929 The euchre party and dance held on Friday in aid of the local school proved a financial success.

3-4-1929 LOST. Between "Warragulla" and "Shiloh," Sunny Corner, during the bush fires, packet of loose leaves, written and typed in French. £1 Reward at "Warragulla.

8-4-1929 Mrs. Fitzgerald, senr., one of the oldest Sunny Corner residents, who has been away for some years, has been staying with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, of West Mitchell. Mrs. Fitzgerald like most old residents of the Corner, still retains a high opinion of the locality and its climate for residential purposes. Her old home on Bobs Creek, where she bought up a large family, still remains her property.

20-5-1929 In this informative, article the reafforestation operational at Kirkconnell are described, and their value to posterity, as well as a method of fostering growth, is a matter of humorous comment.

Australian Forests, Ltd. which purchased Kirkconnell Estate, near Yetholme, for afforestation purposes, has effected great alterations in the landscape. The major portion of the estate, comprising about 2500 acres, has been cleared, and a large part of it has been suckered and dug-out, substantial rabbit proof fences having been erected. Last year 110,000 pinus-insignus trees were planted, and the nursery on the state now contains thousands of 18-month-old trees ready to be transplanted.

Planting out operations will commence shortly, the intention being to plant about 100,000 trees every, year until the whole area is covered with pines. As an acre planted under forestry conditions carries 680 trees, which stand 8ft apart, the ultimate number gets up into higher mathematics. A full-grown tree is stated to be worth about £5 for timber.

It is considered, that eventually the Industry will employ permanently between 200 and 300 people, and anything that could shorten that period would confer a boom in this district generally. It is certainly regrettable that science cannot successfully produce cross between the pine tree and some quick growing vegetable such as for instance, the radish, so that the timber produced could be bustled up to maturity in a year or so.

27-5-1929 Sunny Corner P & C Association has donated quantities of cocoa, as well as cups and saucers, in order that the children might have something warm with the midday meal.

The children are now carrying on the good work by levying themselves 3d a week for supplies and the replenishment of materials. Many of the scholars are well able to afford the small contribution, as there are few who are not at present earning good money as rabbit trappers in their spare time.

The Parents and Citizens Association appears in the records for the first time in May 1929, when it asked the Department for permission to use the school building for a dance, and after that for a progressive euchre party, every second Saturday. Permission was granted.

The Lands Department wrote to the Education Department in May 1929 to say that Thomas Fitzgerald wished to lease the school reserve, or alternatively to obtain a permissive occupancy of an area of just over 4 acres on the west side of the school site. The Department asked Mr. Jollie, the Teacher, for his opinion and he replied.

"This area could not keep one cow alive for a week as it is mostly covered with gum trees. These trees form a shelter belt on the west, protecting the school from the cold westerly winds and without them it would be almost impossible to hold school in the winter. In very cold weather the school children play among the trees as it is the only sheltered spot in the school grounds.

The Lands Department was informed that it was desired that no form of occupancy or tenancy be granted. *Mr. Fitzgerald tried again a year later, with the same result.*

13-6-1929 Mr. Gerald Ryan, who has just been admitted by the Full Court to practise as a solicitor, is well known at Sunny Corner, where his father had charge of the public school for some years, being thence temporarily transferred, to The Lagoon, and later to Stanwell Park.

The young solicitor served his articles of clerkship with Mr. J. B. Frawley, of Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

He is a brother of Flying-Officer Ryan, of the R.A.A.F., who recently conducted Lieut. Eatons land party from Wave Hill to the stranded "Kookaburra" in the Northern Territory.

20-6-1929 A boiler and pump passed through here last week en route to the Verdun gold mine at Dark Corner. This is the "show" that was responsible for a local mining boom, about 13 years ago a good dab or specimen stone having been discovered there.

An option was taken over it by a Victorian speculator, and a little work was done, but nothing but water and valueless stone were struck, and it has since remained practically unworked, water being a difficulty. An attempt to keep the water down and definitely prove the "show" is now to be made under the supervision of Mr. J. Walpole, of Bathurst. A successful issue would mean a lot to the .district.

The local schoolchildren have collected £4/15/10 in aid of the Home for Incurables at Ryde. This amount considering the small population remaining here, must be regarded as very satisfactory. Masters Jim Attuel and C. Grabham tied with equal amounts, but the prize for highest collector, decided by drawing, being won by the first named.

17-7-1929 A very old resident of the district in the person of Mrs. George Hemsworth, died on Thursday last, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alec. McDonald. Mrs. Hemsworth was one of the old identities, who were connected with Sunny Corner when it was a prosperous mining town, she and her husband, who predeceased her, having resided at the Corner when the Sunny Corner mine was in full swing. She has left a son and a daughter, Mr. J. Hemsworth, of Sydney, and Mrs. A. McDonald of Sunny Corner, five grandchildren, Mr. Alec. McDonald, Mrs. J. Stait and Mr. George McDonald, of Sunny Corner, Mrs. T. Serong of Portland, and. Mr. Hemsworth Sydney, and nine great-grandchildren.

Until very recently, Mrs. Hemsworth, who was 84 years of age, enjoyed good health, and took keen interest in local affairs. The funeral, which was largely attended, proceeded to the Portland cemetery on Friday afternoon. Sympathy is extended to the relatives from their very widespread circle of friends throughout the district.

5-8-1929 At a meeting of commoners on July 20 Mr. G. Smith was elected a trustee of the Sunny Corner Common, in place of Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, resigned. Mr. Wilkinson held the office of trustee and secretary for upwards of nine years, during which period both the area of the common and the number of commoners have become considerably smaller. At one time of several thousand acres, the common now consists of about 700, about 3600 acres having been converted into a State forest, and another block was thrown open to lease several years ago.

The old records show that a lot of time and trouble were involved in getting a common, even when unoccupied land was more plentiful than now, and there was a large enough population to warrant one.

The first trustees appointed on January 14 1902, were Messrs. J. Haven, John Simpkins, A. Sparks, George Stait, M. Kissell. Of these Simpkins and Sparks are residing in Portland. Various meetings and much preliminary work ensued, but it was October 2, 1902, before the necessary regulations were put in force, and it was November before the first registration of stock and collection of fees took place. After that Mr. Simpkins whom the books show had financed the common in its initial stages was repaid the cash he had advanced and the secretary was granted £1/14/8 for his services to date.

Obviously a little money went much farther then than nowadays, as the herdsman and collector is shown to have received 15/ a week for two weeks employment every quarter.

The cost of a pound yard, with paling fence and sawn timber gate was only £6, and the tender for filling, in diggers holes in Back Creek was 3d a hole.

Apparently one of the standing troubles of the trustees was the matter of unregistered goats, which were evidently much more numerous in Sunny Corner than now and it was at various times decided to make registered goats wear metal discs, be branded on the noses, and in other ways distinguish themselves from their unregistered colleagues. It would appear as if some of the schemes proved very successful, and the unregistered goat remained a nuisance to the end.

The arrival of rabbits is shown by the fact that compulsory rabbit destruction was notified by the P.P. Board in 1904, and poisoned pollard was laid on the common by the trustees. It is interesting to note that there is no mention of any stock having been poisoned thereby.

Another trouble that was perennial, having endured to the present day, is that of trespassing stock. At almost every meeting the secretary was instructed to write to several owners enjoining them to remove their erring stock under pain of impounding. Latter day trustees and secretaries can testify that stock still stray on to unfenced commons as in the happy days of yore; and if all the letters despatched on the subject were pasted together they should about rival the common in area.

The common bull, it would seem has often been a wayward and troublesome animal, but in 1907 he rose to the highest pinnacle of vice. It is recorded that the bull purchased by the trustees had gone back to the place of his nativity at Palmers Oakey, and it was decided to bring him back and feed him on cheap potatoes.

Many trustees have come and gone since 1902, and the common has kept on the even tenor of its way under their control, with every year a credit balance in the balance sheet. Never a very large one certainly, because the Sunny Corner common has never risen to the political stage of taxing as much as possible out of the people supporting it in order to have a magnificent surplus to play with at the end of the year, but always enough to show that the fees were large enough if carefully and judiciously handled.

The first and only financial disaster arrived, with the balance sheet of 1907, the revenue being £28/18/4 and the expenditure £38/0/4. The deficit was shown to be due to filling up diggers holes and feeding the bull, that bull again!. Evidently cheap potatoes were not cheap enough. The trustees generously advanced the necessary cash free of interest till the deficit was made up, and subsequently sold the offending animal for a "fiver." By 1909 the deficit had been reduced to £1/1/8 and from then the normal surpluses have appeared regularly.

Sunny Corner has little to complain of in the honest service rendered to it by its unpaid common trustees, who for so many years have kept fees low and had a credit balance in hand.

Many places would willingly pay a few shillings per head of population, whether stockowners or not, to have such a large tract of country open and available to all.

It must be admitted that other old time trustees had some advantages denied to their successors, as witness an entry to the effect that a ballot for trustees was being held in 1910, when the police called on the hotelkeeper to close his house, and the meeting had to be hurriedly adjourned. This suggests a conviviality about old-time meetings, which, alas, is denied present day trustees, for Sunny Corner has no policeman, no "pub," and no anything but fresh air and, cold water. Sunny Corner water, though undoubtedly good, has the limitations inherent in that fluid.

In some ways the old ways were the best. Even an unregistered goat would fail to worry in a pub at closing hour.

6-8-1929 Mrs. Elizabeth Marjory Cordell (67) died on Wednesday. She was an old and highly respected resident of the district, being a native of Wattle Flat. She lived for a number of years at Sunny Corner before going to Portland.

14-8-1929 Mrs. Dodd who was 80 years of age had resided in the Sunny Corner-Portland district for a life time, spending at lease 20 years in Portland itself, consequently she could speak with authority on earlier days and the progress manifested during the last decade.

She has left a husband. Mr. Samuel Dodd and a grown up family of four — Mr. Wm. Dodd of Portland, George of Sydney: and Mesdames DeBoris and Eames also of Sydney. One son. Samuel, made the supreme sacrifice during the war.

26-8-1929 William Walker, who disappeared from the steamer “Eden” between Kiama and Jervis Bay on Thursday night, was a Sunny Corner resident, and had a farm here for a number of years. He had been in poor health for some time, and went to Bathurst about six weeks ago. After staying there a month he went to Parramatta, and during last week he booked his passage to Bermagui, where he intended to have a health holiday.

When the “Eden” left Sydney late on Thursday the man was on board, but on Friday his bunk was unoccupied, and he was nowhere to be seen. The master (Captain O'Connor) immediately communicated with the police, who got in touch with Bathurst police and Const. O'Brien, officer in charge at Tarana, in whose district Sunny Corner is located.

Mr. Walker was a single man, about 60 years old. Mrs. A. R. Cunynghame, of Oberon is a sister, and Mr. George Walker of Stuart Town (Orange) is an elder brother, A. E. Walker, of Norway, Oberon, is a step-brother. The only other local relatives are Mr. A. E. Lemon, of Rydal, and Mr. W. W. Lemon, of Lithgow-street, who are nephews.

Mr. Walker followed farming pursuits in the Sunny Corner district for a number of years. He arranged with a friend to keep an eye on his property while he was away.

Mrs. Cunynghame left for Sydney this morning to interview the captain.

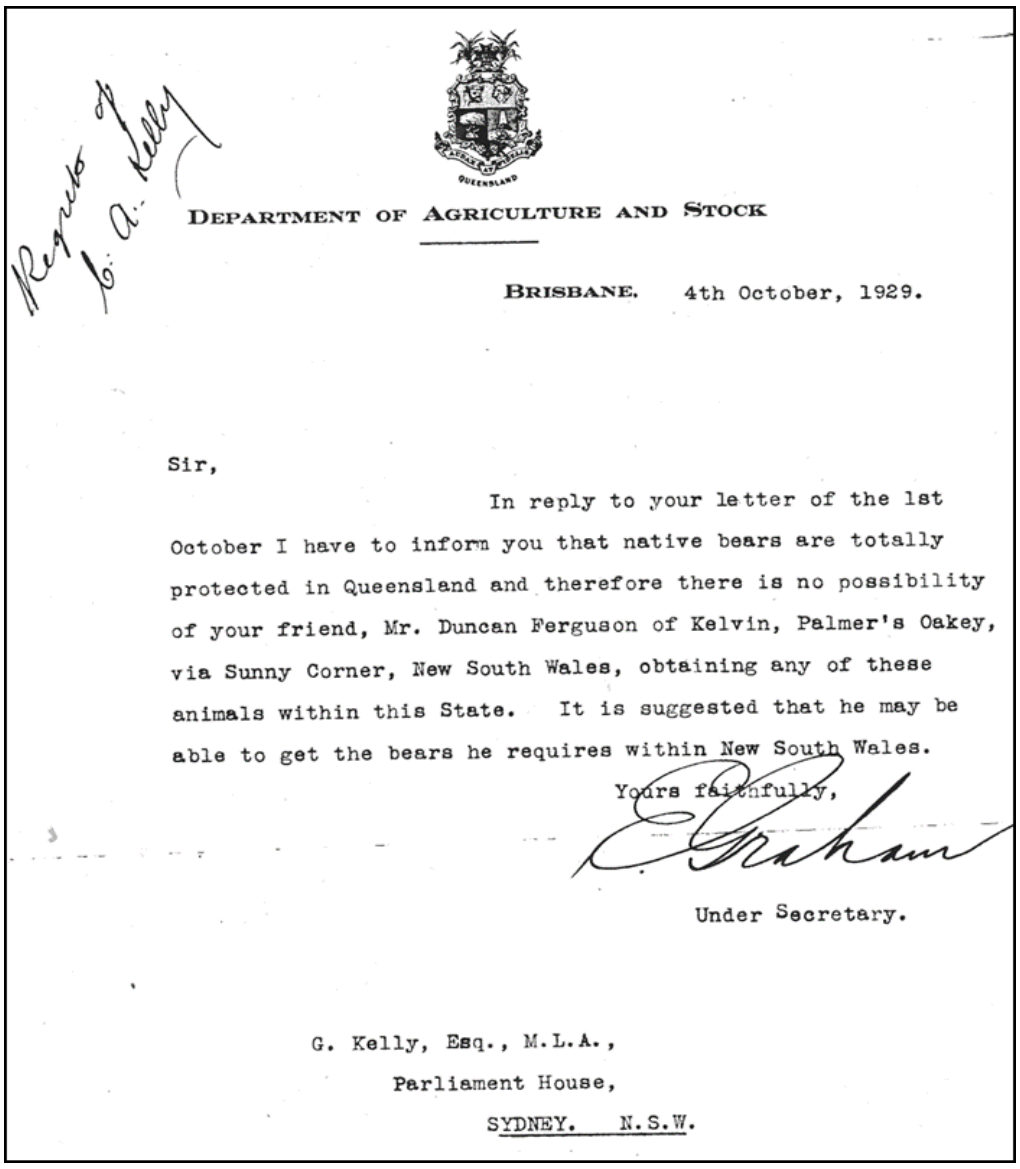
27-8-1929 The body of the man who fell overboard from the steamer Eden on Friday was yesterday identified as that of William Frederick Walker, of Sunny Corner.

11-9-1929 Miss Nita Coleman, a native of Sunny Corner and at one time a pupil of Mr. E. J. Ryan at the Sunny Corner School has been signally successful at the examinations in connection with school teaching in Sydney, where she has been attending the Teachers' College at Hereford House. Miss Coleman won the Hereford House prize for all-round teaching, gained an A teaching mark, and a 3A classification, the highest possible to start out with. She has now been appointed to Balranald public school.

Six inches of snow fell before mid-day yesterday and by 6 p.m. a foot had been recorded. About a dozen cars were held up on the River Hill, several were bogged at Yetholme and Mt. Lambie, while the mail car suffered a similar fate at Sunny Corner and was prevented, for the first time in seven years, from completing its run.

(This report was delayed owing to the snow, which covered Sunny Corner district to a depth of about 18 inches. — Ed. L.M.)

4-10-1929



Regards
G. A. Kelly

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND STOCK

BRISBANE. 4th October, 1929.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st October I have to inform you that native bears are totally protected in Queensland and therefore there is no possibility of your friend, Mr. Duncan Ferguson of Kelvin, Palmer's Oakey, via Sunny Corner, New South Wales, obtaining any of these animals within this State. It is suggested that he may be able to get the bears he requires within New South Wales.

Yours faithfully,

E. Graham

Under Secretary.

G. Kelly, Esq., M.L.A.,
Parliament House,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

Prior to this the bears had died due to clamida.C F

10-10-1929 The funeral took place on Sunday at the Dark Corner cemetery, of the late Mr. John Elfield, who was married about 2 years ago to Miss Mabel Grabham, daughter of Mrs. Sarah and the late John Grabham, of Sunny Corner. The

remains were interred beside those of his wifes father. Mr. Elfield, who was 34 years of age, was a native of Forster, near Taree, and was a secretary at the Railway Commissioner's office for 10 years. Although he had been in bad health for about 14 months, hopes were entertained for his recovery. He had been touring the country with the idea of regaining his health, so that the news of his death in Glenferrie Private Hospital, Leura, came as a shock to his relatives and friends.

18-10-1929 Chifiey's Record Win In Macquarie

Sunny Corner .....Chifley 66. Dash 58, Informal 0.

31-10-1929 On Saturday morning last at SS. Michael and John's Cathedral, his Lordship the Bishop conferred Deaconship on Rev. J. Fitzgerald, C M., a young Vincentian seminarist, a native of Sunny Corner, and an ex-student of St. Stanislaus College. On Monday morning last he was raised to the dignity of the priesthood.

12-11-1929 The death occurred with tragic suddenness on November 4 at Sunny Corner of Mr. Michael Collins, a very old and well-known resident of the district. Mr. Collins, who died quite unexpectedly of heart failure, was 69 years of age, and had reared a family of five sons and seven daughters, two sons now residing at Cullen Bullen.

Many years ago Mr. Collins worked about the Sunny Corner furnaces when the mine was in full swing, and also worked at Wolgan when the shale was working. The funeral, which was largely attended took place on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Collins will be greatly missed at Sunny Corner, where his assistance was often availed of in matters pertaining to stock, and he was of great service in anything relating to the Sunny Corner common.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his relatives.

14-11-1929 After 48½ years service in the Education Department, Mr. C. W. Chiplin, who had been headmaster at Sunny Corner retired during the week.

6-12-1929 Mr. J. Stait has sustained a severe loss in the death of two draught horses which were running on the common. One was found dead, and the other, which was affected in the loins, died a few days later. As they were to be used for farming operations immediately, their loss is a serious blow.

A Xmas tree and dance is to be held in the local hall by the P. and C. Association, on Xmas Eve, for the benefit of the children of Sunny Corner and district.

6-12-1929 A very old resident and well-known identity in the person of Mr. John McCarthy died at his home in Saywell strect, Vale of Clwydd, yesterday, after a long illness. He had lived in Lithgow for the past 23 years, and before that was one of the pioneers of the Sunny Corner and Sofala districts.

He was born at Miller's Point, Sydney, 85 years, ago, and at the age of 16 moved to Bathurst. At that centre he was engaged in the transportation of wool and wheat to Sydney over the Mountains, by bullock teams. A trip in those days meant weeks of travel, and many were the ardours tasks undertaken and safely carried through.

From Bathurst Mr. McCarthy went to Sofala-Palmers Oakey, where he was engaged in mining pursuits for several years, and inter to Sunny Corner at the time when the now little village was in the grip of the gold fever. Deceased worked in a silver mine at Sunny Corner for over 10 years, until he was 63, and then went to Lithgow to settle down. There he soon gained popularity and had earned the esteem of all who came in contact with him.

A wife and family of five, two daughters and three sons survive, three other members being dead. The three sons are Messrs. J. and L. McCarthy, of Saywell street, and Mr. W. McCarthy, Redfern. One daughter, resides at Marrickville and another at Bathurst.

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13-1-1930 The passing of Flying-Officer Leo Ryan in the Caulfleid Military Hospital on Tuesday possesses more than a passing interest to Sunny Cornerites, as he was well known here. His father, Mr. E. T. Ryan, was for several years schoolmaster at "The Corner,"

The Christmas and New Year holidays were marked by a good many successful functions, among them being a Christmas tree and dance organised by the P. and C. Association and a sports meeting at the recreation ground in aid of the ambulance funds.

There were good attendances, although the Boxing Day sports were unlucky in coinciding with about an inch of rain, which doubtless kept some people away.

15-1-1930 It has been reported that Mr. D. O'Dell of Sunny Corner has pegged out 60 acres on the old Sunny Corner goldfield, having received the instructions from Mr. Johnson, of Paddington. Who is behind the scheme it is impossible to say at present, but rumor has it that the Broken Hill Pty., Ltd., is going to operate there with a capital of more than £500,000. This seems too good to be true.

29-1-1930 On Sunday Sunny Corner paid Tyldesley a visit and a very pleasant all day match resulted in a win for the visitors by 31 runs.

Scores: —Sunny Corner, 1st. innings 188 (S. McKinnon 59, J. Passeri 50, B. Taylor 28, A. McDonald 13, A. Galwin 10); Second innings 132 (J. Passeri 41, R. Grabham 21; R. Galvin 13, R. Passeri 10).

Tyldesley,- 1st. innings 200 (P. Kirby 60, F. Lehane 33, C. Love 28, R. McDonald 20, R. Grabham 17, G. Brown 14).- Second innings, 80 (J. Davis 17, Lehane 16, R. McDonald 12)

17-2-1930 The sympathy of Sunny Cornerites is extended to the relatives of Miss Bessie Brown of Meadow Flat, and Mr. Aidan Shumack of Portland, in their bereavement. Both of the deceased were well known in Sunny Corner, Mr. Shumack having resided for many years at Dark Corner, the post office at that time being at his residence.

21-2-1930 Lost in mountainous country between Yetholme and Sunny Corner for five days, two young Windsor prospectors were located on Tuesday by two aeroplanes, each carrying a pilot and observer, from the Richmond aerodrome. The men were observed in a patch of rugged country which offered an insuperable obstacle to landing. The airmen flew as low as 30 feet above the trees, and dropped a sugar bag full of food, which was eagerly seized by one of the men who was standing, but who seemed to be weak.

Land parties had previously failed to locate the men Norman Job (25) and Walter Case (22), both of Windsor who set out from Yetholme on Saturday week to prospect for gold in the mountains. They had about a weeks provisions. But when some Bathurst friends visited their camp in a cave on Sunday, the men were missing. After an unsuccessful search throughout the day, the matter was reported to the police.



RAAF Wapitis as used in search.

Several parties searched on Monday but heavy rain had obliterated any tracks the missing men might have made, and this search was also unsuccessful. Then an 'S.O.S.,' was sent to the Richmond air base by Windsor friends and relatives of the missing men. The commanding officer, Squadron-Leader Cobby, sent two Wapiti planes to the scene. Piloted by Flying Officers Waters and Simms, the planes left the aerodrome on Tuesday morning. Three-quarters of an hour later the service fliers were at Bathurst, and then having received directions from the ground, set off on the search proper. Visibility was bad, but in less than an hour the smoke of a fire was seen coming from a deep gorge. Flying low the service pilots espied two men who appeared to be in a weak condition. One was lying on the ground, and the other was waving what appeared to be a shirt. A landing was impossible. So after dropping provisions, the aerial searchers flew back to Bathurst. A local man, who knew the countryside, was flown back to locate the spot where the missing men had been found. When he had noted the position and had been taken back to Bathurst, a rescue party by land was immediately despatched. It consisted of Constable Martin of Bathurst, Constable O'Brien, of Tarana, and two friends of the lost men, Messrs Kellar and Carey. With feet blistered, cut and swollen, hatless, coatless and exhausted, the two missing men were brought to Bathurst late on Wednesday afternoon by the relief party. They had wandered through the worst local storm for years, seen trees beside them split in twain by lightning, worn through their boots in weary tramping, and subsisted at best on a diet of blackberries and parrot soup. When found by the relief party, they were on the banks of the Winburndale Creek, in the centre of a deep gorge about eight miles from Yetholme, exhausted as a result of the exposure and lack of food. Job said that real misfortune overtook them on Thursday of last week, when about 4 o'clock, the thunderstorm broke over the mountains; and flooded the cave in which they were camped. Lightning lit up the semi-darkness of their retreat, and split trees in their vicinity. The creek rose 20 feet above normal level, and they rushed out and scrambled up the mountain side in pouring rain. With a tomahawk they cut branches from trees and made a rough shack in which to spend the night, which was bitterly cold. Friday was a fine day, and they set out to find the Austin homestead. Neither is a bushman, and their lack of experience increased their difficulties. We wandered about the valleys and mountains all day said Job, and everything seemed the same. We were hopelessly lost. Hot steam from the mountain side produced weakness and exhaustion, and the rough stones cut the boots from their feet. They had a little flour and tea, and they managed to secure a quantity of blackberries. Next morning (Saturday), from their elevated camp, they could see the Winburndale Creek, and they made the bank of the stream after another rough journey, weak, exhausted, and barefooted. Fashioning a camp from boughs and leaves of trees, they made a fire in the hope of attracting, Carey and Kellar, who had been expected at the week-end with a quantity of' provisions; but no response was forth coming. Saturday and Sunday

passed uneventfully, and the silence and loneliness began to tell on the wanderers nerves. Without food of any kind by Monday night, they fired at several rabbits, but failed to effect a single kill. They managed, however, to shoot a parrot, which they converted into soup and devoured as a luxury. On Tuesday, fortunately, the planes came. Job was lying on the ground, too weak to move, but Case built a fire and waved a blanket. The airmen dropped a sugar-bag full of food, condensed milk, tea, biscuits, and a tin of vegetable soup. The wanderers fell upon it and made a hearty breakfast. There after they were comparatively comfortable and were supremely thankful when the relief party arrived on the scene. Case appeared to have weathered this adventurous trip better than his companion Job who was wane and weak.

17-3-1930 One of the most striking features of all that is left of Sunny Corner town is Mr. Bulkeleys old-time store, it is gradually leaving the district, the windows and fittings having already been removed per motor lorry. When it is gone it will leave a very noticeable blank in the landscape. What was once the centre of a thriving town will soon resemble Euclid's definition of a point. So long as the water trough remains in position however it will always be possible for strangers to know where Sunny Corner is. A strict embargo should be laid on the removal of that position-marking institution.

Somebody broke into a shed and unoccupied room on the property known locally as "Baker's," belonging to Mr. A. McDonald, last week. Panes of glass were broken, doors broken open, and some slabs pulled off. Whatever the intruders were after, they certainly did the business in a very crude and destructive manner, not at all suggesting experts in the higher grades of burglary. Motors and bad times scatter so many strangers through the country nowadays that anything may happen anywhere.

24-3-1930 On the same night, at Sunny Corner, Fitzgeralds store was entered, and the cash box, containing about £40, was taken. The occupants were away at a dance, and during their absence an entrance was effected by breaking a window. Sergt. Lucas, of Portland, was communicated with, and proceeded to Sunny Corner on Sunday morning to investigate.

27-3-1930 Under the direction of the teacher, Mr. D. Jollies, the children have made a tennis court and tennis racquets have been purchased with money provided by the P. and C. Association.

28-3-1930 The death of Mr. John Benjamin Sparkes, at his residence in Cullen Bullen this morning, removes one of the districts best known and most highly respected residents.

The late Mr. Sparkes was 71 years of age, and was born at Sunny Corner, having lived in the neighbourhood all his life, the last 15 years being spent at Cullen.

He was employed as a storeman at the Invincible Colliery, and suffered a heart attack on Tuesday, from which he did not recover. He collapsed at work and had to be carried to his home, where death took place this morning.

Mrs. Sparkes and a family of five, Mrs. T. Fishburn and Mrs. J. Case of Lithgow, and Mrs. A. Jennings and Messrs. Duncan and Alfred Sparkes of Cullen Bullen survive, and to them the sympathy of a host of district friends will be extended.

The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, interment to be made in the South Bowenfels cemetery.

1-4-1930 After an illness of a few days, Mr. Edwin Royal Stait, a very old and respected resident of Sunny Corner, passed away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs Martha Ryan, 14 George Street Bathurst. He was 85 years of age. About 12 years ago his wife died in her 84th year. A family of four survive. They are Mrs Martha Ryan (Bathurst), Mrs James Tattersall (Cullen Bullen), and Messrs William and Walter Stait, of Sunny Corner. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock from his daughters residence, 14 George street. The remains will be interred in the same grave with his late wife.

28-4-1930 Mr. J. Knight, a prospector between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner has unearthed four ounces of gold on his claim, and received the record price of £1/2/6 per ounce. A few years ago Mr. H. Shumack discovered £80 worth of gold in the same locality

The death took place on Thursday at his residence in Selwyn-street of Mr. John McLachlan, aged 68, after a long illness. The late Mr. McLachlan is survived by a wife and grown-up family, of which the Lithgow members are Mrs. Merrill and Mr. John McLachlan. He was an old resident of Sunny Corner, and the remains were taken to Dark Corner for interment on Saturday afternoon. The Rev. O. Stennett, of Portland, officiated, and the body was laid to rest in the Presbyterian portion.

1-5-1931 Common made a loss of 5 pounds for1930.

2-5-1930 Within a few minutes of telling his son, with whom he was working in a bord at the Ivanhoe colliery on Wednesday morning that he felt a "bit queer," Mr. Albert Case, one of the oldest and most highly-respected residents of the Portland district, collapsed and died.

Mr. Case appeared to be in good health when he left for work, and was in his usual good spirits until his death.

The late Mr. Case, who lived on the Sunny Corner road about two miles out of Portland, was one of the best known residents of the district. He was 63 years of age. A widow and two sons survive. The funeral took place yesterday, when interment was made in the Mount Lambie cemetery, Rev. P. H. Bilk officiating at the graveside.

Mrs. Ellen Stait, who died at the residence of her son, Mr. Gorge Stait, recently, was an old and highly respected resident of Portland and district. She was in her 79th year, and death followed a long illness. For three months Mrs. Stait was nursed by her daughter, Mrs. McCarthy, of Enmore.

The late Mrs. Stait came to Portland from Sunny Corner 11 years ago, at which place she had lived the greater part of her life. Her husband, Mr. George Stait, predeceased her about 13 years ago. Members of the family are: Messrs. William, John and George, of Portland; Mrs. G. Larkin, Ben Bullen; Mrs. R. Banning, Portland; Mrs. A. Sparkes, Portland; Mrs, S. J. Burke, Lithgow; Mrs. J. Tomlinson, Wentworthville; Mrs. W. Urquhart, Barraba; Mrs. K. Travis, Randwick; Mrs. F, J. McCarthy, Enmore. There were 38 grand children and 29 great grand children.

7-5-1930 Mr. W. Smith, of West Mitchell, who contracted pneumonia in January, is still confined to his bed, a trip to Sydney for a few months having yielded only disappointing results.

Seventeen weeks is a very long time for such a steady worker and energetic man to remain idle, and his enforced absence from the activities of public bodies, with many of which he has been associated, will be keenly felt by all who know him. Among

other things, Mr. Smith is Chairman of Trustees of the Sunny Corner Common and treasurer of the hall committee. All hope to hear of an improvement soon. Mr. Harold Smith, who is a member of the metropolitan police force, is on a visit to his parents.

Mrs. A. McDonald, who is particularly well-known throughout the district, having been associated with it for so many years, is in Sydney undergoing medical treatment, and her many friends hope to hear of her speedy recovery of health.

Another old resident who is suffering from ill health just now is Mrs. J. Low, who has lived for many years at Sunny Corner. Her condition is causing her family some anxiety. One of her daughters, Mrs. Pearce, of Bankstown, is staying with her at present.

Mrs. Stait, who was taken seriously ill some time ago, is well on the way towards a wonderful recovery, and is now getting about again, Her husband, Mr. Wm, Stait, recently had an exceedingly narrow escape from sudden death, when a motor car in Portland crashed into the back of the sulky he was driving home in, smashing the vehicle and so injuring the horse that it had to be destroyed. Mr. Stait fortunately escaped injury himself.

12-5-1930 The fact that unemployment and poverty are rife is evidenced by the large number of people continually passing through Sunny Corner, some travelling in motors, some in sulkies and carts, and the great majority "humping bluey." Many of them camp here for a night or two, and move on, finding that the possibility of obtaining work locally is remote. A number of people have been coming here lately under the impression that they can obtain at least a living by gold-digging. It is time that the fallacy of this idea was made public. Whatever the alluvial gold-mining industry was in the past, experienced men who have lived all their lives in the district, and know where the best gold was obtained, regard the chances of finding alluvial as hopeless. Like most gold-fields the place has been turned over and exploited till it is almost impossible to find more than valueless colors.

2-6-1930 The news of the sudden demise of Richard Henry Bulkeley was received by the residents of Wallerawang and district with profound regret. Born in Sydney 68 years ago, the late Mr. Bulkeley came to Wallerawang when eight years old. For two years he was employed in the railway service, but left to join the business then carried on locally by his father the late John Bulkeley. Subsequently he managed the branch business of the firm at Capertee but when silver was discovered at Sunny Corner he opened a general store at that centre and carried it on with marked success until the mines closed down. While living at Sunny Corner he married Miss Mary Eleanor Brown, daughter of Mr. P. F. Brown, of Lidsdale.

Three daughters of the marriage survive— Mrs. Pocock, of Canberra, and Misses Ruby and Edith, of Mosman. The only son, Lieut. R. F. Bulkeley, M.C., was killed at Pozieres in August, 1916.

12-6-1931 It is hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, Messrs. William George Sydney Francis and Edward James Ryan, who have left the district, are hereby removed from their positions as Trustees of the Public Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner.

Public Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894:— Messrs. Aiden Shumack, Robert James Passeri, Lionel Ottley Wilkinson, Eric Archer Smith and George Hemsworth McDonald (in the places of Messrs. R. W, Magill and J. H. Pye, deceased, Mr. J. Sparks, senior, resigned, and Messrs. W. G. S. Francis and E. J. Ryan, removed).

20-6-1930 When Ronald Kissell was splitting props at Sunny Corner yesterday the axe slipped and inflicted a very bad cut on his foot. He was brought to Lithgow, where the ambulance conveyed him from a doctors surgery to the hospital. An anaesthetic had to be administered while the injury was dressed.

25-6-1930 Mr. A. J. Brown, Meadow Flat writes; —

I would like to compliment your Sunny Corner correspondent on his recent interesting and practical contribution in which he refers to fossickers being sent to our old and worked-out alluvial goldfields, and the meagre chance there is of any of these men ever making "tucker." He also denounces our antiquated mining laws, and justly so. Experienced fossickers, who have grown old on these deserted fields, and who know every inch of the ground, and where it is possible to get a "weight" of gold, have given over trying, and gladly accept the old age pension. The Mines Department in its wisdom is sending fossickers to work on these well-worked and deserted fields, under the supervision of its officers, who, naturally, if they knew where the gold was to be found, would throw up their jobs and get it themselves. The whole thing seems a waste of money, and is a stupid "stunt".



Note the pushbike & cart tracks and pipes.

26-6-1930 It is hereby notified that at the expiration one month from this date, it is intended, under the provisions of section 23 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, to alter the design of the suburban lands attached to the town of Sunny Corner by closing the designed roads and boundary road within portion 93. Plan R. 4,335-1,496 Roll.

Diagrams showing the proposed alteration may be inspected at the Crown Lands Office, Bathurst, and Department of Lands, Sydney. P. 31-5,589. J. M. TULLY, Minister for Lands.

4-7-1930 An application by Edward Grabham for authority to enter about 700 acres in the vicinity of Sunny Corner was also refused, it being found on examination, that the area in question is not private lands, as surmised, but a Crown holding.

8-7-1930 FOR SALE. — 20 numbered copies of small, valuable edition of strange new Novel, "Poppies of the Night" by Wolla Meranda, "Warragulla," Sunny Corner.10/6 posted.

17-7-1930 Of the great army of prospectors amateur and other wise throughout the State, Messrs. J. H. Knight and W. Bennett, who are operating at Dark Corner have at least something to show for their industry. They were in Lithgow this morning, and stated that they had unearthed in alluvial wash in a creek two nuggets, one weighing 1 ½ oz., worth £6, and the other, a 4 ½ dwt. pebble valued at 18/. The larger one was found on Sunday morning and the small nugget was struck on Thursday.

Mr. Knight has been at the fossicking "game" all his life, and has been working in the vicinity for about six months, during which time he has panned 8 or 9 oz. Mr. Bennett it a beginner, but has the enthusiasm of all amateurs.

21-7-1930 Signs of a new and unwanted industry arising at Sunny Corner were manifested on Wednesday night, when Mrs. J. Hunter had some sheets, a tablecloth, and a pair of trousers removed from her clothes line. As the trousers belonged to a good suit, and may very probably not fit the thief, their loss is felt as the unkindest act of all. Whatever disadvantages Sunny Corner has possessed in the past as a residential centre, the risk of losing clothing by the depredations of the gentle "snow-dropper" has not been one of them, and it is to be hoped that the business will receive a sudden check. There is no doubt that in a place where the supply of dogs and firearms is so ample, sneak thieves of this description may strike more than meets the eye. They would at least receive little sympathy.

Mr. Percy Smith, of Dark Corner is in Portland Hospital, having been operated on for appendicitis early in the week. Latest advice is that although his condition is still serious, he is showing slight improvement.

Mr. George Smith, of West Mitchell was removed to Bathurst on Thursday, also suffering from appendicitis. Their many friends, both at Sunny Corner and at Cullen Bullen, where both have been engaged at coal-mining for several years, hope to hear of their speedy recovery.

28-7-1930 Portland was subjected to a raid by the Shire impounding officer early on Wednesday morning, when about 20 horses were driven off to the pound at Wallerawang.

Similar raids have also been carried out at Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat, Rydal and other district centres with equal success, much to the chagrin of the horse owners and to the delight of those endeavouring to produce fragrant blooms in their gardens.

6-8-1930 A fall of about 8 inches of snow, equalling 75 points of rain, occurred on Saturday night and Sunday, and although most of it has now melted, a good many white patches are still lying about. Beautiful fine weather now prevails.

7-8-1930 Many people are trying their hand at gold seeking around Sunny Corner and Dark Corner, among them being several old-time residents of Sunny Corner in its prosperous days, who have a good idea of where to look for likely spots. A good many are ground sluicing, and if the old hands left much gold behind, some of it should be dropped on before long.

Much regret was expressed when news of the death of' Mr. Percival Smith, of Dark Corner was received, he was well-known and respected throughout the district. Although for many years engaged in coal-mining, Mr. Smiths ideal was to build up a home in the country, and he worked quietly and steadily towards that end. The sympathy of all Sunny Corner residents is extended to his widow, family and relatives.

John Henry Knight, by his agent William John Bennett, applied for a declaration of forfeiture of the dam site and water course held by Hubert Shumack and Alex. Gray of Sunny Corner. Mr. Bennett told the Warden that he had heard the holders of the claim were not fulfilling the conditions thereto. The latter, however denied that this was the case. The claim, which was for gold sluicing purposes, could only be used when there was water in the channel.
The Warden refused to make the required declaration.

15-8-1930 This winters deficiency in the matter of snow is being rapidly wiped out, about 10 inches, totalling about 85 points of rain, having fallen on Tuesday night, with every appearance of a lot more.

3-9-1930 A cricket match between pupils of the Sunny Corner and Dark Corner schools took place at Sunny Corner on Saturday, and attracted many spectators.
This was the first match of the kind since Mr. E. J. Ryan was our local teacher, and the supply of raw material has so decreased at both centres since then that it was necessary to limit each team to six players, ages ranging from 10 to 14. Of the two bats employed, one was a local product, hewn from a willow tree grown at Sunny Corner. Some eye-witnesses said that this implement looked to be of more generous width than the standard article, but as it was used impartially by both teams, any difference in this respect was immaterial.

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Medium - - - 3½d.

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RECEIVED this 26th day of Sept 1930
the sum of Two Shillings and Sixpence for One Dog,
registered by Duncan Ferguson
in the Bathurst Police District, for the
Year ending on the 30th day of September, 1931.
A M Hughes
Acting Clerk of Petty Sessions,

N.B.—This Receipt Form must only be used in reference to the Registration of *One* Dog.

12-9-1930 The death occurred at Sunny Corner on Tuesday of Mrs. J. Low, an old resident of Sunny Corner. Mrs. Low, who was the widow of the late Mr. Joseph Low, who predeceased her by several years, remembered Sunny Corner when it was a populous goldfield, her husband having been one of the early day diggers here. She leaves a grown up family of five, three sons and two daughters, two of the sons (Messrs. James and Charles) and one daughter (Mrs. W.Stait), still residing at Sunny Corner. Mrs. Low, who was 75 years of age, had been ill for some time. Like most of the old time bush women, she was quite at home on horseback, and used to say in her young days that no horse could throw her. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in Portland cemetery.

3-10-1930 A return cricket match between Sunny Corner and Yetholme took place at Yetholme on Sunday. The previous match was won by Sunny Corner, but positions were reversed on this occasion, Yetholme winning by 143 to 119. For the winners G. and E. Knight were the principal scorers R. Passeri with 51 not out, doing best for Sunny Corner.

22-10-1930 A prominent nature-lover in the country is Mrs. Wolla Meranda (*Lyn Yates*) of Warragulla, Sunny Corner.She has always taken a lively interest in our wild things, and has done her best to protect them. Like many others, she has become extremely fond of the quaint merolas as they are called in her part of the country, and it has greatly grieved her to see them destroyed, for no good reason as far as her district is concerned, and apparently only to gratify a desire to kill. In a letter received by me a few days since from Mrs. Meranda are some facts that I think would interest inlanders generally.

The merolas were once quite common in the “Warragulla” country, and they were quite fearless, as in many other places, but poison baits that look like grubs in the ground have thinned them out terribly, and now the guns of the town sportsmen (?) seem likely to make the bird extinct. Idle young men from the towns sally forth with guns and dogs, she says, and kill every living thing they see just for the moments pleasure of showing their mates how clever they are and what good shots, etc. They kill birds especially. The poor birds in their wild efforts to escape make the shooting more pleasurable to such 'sports,' adding a little spice of excitement. Until recently there were about twenty merolas about the homestead, but these were gradually reduced to three, and only the other day the tamest of them fell a victim to its misplaced confidence in the sons of man and was slain.

Mrs. Meranda, speaking from a long experience of this species in her district, says that it is harmless, and very useful in destroying caterpillars, grubs, etc. She has asked that it should be given full protection under the law.

23-10-1930 Death is reported from Kogarah of Mrs. Catherine Shumack, a former well known resident of the Sunny Corner district.

Near relatives of deceased reside in the Portland, Palmers Oakey, and Dark Corner districts.

4-11-1930 Our Lithgow correspondent writes that since their previous report, Mr. George Toyer and party, of Portland, state that as a result of operations on an old claim at Grassy Gully on the Portland side of Sunny Corner, they have traced the vein over a considerable distance. It has widened out from a few inches to 2ft 6in, and is still showing rich gold and silver content. The lode has yet to be exploited. Mr. Toyer suggests that there is plenty of good stone in the vicinity. He has taken samples from a hanging wall in which there are free specimens of gold, which he has submitted to the Mines Department. The claim is in volcanic country, in slatey coloured rock, similar to that in the Bendigo region, and it extends for about 10 miles. It would appear that the field available for development is a large one, and one worthy of systematic inspection.

10-11-1930 The death took place yesterday morning at "Burlington," South Bathurst, of Miss Ellen Maria Millicent Harrison, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Harrison of O'Connell, and sister of Mr. Henry Harrison (O'Connell), Mr. Ernest Harrison (Orange), Mr Edgar Harrison (Gerrongon) and Miss Amelia Harrison (O'Connell).

The deceased lady was in her 70th year, 57 of which she spent in the Thompson family. When she was 12 years of age she was a nurse girl with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. Thompson was then postmaster, and the post office was in the building which is now the "National Advocate" Chambers. From here the new post office was opened in 1882, here she was still with the family and Mr. W. G. Thompson was post master, and when Mr. Thompson was retired, she went with the family to Macquarie Plains.

From there after Mr. W. G. Thompson's death she went with Mrs Thompson and family to "Warrie", Palmers Oakey, where she remained until last week when she came to spend a holiday with relations, and after a very short illness passed away as stated.

Her connection with the Thompson's is certainly a record for Bathurst, if not for the State. After 37 years the Thompson family considered her one of themselves and decided that her remains should be interred in their family burial plot in the Methodist cemetery.

This afternoon their wishes will be carried out and Miss Harrison's remains will be laid to rest by the side of those she loved and worked for so long.

12-11-1930 News of the death of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Nichol, of Cullen Bullen, in the Bathurst hospital, was received in Sunny Corner last week with much regret. The little girl was a grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. R. Shumack, for many years resident at Dark Corner, and a great grandchild of Mrs. John Murray, an old Sunny Corner resident.

A matter which causes comment among people who have relatives buried therein is the condition of the Sunny Corner cemetery, which is so overgrown with grass and weeds that many people are afraid to enter it for fear of snakes. Some concerted effort to put it in better order, as was done some years ago in regard to the Kirkconnell cemetery, would certainly make it much more creditable to the district.

Mr. J. D. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, left Sydney by the “Morinda” on October 25 to take up a position on a gold mine on Misima Island, Papua. This mine, known as the New Misima Gold Mines, Ltd., is situated on Misima Island, about 150 miles from the mainland, Samarai being the nearest port, while Woodlark Island, once the scene of much profitable gold-mining activity lies about the some distance to the north. The mine, which is the property of Messrs. F. W. Cuthbert and G. O. Wilkinson, is a striking instance of the fact that a large company, well equipped with capital and machinery, can sometimes make a failure of a mining proposition which smaller people with less advantages can turn into a paying, property.

19-11-1930 The search for gold in the near west is unabated. Another mining venture that gives promise of excellent results is at present being worked by Messrs. E. Gartrell, of Bathurst, and Hugh Ferguson, of Palmers Oakey.

Their "show" is situated at Palmers Oakey, 30 miles from Bathurst, and good judges who have seen samples of stone taken from the working are greatly impressed with the possibilities. Two assays sent to the Mines' Department in Sydney respectively returned four and five ounces to the ton.

Three reefs are being worked, and that the prospects are good is shown by the fact that none of the reefs has yet been opened properly.

The mine is situated close to old workings from which a lot of gold was taken in the early days. A battery has been erected on the spot, and 3cwt. of stone recently crushed.

21-11-1930 The death of Mr. William Smith, an old and respected resident of Sunny Corner took place at his home at West Mitchell on Sunday, after an illness extending over about 10 months. Mr. Smith came to Sunny Corner at an early age, being employed as a boy by Mrs. Montgomery, who conducted a butchering business when Sunny Corner was a populous and prosperous mining centre. Later on Mr. Smith followed coalmining, and worked in various mines at Hartley Vale, Kandos, Tyldesley and Cullen Bullen, up to the time when he contracted ill-health. Married at Sunny Sunny Corner, and residing here for practically the whole of his married life, Mr. Smith occupied various positions in connection with public institutions, and at the time of his death was chairman of trustees of the Sunny Corner Common and treasurer of the local hall committee, besides being a member of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F. for upwards of 30 years. A widow and family of five, four sons and one daughter, are left to mourn their loss, and the sympathy of Sunny Corner residents is extended to them in their bereavement. Two of the sons, Mr. J. Smith, of Portland, and Mr. H. Smith, of North Sydney, are married, and have homes elsewhere, the rest of the family still residing at West Mitchell. The funeral, which moved to the Sunny Corner cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, was very largely attended, while all the members of the deceaseds family were present at the graveside. The beautiful wreaths practically covered the hearse with flowers. Many brethren of the Silver Star Lodge at tended in regalia, and after the burial service had been conducted by the Rev. Mr. Pitcher, of O'Connell, the Oddfellows burial service was read by the Grand Master, Mr. Cam Reed, of Bathurst.

The inauguration of a general store at the post office is proving a great convenience to local residents. The lack of a store in the township since the closing of Mr. R. H. Bulkeley's establishment many years ago having created a much felt want. As this store is run in conjunction with Mr. J. Attuells business in Bathurst, and Mr. Attuell frequently visits Sunny Corner with his motor lorry, adds greatly to the ease with which Sunny Corner folk can get goods from Bathurst. This in addition to the efficient service rendered by the mail contractor, Mr. Honeyman, in regard to procuring anything from that town, makes Sunny Corner a much more convenient place to reside in than many townships much nearer to large centres.

Mr. J. B. Chifley M.H.R. has received the following from the P.M.G.'s Department, “Dear Mr.Chifley, a petition signed by Mr. D. A. Shirlow, Mrs. E. A. Smith and other residents of West Mitchell district was recently presented to me urging the retention of the post office at West Mitchell. I have gone carefully into the matter and find that the volume of business transacted at West Mitchell Post Offices, which is only one mile distant from the Sunny Corner office. Is not sufficient to justify the retention of a post office at that place. I am satisfied that no serious inconvenience to the petitioners will occur as a result of the closing of the office and in the circumstances I regret I cannot see my way clear to accede to the request.”

1-12-1930 At Palmers Oakey, Messrs. J. McSorley and E. Gartrell have struck a reef which is said to be over a foot wide, the assays of which have returned 2oz. to the ton. In the same locality Messrs. C. Hansard and H. Shumack have struck a reef which is said to go an ounce to the ton.

It is a long time since mining matters were so active in this district. One Bathurst jeweller reports the purchase daily on an average of £50 worth of gold, mostly alluvial. Many men in the district are making more than wages.

4-12-1930 Mrs. Smith, widow of the late William: Smith, and family have left to reside in Sydney. Mrs. Smith was a very well-known resident, having been born and married here, and living here all her life, bringing up a family of five, all of whom were educated at the Sunny Corner School.

It is regrettable that there is so little nowadays to tempt people to remain in country centres.

4-12-1930 Sunny Corner Common, Messrs. John Oscar Stait, Harold Guihot, John Henry Passeri, Robert James Passeri.

12-12-1930 One of the most familiar figures in the Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat districts, in the person of Mr. Charles Sharpe, passed away at his home, Rose Villa, Meadow Flat, early this morning. The late Mr. Sharpe, who was 61 years of age, had been ailing for some time, double pneumonia being the ultimate cause of death. He was a native of Sunny Corner, and was concerned in mining activities in the district for a number of years. He lived in the almost deserted Sunny Corner when it was a flourishing township in the early gold rushes, and was later connected with coalmining at Invincible colliery, Cullen Bullen, and retired a few years ago to settle down on his farm at Meadow Flat. Mr. Sharpe was one of the most popular identities of the district, and as one who earned the esteem of all he will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Sharpe, four sons and 11 daughters survive, and to them will be extended universal sympathy. There are also a number of grand children. Mr. John Sharpe, of Lithgow, and Mr. William Sharpe, of Portland, are brothers.

The funeral has been fixed for tomorrow afternoon, when interment is to be made in the Church of England portion of Meadow Flat cemetery.

15-12-1930 . A gloom was cast over Sunny Corner on Friday, when news arrived of the tragic and totally unexpected death of Mr. Robert Grabham, a lifelong resident of the district.

Mr. Grabham, who had recently been working at Dunn's Reef, Dark Corner, had gone out in the morning looking for a lost horse, and was later found lying in a dying condition near Mr. George Way's place on Daylight Creek, at about 9 o'clock. The horse he had been riding was tied up a couple of hundred yards away.

Mr. Way tried to revive him, and then, proceeded via Dark Corner to Sunny Corner to give the news, and the Portland police were rung up. Although only about 5 miles from Portland, it appears that the matter was within the province of the Tarana police station, so that, it is stated, it was well on in the afternoon before police assistance from Tarana arrived on the scene, after which the body was conveyed to Portland over some very rough country.

Mr. Grabham years ago worked at the Paddy Lackey gold mine at Dark Corner, in which mine his father was a shareholder, and was well acquainted with old-time mining conditions in the district. Recently he became interested in the re-opening of Dunns Reef, a show he believed had good prospects. He leaves a widow, and family of nine, three of whom are married, and six still living at home.

Universal sympathy is extended to them in their tragic bereavement, the loss of a husband and father under the existing circumstances being a bitter blow indeed.

A 5 head battery is being erected by a Portland syndicate on the site of the old Silver King smelting works at Sunny Corner, to treat gossan ore from the outcrop of the Sunny Corner lode.

23-12-1930 The death occurred on Friday at St. Vincents Hospital, Bathurst, of Mr. Charles Henry Budden, an old resident of Dark Corner. Mr. Budden was one of the three owners of the Verdun gold mine at Dark Corner which caused so much excitement and mining activity at Dark Corner during the war period. Unfortunately the very rich stone found at the Verdun proved to be only small "dab," and nothing of value was found on adjoining leases.

Mr. Budden was about 75 years of age, and had lived at Dark Corner for many years.

Mr. Buddens mate, Mr. Henry Williams, who has lived around Dark Corner for a long time, is also in ill health, being an inmate of the District Hospital, Bathurst, at the present time.

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12-1-1931 Residents of Sunny Corner and district will regret to learn of the recent death, of Mr. C. W. Chiplin, who was a well known figure at that centre a few years ago. The late Mr. Chinlin died at Darlinghurst recently, and was buried at West Maitland.

He had the remarkable record of 48½ years service in the Education Department to his credit, retiring about a year ago. During that time he was associated with several schools in the western district as well as at metropolitan and Maitland centres. He entered the service in 1881, as a teacher at Wellington. At various times he held appointments at Dubbo and Narrabri schools, and was transferred to Sunny Corner some years ago.

While there he had extensive interests in silver mining, and was a prominent local figure. Recently, he was headmaster of the Heddon Greta public school to the time of his retirement. Mr. J. Shumack, of Sunny Corner, is a son-in-law.

The Sunny Corner benefit held on Boxing Day for the Ambulance raised £14.

4-2-1931 A good deal of digging for gold is still going on, but without any sensational results. Coleman and partys 5-head battery has commenced crushing the gossan at the old Silver King, and is working satisfactorily, although the water supply at present will not permit full time being worked. Power is supplied by an oil engine.

A start has also been made at opening up an old tunnel on the Hospital Hill, in the vicinity of Lord's Reef, a "show" that was payable long ago.

Miss Elsie Attuell, our postmistress, has returned from Rockley, where she has been for some time in a relieving capacity.

Miss Naylor, for many years school teacher at Dark Corner, and who has now retired, passed through here last week, en route for Sydney. Mr. Walker will succeed her.

6-2-1931 The death of Sir John Walter Ottley occurred at his residence, Eastbourne, England, on January 25. He was 89 years of age, and his only sister, Mrs. E. M. F. Wilkinson, died in North Sydney last year. Messrs. L. O. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, G.O. Wilkinson, of Misima Island, Papua, and W. B. Wilkinson, of Mandurama, N.S.W., are nephews.



Public School pupils, Sunny Corner, NSW, February 1931. Photo taken by Mrs. Jollie, from Don Robertson, Belmore, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.
Back row, left to right: David Jollie (teacher), Dorothy Strickland, Marjorie Wilkinson, Cecil Grabham, Bill Jollie, Norman Strickland
2nd row, left to right: Daphne Fitzgerald, Rita Guihot, Paddy Fitzgerald, Albert Jollie, Ken Jollie, Don Robertson, Josie Rampling
3rd row, left to right: Ella Robertson, Evelyn Strickland, Elma Guihot, unknown, Barbara Rampling, Lachlan Guihot
at front: Noel Jollie aged 2.

10-3-1931 The following tenders have been accepted by the Federal Public Works Department. Sunny Corner Post-office and residence, repairs and painting, tender accepted, Peirce Bros., 14 Ronald-avenue, Canterbury, £60.

11-3-1931 MONTGOMERY. In ever loving remembrance of my dear mother and our grandma, Mary Ann Abigail Montgomery, who passed away March 8, 1930, at West Mitchell, aged 77 years.
How constantly we think of you,
With eyes and hearts that fill,
The love for you we had in life,
In death is stronger still.
Never forgotten by her loving daughter, Eleanor A. Smith and, family.

7-4-1931 At a well attended meeting last week it was decided to form a Progress Association for Sunny Corner and district, and Messrs. J. Murray, D. Jollie and L. O. Wilkinson were appointed chairman, treasurer and secretary, respectively. It is thought that concerted action in regard to many local matters may result in much good, where individually little can be accomplished.

Mr. J. Riley, one of the oldest and most popular residents of the district, suffered a severe loss on Wednesday morning, when his residence at West Mitchell was totally destroyed by fire, together with most of his belongings. Much sympathy is felt for him locally, the more so as Mr. Riley has ever been ready to help others in any trouble.

13-4-1931 Mr Alfred Harvey Nichols, who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C Scott Meadow Flat, yesterday was 76 years old. He had been ailing for some time. Prior to his retirement from the Education Department about six years ago, the late Mr. Nichols had been in charge of Dark Corner school for some time. Subsequently he was a member of the office staff of Invincible colliery, Cullen Bullen. Mrs Nichols and a family of six are left to mourn their loss, and to them will be extended universal sympathy. The members are, The Rev. R. Nichols, a resident of Victoria, Messrs. Cecil (Sydney.) and

Wesley (Meadow Flat), and Mesdames, C. Scott (Meadow Flat), H. Porter (Cessnock), and Miss Dulcie Nichols, who is a member of the Lithgow Intermediate High School staff.
The funeral was arranged for this afternoon, interment to be made in the Church of England portion of Meadow Plat cemetery.
24-4-1931 The Workers Compensation Commission has awarded full compensation and costs on the highest scale to Mrs. Eleanor Agnes Smith, of Sunny Corner, in respect to the death of her husband, William Smith, a former employee of Invincible colliery, Cullen Bullen. It was stated that death occurred from a disease caused by impurities contained in coal dust.
30-4-1931 Petty Robberies. That an undesirable element is at present in the locality, is evident by the number of thefts that have been reported recently. Chaff, potatoes, and fruit were taken lately from a local farm and clothing, including a suit, was removed from a house while the owner was at Bathurst show. These robberies were both reported to the police at Tarana, but there are said to be many minor ones from the camps of gold seekers on the creeks, where tools, rabbit traps, and other articles have been stolen. From Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey come several complaints of sheep stealing, etc.
A movement is on-foot, supported by the Sunny Corner District Progress Association, to have better police protection afforded the district. Tarana is a long way off, and by the time a constable from there can arrive in Sunny Corner there is little chance of his doing any good.
1-5-1931 Common made a loss of 5 pounds for1930.
20-5-1931 Mr. C. A. Kelly, M.L.A. has received the following from the Chief Secretary, Mr. M. Gosling: Sir, I desire to acknowledge your personal representation on behalf of certain residents of Ben Bullen, Cullen Bullen, Dark Corner, Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat, urging that a mounted policeman be attached to Portland police station to serve the surrounding districts. In reply I wish to say that consideration will be given to the matter, and further advice forwarded to you at an early date. Your correspondent is Mr. J. S. Murray, of Sunny Corner, via Bathurst.
2-6-1931 The death occurred yesterday at his residence of Mr. Duncan Ferguson, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of Palmers Oakey, at the age of 68 years. Deceased had resided in the Palmers Oakey district all his life where he carried on grazing pursuits. About a fortnight ago he left St. Vincents Hospital after having been a patient of that institution for some time. Besides a sorrowing widow deceased is survived by two sons, Donald and Duncan, one daughter, Mrs. E. Smith (Flora) of Sunny Corner and two brothers, Messrs. Ewen of Palmers Oakey and Charles of Liverpool.
3-6-1931 The funeral of the late Mr. Duncan Ferguson took place yesterday afternoon leaving his late residence for Palmers Oakey cemetery where interment was made.
The remains were encased in a highly polished casket with handsome silver mountings and was conveyed to and from the hearse by Mr. M. Tobin, J. Tobin, D. Tobin (Limekilns), J. Scott and D. Scott (Dark Corner) five very old friends. Mr. Russell, one of the Bible students, read the burial service. A large number gathered at the graveside to witness the interment.
3-6-1931 An outbreak of dog poisoning has occurred lately in Sunny Corner, many animals having been poisoned in the township, some on the chain. It is difficult to see what motive anyone could have for such action, the dogs in question having been useful as watchdogs and quite harmless otherwise, unless sheep owners have regarded them as potential sheep killers, and got in first.
6-6-1931 Our correspondent reports that operations on the gossan at the Silver King mine, Sunny Corner, having proved unprofitable, the battery has been closed down. A crushing is being raised from a reef at West Mitchell, near French's Reef. Much gold was obtained from this portion of the field years ago and values appear promising.
12-6-1931 It is hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, Messrs. William George Sydney Francis and Edward James Ryan, who have left the district, are hereby removed from their positions as Trustees of the Public Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner.
Public Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner, area 4 acres 3 roods 28 perches, dedicated 13th November, 1894:—Messrs. Aiden Shumack, Robert James Passeri, Lionel Ottley Wilkinson, Eric Archer Smith and George Hemsworth McDonald (in the places of Messrs. R. W, Magill and J. H. Pye, deceased, Mr. J. Sparks, senior, resigned, and Messrs. W. G. S. Francis and E. J. Ryan, removed).
17-6-1931 The news that a substantial sum of money is to be spent on improving the Sunny Corner-Portland road at Garlands Hill should afford satisfaction, provided that an attempt is made to materially improve the road.
26-6-1931 It is hereby notified that at the expiration one month from this date, it is intended, under the provisions of section 23 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, to alter the design of the suburban lands attached to the town of Sunny Corner by closing the designed roads and boundary road within portion 93. Plan R. 4,335-1,496 Roll.
Diagrams showing the proposed alteration may be inspected at the Crown Lands Office, Bathurst, and Department of Lands, Sydney. P. 31-5,589. J. M. TULLY, Minister for Lands.
1-7-1931 The many people who travel every Thursday from this locality to Tarana for dole collection purposes had an unusually arduous time last Thursday, when, in addition to the rain, the creek that crosses the road four times between Meadow Flat and Tarana was running a banker. Most of the wayfarers walked along the mountain top, but the few who drove in had a rough passage. One man in crossing the creek, lost a rug and other articles out of his sulky, and had a narrow escape from being washed away altogether.
3-7-1931 News of the death of Mr. Gordon Alfred Chiplin at St. John's Park, was received with much regret at Sunny Corner, where he was for many years a resident, and whence he enlisted for the war. His father, the late Mr. Chris. Chiplin, was headmaster at the Sunny Corner school for about 16 years, many local residents having been pupils of his. In his time the school was a much larger institution, both as to building and attendance than nowadays, Sunny Corner then being a busy and populous mining town. Mr. Gordon Chiplin was the eldest son of a family of seven, one of his sisters being Mrs. J. Shumack of Springvale, Dark Corner.

Mr. Chiplin's untimely death was due to the effects of being gassed at the war. He leaves a widow and six children, to whom the sincere sympathy of Sunny Corner residents is extended.

Friends of Mr. "Paddy" Barry, one of the oldest residents of the district, will regret to hear that he is an inmate of Portland hospital. A peculiar coincidence is that his brothers, Messrs. Tom and Sam Barry, are on the sick list. Everyone will wish them a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. J. Ryan, who established a record at Sunny Corner for passing pupils at the local school for bursaries, has continued the good work at Seanwell Park, whither he was transferred from Sunny Corner. In five years there, nine of his pupils have won bursaries, the figures being two, three, one, one and two for the consecutive years. Scholastic successes are not confined to outsiders, as two of his own family have won the B.A. degree at the University. Miss Mollie Ryan graduating last year, with honors in English. Mr. Ryans old pupils at Sunny Corner recall that he always stressed the importance of English and mathematics.

4-7-1931 Mr. Aiden Shumack, of “Springvale” Dark Corner drew attention to the dangerous state of the road from Sunny Corner to Dark Corner on the top road. It had worn into gutters and was slippery at a bad corner, there was urgent need for repair work.

8-7-1931 The death has occurred, after a long illness in Portland hospital of Mr. Patrick Barry, a life long resident of Sunny Corner. The deceased who was 84 years of age, was well known throughout the district, and respected by all. Mrs. Barry predeceased him many years ago, and members of the family who survive are Mesdames T. Tierney (Portland), Wickens (Lakemba) and V. and H. Barry (Sydney).The funeral took place on Monday, interment being made in the Kirkconnoll cemetery. Rev. Fr. Casey performed the last sad rites.

15-7-1931 Since July 5 there have been six wet days, yielding 218 points, and since then snow has fallen intermittently, and looks like continuing. At present the place is covered with snow. The rainfall for the six months ended June 30 totalled 2344 points, as against 1654 points for the corresponding period of 1930. In 1929 the first six month yielded 1412 points,

22-7-1931 While the condition of John Hunter and Alan Pearce, two of the victims of Monday mornings car and cycle collision at Mt. Lambie, is stated to be satisfactory, Alex Hunter, a boy of 8, is still in a serious condition. The three are inmates of the hospital. Mr. Jack Attuell, the driver of the mail car, comes from the Sunny Corner district. He has been conducting the mail service since January, and is generally popular with all sections of his run. According to our Rydal correspondent, Mr. G. Green, postmaster at Meadow Flat, gave assistance to Attuell after the accident, and this enabled him to continue the service.

14-9-1931 Mr. W. Wakeman reports having discovered a rich reef at Black Butt Mountain, on the other side of Daylight about four miles from Sunny Corner. The reef is about two feet thick, and a red flag indicates the presence of payable gold. The adjoining claim is owned by Mr. Robert Frew, of Portland.

28-9-1931 Citizens made further improvements to the cemetery grounds on Saturday afternoon. At the next working bee it is proposed to erect a hand gate for general convenience. A large brown snake, which was disturbed, was quickly despatched. It appears that during the early days of Sunny Corner this burial ground was used until a cemetery was established there. Some persons were buried there 40 years ago, and it is nearly impossible to discern the location of the graves.

1-10-1931 The Anglican Church at Sunny Corner, fallen into disuse, is being disposed of by the Bathurst diocesan authorities, and Rydal hall committee has made an offer. Efforts have been made from time to time to get a representative meeting of those to whose interest it should be to have a public hall for the benefit of the community of Rydal, but these so far have met with scant success.

5-10-1931 It is pleasant to have to record that there are signs of some activity locally in the matter of reef mining, as several leases have been pegged out lately. Three leases, comprising 20 acres, have been applied for by Mr. J. S. Murray, one of which has already been surveyed. These leases include Lord's Reef, a "show" on Bob's Creek that was worked many years ago. Some work has been done there already in cleaning out the approach to the tunnel, preparatory to opening it up. Another lease that has been pegged out by Messrs. McAuley and Strickland takes in the dumps at the old Sunny Corner silverlead mine, while areas are also pegged near the Silver King and at the "show" on Bob's Creek worked years ago by Mr. T. Barry.

A good many men are still chasing alluvial gold, but, nothing exciting in that line has been reported. Most of the "alluviallers" are on the dole, so that a little gold means a bit extra to them, irrespective of whether it is sufficient for "tucker" or not. In this respect they have an advantage over the old-time digger, who had to make his living out of the ground or starve. However, in producing gold, no matter how little, they are adding something to the countrys wealth at a time when wealth is badly needed, so that they are more valuable national assets than those who are living on the dole and producing nothing. In the reefing line, the recent discovery near Dark Corner is reported to have cut out, being only a small pipeclay seam of very meagre proportions. As this coincides with the predictions of all old Sunny Corner miners directly they learned where the find was, it is evident that their knowledge of the characteristics of various portions of this field is pretty sound. Tell them the locality of a find, and without looking at it, they can almost invariably describe its nature and make a very accurate estimate of its value.

This goes to show how carefully a district with so large a mining population as Sunny Corner once boasted is prospected, and its aspects from a mining standpoint studied from every angle. The old-time prospector was ever a close observer, and experience and experiment taught him much that cannot be learned from books or schools of mines. He might have been blissfully ignorant of the correct geological names of the rocks he labored amongst, and quite incapable of spelling them, but he was very solid on finding out likely places for payable gold. At that business he was considerably superior to many people from whom scientific language oozes every time they speak.

Mr. Simon ("Sam") Barry, who died recently at the residence of his son-in-law (Mr. T. Carter) was an old resident of the district. He was 75, and for many years lived near the homes of his brothers, Messrs. P. and T. Barry, on portion of the

property formerly owned by his father, the late Mr. Simon Barry who was one of the early settlers in the Sunny Corner district. His eldest brother, Mr. P. Barry, died recently. Mr. T. Barry, of Sunny Corner, and Mrs. J. Murray of Lidsdale, brother and sister, survive. Mr. Barry leaves two sons, Messrs. S. Barry (Portland), and W. Barry (Queensland), and one daughter, Mrs. T. Carter (Portland).

7-10-1931 After a spell of warm weather, giving the impression that cold weather had gone for the year, a snowstorm, equivalent to 42 points of rain, occurred on Sunday night.

It is quite possible that this may do good in regard to the thrip, just as an extra late snowfall one year was followed by an almost total absence of the cherry slug, a pest that is usually very plentiful in summer. So far no thrip is noticeable here, but no orchardist will complain if the snowstorm keeps the pest from coming.

12-10-1931 A wedding of interest locally was celebrated at Canterbury recently, the contracting parties being Irene Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bennett, of Dark Corner and Edward, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Castle, of Belmore.

The bride wore a smart floral dress and a fawn hat to match. After the ceremony the happy couple left for Revesby, where they will reside.

At the Church of England, Portland, on October 3, the wedding took place of Mr. J. Passeri, of Sunny Corner, and Miss Emily Smith, daughter of Mr. James Smith of Sunny Corner. Miss Grace King was bridesmaid. After the ceremony a pleasant evening was spent at the residence of the brides father, many friends being present.

13-10-1931 In the Bathurst Small Debts Court yesterday before Mr. S. Bromhead, Thomas Fitzgerald, storekeeper, of Sunny Corner, sued Sid Knight, George Knight, and William Knight, trading as Knight and Sons, of Yetholme, for £24/8/1 alleged to have been owing for goods sold and delivered.

Mr. P. B. Kenny, for the defendants, stated that in respect of Sid Knight, £21 had been paid before the action was brought. He admitted liability for £11/8/1. The sons pleaded not indebted.

Fitzgerald, in evidence stated that the goods were supplied sometimes to Sid Knight and sometimes to Billy or George Knight. All the money he had received, was £8. The sons kept a dairy at Yetholme.

In reply to Mr. Kenny, Fitzgerald said he had not previously made out an account in the name of Knight and Sons, until the time the claim was lodged.

Sidney Hilton Knight, a widower, of Yetholme, said plaintiff had asked him to deal with his store at West Mitchell, and to requested other road men on the Main Roads Board to give him a turn. He (defendant) opened an account with Fitzgerald.

The dairy mentioned was conducted by Knight Bros, William and Edward. He (defendant) owed Fitzgerald £11, but was unable to pay as he had been out of work for 14 months, and was at present on the dole.

George Knight, a son of the previous witness, and a dairyman, said he had never purchased any goods from Fitzgerald and had never received any account. William Knight had nothing to do with the dairy business.

A verdict was given for plaintiff in the sum of £13/8/1 against Sidney Knight. In the case of George and William Knight, a verdict for the defendants was recorded.

22-10-1931 Having survived a 150 mile dash by ambulance to Sydney in a race against death Mr. Peter Munro, a well-known Western grazier of Palmers Oakey, is making a wonderful recovery in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. This is the first illness he has ever had in his 57 years, and there are some lambs back on the homestead waiting to be marked.

A severe attack of influenza a couple of months ago put Mr. Munro on the sick list at his home, 28 miles from Bathurst, and complications developed, He was hurried by Ambulance to Bathurst and placed in hospital. The local doctors were unable to give him the necessary treatment and arrangements were made to put him in Prince Alfred Hospital for a blood transfusion. The long ride down by motor ambulance took only five hours, but every mile of the 150 was a nightmare. At one stage crossing the mountains the ambulance had to halt for a while to allow Mr. Munro to revive, and it was feared that he would be unable to complete the journey. 'No more ambulance,' he said yesterday, 'though' the officers are wonderful. I am going home by train.

2-11-1931 The death occurred at the Sofala District Hospital yesterday after a very short illness of Robert Theobald, a well known and highly respected apiarist and grazier of Palmers Oakey, aged 39. Deceased had only been ill a few days and was admitted to the hospital on Saturday. Deceased was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Theobald of Palmers Oakey and is survived by six brothers and five sisters. The funeral will take place to the Palmers Oakey cemetery tomorrow (Tuesday) at 11 o'clock.

4-11-1931 A cricket match between Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat on Saturday, resulted in a win for the former. Sunny Corner compiled 195 to Meadow Flats 39. For S. C. the highest scorers were Les Stait 45, J. Passeri 44, Chapman 26 and K. Stait 24. W. Barton, W. Anderson and J. McAlister made the best scores for Meadow Flat

Raymond Neil Stait was acquitted of a charge of stealing a quantity of potatoes, valued at £3 10s, the property of George Stait and George McDonald, at Sunny Corner. He was defended by Mr. C. H. Le Fevre, of Lithgow.

Sergt. W. H. Lucas deposed that on October 7 he went to the farm of George Stait and George McDonald. Several boards had been taken from the side of a shed on the property, leaving an opening about 2ft 6ins wide. He obtained a sample of some potatoes and went to the farm of William Stait, where he made a search of the residence, which revealed several bags of potatoes and a kerosene tin three parts full (produced). Later told defendant plaintiffs had identified some of the potatoes as their property, which, they alleged had been stolen. In reply defendant said he obtained them from Mr. Lowes farm about a month ago. The potatoes were again examined by plaintiffs, who declared they had not been grown in Sunny Corner soil. Since they were both satisfied that the potatoes were their property, he arrested the defendant and charged him.

To Mr. Le Fevre: The potatoes alleged to have been stolen were Factors. He ascertained that Mr. Lowe had given the defendant, some potatoes, including some Factors.

George Hemsworth McDonald, farmer, of Sunny Corner, said he was share farming with George Stait. The missing potatoes were grown by H. A. Cunynghame, at Oberon. When they arrived they placed them in the shed. There were nine bags of Factors and four and a half bags of Pinkeyes. On October 5 he discovered that six bags of Factors were missing, and at the end of the shed three or four boards had been removed. The potatoes in the tin were similar to those that were missing.
To Mr. Le Fevre: I brought the missing potatoes to the farm myself. I did not open the bags when I got them, and I did not examine the potatoes when they were put into the shed.
George Alexander Stait, farmer, of Portland, gave evidence which corroborated that of the previous witness.
To Mr. Le Fevre he said that nine bags were branded Factors and the others Pinkeyes. He based his conviction that the bags contained potatoes by this fact. The bags were unopened when they were put into the shed, and as far as he was concerned they were still unopened. He did not see any of the branded bags at defendant's home.
Francis George Cunynghame, farmer, of Oberon, stated that his partner sold certain potatoes to the plaintiff. He (witness) had handled them three times, and those on exhibition were similar to the ones he had grown.
The P.M. did not consider the evidence was sufficient to call upon the defendant to answer the charge, and the case was dismissed.

7-11-1931 After the trip in the ambulance car to Sydney, the operation was successfully performed and Mr Munro was reported to be recovering. Complications set in however, and the deceased suffered a relapse and died. He was 57 years of age. The late Mr Munro was one of Palmers Oakeys best known residents, and was a member of a well known local family. In addition to his widow, two brothers and five sisters survive. They are Messrs Robert and Finlay Munro; Mrs Aiden Shumack, Misses Janet and Annie Munro, Mrs Stafford and Mrs Nancarrow.
The body will be conveyed to Bathurst by motor hearse and the funeral will leave Mr J. Tangyes funeral parlor at 1 p.m. to-day for the Presbyterian portion of the Palmers Oakey Cemetery, arriving at the cemetery at 3 o'clock.

9-11-1931 Turon Shire Council had forgotten it had ever levied a water rate at Sunny Corner until Councillor Berry mentioned at Friday's meeting that several ratepayers were apprehensive that such an impost was to be imposed in future. Cr. Berry pointed out that the water rate had not been levied for four or five years and the residents were under the impression that it had been abandoned. Several of them, however, were using the water and wanted to know whether they were under any liability. Most of the meters were at present out of order and it would be practically impossible to read them. The residents themselves made minor repairs to the reservoir.
The Shire Cleric (Mr. D. Boyd) was very much surprised to learn that there were water metres at Sunny Corner. 'I was quite unaware of it' he said, 'and there have been no water rates collected in my time.'
The President (Cr. J. Crossley) recalled the fact that a former Council had decided that it was not worthwhile to collect the rates mentioned.
Cr. J. C Locke expressed the opinion that if a water rate were charged the ratepayers would insist upon improvements and the Council would find itself committed to a great deal of expense. The President, concurred 'If we allow them, a little latitude they will look after the reservoir,' he said.
Cr. Berry was instructed to assure the residents of that no water rate would be charged.

11-11-1931 A heavy thunderstorm, accompanied by hail, passed over Sunny Corner on Sunday, some of the hail being fully an inch in diameter. It ruined all the fruit left on the trees by the late frosts and thrip, and an absolute "blank" so far as fruit goes is now assured.
In the 24 hours 224 points fell, and much damage was done to vegetable crops by the combined downpour and the hail. Rain was badly needed, but it would have done more good if it had been supplied on the slow motion principle. Such downpours remove a lot of good soil in these mountainous regions.

Friends of Mrs. Magill, who resided for many years in Sunny Corner, will regret to learn that she had the misfortune recently to fall and break her thigh. For several years since leaving Sunny Corner, Mrs. Magill has lived at Lidcombe, at the residence of her son, Mr. Aub. Magill.

The funeral took place on Sunday, at Kirkconnel cemetery, of the late Mrs. L. Dowler, of Tarana. Mrs. Dowler was a sister of Mr. J. Wade, of Meadow Flat, and leaves a family of nine children. The sincere sympathy of all Sunny Cornerites will be extended to the bereaved husband and family.

16-11-1931 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear Dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16th, 1930, aged 60 years.
With tears we saw you sinking,
And watched you pass away,
We kissed your dear, sweet lips,
But could not make you stay;
We watched by your bedside,
As the lonely hours passed away,
And how our hearts were broken
When we saw you breathe your last.
Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.

SMITH. In loving memory of our dear. Dad, who passed away November 16, 1930.

Peace, perfect peace. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Jack: and Freda, Portland.

3-12-1931 At the examination held at the Sunny Corner School, five pupils sat for the primary final, one for a bursary, and one for High School entrance. The following pupils passed the primary final test: Marjorie Wilkinson (Sunny Corner), Albert Jollie (Sunny Corner), Norman Strickland (Sunny Corner), and Leonard Smith (Dark Corner).

4-12-1931 Sunny Corner Common:—Messrs. John Oscar Stait, Harold Guihot, John Henry Passeri, Robert James Passeri and William Stait.

17-12-1931 Shockingly injured internally, through being pinned by a three ton boulder, Alexander McCauley, a middle-aged prospector, succumbed to his injuries about five hours after being hauled from the John Bright mine at Sunny Corner yesterday afternoon. A remarkable feature is that, although suffering intense agony, McCauley remained conscious until a few minutes before he died. He underwent a terrible ordeal as the rock was being removed from his body by two work-mates, it being necessary to lever the boulder and weak it with whatever implements were available. The victim was engaged in driving a tunnel into the side of the shaft when the accident occurred. Without warning, the huge mass of rock came away from its position, and falling only a short distance, pinned the unfortunate man to the ground. His two partners, a brother and Mr. J. Strickland, of Sunny Corner, who were working at the top of the shaft, heard the noise, and on investigating were horrified to find their mate almost buried beneath the boulder. They lowered themselves into the shaft, but found it was impossible to move the rock with their bare hands. They then obtained an iron bar and other implements, and set about the task of breaking the rock in such a manner as to extricate McCauley. This they were able to do after extreme difficulty. They then managed to haul the injured man from the shaft, and sent immediately for medical aid. Dr. Miskle was notified at 3.15, and although he arrived at Sunny Corner about 4 o'clock, he was unable to get to the scene of the accident, which is about four miles from Sunny Corner, until over two hours later. A rough bush track has been cut in from the road through thickly timbered country to the mine. The trail is almost indistinguishable in places, and trees have been marked to point the way. The doctor found the trip a hazardous one, but when he arrived McCauley was still alive, although by now he had lapsed into a semi-conscious state, He died about 10 minutes before the arrival of the Bathurst ambulance which had also been communicated with. An examination revealed that the dead man was suffering from a fractured pelvis and internal injuries, his abdomen being crushed in. The body was taken by the ambulance to the morgue at Bathurst. The funeral was to have taken place at that centre to-day.

McCauley, who came from Sydney to Sunny Corner, had resided in this district for only a short time, but nevertheless was well-known here. He worked the John Bright mine in partnership with his brother and Mr. Strickland. To date their efforts have been fairly successful, and about two months ago a good crushing was taken out.

It is not known how the boulder became dislodged, as there have been no blasting operations for some time. The men however have been doing a lot of digging, and it is surmised the rock might have become loosened through this operation.

22-12-1931 Mr. Eric Smith, of Dark Corner, was taken to a hospital in Bathurst by the ambulance on Saturday, suffering from an attack of pneumonia. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the Sunny Corner School on Thursday, when the distribution of prizes at the breaking-up for the Christmas holidays took place.

There was a good muster of parents and citizens, the prizes being given out by the Rev. A. A. Adam. Two special prizes, for sewing, presented by Mrs. Jollie for the higher and lower divisions respectively were won by Dorothy Strickland and Elma Guihot. Prizes donated by Mrs. Lyn Yates, of Warra Gulla Sunny Corner were won by, Norman Strickland and Marjorie Wilkinson.

23-12-1931 Sunny Corner had organised a sports day and dance on New Years Day, the proceeds being equally divided between the Ambulance and the District Hospital.

31-12-1931 The Relatives and Friends of the late Mrs. Mary Rushton, of Sunny Corner and Lithgow, are invited to attend her Funeral; to leave her sons (Alf) residence, Park road, Enfield, this afternoon, at 2.40 o'clock, by road, for the Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood.

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0-1-1932 William Cresswell appointed Teacher.

19-1-1932 FOR SALE, Chevrolet Super K. Car, In good order. £30 or near offer. Apply McFarlane, West Mitchell,

27-1-1932 An unusually large gathering assembled at the church at West Mitchell on Sunday, to attend a service conducted by the Rev. A. A. Adam, Presbyterian, minister from Portland. After the service, Mr. Adam dedicated an organ, presented to the church by the three Misses Peak, of Epping. The Misses Peak are aunts of Mrs. A. Phillips, who has been residing at Sunny Corner for about a year, and were desirous of giving the organ to some church where it would be of material service. Mrs. Phillips, who acted as organist at West Mitchell for some months, considered that the organ would be particularly appreciated there as the existing instrument was not in the best of repair.

A largely attended meeting took place in the Sunny Corner school on Saturday night, for the purpose of bidding farewell to Mr. and Mrs. D. Jollie, on the eve of their departure for Toms Lagoon, a few miles from Forbes, incidentally this is particularly advantageous to Mr. Jollie, since it allows him to send one of his sons, who has qualified for entry, to Forbes Intermediate High School.

During his three years sojourn at Sunny Corner Mr. Jollie has proved himself not only a most capable and conscientious teacher, whole souled in his attention to all matters pertaining to the welfare and comfort of the children, as well as their educational needs, but a valuable citizen, ever ready to assist in any local movement of a practical and progressive nature.

A meeting of local unemployed, called at the Sunny Corner recreation ground on Sunday afternoon by the lately formed Yetholme and Sunny Corner Unemployed Association largely attended. It was unanimously decided to refuse the offer made by Turon Shire Council of a days work for nine men unless the matter of selecting the men was left to the association.

1-2-1932 Two bushfires broke out on Thursday, one near the Sunny Corner racecourse and the other on the road to Dark Corner. A large number of local residents, aided by many of the campers from Bobs Creek and West Mitchell, put in much good work and got them fairly under control by evening. A good deal of damage however was done by the first fire, about half of the racecourse paddock, and much of Mr. J. Stait's and Mr. T. Tierneys properties being burned. Including a good deal of fencing. Had it not been for the presence of so many willing workers, and the fact that the wind was not very strong, this fire might easily have assumed much more serious proportions.
Towards Dark Corner part of a paddock belonging to Mr. D. Scott, and some fencing was burnt.

5-2-1932 As a result of a dispute over the allotment of relief work on road repairs, none of the Sunny Corner men went to work yesterday. Four Yetholme residents accepted the Turon Shire Councils offer. At a meeting of the Unemployed Association at Kirkconnel two of these men sent in their resignations. The council will consider the position on Friday.

17-2-1932 At a meeting of the local Unemployed Association, held at Kirkconnel on Sunday, it was decided that the men selected for a days relief work by the Turon Shire Council accept it, and the work is to be carried out on Tuesday. On the vexed question as to whether the present system of selection of men is to prevail in future, or whether the association is to have the right of selection, it is proposed to hold a meeting of ratepayers and electors at Sunny Corner next Saturday, to ascertain their attitude on the matter.

A well attended dance was held in the Sunny Corner hall on Saturday night last in aid of the unemployed, at which over £4 is stated to have been taken. Unfortunately, the number of unemployed in the district is very large, and many of them are in actual want of clothing, etc. When one sees how many necessaries people are trying to do without at the present time, it is easy to realise that retail establishments and trade and industry generally are having a bad time. No matter how careful a man is, camping out and gold-digging have serious effects on boots and wearing apparel.

For the first time since the depression began, dole tickets were distributed and orders filled locally last week, at Mr. T. Fitzgeralds store at West Mitchell, thereby saving local unemployed the inconvenience of a trip to Tarana or Portland.

24-2-1932 A nasty accident occurred at West Mitchell last week, when a boy named P. Fitzgerald, 11 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, fell off a cart when assisting to load wood, and broke his arm just above the wrist. He was taken to Portland, where the injury was attended to by Dr. Harrison.

The gang of relief workers on Tuesday last week cut down blackberries and saplings along the roadside, thereby improving the visibility at many places. Many people think that work on the road itself would have been preferable.

26-2-1932 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground:—Reverend James Sheahan, Messrs. James Loneragan and John Sparks Murray (in the places of Reverend A. E. O'Brien, removed, and Messrs. E. Fitzgerald and J. Sparks, resigned)

The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Methodist Burial Ground:—Messrs. Christopher Henry Scott and Kenelm Eustace Coller.

10-3-1932 Mr M. Gosling, Chief Secretary, writes to Mr C. A. Kelly, M.L.A. as follows: “Dear Mr Kelly: I wish to acknowledge your personal representations on behalf of the hon. secretary, Yetholme Unemployed Movement, Meadow Flat, regarding the issue of food relief at Sunny Corner and to inform you that I intend to pay a visit to this centre in the near future to inquire personally into the question raised.”

17-3-1932 A nugget of gold weighing 6oz. 4dwts. 12gr, was found near Sunny Corner last week by Mr. W. A. Ross and party.

22-3-1932 An amusing cricket match was played by residents of Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat on Sunday, when the men were dressed as women, and vice versa. The general opinion of the male players seems to be that they were in no way benefited by their unusual apparel, and they are not at all disposed to adopt it permanently.

24-3-1932 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner,dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Methodist Burial Ground:—Messrs. William David McAlister, George Sharpe, Norman John McAlister and William John Scott (in the places of Messrs. W. J. Scott and J. C. Jeffree, deceased, and Messrs. Christopher H. Scott and K. E. Coller, removed).

25-3-1932 At Lithgow Mining Court, Thomas Hutchison, of Sunny Corner was granted a suspension of working conditions for six months on a sluicing claim on which he stated £800 had been spent He explained that there had been a water shortage following the washing out of a dam.

14-4-1932 Last week a nasty accident befell Mr. W. M. Crawford, who has resided at Sunny Corner for some time. Mr. Crawford slipped and fell on the blade of a shovel, inflicting a bad cut on his hand. After it had been bound up by Mr. J. S. Murray, Mr. Creswell drove him into Portland for medical attention. Four stitches were put in the wound.

Excitement was caused in Sunny Corner when Mr. T. A. Hutchinson reported the discovery of a rich reef in the locality last week. The reef, which has been cut in four or five places, is two to three feet thick, and a dollying test has yielded 2 to 3 ounces per ton.

22-4-1932 Six tons of stone from the mine on Black Angel Mountain, owned by Messrs. W Wakeham and T. Hutchinson, has just been crushed at Sunny Corner for a total yield of 29ozs. 8dwts. of retorted gold. The stone was raised by a co-operative party. This is the "show" found by Mr. Wakeham last year, and is situated about 6 miles down Daylight Creek from Sunny Corner. The vein, which is said to be in the nature of a clayey seam, though small has carried rich gold where worked, a previous crushing of two tons yielding about 4ozs. a ton.

Several men are working on the prospecting area held by Mr. T. Hutchinson on the Big Hill, Sunny Corner, from which locality much stone was crushed in the past, and a large supply of quartz remains in the hill. Former crushings from this portion of the Big Hill are said by old miners to have ranged between 4dwts. and 15dwts., and some of the stope at present being obtained prospects well. What it will average in bulk is a matter for the battery to prove.

From another portion of the Big Hill the late Mr. C. Murray crushed many thousands of tons of stone, most of which averaged somewhere about 6dwts., and much stone was raised by small working parties from the reef which runs through the hill.

27-4-1932 News of the death of Mr. George Shumack in Sydney on Sunday, a week after he had undergone a serious operation, was received with much regret by residents of Sunny Corner. Mr. Shumack, who was 58, had spent much of his life in this district, being a native of Dark Corner, where he was engaged for many years in pastoral pursuits in company with his brother, Mr. R. Shumack, now residing at Cullen Bullen. While at Dark Corner Mr. Shumack married Miss Murray the second daughter of the late Mr. Charles Murray, for many years hotel-keeper, mine-owner and battery proprietor at Sunny Corner. He had a family of nine children. After leaving Dark Corner he went first to Millthorpe, but was later for some time in Portland, where he engaged in various business ventures. He then acquired a dairy property at Peakhurst, near Bankstown. Known as he was to practically everyone throughout the Sunny Corner and Portland districts, Mr. Shumack was as popular as he was well known, and the sincerest sympathy is expressed by a very wide circle of friends to the bereaved widow, family and relatives. The burial took place at Woronora cemetery on Tuesday.

4-5-1932 Relief Orders.—On Thursday 431 food relief orders were issued at the Majestic Hall, Portland, and 89 were distributed at Sunny Corner on the previous day. For the last month the total issued locally was 1696, the value, including 19 tins of Lactogen and 35 tins of condensed milk (babies food) being £1,344 10s 9d. The total number issued at Sunny Corner was 328, the value being £169 9s 2½d.

11-5-1932 Work on the lease taken up on the Big Hill by Mr. T. Hutchinson is proceeding, and a good deal of quartz is already raised, with much more in sight. It is estimated that at least 40,000 tons of stone, of varying values, can be obtained there. The prime necessary of the undertaking is the installation of a fair sized battery in close proximity to the area. The only battery at Sunny Corner is the small one situated at the Silver King, necessitating a long distance to cart the stone: Moreover, the stampers are too light to expeditiously crush hard stone. This battery, having been erected to crush the gossan at the Silver King, is not at all well situated for public operation, but the number of crushings put through shows that there is a real demand for a well equipped plant in the district large enough to crush expeditiously and cheaply. A 10-head outfit of heavy stamps at the Big Hill could crush a fair output from that locality, besides dealing with stone from other "shows ". It is stated that at least 60 tons a week could easily be raised from Mr. Hutchinsons holding, while there are many other reefs worthy of attention if the means of crushing the ore cheaply were available.

A well situated battery, supplied with cheap power, should be able to crush for a few shillings a ton, and hundreds of men nowadays would be willing to exploit reefs if they could see the chance of making much less than ordinary wages, with the gamble of a rich patch now and then thrown in.

13-5-1932 Mr. Norman Poyitt, an old-time resident of Sunny Corner when its gold output was considerably larger than at present, was here last week, staying with his sister, Mrs. Yates, of Warra Gulla. Mr. Poyitt was one of the fortunate proprietors of the famous Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner, and for many years worked on the property, so that his knowledge of the mine was not gained only by the receipt of dividends. In fact, there is little concerning the Paddy Lackey, as well as other mines formerly opened in the district, that Mr. Poyitt does not know, as he had a long connection with the industry generally.

He paid a visit last week to the spot where little remains to indicate that a highly profitable mine, worked to 650 feet deep, employing many men, and paying thousands of pounds in dividends, once existed. The mullock heaps and tailings, however speak eloquently to the practical miner of the amount of work that must have been done below. Thousands of tons on the surface tell a story, of much driving and stoping underground, but apart from this there is hardly anything but wild bush at the old Lackey now.

The relative and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Les. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. R. Schumack, and Mr. and Mrs. Small are kindly invited to attend the funeral of their late mother, Mrs. Margaret Murray, to leave her late residence, Lidsdale, at 2 p.m., To-Morrow (Saturday) for Kirkconnell cemetery.

20-5-1932 Common made a loss of 9 shillings for 1931.

26-5-1932 Mr. Gus. Kelly, M.L.A., has received the following from the Under Secretary of Lands: “Dear Sir: In response to your communication of the 19th ultimo addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture, requesting on behalf of the unemployed of the district, that part of Sunny Corner Sate Forest might be made available to be acquired by them, I am directed to Inform you that in view of the possible establishment of a plantation and the importance of preserving an adequate area for that purpose, the revocation of any considerable area for settlement of unemployed parsons is not practicable.

Attention is invited, however, to the fact that in the same locality there is a Common and a considerable area of Crown Lands, where perhaps an area suitable for the requirements of the persons concerned might be available, and in that regard enquiries might be made at the Lands Department.”

3-6-1932 Losing his balance while getting through a fence in the bush near Sugar Loaf, Sunny Corner, on Wednesday morning, Mr. Harry Brown, of Portland, fell and sustained a severe rupture. He was brought to Portland hospital by a resident of Sunny Corner, and was admitted in a critical condition. An operation was performed on the same night, but his condition is unaltered. Mr. Brown, who is the father of a large family, was on a shooting expedition at the time of the accident, and was accompanied by his wife.

9-6-1932 A quiet wedding was celebrated in the Methodist church on Saturday afternoon, the contracting parties being Ellen Maud, seventh daughter of Mrs. Sharp and Ronald, second son of Mrs. E. Kissell, of West Mitchell. The Rev. J. G. Brooksbank, of Portland, officiated. There was a goodly number of friends and well-wishers of the bride and bridegroom present.

The bride, who was given away by her brother (Mr. C. Sharp, of Portland) looked charming in a frock of ivory crepe-dc-chine. She wore the customary wreath and veil, and carried a bouquet of white carnations, camelias and hyacinths. She was at tended

by her sister, Mabel, who was attired in pink morocain and lace with hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and sweet peas.
Mr. C. Kissell, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The bride was the recipient of many nice and useful gifts, including the bouquets, which were presented by friends of the bride in Sydney.
A reception was held afterwards at Mrs Sharps residence, where a large number joined in the festivities. The usual toasts were duly honored. The future home of the happy couple will be at West Mitchell.

17-6-1932 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Presbyterian Burial Ground:—Messrs. Adrian Shumack, James Dudley Grabham and Ronald Keith Kissell (in the places of Messrs. J. M. Sheridan and G. C Fraser, resigned and Mr. J. McLachlan, deceased).

20-6-1932 An accident occurred at West Mitchell on Wednesday, when a young man named W. Millis, who was out rabbit shooting, had the misfortune to shoot himself in the foot with a pea-rifle. He was admitted to Portland hospital.

24-6-1932 The death occurred on Wednesday, at her daughters residence, Portland, of Mrs. Ellen McDonald, at the age of 61. She was an old and respected resident of the district, and had resided on her farm at Sunny Corner for many years. A family of two sons and two daughters survive, her husband having predeceased her 18 years ago. The members of the family are Messrs. Alexander and George (Sunny Corner), Mrs. J. Stait (Portland) and Mrs. Serong (Sydney). The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, the remains being laid to rest in the Presbyterian portion of the Portland cemetery.

27-6-1932 Judging by present weather conditions, this winter is likely to be a severe one. After about nine days of snow and sleet, accompanied by high winds, very heavy frosts were experienced, the thermometer falling as low as 20 degrees, this reading being taken on a verandah wall, and not on the grass. A dam at Sunny Corner was covered with ice so thick that it could be walked on, and the snow lying around was well frozen.
On Friday very heavy gales, with fog and driving rain, set in from the south-west, and more snow seems likely. Stock are having a bad time, especially as feed is not too plentiful on the common, while the fossicking industry is hung up till the weather improves. Potato digging is also postponed till further orders.

6-7-1932 Sunny Corner footballers met Portland Wallaroos at Sunny Corner in competition football on Saturday and after a well contested, clean game, Wallaroos won by 10 points to 8, a few men were slightly injured on either side, but all the players finished on the field.
On Sunday Sunny Corner played Yetholme in a friendly match, winning after a well fought game. Some minor injuries were sustained by players on both sides, and the Sunny Corner captain (Bruce McLeay) has his ankle injured.

6-7-1932 A young man named Len Simpson, who was mining at the Black Angel was brought into Sunny Corner on Sunday by Mr. J. Rowley, suffering, it was thought, from congestion of the lungs. The Bathurst ambulance was rung up, and arrived in 55 minutes, and the sufferer was taken to the hospital in Bathurst.
It is in circumstances like these that the value of a motor ambulance and telephone combination in cases of accident or illness in outlying places can be fully recognised.

22-7-1932 Appointment of Teacher; Bell, Hector David, Dark Corner.

The death took place in the Bathurst hospital on Wednesday of Mr. George Shumack at the age of 76. Deceased had been in the institution for the past six weeks, following an operation on the eyes. Deceased was born at Meadow Flat and spent the whole of his life in the district, following mining pursuits, and during his life he worked some very payable claims on the Turon. His wife pre-deceased him by two years. For the past eight years deceased had resided at Ben Bullen.
Thd funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, interment being made in the Catholic portion the Portland cemetery. Rev. Father Sheehan officiated.

12-9-1932 At the Bathurst police court to-day many charges were heard as a result of an altercation at Meadow Flat on September 1.
A Fierce combat in which, an iron bar, and stones played a part was waged on the recreation ground in the usually peaceful rillage of Meadow Flat on the afternoon of Thursday, September 1, and the aftermath was a legal battle in the Bathurst Police Court. The principals were the Galtin brothers, the McManus family and School teacher Barton, all well known residents of the village.
In the first case, James Ernest Galvin proceeded against Ernest James McManus, Clifford McManus, and Mary Alice May McManus for assault.
Mr. W. H. Henlen appeared for Galvin, and Mr. J. Wilson represented the defendants.
James Ernest Galvin, who is a farmer of Meadow Flat, gave evidence that on September 1, he was putting down a cricket pitch on the recreation ground at Meadow Flat, with the assistance of his brother, Alfred, and Mr. Barton. He noticed Clifford McManus walk down through a paddock and stand near a big tree on the cricket boundary. A few minutes later they walked over to where the work was going on, and Ernest McManus, addressed witness, 'What do you mean by pulling the school children up?' Witness replied he had not done so. Ernest McManus then rushed me caught me round the waist and made several wild swings at me, went on Galvin. 'I caught him round the neck and we struggled for some time. Clifford McManus then came up behind me and kicked me. I swung at him but could not say whether I hit him or not. According to witness Barton then approached the combatants and Clifford McManus ceased kicking witness.
Witness's brother & Norman McManus were engaged in a separate encounter near by, Mrs McManus then struck witness on the head with an iron bar, breaking the skin in two places. Galvin believed that the iron bar was portion of a pea rifle barrel. He did not know whether Mrs McManus struck his brother.
After Mrs McManus hit me on the head I fell to the ground and in falling I must have pulled Ernest McManus with me. He was on top of me when I fell. While on the ground I noticed Jean McManus running round me with a stone in her hand, but she did not hit me with it. I got on top of Ernest McManus and Clifford McManus commenced kicking me in the back. Mr

Barton pulled Clifford McManus off me, added witness. Galvin said he then began to take off his coat but before the operation was completed Ernest McManus again rushed him and there was a bit of a stand up fight, Ernest McManus left off fighting soon afterwards and went over and shaped up to Mr Barton, who did not fight him.
Mr. Henlen: You did not get your coat off?— No.
Galvin said Mr. Barton was the secretary of the Meadow Flat Cricket Club, while witness said his brothers were members. The McManus brothers were not members this season.
The affray took place between 5.30 and 6 o'clock.
Mr. Henlen: Did you give any of the McManus's any provocation for assaulting you that day?— No.
You reported the matter to the Constable at Tarana?— Yes, that night.
In reply to Mr .Wilson, Galvin admitted that the customary path taken by children going to the school house was across the recreation ground, near the cricket pitch. Witness did not notice Jack McManus until he (witness) got up off the ground. Witness's father and brother Stanley arrived on the scene when the fighting had ceased. There were no invitations issued for another combat.
A few weeks previously Galvin stated he had a slight argument with Norman McManus. He had not at anytime attacked McManus. His brother had a fight with McManus one Sunday morning but witness did not interfere.
Mr. Wilson: How do you account for the presence of the bar of iron at the scene of the conflict?
Witness: The McManuses must have brought it with them. '
Alfred John Galvln, also a farmer, corroborated his brother's story, about the battle on the cricket pitch. Norman McManus rushed witness and struck him on the face, after which they got into holts, he said. Witness dropped a shovle which he had in his hands at the time. Mrs McManus hit witness, on the head, arm and elbow with the iron bar, and while he was on the ground Clifford McManus bent over and struck him several times with his fists. Clifford McManus kicked James Galvin, when the latter was struggling on the ground with Ernest McManus. Witness did not see Barton make any effort to hit any of the McManuses.
Mr. Wilson: When did you Inspect the iron bar?— -Mrs. McManus had it.
What did she do with it?. She hit me over tha head with it.
Did you strike anyone In the melee?. The only one I hit was Norman McManus.
You fought Norman before didn't you?— Yes.
And you cleaned him up pretty well on that occasion?. No, 1 didn't. He belted me about a good bit too.
Witness' said,' He was 21 years of age and Norman McManus 17. James Galvin did not tell Ernest McManus he 'did not 'care about the school children.
Wallace Fraser Barton, the public school teacher at Meadow Flat, told the Court that although he had resided at the village for 14 years he had not previously had a dispute with the McManus family. During his 27 years in the Education Department he had enjoyed an unblemished record. He was the secretary of the local Cricket Club and on the day in question was engaged in work at the cricket pitch, when the members of the McManus family rushed the pitch.
'I am rather ashamed to say I stood there watching for a while' said Barton. 'Whcn I could not stand it any longer I pulled Clifford McManus off Jim Galvin and also pushed Mrs McManus away. I saw Clifford McManus kick Galvin in the back. Clifford McManus made some wild swings at me and I parried them, but did not hit him. He rushed over to where his brother was struggling with Galvin. I run over and pulled him away from there also.
Barton said that the fight finished when Mr Galvln snr. and another brother hove in sight and Jack McManus acted very decently and did not interfere,' he added.
Witness said that when he took a hand he hoped to stop hostilities. The McManus family could have been crossing the recreation ground to go to the Post Office or the school house, although they had no business with him there.
Cross-examined by Mr. Wilson, Barton said that after the fight Mrs McManus asked him to 'cane both sides' if there was any trouble in the playground between the McManus and Galvin children. She did not say she was on her way to see him on the afternoon of the fight. 'It was my definite intention to punish the children if they carried the trouble into the playground' witness added.
Barton, who said he was a married man with three children, denied that he had struck Jean McManus, Ernest James1 McManus, who described himself as unemployed, in evidence for the defence said he had resided at Meadow Flat for 14 years, and had not been in Court before. On the day in question the children brought home word, that Jim Galvln had molested them crossing the recreation ground. Mrs McManus was on her way to see Mr Barton about the children and he himself was going to see Jim Galvin about a book he had borrowed and which Galvln had demanded. When witness told Galvin on the cricket pitch that he did not have the book, Galvin called him a liar and raised his shovel. They grappled and Galvin tried to push him towards Alfred Galvin, so that the latter could hit him with his shovel. Alf made a swipe at me with a shovel, and only for Norman intercepting the blow he would have knocked me unconscious, declared witness. The shovel struck me a glancing blow on the head. 1 was struck on the face and was hit twice on the back of the head. One hit came from Mr Barton, while I had Jim Galvin on the ground. Alfred Galvin struck me once and the remainder were from Jim Galvin, stated McManus. Jim Galvin tried to throw witness, but slipped and fell on a heap of stones and concrete torn up from the pitch and was covered in blood. Barton ordered Jean and Cliff McManus off the cricket pitch. When he got up his head spun round and when they refused to go he gave the girl a rough push, knocking her down, and struck Clifford under the left eye.
After a pause in the, fighting James Galvin hit Mrs McManus and then witness and Galvin fell to the ground again. Barton was running from one to the other. He first hit Norman and then hit witness.
Mr. Bromhead: He had a roving commission then? 'Yes, he was running; about all over the place,' replied McManus.

Mr. Henlen: And this was the man asked to keep order among the children next day?. He must have qualified,' drily commented Mr. Bromhead.
Mr. Henlen: It is only a coincidence that your brothers, and your mother and sister arrived at the cricket pitch at the same time?
Witness: There was nothing planned beforehand.
Did you near anything about a report to the Education Department against Mr. Barton?— Dad was thinking of sending a report about a fortnight before.
McManus said he had discussed the case before the court, only so far as it affected himself. He did not see an iron bar in his Mothers hand. The only implements he saw were the shovel in the Galvins' hands.
Mr. Henlen: You know that one of your brothers and Alf Galvin had a fight some six weeks befor?. I heard about it.
Didn't you see Galvin's beautiful black eyes?— No.
McManus added that the children complained that Jim stopped them and demanded the return of the book.
Mr. Henlen: That was the cause of your complaint for molestation?. The children said he stopped them.
Clifton. Roy Verdon McManus, aged 16, supported the story told by his elder brother. He said he reached the recreation ground with his brother Norman after going for a football run. Norman formerly went alone but as the Galvins had threatened to 'mob him' witness accompanied his brother to protect him.
While cross examining the witness Mr. Henlen handed McManus his crutch in order that the lad could demonstrate the position in which James Galvin held the shovel. 'That Is a handier weapon than a shovel,' commented Mr Henlen, handing over the crutch. Witness said Galvln did not swing the shovel.
Mr. Henlen: You don't usually train for football in your blucher boots, do you? Witness: No.
But you had them on that day, both you and your brother? — Yes.
Your idea in running in blucher boots was to use them if necessary to kick a man when he was down? — No!
Mr. Barton taught you and was an efficient master? — Yes.
He taught practically all the members of your family?— Yes.
Richard Dundas Woolnough, a laborer, of Meadow Flat, gave evidence that about 5 o'clock on the day in question he visited the McManus home. Mrs McManus, her daughter Jean, and son Ernest left to see the Galvins and Mr Barton, the school teacher. They went to complain to Mr Barton about the children being molested on the way home from school.
Andrew George McManus, a farmer, of Meadow Flat, said he was the father of 12 children, including the defendants before the court. When he returned home on September 1 he found his sons bruised and bleeding. His daughter Jean had a sprained ankle.
Mr. Bromhead: They were in a sorry plight, then?. Witness: They didn't look very nice.
McManus said he made a report to the police and also to the Education Department, the latter regarding Mr. Barton.
To Mr. Henlen, McManus said that Barton had always treated the elder members of his family as a teacher should. He was an attentive master.
Mr. Henlen: Don't you think it a dastardly thing to go to the Department to try to injure Mr Barton after listening to the tittle tattle of the children?— Not when he had the supervision of the children in the play ground.
Mr., Bromhead: When did you report Mr. Barton?— The day after the fight.
Norman Charles McManus, aged 17, son of the previous witness, said that during the fight on the cricket pitch Alfred Galvin rushed at Ernest Mc Manus with a shovel above his head. 'I took the shovel from him,' said witness, who went on to deny that his mother and sister took part in the offray. Mr. Barton punched witness, who was busily engaged in a fight with Alf Galvin
Mr. Wilson: You had a previous fight with him?.
Mr. Bromhead: I am not concerned with that.
Witness denied that the presence of his family at the recreation ground was the result of a preconceived plan. He did not see on iron bar in his mothers hand. Witness denied that he had discussed the case with members of his family during the luncheon adjournment of the court. ..'
Andrew David John McManus tould the court that when his mother and brothers did not return he went to see what happened. He said he did not do anything or see the fight. They were standing up and arguning when he got there. Witness said Mr Galvin Snr and James Galvin asked the McManuses to return next Sadurday and fight.
Mr. Henlen. Although they had only gone 20 minutes you went to see what happened?. It was getting on towards dark.
Mr. Broomhead: You were going to walk two miles to see what happened?. It was nearly dark and it wasn't much good leaving any later.
Constable Morgan, of Tarana, informed the court that the Galvm brothers reported to him on the Saturuay night on September 1 that they had been assaulted by the McManus boys and Mrs. McManus.
Mr. Bromhead, without comment convicted the three defendants.
Mr. F. B. Kenny asked for a dismissal of the whole of the cross actions against Mr. Barton. The issue of the summonses against his client had been an atempt to drag a disailerested person into the matter for no reason at all. If the McManuses did not go seeking the Galvins and, I am inclined to think they did, it was most unfortunate that Mr Barton was present when they met,' remarked Mr. Broomhead. 'He could not have done anything but what he did do. He should never have been brought here and it does not reflect credit on the McManuses that he was dragged into the affair.
Mr. Barton was visibly affected by the Magistrate's remarks.
James Ernest Galvin charged Ernest James McManus, Clifford McManus and Mary Alice May McManus with assault. Each defendant was convicted. E. J. McManus was fined £1, with court costs 6/- and professional costs £1/1/-, in default five days' hard labor. Clifford McManus was fined £1, with 6/- costs, or three days' hard labor, and Mary Alice May McManus was fined £1, with 6/- costs, witness' expenses 10/6, and professional costs £1/1/-, in default six days' hard labor.

Alfred John Galvin took proceedings for assault against Norman McManus, Mary Alice May McManus, and Clifford McManus. Each defendant was convicted. Norman McManus was fined £1, with professional costs £1/1/- or five days', hard labor, M. A. M. McManus was fined £1, costs 8/-, professional costs £1/1/-, and medical expenses 10/6, in default five days' hard labor, and Clifford McManus was ordered to pay £1, in default two days' hard labor.

Norman McManus was charged with assault against Alfred John Galvin and W. F. Barton. The plaint was dismissed. Norman McManus was ordered to pay £2/2/- costs to Barton, in default five days' hard labor.

Cases in which Clifford McManus charged James Ernest Galvin and W. F. Barton with assault were dismissed, as was the case in which Valerie Jean McManus similarly charged Barton.

Mary Alice May McManus also brought a charge of assault against James Ernest Galvin. This was dismissed.

The case in which Ernest James McManus brought assault charges against J. E. Galvin, Alfred John Galvin and W. F. Barton was also dismissed.

12-9-1932 A crushing from French's Reef, at West Mitchell, from the holding worked by Messrs. G. McDonald, G. Stait, J. Passeri and R. Passeri, resulted in a yield of about 8dwts. a ton. A 3 ton crushing from Lord's Reef, on Bob' Creek, yielded 4 dwts. a ton. The little battery at the Silver King has proved a useful asset to the district, in affording means for the actual battery value of stone from various local reefs to be determined.

The value of the tailings, of course, can easily be ascertained by assay later, but the difficulty of arriving at a reliable estimate of the free gold in a crushing without putting it through a battery is recognised by all authorities. Once the coarse gold has been removed, the average value of the tailings is easily, arrived at.

The mineral in Lord's Reef, by the way, is reputed to have been in the past the richest in gold of all local mineral.

The reef near the Paddy Lackey at Dark Corner, recently opened up by Keller and party, is to be driven on for some distance, Government aid, it is reported, having been granted. Many payable crushing's were obtained from various reefs in the Paddy Lackey locality in the old days, so that there is always a chance of a payable shoot being discovered again. The distance from a battery at present is, of course, a big drawback.

29-9-1932 Mr. George Orchard, of South Bowenfels, has nearly completed his contract of delivering poles along the Sunny Corner-Portland, Sunny Corner-Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner-Dark Corner telephone lines. There are 135 poles in all, some of them pretty heavy, and all had to be delivered to the site where required.

After a long period of idleness, the eucalyptus oil industry is to re-start at Sunny Corner, some men having came here to reopen it. The present price of oil is said to be very low.

At best, it doesn't seem to be a very lucrative industry, though there is plenty of hard work about it.

30-9-1932 The belt for the champion turnip of this district must be awarded to the 231b. (10.5 kg) specimen grown by Mr. McManus at Meadow Flat.

16-11-1932 The death took place at Meadow Flat on Monday of Kenneth Albert Stait, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stait at the age of 17 years.

Deceased had not been in good health for many years and death was not unexpected.

14-12-1932 The best attended and most successful dance and euchre party for a long time was held in the Sunny Corner Hall on Saturday night, for the benefit of the local cricket and tennis clubs. Portland, Cullen Bullen, Yetholmc, Bathurst, Limekilns, Meadow Flat, Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey contributed to the attendance, and although the prices of admission was only 1/-, with 1/6 for a double ticket, over £6/12/- was taken at the door the total takings being about £10. After paying for music and other expenses, the net balance will exceed £5/10/-, a very satisfactory result in these days, and reflecting every credit on the promoters. The music was supplied by the everpopular Footwarmers orchestra, while the lighting and other arrangements were all of a high standard, the floor being in splendid order. The Monte Carlo waltz was won by Mr. E. Miller and partner, Miss G. Berry and partner winning the spot dance.

The euchre prize went to Mrs. Ryan and Mr. T. Bayliss, the Christmas cake being won by Miss Molly Fitzgerald.

A cricket match at Sunny Corner on Saturday, between the Portland Wanderers and Sunny Corner, was won by the latter by a few runs.

Sunny Corner beat Yetholme on Sunday in a match played at "the Corner".

Mrs. W. Vipen, a very old resident, who has been about 12 weeks in Portland hospital, following upon a fall in which she broke her wrist, has returned to her home at Sunny Corner. The mend reflects much credit upon Dr. Miskie and the matron and nursing staff of the hospital, as the injury was such a bad compound fracture and dislocation, and Mrs. Vipen so old a lady, that it was feared at first that amputation must he resorted to. The bone was driven well through the flesh and skin, while a piece of bone was broken off, much dirt being in the wound from the fall. Mrs. Vipen was five weeks in bed at the hospital, while the arm was in splints for 12 weeks. Naturally, althougn it has healed well, it is practically useless at present, a matter that only time can remedy. It is certainly a case that reflects credit on the medical and nursing skill involved.

Very dry weather prevails, and some rain would do a lot of good.

Several bush fires can be seen burning out Kirkconnel way. Fires so far are confined to the mountainous country.

16-12-1932 Proposals under section 25, Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1918, in respect of Public Secretion at Sunny Corner. Whereas by a notice in the Government Gazette of 23rd November, 1886, it was notified that the land at Sunny Corner, area 45 acres 3 roods, was duly dedicated for Public Secretion, and whereas I am of opinion that it is expedient in the public interest to resume the area so dedicated, described in the Schedule hereto: Now, therefore, notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of section 25, Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, that it is proposed to deal with the land in the manner following, that is to say,—to revoke the dedication thereof heretofore made.

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3-1-1933 For obtaining food relief orders under false pretences, Raymond Stait, Henry Stait and Leslie Stait, all of Sunny Corner, were bound over at Portland police court on Friday to be of good behaviour for six months, upon entering into a recognisance of £10 each. In addition they were each ordered to pay 6/4 compensation, 5/- expenses, and 8/- costs.

Pleas of not guilty were entered by the accused, who were represented by Mr. J. C. S. Cordell, barrister, of Sydney.

Sergt. Purdon stated that on October 5 Leslie Stait received an order at Sunny Corner to the value of 6/4. A week later he made application, but was refused. On October 19 he interviewed defendant, who denied that he and his brothers had been living at home. He said they lived in a tent about half a mile away, giving as an excuse that they did not think their father should keep them. Their father was working at Cullen Bullen. Defendant told him that sometimes he and his brothers did some rabbiting and prospecting. They did not know what their father was earning. When witness told them that their father, had been drawing £8 and £10 a pay for some months, defendant said that his parent had told him he averaged only about £4 a pay. After witness refused relief on October 12, the brothers returned to their home and worked on the farm. He inspected their camp which bore little signs of having been used.

To Mr. Cordell. There were from 65 to 70 applicants in the hall on the dole issue day: - .

Mr, Cordell: Don't you think, seeing that the declaration is required to be signed for scale "A," and that as so many were to be attended to, you could not read the declaration out to everyone?.— I have the time to do so.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Cordell, witness said that the only suspicious circumstance was the fact that their father was working.

To the P.M.: The family reside on a farm of 20 acres.

Leslie Stait, in evidence, admitted signing the statement. He was not living at home when he received relief. The declaration was not explained, but Sergt. Purdon asked him if he received any money during the preceding 14 days. He did not ask him anything on October 5th about his father's earnings, and did not mention anything about that fact until October 19th .

To Sergt. Purdon : I am living with my father now, but he cannot afford to keep me. I was never refused food relief by Sergt. Lucas. We did not go camping for the mere purpose of obtaining food relief. My father never refused to keep us, but I know he cannot afford to do so.

To Mr. Cordell: My father never seriously worked the farm for profit.

To the P.M. I camped three quarters of a mile from home, but did not go home for meals.

Henry Stait denied knowing that the family income was taken into consideration, and declared he had no intention of defrauding the Government.

The P.M. was not satisfied with the explanations, and expressed the opinion that the defendants camped away from home for the purpose of obtaining the dole, which was breaking the law.

5-1-1933 Sports, followed by a dance, were held at Sunny Corner on Monday, in aid of the funds of Bathurst ambulance, and proved a big success, there being a large attendance of visitors from Bathurst, Portland, Dark Corner, Palmers Oakey, Yetholme, and other places.

6-01-1933 Fire destroyed a motor garage and shed on the property of T. Fitzgerald, storekeeper, of West Mitchell. Two motor cars and a quantity of wool were burnt. The damage is estimated at £1000.

9-1-1933 The death took place in Portland hospital last night of Mr. David O'Dell, aged 63 years, after an illness of about a month. Born in New Zealand, deceased came to Australia and took up residence at Sunny Corner over 40 years ago, where he earned the highest respect of all who came in contact with him. He saw Sunny Corner in the "good" days, and witnessed its decline to only a few inhabitants. All the deceaseds relatives reside in New Zealand. For 30 years he has held the position of secretary of the M.U.I.O.O.F. at Sunny Corner. The funeral will take place to-morrow, in the Sunny Corner cemetery. John Simpkins and Son have charge of the arrangements.

11-1-1933 Several camps of diggers are reporting good washes from the dish, but there is nothing in any of the finds to warrant for a 'rush'. Our representative visited the alluvial diggings on the Kirkconneil creek, and saw a few specks of the precious metal. Old residents of Yetholme point out that over £30,000 worth of gold has been taken away from the diggings at the junction of the Mitchell and Kirkconneil Creeks.

12-1-1933 The funeral of the late Mr. D. O Dell which took place at Sunny Corner on Tuesday, was largely attended, many old friends attending from Portland and other places, while many brother Oddfellows were present wearing regalia. The Church of England burial service was read by the Rev. J. S. Farrer of O Connell, and the Oddfellows service was read by Bro. E. W. Anlezark of Portland.

The deepest regret is felt throughout Sunny Corner, and district at the death of "Davy." as he was known far and wide. In fact to many Sunny Corner will never be quite the same again as it is impossible for anyone else to completely fill his place. Living here so long, from the days when he worked on the Sunny Corner silver-lead mine in its most profitable days, and having been identified with the place and its ups and downs for so many years, he had become more of an institution than a personality. Everybody knew, liked and trusted him, and his cottage was a rendezvous and meeting place for all. Everyone, old hand or newcomer, called in at "Davys" and all sorts of messages and commissions were left with him.

Unassuming and practical, with a sound education, he filled many parts in the community, and always filled them satisfactorily, and conscientiously. Financial secretary of the Loyal Silver Star Lodge. M.U.I.O.O.F., returning officer at elections, trustee on many local bodies, auditor for the Sunny Corner Common, and many other roles he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. There is no doubt that by his passing Sunny Corner has sustained a severe loss, and one that will be of an abiding nature. For one thing, it might spell the end of the local branch of the M.U.I.O.O.F., at one time a very strong institution, and one in which the popularity of "Davy" counted for so much that old time members in some cases sent their dues along from such places as South Africa and New Guinea, largely because of their old friendship. Old residents and recent

arrivals, all Sunny Cornerites and many who live afar, will alike feel the deepest sorrow that one who so, honestly and truly played his part among us has gone forever. As one of his old friends said, "Sunny Corner without "Davy" won't be Sunny Corner at all.

23-1-1933 Dry weather prevails, there having been only four points of rain this month. Much of the country round Sunny Corner has been swept by bushfires, one on the property of Messrs. D. and T. Scott between Sunny Corner and Kirkconnell devastating a large area and being checked from doing much more damage only by the efficient work of many of the unemployed living near that locality. There is no doubt that their efforts prevented a fire that might have swept much country and endangered several homesteads and the Messrs. Scott are full of gratitude for the timely assistance.

26-1-1933 Portland and Bathurst hospitals in association with the Lithgow District Cripples Fund have recently come into a minor windfall, as the result of money invested by the old Sunny Corner rifle club in an early war loan. It transpires, that in 1913 the club of which Mr. G. C. Fraser, of Lithgow, was the treasurer and secretary, placed £10 in the loan. Eventually the bond matured, and was paid by the Colonial Treasurer into the clubs account in the Government Savings Bank. The transaction had long been forgotten since the club has been defunct for at least 15 years. It was however, brought to Mr. Frasers notice that the account stood at £17/17/7. After a consultation with former members of the club, it was agreed to give £7 each to the Portland hospital and Lithgow District Cripples Fund, while the balance goes to Bathurst. In a letter to Portland hospital board Mr. Fraser stated that the late Mr David O'Dell whose death took place in the institution recently was a member of the club, and strongly supported the suggestion for distributing the money in the manner indicated. Mr. Fraser deeply regretted his passing before the matter was finalised.

30-1-1933 Mr. Thomas Barry, whose death took place in Portland hospital on Saturday after an illness of 12 months, has written more than a page in the history of Sunny Corner. Born on the Winburndale Creek 83 years ago, he lived on the historic mining field practically all his life, witnessing its rise and decay in the course of a generation.

The late Mr. Barry laid claim to the establishment with Mr. James Stait of the Sunny Corner silver mine which made the fortunes of a number of speculators. He was not one who shared in the wonderful success, declaring that his rights were not protected, and so he lost an interest when the immensely rich lode was exploited.

Among other "shows" opened up by Mr. Barry was a reef, on Bob's Creek, which assayed 40oz. to the ton, the discovery of which caused much excitement.

The deceased, who never married, was one of a family which lived at Sunny Corner for many years and who, like himself, were highly respected and popular. Two of his brothers and one sister. Messrs. Sam and Patrick Barry and Mrs. Murray have died in the past 18 months, the only remaining member being Mrs, Glynn, of Kandos.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, interment being made in the Catholic portion of Portland cemetery, the Rev. Father J. P. Cusack officiating. Messrs. John Simpkins and Son had charge of the arrangements.

4-2-1933 A protest against what he described as an unfair action was voiced at yesterday's meeting of the Turon Shire Council. In referring to the recent relief work given men at Sunny Corner, Cr. Berry pointed out that they had been led to understand by statements by the Minister that this week's work would not interfere with the continuity of relief rations. It appears to me that there are two laws, one for Sunny Corner and one for Yetholme added the president. "The men who worked the week at Sunny Corner side by side with the Yetholme men received their food relief, without any interruption in addition to their weeks work. The Sergeant from Portland, who issued the tickets at Sunny Corner, made no reference about it. Yet when the Yetholme men came to Bathurst for food relief tickets they were knocked back. This made it most severe on these men he continued, for they had sacrificed one weeks relief to get the work, and had lost the next weeks through the refusal. After pointing out that the men had to walk 16 miles to Bathurst and back Cr. Berry said it seemed to him to be a very unfair attitude to adopt, for in one place they received it without question, but after walking to Bathurst the Yetholme men were refused.

6-2-1933 I desire to hereby express my sincere thanks to Dr. Miskie and the Matron and Staff of the Portland Hospital for the great care, attention and kindness shown to my wife during her stay in the hospital, following her severe accident, which resulted in such a satisfactory cure. WILLIAM VIPEN, Sunny Corner.

6-2-1933 When a fall of "tops" occurred in Invincible colliery, Cullen Bullen, on Saturday morning, James Thomas Tattersall (50), a roadman, was badly crushed. He succumbed to his injuries a short time afterwards. Tattersall was engaged timbering the roof, when there was a fall of stone from the rib side. He had been standing on top of a skip preparing for the erection of a set. He had just stepped down and was standing beside the skip when the stone, weighing about 10 cwt., became dislodged. The unfortunate man was struck in the back, throwing him against the skip. He was picked up by mates working in the vicinity, but died as he was being carried away on a stretcher. The only surface injury was a large bruise on the lower portion of the back. The accident occurred when the mine was idle, only about 10 men being engaged underground doing repair work.

The late Mr. Tattersall was of a quiet disposition, and was well known and highly respected in the district, having been in the employ of the Invincible Company for more than 30 years. He was a native of Hill End, and came to Sunny Corner as a boy. Practically all his life he was associated with the mining industry, having been engaged at the Paddy Lackey gold-mine. The deceased, was in touch with Sunny Corner affairs for many years.

To Mrs. Tattersall and a son aged 14 the sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended. The funeral, which took place yesterday, was one of the largest seen in the district. About 150 mine workers marched, a mile out of the town, and at the entrance to Portland more than 100 miners and friends joined the cortege. Interment was made in the Church of England portion of Portland cemetery.

14-02-1933 Using a mirror to reflect the sun's rays, searchers this morning, found the body of John Riley in an abandoned shaft at West Mitchell. Riley, who was 82 years of age, had not been seen since last Monday. Portland Police were notified and preparations to recover the body were put under way.

Riley, who lived by himself, set out from Sunny Corner on Monday night to walk to his hut, where he lived by himself, and it is thought that he lost his way and stumbled into the shaft.

His eyesight was poor. His disappearance was noticed, and the fact was reported to the police yesterday. Residents began a search which culminated this morning in a grim discovery.

Unable to pierce the gloom in the shaft, a number of men obtained a mirror, the reflection of which revealed the body floating in water 80 feet below. The shaft is 200 yards from Rileys camp at a site known as the Big Hill. The late Mr. Riley had lived on the field for more than 40 years, and was widely and popularly known. He was of an independent nature, and despite his advanced age preferred to fend for himself, living a life of loneliness. At one time he was a master butcher, and later was associated in a butchery business at Sunny Corner with Mr. Fitzgerald. He had a gentle nature, and his acts of kindness to those in need were many, his charity, however, was unostentatious. A native of Victoria, he never married. It is understood that there are no relatives in this State. Police from Portland, the coroner (Mr. P. Tidex), and a doctor proceeded to the spot to view the body.

15-2-1933 Mr. John Reilly, whose body was found in a deep shaft on the Big Hill at West Mitchell, was universally liked and respected. Although 82 years of age, he was remarkably active and cheerful, and extremely independent. At the sale of the late Mr.' O'Dells things, he purchased the cottage and land, intending to settle in the township, but later decided that he preferred his camp at West Mitchell, so re-sold the Sunny Corner cottage. This decision, unfortunately, led to a fatal result.

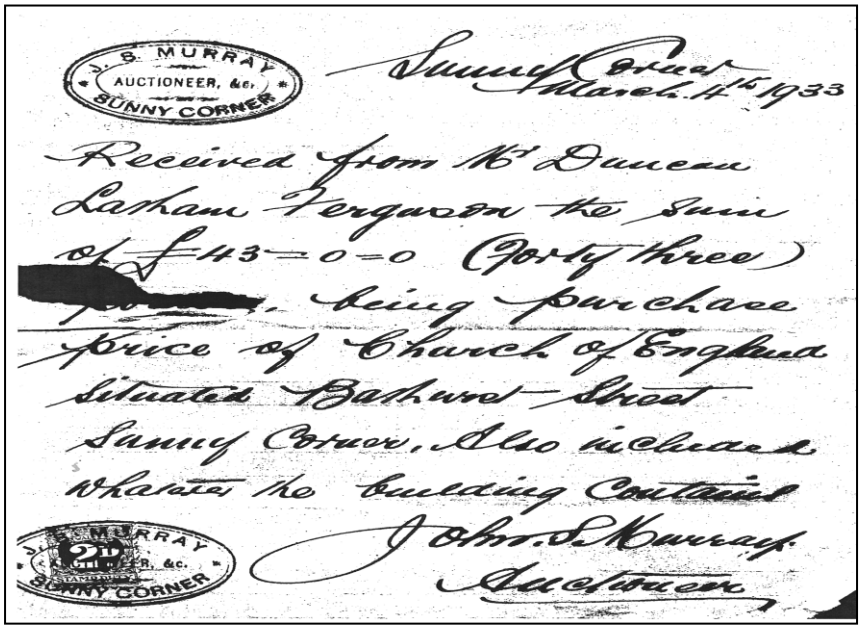
On Monday evening, February 6, Mr. Reilly had tea with Mrs. C. Murray and her son, Mr. J. S. Murray, at Sunny Corner, leaving there at about 7.30, to walk to his camp. On the way he conversed for some time with Mr. Wm. Grabham and Mr. J. Hansen, whose places he passed before leaving the township, and remarked that he had left his tobacco on the table in his hut. Mr. Murray was informed on Sunday, .February 12, that Mr. Reilly had not been seen at his camp, and he and Mr. J. Fitzgerald, of Portland, an old friend of Mr. Reiliy's searched about his camp, but failed to find any trace of him. Next morning more people took up the search, and Mr. Eric Smith and Mr. Wm. Grabham, visiting the hut, saw that the tobacco was still on the table. Concluding that, he had not returned, they concentrated on the country along the track between there and Sunny Corner, some of which is very scrubby and contains many old shafts and potholes. Noticing some marks on the edge of a deep shaft about 50 yards from the track Mr. Reilly usually followed. Mr. Smith reflected sunlight down the shaft with a pocket mirror, and saw a body floating in the water below. Portland police were notified by telephone, and Sergt. Purdon and Const. Blunden arrived, accompanied by the coroner (Mr. P. Tidex). A windlass was soon rigged, and Mr. William Thompson, a prospector, went down on a rope and attached another rope to the body, a difficult and hazardous bit of work, the shaft being about 60ft. to the water and untimbered. After Mr. Thompson had reached the surface, the body was hauled up, and proved, as expected, to be that of Mr. Reilly. There was a very severe wound in the scalp, thought to have been caused by striking a projecting rock in the fall. After inspection the body was placed in a coffin brought out by Messrs. Simpkins and Son, who had charge of the funeral arrangements, and conveyed to the Sunny Corner cemetery, where many friends of the deceased, despite short notice, were gathered. The funeral service was read by the Rev. A. R. Balchin (Church of England), of Portland.

Later the coroner held an inquest at Sunny Corner. Evidence was given by Sergt. Purdon and Messrs. J. S. Murray, auctioneer, Sunny Corner, Eric Archer Smith grazier Dark Corner, Wm. Henry Grabham laborer Sunny Corner. All expressed the opinion that the fatality had been caused by the deceased whose eye sight was not good, having wandered from the right track and accidentally fallen into the shaft. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Mr. Reilly, who was unmarried, was a native of Melbourne, but had resided most of his life in N.S.W., and had no relatives who could be traced. Of a particularly free-handed and generous disposition, it was often said that "Jacky" Reilly had not an enemy in the world, and many were the tales told by those who had known him longest of kind deeds and generous acts done by him in the past when money was more plentiful with him than in his later days. He was in short, one of those rare souls who "do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame," his strictest injunction to a storekeeper in the old days, when ordering something to be sent to someone in distress, being not to disclose the name of the donor. As one of his many friends remarked at the funeral, "it was a bad end for a "good little man."

22-2-1933 While getting into his sulky at Sunny Corner yesterday Mr P. Prendergast of Sunny Corner Road, slipped and one of his feet became caught under the wheel of the vehicle, resulting in a fractured right ankle. The Bathurst Ambulance was summoned and after rending first aid conveyed the injured man to the District Hospital.

4-3-1933 Church of England Church sold by auction to Duncan Ferguson of Palmers Oakey. He moved it to “Kelvin” Palmers Oakey and added it to an existing building, to become the family home.

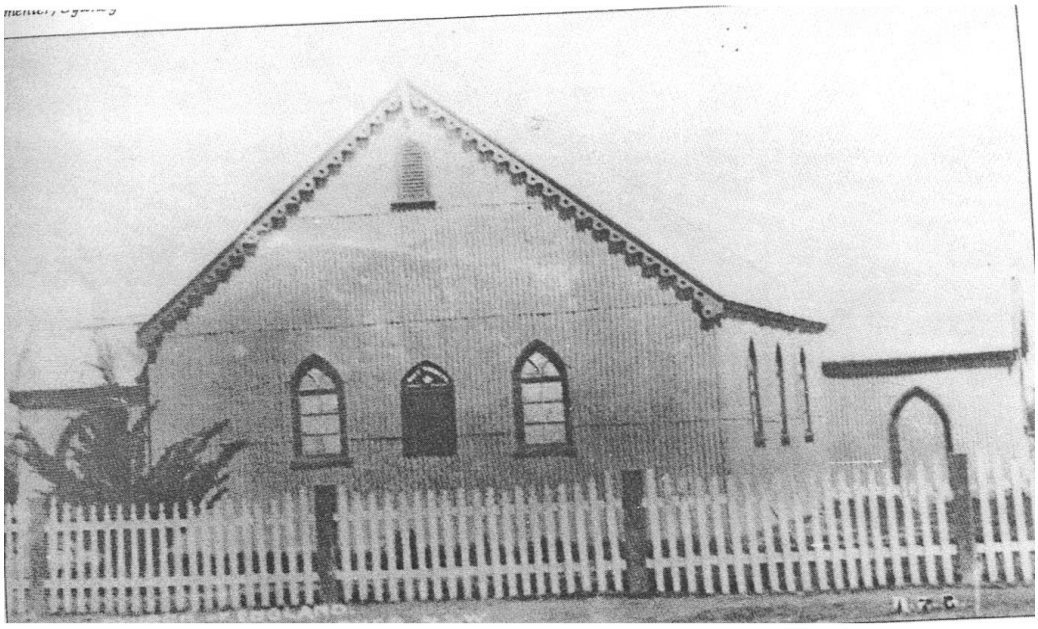

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SUNNY CORNER C OF E CHURCH 1933

6-3-1933 One of Portland's most respected citizens and business men, in the person of Mr. William Edwin Coleman, died at his residence on Saturday morning at the age of 54. Although the deceased had not enjoyed the best of health of late, his death came as a shock to the whole community. He spent the greater part of his life in the Sunny Corner district, and for many years followed mining pursuits in this region, and also at Cobar and New Caledonia. Only two years ago he formed a syndicate to install a battery at Sunny Corner to test a favorite spot of his on the Silver King leases. Unfortunately, many obstacles were met with, and the syndicate eventually decided to abandon its efforts. The battery, however, has since proved a boon to other prospectors requiring to put through crushings. About 11 years ago, the late Mr. Coleman entered business at, Portland, and later went to Wallerawang, where he conducted a newsagency for some time. He then returned to Portland, where he remained until the time of his death. The deceased was an active member of the Portland Progress Association, and was instrumental in getting the Blaxland Shire Council to have the Winburndale Creek examined by the Public Works Department as a possible source for Portlands water supply. He has left a widow and a family of four girls and five sons, to whom the deepest sympathy will he extend ed. Mr. J. Coleman, of Inch-street, Lithgow, is a brother. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was one of the largest seen in the district. The cortege was headed by members of the local G.U.O.O.F., of which organisation deceased was a member. Other friendly societies and the business section of the community were well represented. Interment was made in the Church of England portion of Portland cemetery.

30-3-1933 Reference was made at Tuesday nights meeting of the L.D.U.A. to the position of the Unemployed of Sunny Corner who were deprived of an issue of food relief, because they received payment for fighting a bushfire which threatened to destroy the valuable Government pine forests near Kirkconnell. It was decided that a strong protest be sent to the authorities, and efforts will be made to have the men concerned recompensed, for it was pointed out after being given the assurance their dole would not be interfered with, they spent the money in the purchase of other necessities. One of the men it was stated, bought a quantity of galvanised iron to provide a proper shelter for his wife and family.

12-4-1933 One man was killed and his three companions in a car escaped with slight injuries in a motor accident at Meadow Flat last night. The accident was brought about in a peculiar manner. The car was approaching the Sunny Corner turnoff and at the same time a second car was standing in front of the store at the turn-off. The lights of the second car were switched on at the very moment that the Sydney bound car came within their range. The driver was evidently dazzled; and the car swerved from the main road onto the turn off and capsized.

20-4-1933 William Favell applied before Mr. W. S. Bromhead in the Bathurst mining wardens court on Tuesday for permission to enter Portion 244, Parish of Gastleton, county of Roxburgh, the property of Drysdale Scott. Applicant, a resident of Sunny Corner, gave details of his application, saying he wished to make a race. He and the owner had agreed on the rental of 6d per acre a year. The warden assessed the rent at this figure without compensation.

On the eve of his departure to the Luddenham public school, Mr. W. Barton, local teacher, was tendered a farewell on Monday night at Mr. W. Lawlers residence.

24-4-1933 A successful sports meeting was held at the recreation ground. Throwing the cricket ball event was won by Mr. Bert Bennett Dark Corner, his first throw breaking the stump. The sheep was won by Mr. Cresswell, and the sucking pig by Mr. C. Cock. In the evening a well attended dance was held in the hall, under the auspices of the M.U.I.O.O.F., visitors attending from Tarana, Lithgow, Wallerawang, Portland, Palmers Oakey, Yetholme and other centres.

A remarkable owl, or night bird of some description, was found in the kitchen at the residence of Mrs. C. Murray, Sunny Corner, having apparently flown down the chimney in the night, and then lost its "return ticket." Its plumage was principally white, speckled with black, and it was a handsome, and unique looking bird. Although inspected by about 50 residents, all agreed they had never seen anything like it before. It was sent to Sydney Zoo.

Mr. David Charles McManus, who passed away at the home of his son, at Bathurst, on Saturday, was a highly respected resident of Portland. He was 74 years of age, and up to three months ago enjoyed comparatively good health. He was a native of Meadow Flat, and had resided in the district all his life. At one time he was a contract wood supplier for the Sunny Corner furnaces. He devoted many years to gold prospecting, and had many unusual experiences in his search for the elusive metal. A grown-up family of three sons and two: daughters survive, his wife having died about four years ago. The members of the family are Messrs, Sidney and Thomas (Portland), and David McManus (Bathurst) and Mesdames G. McManus (Meadow Flat) and C. Lane (Lithgow).

25-4-1933 This is a most contemptible thing you have done. It is bad enough to steal in any case, but I think it is far worse to steal from your mate.'

These words were addressed by the Magistrate, Mr. W. Bromhead, at the Bathurst Police Court yesterday to John Richards (20) a laborer, who pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of gold, valued at £1/10, the property of Douglas Charles Grant McLean. 'Half the gold was mine and half McLean's. I plead guilty to stealing his half.' said Richards from the dock when asked to plead.

Inspector Daley told the Bench the understood the two men had been partners and the gold involved was worth about £2 and complainant in the case admitted that half the gold was Richards property. After McLeans name had been called and he failed to respond, the Inspector Informed the Magistrate that it appeared that McLean and Richards were prospecting at Sunny Corner and had the gold between them. Richards took the gold and posted it to a gold buyer in Sydney without McLeans knowledge. When questioned defendant said the gold must have been stolen from the tent, but later he admitted to the police that he had taken it himself. When Mr. Bromhead referred to Richards action as contemptible, defendant asked for a chance to explain. He said that McLean was wearing his clothes and his shoes. Mr. Bromhead, ‘that is no reason why you should take the gold and tell him it was stolen’. 'I posted it away to get money to buy clothes for the two or us,' replied Richards, 'I did not tell him anything about it’. Inspector Daley stated that the gold had been recovered. A fine of £5 with 25/- costs was imposed, in default 13 days gaol.

3-5-1933 The remarkable night bird, which was captured by Mr. J. S. Murray at Easter time at Sunny Corner, having flown down the kitchen chimney at night, and which was taken to the Zoo at Taronga Park by Mr. A. Jamieson, has been classified by the curator as a specimen of the Delicate Owl (Tyto Alba). Mr. Le Souef says: "This species is found throughout Australia, in various phases of coloring. It is a very useful destroyer of rats and mice, and utters a screech at night which often puzzles anyone who hears it, as the origin of the sound is often not guessed."

The newly appointed teacher, Mr. G. Kennerson, has taken up duties at the Meadow Flat School, and I understand, has found a climate to his liking.

5-5-1933 Common made a loss of 14 pounds for 1932.

10-5-1933 A strenuously contested football match between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, played here on Saturday last, resulted in a win for Yetholme by 18 points to 5. Sunny Corner led in the first half. Several players were injured, J. Armstrong, of Sunny Corner, sustaining a nasty injury to the chest.

At a public meeting at the Meadow Flat School for the purpose of forming a P. and C. Association, the following officers were elected: President, Mr. C. H. Scott; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Park and J. Hunter; treasurer, Mr. G. Green; secretary, Mr. W. McAlister. Apart from the fact that the school and residence are both in much need of repair, the grounds were inspected, and it was decided that a remodelling was necessary.

18-5-1933 The Carillon of the singing tower comprises 35 bells. The committee allocated one for the main Memorial bell, one for the returned soldiers in honor of their alien comrades, one in honor of the misses of the Red Cross Society and 32 others to the various sub-districts surrounding the city. Upon each of these 32 belles the name of a village or hamlet is cast. The committee appealed to and expected each village or place to sponsor its bill and contribute in some measure to the cost of the memorial.

Throughout the past seven years many of the sub districts have honored the trust deposed in them by the committee. Some districts so far have not responded.
The committee again appeals to those who have not yet contributed to do so, and for those who have to co-operate with the others to raise the amount required to complete the memorial by Armistice Day. Representatives from all districts are invited to attend the meeting at the Town Hall on Friday 26th inst. at 3 p.m.
The following are the names of the places cast on the bells of the Carillon: Rockley, Brewongle, Kelso, Raglan, Eglinton. Peel, Glanmire, O'Connell, Perthville, George's Plains, Lagoon, Orton Park, Duramana, Dunkeld, Tarana, White Rock, Wimbledon, Solala, Wattle Flat, Yetholme, Evans Plains, Cow Flat, Burraga, Locksley, Limekilns, Turondale, Sunny Corner, Vittoria and Caloola.

17-5-1933 The competition football match between East Portland and Sunny Corner played in Portland on Saturday afternoon, was a walkover for the local team, which won by 66 points to 7. The game created more amusement than interest. One thing must be said in favour of the Sunny Corner players, who are all beginners, and that is they showed great sportsmanship in making the trip with three players short despite their handicap of inexperience. Their sportsmanship, and tenacity on the field was also remarkable, particularly as their number was reduced to nine when one player was injured after half time, leaving them without a fullback.

31-5-1933 Cold, windy weather prevails, the first snow for the year falling to-day. It was only light and soon melted, but cooled things down considerably.

The earth tremor experienced at so many places on Friday was plainly felt at Sunny Corner, though it was too light for any damage to result. It took place at about 5.30 a.m.

1-6-1933 Inquiries at the Portland hospital to-day elicited that there was no improvement in the condition of Beryl, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.G. McManus of Meadow Flat, who was admitted to the institution on Monday with severe burns, to the back, when her dress caught alight, while, standing near a fire, the little girl rushed screaming from the house. Her cries attracted the attention of her mother and sister Jean, who were horrified to see the childs, dress almost enveloped in flames. Jean managed to reach her, and in tearing off her sisters clothes, was badly burned about the arms and hands. The child was taken into the house, where first-aid was applied. She was then rushed by car to Portland. It is believed she was standing with her back to the fire, when the wind, rushing down the chimney, blew the flamcs outward, igniting the childs dress.

14-6-1933 Alfred Scott, son of the postmaster at Dark Corner, while shooting near Kirkconnel on Sunday, was shot under the right armpit when his gun accidentally exploded. The ambulance took him to the Bathurst hospital for treatment. It appears he was standing on a fallen tree trunk steadying himself with his gun, which was not cocked. The stock slipped, and as the gun fell, the hammer struck the log with sufficient force to explode the cartridge, the charge hitting Scott under the arm.

2-8-1933 A happy event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Lawler, at Meadow Flat, on Thursday night, the occasion being Mrs. Lawler's 70th birthday.
Members of the family living at Sydney, Woodford, Lithgow, Portland, Palmers Oakey and Yetholme assembled at the old home to give a surprise party.
A most enjoyable time was spent and during supper a large birthday cake was cut by the guest of honor, whose health was warmly toasted. Mr. and Mrs. Lawler have now passed the allotted span, Mr. Lawler being seven years his wife's senior. From a family of seven daughters and three sons, only one was missing, he being killed in the Great War.

31-10-1933 The assay building at the old Sunny Corner mine was burned down last week, the residence there having been also destroyed by fire about three weeks ago. Although much of the contents of both places had been removed since the death of the caretaker. Mr. D. O'Dell, much valuable timber was destroyed. It was said that the assay laboratory was the finest of its kind in N.S.W. on any mine until the Broken Hill mines were equipped. It was certainly a very fine building for assaying, and if the mine had been reopened could have been re-equipped at small expense. Little of value now remains to mark the site of what was in its day the largest and richest silver-lead mine in the State.

7-6-1933 The president (Mr: J. Chalmers) occupied the chair at the weekly meeting of the L.D.U.A. in the Union Theatre last night.
It was decided to give every possible co-operation to Sunny Corner unemployed, who wrote stating that food relief of men prospecting for gold had been reduced by half.

29-6-1933 Sunny Corner was visited recently by Mr. Warren, inspector of mines, in regard to the proposed Government battery. Mr. Warren, who has been for a number of years in the Broken Hill district, inspected several of the local mining propositions, including John Bright and Dunns Reef, at Dark Corner, and absorbed as much information as possible, in relation to the matter.

5-7-1933 The Prospecting Miners' Association, an organisation of ex-soldier gold prospectors, has spread to Sunny Corner, and a branch has been formed here. The aims of the association are popular with returned fossickers, and the idea has spread over the entire State, wherever diggers are to be found chasing the elusive fortunes that may be won from gold.

14-7-1933 Since the price of skins rose rabbits, which were very numerous, have noticeably decreased, so that very few are now to be seen.

21-7-1933 Deep sympathy is felt throughout the district for Mr. and Mrs. E. Grabham, whose little daughter, Wilma Sarah, aged two years and seven months, died in the Portland hospital this week. The little girl was taken to the institution suffering from scarlet fever, and after some weeks there, was thought to be almost cured, but complications set in, with fatal results. The funeral took place on Monday at the Dark Corner cemetery, and was largely attended.

24-7-1933 Ten single unemployed men were put on half-rations and two others denied food relief altogether by the issuing officer at Sunny Corner.

(To the Editor) 'Sir, I have been instructed to report to you by the Joint meeting of P.M.A. and the local branch of the unemployed, upon the callous treatment meted out to thirteen of our members to-day when they presented themselves for food relief.

Two men, C. Beaver, and J. Salter were refused dole altogether whilst D. McLeay, S. Jenkins, W. King, H. Stait, R. Best, H. Barry, H. Simeons, Percival Seater, J. Beater, W. Hunter, M. Eggerton were informed by Sgt. Purden (issuing officer) of Portland, that they would have to accept half rations.

Such expressions as 'loafer', 'not trying' and 'dishonest' etc. it is alleged were hurled against the workless men. The case of Mr. Percival Seater, over which the whole district is seething, is particularly unjust. Mr. Seater is as many in this district are aware, a returned soldier with three years service and two war wounds and further we all here can testify a tip top trier, his gold prospecting claim on Mitchells Creek speaks volumes for this mans industry. Yet when this man, who answered his countrys call in her hour of need, and who later shed blood in France, applied for his pittance of 5/6, it is alleged he was accused of 'loafing' about the tent all day, not trying hence 2/9 was allocated to this returned soldier to keep his body and soul together for seven days. It was decided by the joint meeting that Mr. Seater ask Sergeant Purdon to inspect his, Mr. Beater's claim, and so give him the chance of vindicating his character. Even this was refused, asserted 'he was too busy',' so ostensibly this returned man must exist on 5/6 for the next fourteen days.

The remainder of the cases have similar parallels. Mr. Henry Barry, who it was inferred was also a 'loafer' feels very keenly on the subject as he has and can show excellent references for 25 years service on railway and public works as a ganger, he also works six full days a week prospecting. That these men have failed to make enough returns to be independent of the dole, is their bad luck, but these associations emphatically contradict the charges of loafing.

Further these associations take this opportunity, of demanding an inquiry into the administration of food relief in these areas. Both the Mining Prospectors Association and the Unemployed Association will fight this inhuman reduction to the last ditch. If you publish these facts it will greatly assist us in that effort.— Yours etc.,

SYDNEY B. TENNYSON, Hon. Secretary PMA and U.A. of NSW, Sunny Corner Branch."

4-8-1933 At Portland police station Sergt. Purdon casually mentioned a dole reduction. "Reduction, Sarge!" exclaimed the Digger, "why I was going to ask for an increase now Old Nellie (his dog) has a family and won't catch any rabbits. What about it, Sarge?"

What "Sarge" thinks about it he has not yet said, but he is said to still unexpectedly break into a chuckle on odd occasions.

7-8-1933 Messrs. Mulholland and Riggett, Mines Department officials, have been at Sunny; Corner for about a week, inspecting and sampling local reefs, and have taken a large number of samples for assay. This is in relation to the proposed State battery. It is thought that the impression formed by the visitors in regard to the aspect of the field for reefing was favorable, and they certainly made an exhaustive inspection of the Sunny Corner and Dark Corner mining country, visiting the Big Hill, Little Hill, Dunns Reef, Paddy Lackey, John Bright, Reedy Creek, and many other 'shows".

7-8-1933 As a result of Turon Shire Councils acceptance of the Government's scheme to provide work in lieu of the dole, the council was informed at its meeting on Friday that a grant of £3354 would be made available. It was pointed out that the councils acceptation of the scheme for a period of three months was satisfactory. The engineer said the number of men eligible for work in each centre was: Hill End 117, Sofala 94, Wattle Flat 84, Sunny Corner 63, Kelso 11, O'Connell 7, Tarana 19, Napoleon Reefs 10, Peel 5, Glanmire 7, Walang 2, Yetholme 1, Eglinton 3, Duramana 4.

23-8-1933 It is understood that the assay results of samples of local reefs taken by officers of the Mines Department recently were quite satisfactory, and the department is willing to advance the money required at 3 per cent.

Mr. T. Hutcninson, who has leases at the Big Hill and Dunns Reef, the latter of which work is now proceeding, is interesting himself in the matter, and is hopeful of bringing about the erection of the battery. He has taken steps to secure a site for the plant in Sunny Corner, where water can be obtained from the main from the reservoir.

Work for the dole started locally on Monday on the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner, road and the road to Tyndalls Flat.

24-8-1933 Mr. Hamilton Knight, M.L.A., has received the following letter from the Director of Government Relief (Mr. A. T. Treble). "Following your personal representations on behalf of some of your constituents at Sunny Corner, I have made inquiries into your request for immediate attention to the needs of local residents who require boots and clothing. I have ascertained that a number of applications are to hand from this centre, and I have arranged for a supply of boots and clothing to be parcelled at once and forwarded to the local issuing officer. He will visit Sunny Corner as usual next week, and will then make inquiries to ascertain whether there are any further urgent cases requiring attention."

Wednesday. Snow began to fall on Tuesday night, and at present is still falling, the whole country being covered several inches deep. It has every appearance of continuing for a good while.

What might be described as the life and death of a Sunny Corner industry in one day occurred at Bathurst this week, when a lorry load of tanks and drums, to be used in the eucalyptus industry, arrived there from the railways, and a couple of hours later, accompanied by their owners, left on the return journey. Apparently climatic or other conditions appeared unfavorable. It is likely, however, that this industry, which has been dormant for a long time, will be shortly re-started by another party hailing from Lithgow.

4-9-1933 Mr. G. Wilkins, M.L.A., has been advised by the Department of Mines that, following his representations, the Minister has approved of an advance of £450 to Mr. T. A. Hutchinson for the purchase, transport, and erection of a battery, and for the erection of a housing shed, at Sunny Corner, subject to suitable security being forthcoming.

The advance is subject also to certain other conditions, particulars of which have been supplied to Mr. Hutchinson direct.

One of the most successful reunions held by ex-residents of Sunny Corner now residing in the metropolitan area took place at Christ Church Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, on August 26. More than 100 former Sunny Cornerites, accompanied by

their families, attended at the invitation of Mr. Syd. Dobson, who has been organising similar functions for the past three years. A happy time was spent in dancing and games, for which suitable prizes were supplied.

14-9-1933 "At Mitchell's Creek, T. A. Hutchinson derived about I8ozs. of gold from 52 tons of ore, and G. Stait and party at West Mitchell won 13 ½ ozs. from 55 tons of ore. At Daylight Creek, J. T. Chapman obtained 13ozs. of gold from sluicing operations.

6-9-1933 At Portland police court on Friday Edward Baker proceeded against Raymond Stait for unlawful assault at Sunny Corner on August 20. Stait was found guilty and fined £2, together with court costs and witnesses expenses. Mr. F. Kenny, of Bathurst, appeared for the complainant. Complainant stated he was one of a car load going to tennis on August 20. When they arrived at the court defendant said, "Have you found that bird yet?" Witness replied that he did not know what Stait was talking about, whereupon defendant said, "You're the man for me," and invited him to step out of the car and fight. He refused, and went on to the court. Here further remarks were made, and defendant stepped on to the court and struck him several times. At the time witness had his racket in his hand.

To defendant: I did not accuse you of unscrewing radiator caps, lighting bushes at night, or making bird-like noises late at night. I did not issue a challenge to you to fight, either.

Cecil Charles Grabham and Richard Grabham gave corroborative evidence. In answer to a question by defendant, Richard Grabham stated that he remembered some remarks about radiator caps, but could not remember what was said.

Raymond Stait deposed that on the previous Sunday he had received a challenge from Baker to "have it out" on the tennis court on the following Sunday. Baker denied having made such a challenge. Witness struck complainant, and was in turn, hit from behind by a man named McDonald, while Mrs. Baker attacked him with the racket which her husband dropped.

To Mr. Kenny: On the court Mrs. Baker accused me of making a noise like a mopoke late at night. I would not have gone near the court had the challenge not been issued, but I did not want people to think I was afraid to go. I have also been accused of unscrewing radiator caps, so that when the cars had travelled a short distance they would fall off.

Henry Stait, brother of defendant, said that on the previous Sunday Mrs. Baker told him that his brother had been making calls like an owl round her house late at night. He told her that he would bring his brother up to the house to answer the charge, but Mrs. Baker replied, "Don't bring him up here, tell him to come to the tennis court next Sunday, and we will fight it out there."

The P.M. said defendant was making a mountain out of a molehill. He did not think that Mrs. Baker meant by "fight it out", that 'fists' were to be used. He would not construe such a statement as to mean a challenge to fight.

18-9-1933 A start has been made again with the eucalyptus oil industry locally the plant being situated at West Mitchell. It is to be hoped that it will turn out successfully. Lithgow enterprise is responsible for the resurrection, Mr. Woodhead, from that centre, being the principal.

Nothing very definite has transpired so far in reference to the much-talked-of battery, but it is rumoured that there is a possibility of a company being induced to take the matter in hand, while the possible sale of Mr T. Hutchinsons Big Hill property to a company is also hinted at. It is certainly to be hoped that capital is likely to be once again interested in the Sunny Corner mine. The books and papers salvaged from the destroyed buildings at the old mine show what a tremendously valuable asset to the district that property was in the past.

A crushing of about 45 tons from the Little Hill, from the mine worked by Messrs. G. McDonald and party, is going through at the battery at the Silver King. If this battery, was situated nearer to the mine, and was provided with a better water supply, it would be a more valuable asset to the party in question. Erected primarily to treat the gossan on the Silver King hill, a worse site for a public battery could hardly have been selected. Unfortunately, the gossan proved unpayable.

It seems likely that pea growing will be indulged in to a large degree this year, several growers expressing the intention of planting more than usual. While there are many risks, there is always the chance of catching a high market for a time, and the advantages of growing ones own seed supply is becoming more appreciated.

21-9-1933 WANTED. — A five or ten head buttery, portable engine and boiler. Apply T.Hutchinson, Sunny Corner.

22-9-1933 Common Trustees, Messrs. John Henry Passeri, Gordon Thomas Smith and Alfred Russell Sparks (in the places of Messrs. D. O'Dell and G. Shumack, deceased, and Mr. G. C. Fraser, resigned).Additional Trustees—Messrs. Harold Malo Guihot and William Henry Grabham.

28-9-1933 Relatives and friends of Mrs. W. Vipen and Family are kindly invited to attend the funeral of her beloved husband and their father, William Vipen, to move from his late residence, Sunny Corner, at 2.30 p.m., to-morrow (Friday) for Sunny Corner cemetery

29-9-1933 Well-known District Resident Passes. An identity of the principal smelting works of Australia, the death occurred at his residence, Sunny Corner, on Wednesday of Mr. William Vipen, aged 81.

The late Mr. Vipen had been associated with smelting works in South Australia, Victoria, and Queensland at a comparatively early age and when in his early twenties, was one of six chosen at Port Adelaide to commence the first smelting work undertaken at Newcastle. He also worked at Cobar and Lithgow. Fifty years ago he took up residence at Sunny Corner, where he remained in charge of various furnaces until the closing of the industry. He was a member of Lodge Blaxland and the L.O.L. In June last he celebrated the diamond anniversary of his marriage. He is survived by a widow and a grown-up family of four daughters and two sons, to whom the sincere sympathy of the community will be extended. They are: Mrs. H. Burgess (Lithgow), Mrs; T. Hutchison (Sutherland), Mesdames J. Stapleton and W. Osborne (Portland), and Messrs. W. Vipen (Queensland) and J. Vipen (Portland).

A smelter by calling, Mr. Vipen was in charge of the first furnaces installed on the Sunny Corner mine when treatment practices there developed from battery crushing and amalgamation for the gold in the surface gossan, to smelting the oxidised ore in the Pacific furnaces first erected on the property, in which the precious metals were collected in lead.

Later he was in charge at the larger blast furnaces, where the mineralised, or "black," ore was smelted for matte containing principally copper, gold and silver, working at both the blast furnaces and reverberatories then in operation. Besides being so well versed in smelting practice he was a competent furnace builder, and the reverberatory furnace constructed by him for Mr. W. B. Wilkinson, when the mine was re-opened during the war, still stands at the mine as a sample of his skill. It would be very difficult nowadays to find a man with such a wide experience and practical knowledge of ore-smelting, while he was a veritable mine of wealth in regard to old history of the local mining industry and those connected there with for many a long year back. Having resided in Sunny Corner for nearly 50 years, Mr. Vipen was particularly well acquainted with local data, both as to mining operations and the managers and men of the early days of Sunny Corner.

4-10-1933 Mr. T. A. Hutchinson has purchased a battery for erection at Sunny Corner, and also a portable steam engine for driving same. The plant will be transferred here and erected as soon as possible. Samples of stone taken by the Mines Department officials from Mr. Hutchinsons leases at the Big Hill, Sunny Corner, and Dunns Reef Dark Corner, resulted as follows:

Big Hill (17 samples taken), assays vary between 2dwts. 4grs. And loz. 12dwts. 10grs. gold per ton, the average being 6dwts. 2grs. gold per ton;

Dunns Reef, from 8 Samples taken, averages loz. 9dwts. 9grs. Gold per ton, the assays varying from 3dwts. 6grs. to 4ozs. 10dwts. 9grs., two over 4ozs., and most of them over the half-ounce.

9-10-1933 TENDERS are invited, closing October 14, 1933, for demolishing and removing 5-Head Battery from Bushranger to Sunny Corner. Apply T. Hutchinson, Sunny Corner.

16-10-1933 Claiming unsympathetic treatment from the Turon Shire Council in the matter of 1/- per head paid for daily transport on a lorry, about 50 men from Sunny Corner employed on relief work, this morning refused to continue under the conditions. The workers have been obliged to use motor transport, it is understood, to enable them to reach the job, which is about seven miles from Sunny Corner on the West Mitchell road. The daily drain on the mens pockets had a sequel in a request to the council to help towards the cost. Failure to bring negotiations to a satisfactory conclusion, brought about a deadlock.

Later developments, however resulted in an agreement by which the men will continue work under the scheme tomorrow morning at a site near Meadow Flat.

25-10-1933 The Sunny Corner v Williewa match took place at Sunny Corner. Williewa were the victors by eight runs, the total of their first innings being 49; they scored 52 in the second "knock." Sunny Corner's total for the innings were 42 and 51, respectively.

25-10-1933 Mr. T. Kemp (secretary of Sunny Corner committee) reported that the men working for the dole at Sunny Corner had to walk five miles to work, the Turon Shire Council having refused to provide travelling facilities. The men proposed to commence work at the Post Office and include the walk to the job from this point in their time, but the Council also refused to entertain this proposal. Mr. Kemp did not think the job would last any longer than a fortnight, and he understood that the Council would not undertake another unless the Government agreed to accept a bigger share of the cost.

16-11-1933 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16, 1930, aged 60 years.

Your weary hours and days of pain,
Your sleepless nights have passed,
Your ever patient, worn-out frame
Has gained sweet rest at last.

Never forgotten by his sorrowing wife, Eleanor A. Smith, and family.

22-11-1933 The battery in course of erection by Mr. T. Hutchinson is on the site selected behind the Post Office, but until it is in operation much activity on local reefing shows cannot be expected.

24-11-1933 Gala Dance At Sunny Corner. A gala night has been arranged for the Sunny Corner Hall on December 2. Sheridans "Midnight Revellers," a dance band from Sydney, will provide the music. It should be a happy night, and many dancers are looking forward to the function.

29-11-1933 Fireball At Meadow Flat. When travelling west during a heavy rainstorm on Sunday afternoon, three motorists saw the unusual spectacle of a fireball.

When a car driven by a Sydney man, Mr. Gosper, had just left Meadow Flat the occupants barely glimpsed an object, which appeared to be somewhat the size of a mans head, before it struck a tree about 40 yards ahead of them. The tree, about 40 feet high, immediately split down the centre, and pieces of charred and smoking wood flew in all directions.

30-11-1933 The death has occurred of Mr. Francis Guihot, aged 76, a very well known resident of Sunny Corner. He is survived by Mrs. Guihot and four daughters and four sons. They are, Messrs. Harold, Stanley and Allan Guihot, and Mrs. C. Rampling (Sunny Corner) and Mr. Charles Guihot and Mesdames H, Moore, H. J. Robinson and H. Hall (Lithgow)

6-12-1933 A meeting of the P. and C. Association was held to consider arrangements for the breaking up of the local school on December 14. It was decided to give each child a book, and also a special prize to each class for the best kept exercise book. In addition, it was decided to take all the children to the talkie pictures to be shown in the hall on "breaking-up" day. This show, which in a sense made local history, being the first talkies to appear in Sunny Corner, made its first exhibition here about 10 days ago, and was unanimously adjudged excellent. It is so seldom nowadays that any show visits Sunny Corner that it is considered a good scheme to give all the schoolchildren a chance of becoming acquainted with the latest developments of the picture industry.

Bert Bennett, a son of Mr. E. Bennett, of Dark Corner, had a nasty experience last Saturday night. He and Mr. R. Grabham, of Dark Corner, were galloping along the Dark Corner road, when his horse ran into a telegraph post. Results were

unfavorable for all concerned, horse and rider both coming down, and the post being knocked several feet out of alignment. Beyond shock, however, the boy was not hurt, but the horse was lamed.

14-12-1933 Christmas Relief. In connection with the Government distribution of Christmas relief in the way of eggs, honey, fruit, etc., the following amounts have been allocated at three district centres: Mr. Kemp, secretary of unemployed, Sunny Corner, £10; Mr. F. J. Gibbs, Soldiers Club, Oberon, £5; Mr. Amies, unemployed league, Tarana. £5.

21-12-1933 At the request of Mr. Wilkins, M.L.A. for Bathurst, the State Government has decided to appoint a mining officer to investigate proposals for the development of mining shows in Sofala and Sunny Corner districts, on a co-operative basis by unemployed residents of those districts, with Government assistance.

Three schemes have been advanced by miners in the district, there being in that area about 200 unemployed men who are anxious to start operations as suggested.

29-12-1933 Raspberries and Loganberries at orchard, 6d and 4d per lb. L. O. Wilkinson, Sunny Corner.

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10-1-1934 To Metal Miners. Tenders will be received for breaking quartz at various places at "Big Hill" Mine, Sunny Corner. Specifications can be seen with THOS. A. HUTCHINSON, Sunny Corner.

10-1-1934 The holiday season was favoured with ideal weather, and was thoroughly enjoyed, particularly by the visitors from Sydney, of whom there are an increasing number every year. Very successful sports and dances were organised by the committee of the local Hall, the tennis tournaments being particularly popular and interesting. Players arrived from Palmers Oakey, Cullen Bullen, Portland, Tarana and .elsewhere, and some splendid tennis resulted, Tarana players especially showing praiseworthy form. The dances on Xmas Eve, Boxing Night, New Year's Night were all well attended,

8-2-1934 Mr. J. Kemp Charleston, who died in Sydney recently, was formerly a notable figure in the N.S.W. mining industry. He was intimately connected with Sunny Corner, where he was part proprietor and manager of the Sunny Corner silver-lead mine for several years, and also managed various gold-mining ventures, among them being one at Bobs Creek and another at Lagoon Creek at Dark Corner. He was also associated with a 10-head battery at the Big Hill, West Mitchell, which was later on sent to Sudest Island, Papua. In partnership with Frank Lacroix Gardner, of Broken Hill and West Australian fame, he was connected with many mines all over N.S.W., at Tambaroora, Tamworth, Torrington, Wagonga and various other places, tin and bismuth being included in the metals mined for. Before comings to Sunny Corner he was manager of the New Kohinoor mine at Captains Flat, the ore there being a refractory combination very similar to that at Sunny Corner. Possessed of a tremendous energy and an unquenchable optimism, Mr. Charleston grappled with business and financial difficulties that would have swamped a dozen ordinary men, and always saw splendid success ahead, and there can be no doubt that he firmly believed that all the ventures he was engaged in would succeed, as he sank his own capital and salary freely in endeavoring to make them pay. Success was always just ahead, but unfortunately it kept ahead, and practically every venture was a financial failure. Apparently the Sunny Corner mine, if it alone had been worked, would have paid well, but profits from it were swallowed up by the many failures, and when improved plant was required and erection of it was actually started at the mine, the almost simultaneous failure of Red Hill at Tambaroora, Lagoon at Dark Corner, and Sudest mine in Papua, and the crash of Gardner in London, brought the remarkable partnership to ruin.

Gardner, who was at one time acclaimed a millionaire, claimed to have sent his partner £90,000 from England alone, all of which went West in mining ventures, although it seems probable that a good deal of this was lost in Lucknow, Brown's Creek and other propositions, with which Charleston was not directly connected. Born in Cornwall in March, 1851, Mr. Charleston was nearly 84 when he died.

8-2-1934 In the cricket match between Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner on Saturday the Staits seemed to get in one anothers way. At one period of the game H. Stait was caught by K. Stait, the ball being bowled by L. Stait. And all this for a 'duck. An unusual "Stait" of affairs.

9-2-1934 FOR SALE. FARM, 82 acres Freehold land, with hay and good crops potatoes, 30 head mixed cattle, weatherboard house; including mail contract, etc., £420 lot. MR. E. GRABHAM, Sunny Corner Post Office.

16-2-1934 A dispute between three men, who had apparently struck a rich gold patch between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner, was ventilated at Lithgow mining court on Wednesday, when one of the erstwhile partners sought an injunction to keep the other two away from the gold lease.

It was stated £200 worth of gold was won from the mine in two months.

The complainant, Daniel James Leahy, complained that the two defendants, John Francis Minihan and Michael Lynch, had broken the terms of an agreement for the working of the lease known as the John Bright mine of six acres. He asked that the articles of the agreement be declared void; that the defendants be removed from the lease, and that the warden grant an injunction restraining them from trespassing on the lease. The Warden (Mr. A. N. Graham) made a formal order on the lines of the latter request.

21-2-1934 An altercation outside a store at West Mitchell on December 7 was mentioned at Wallerawang police court on Thursday, when Frederick James Symonds sued Thomas, Fitzgerald for alleged unlawful assault and insulting language.

Fitzgerald cross summoned Symonds for alleged insulting language. The cases were dismissed. The charges arose out of an open air unemployed meeting, which was held in the vicinity of Fitzgeralds store.

It was stated that there had been some friction between Fitzgerald and some members of the unemployed who desired that a rival storekeeper should share in the dole trade.

Fitzgerald was alleged to have struck Symons on the nose and later Symons reentered the shop where, he said Fitzgerald used insulting language.

The PM, (Mr, Britz).said the assault was committed, but it was so trifling as not to justify a conviction. In regard to the language, he could exercise his powers under a discretionary section of the Act. Mr. C. H. Le Fevre appeared, for Symons, and Fitzgerald conducted his own case.

22-2-1934 Mr. H. Bell, school teacher at Dark Corner, is a happy man these days, for he has won a Spanking new Vauxhall car in a Sydney lottery. He purchased the ticket while on holidays in Sydney at Christmas time.

1-3-1934 The death occurred this morning at her daughter's residence, Ridge-street, Portland, of Mrs. Ann Vipen, a well known and a highly respected resident of Sunny Corner, having resided there for the past 45 years. Mrs. Vipen, who was 82 years, lived at Port Adelaide before going to Sunny Corner. Her husband, Mr. William Vipen, died five months ago.

A family of four girls and two boys survive, members of which are Mrs. T. Hutchison, Sunny Corner, Mrs. W. Osborne and Mrs. J. Stapleton (Portland), Mrs. H; Burgess (Lithgow), Mr. W. Vipen (Queensland) and Mr. J. Vipen (Portland). Interment is to he made in the Church of England portion of Sunny Corner cemetery tomorrow afternoon.

6-3-1934 An application by J. O. Stewart and L. S. Whalan for authority to enter and search for gold on 5 acres of land between Sunny Corner and Yetholme, the property of Mr. Conroy, of Kirkconnell, was before the Bathurst Wardens Court yesterday. The application was granted by Mr. W. S. Bromhead with rental fixed at 5/ per acre plus £1 compensation.

19-3-1934 Sunny Corner presents an unusually, animated appearance just now, as the erection of the 20-head battery, which Mr. T. Hutchinson is putting up in connection with the Big Hill and other properties, and the mining operations which are proceeding on various reefing ventures have produced an unwonted industrial activity. Out Dark Corner way the Messrs. Brown, of Meadow Flat, have taken up leases at the Homeward Bound and also at the Paddy Lackey. These mines have been gold producers, the Paddy Lackey having been the "star" goldmine of the district, and for many years it was one of the best and most consistent mines in N.S.W.

22-3-1934 Arrangements have been made for a series of dances to be held in the Sunny Corner Hall during Easter period, as well as on April 7. There will be functions on Saturday and Monday nights.

11-4-1934 A fire which broke out in the hayshed on Mr. Scotts farm gutted the contents, about 20 tons which was stored for a winter supply. A stable was also destroyed.

The outbreak was noticed about 10 o'clock, about half an hour after all had gone to bed. The shed had not been frequented by anyone, and it is not thought there was any neglect on the part of the owner.

A new shed partly attached was saved by the work of a bucket brigade, consisting of the family. A good supply of water close by was the chief factor in saving the rest of the premises. A motor lorry was removed to safety, and a horse trolly was saved after a slight scorching. A couple of neighbors who came on the scene rendered valuable help.

It is to be hoped that the milk war that has been going on in one of the neighboring towns has no bearing on the occurrence, although supplies have recently been drawn from the premises.

There was no insurance on the lost property; Mr. Scott estimates his loss at £200.

12-4-1934 Once more the noise of the stampers may be heard in Sunny Corner, the battery behind the post office having started last week. So far it is only running with five head, but 10 head are to be put into operation shortly, and 20 head eventually. At present stone from Mr. T. Hutchinsons Big Hill property is being crushed, and a large tonnage is already raised, being carted to the battery per motor lorry. Mr. H. Blackman, of Bathurst, is in charge of operations at the battery at present. If the stone from the Big Hill proves payable there is enough in sight there to make the battery a permanent institution for many years, without counting in any other reefs at all.

17-4-1934 Common made a profit of 17 shillings for 1933.

19-4-1934 The new house which is being built by Mr W. Fraser of Portland, for Mr. W. Smith, of Dark Corner, is almost completed, and will be a particularly nice looking and comfortable residence. It is situated close to the main Sunny Corner-Dark Corner-road, adjoining Mrs. Lyn Yates property;

Local sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Passeri, who recently received news of the death of her brother, Mr. T. Fenton, of Peelwood.

Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey bee farmers are experiencing the worst season for many years, there being practically no honey producing flowers at all, and bees that are not fed are dying rapidly. Apparently any apiarist who cannot afford to fully feed his bees is doomed to lose the lot.

20-4-1934 Common Trustees Messrs. Alfred Russell Sparks, Raymond Neil Stait, Henry William Keith Stait, William Stait and Lionel Ottley Wilkinson.

26-4-1934 Mrs. A. Chadwick; celebrated her 73rd birthday at her home on the Williewa last Sunday. The 21st birthday of her grandson, Mr. W. Chadwick, was celebrated on the same day. The function was just a family affair. Born in Bathurst, Mrs. Chadwick has spent most of her life in Sunny Corner and Portland, and is very well known in the district.

27-4-1934 Mr. "Tommy" Martin, while working near Palmers Oakey last Thursday had the misfortune to break his leg. He with three other men, were in very rough country, clearing the line for a fence, when a tree which he fell jumped off the stump, striking him below the knee. Both bones of the leg were fractured. One of the men went some miles to get his car, while the other two placed Martin on a horse and conveyed him over rugged country to a spot where it was possible to get the vehicle.

Once on the road, the driver of the car (Mr. Ferguson) made a fast trip to Bathurst, over twenty miles away. Despite the hurried trip, nearly four hours passed from the time of the accident till the car reached Bathurst.

30-4-1934 The death occurred in Portland hospital last night of Mr. Robert Henry Gant, aged 82. Although of a quiet disposition deceased was well known and highly respected, and. his death closes another chapter of the early history of Sunny Corner.

The late Mr. Gant was a native of England, and came to Australia with his parents, crossing the Blue Mountains in a bullock dray about 80 years ago. The family settled at West Mitchell, and the deceased later prospected at Sunny Corner for several syndicates before that town became a flourishing centre. He also worked on the tin fields around Tingha, and later went to Coolgardie West Australia. On his return he followed mining pursuits at West Mitchell, and fifteen years ago took up a holding at Daylight Creek.

2-5-1934 March 31, 1934 at South Chatswood Methodist Church by the Rev. H Green, Alan second son of Mrs. S Grabham of "Shiloh" Sunny Corner and the late Mr. John Grabham to Clarice younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H Price of Chatswood.

3-5-1934 T. A. Hutchinson, Dark Corner, sought a suspension of labor conditions on a gold lease at Sunny Corner. The applicant stated that, an amount of £1,250 had already been spent on the lease, and at the present time he was unable to continue operations, the suspension being required to give reasonable opportunity of making further financial arrangements.

7-5-1934 At the monthly meeting of the Turon Shire Council on Friday, Mr. G. Wilkins, M.L.A., forwarded a letter he had received from the secretary of the unemployed at Sunny Corner, who advised him that they have been informed by the police that they would have to walk 24 miles for their work tickets and that there was not a man there with boots that will stand the strain. "I trust that some better arrangement could be made for these men and feel certain that your council will do all in its power to make things better," added the letter. The engineer is to go into the matter of transport for the workers.

16-5-1934 Details have been received of the death of Mr. W. Vipen, who was well known in the Portland and Sunny Corner districts. He was fatally injured when a section car, containing a number of fettlers, became derailed at Malvern (Q.), after running into a ram which had wandered on the line. The car finally crashed into a sleeper, and in addition to Mr. Vipen, six other men were injured. The deceased was a brother of Mrs. T. A. Hutchinson, of Sunny Corner, and in his earlier days was a miner and prospector in that district. Very sincere local sympathy will be extended to the widow and ten children, as well as to relatives in this district.

28-5-1934 The death occurred at his residence Pottery Enclosure, on Friday night, of Mr. William Bradley, at the age of 50. Deceased, who had been in ill-health for some time, was born in New Zealand. At the age of three he came to Australia with his parents, who took up residence at Sunny Corner. Mr. Bradley followed mining pursuits, and had resided in Lithgow and district for the past 30 years. Death was not unexpected, as for some years he had been in very poor health. He has left a widow and a family of five—Eileen, Fay, William, Emmanuel and Vincent. To them sympathy is extended.

28-5-1934 Mrs. Ellen Price, who died at Portland last night, was 76 years of age. She was a well known and highly respected resident of the town. The deceased was born on the Winburndale, and was a resident of the Sunny Coiner district practically the whole of her life, having vivid recollections of the boom days at the one time famous mining centre. She married twice, her first husband being Mr. Thomas Carter, who predeceased her by 47 years. Mr. T. Carter, of Bate-street, Portland, is the only surviving member of the family. Mrs. Price's second husband, Mr. James Price, who was an ex-police officer at Sunny Corner, died about eight years ago. She was the second daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks, pioneers of the Kirkconnell district. Two sisters, Mrs. C. Murray (Sunny Corner) and Mrs. McCulIa (Portland) and four brothers, Thomas (Hartley), William and Alfred (Portland) and James (Kandos) survive. A solemn office and requiem mass was held in St. Vincents Church this morning, the Rev. Father Cusack being the celebrant. The funeral has been fixed for this afternoon, interment to be made in the Kirkconnell cemetery.

11-6-1934 Cyaniding at the once famous Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner is proceeding, with some success, it is said Mr. C. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, is one of those interested in the undertaking.

16-6-1934 The death occurred at St. Vincents Hospital on Thursday of Mr. John Moses Sinnett, at the age of 87 years. Born at Kirkconnell, deceased lived in the Yetholme district nearly all his life, carrying on farming operations. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Lawler, of Meadow Flat. The funeral will move from Messrs. McDonald and Moloney's funeral parlors to-day at 12.30 for the Kirkconnell cemetery, where interment will be made.

17-6-1934 Next Monday a "Back to Sunny Corner" ball will be held in the Sunny Corner hall. First class music will be provided, and a buffet supper will be served. The ball, which is in aid of Portland Convent building fund, will be the first of its kind ever held at Sunny Corner, and as many "reunions" are expected by erstwhile residents of the village, a large attendance is anticipated.

21-6-1934 A crushing of 20 tons of ore which has just been put through the Big Hill battery realised 9ozs. of retorted gold. This is considered most satisfactory, realising £4 per ton of quartz at present gold price.

29-6-1934 The death occurred in Portland hospital this morning of Mr. Joseph John Vipen at the age of 41. He had been an inmate of the institution for ten weeks. Deceased was born at Sunny Corner, and was a son of the late Wm. Vipen, who died last September. Since then deceaseds mother and a niece have died, and a brother, William, was killed in a railway accident in Queensland a few months ago. The latest death makes five bereavements in the family in nine months. The late Mr. Joseph Vipen resided in the Sunny Corner-Portland district all his life, and was a resident of Portland at the time of his death. He met with a severe accident while working at the C.P.C. Co's .quarry ten years ago, and never fully recovered from this. He is survived by a widow and two children and four sisters, viz., Mesdames W. Osborne and J. Stapleton, of Portland, T. Hutchinson (Sunny Corner) and H. Burgess (Lithgow).

2-7-1934 The death took place at the Portland Hospital on Friday of Mr, Philip Lawler (78), of Meadow Flat. He was one of the best known and most popular residents in the Portland-Meadow-Flat district. The deceased was in good health until a week ago. He contracted a chill which led to pneumonia, and was admitted to hospital on Wednesday.

Mr. Lawler was born at Meadow Flat, and had lived there all his life. He was a teamster, on the roads when Sunny Corner was a booming centre, and for 20 years was employed as a groom at the Ivanhoe colliery. He retired eight years ago, and concentrated upon his small farm at Meadow Flat. He was a man of jovial disposition, possessing a cheery word for all. In his

younger days he was a prominent cricketer, and since his retirement from active participation, he has followed the game with the characteristically keen interest of a cricket veteran. A family of seven daughters and two sons survive, they being: Mesdames G. Goodwin (Pipers Flat), A. Case (Oakey Park), A. Alexander (Woodford), R. Williams (Portland), G. McKinnon (Meadow Flat), A. Burnett (Yetholme), and Miss Kitty Lawler (Sydney), and Messrs. Herbert and Philip Lawler (Portland). Another son was killed on active service. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, and was one of the largest seen in the district for several years. Burial took place in the Methodist portion of the Meadow Flat cemetery, the Rev. H. Hunter officiating at the graveside.

1-8-1934 Lithgow Division. The estimated production of gold was 60 oz., of which 22oz. of alluvial gold was won by fossickers, G. Stait and party at West Mitchell, treated 97 tons of ore for 30oz. of gold. R. Frew won 8oz. of gold from 5 tons of ore at Sunny Corner, in which locality T. A. Hutchinson is erecting a battery (since erected and run by a Lithgow syndicate).

1-8-1934 The Forestry Commission has given notice to a number of occupiers of the State forest at Sunny Corner that they must vacate.

The Western District Unemployed Council has protested against the decision in a letter to Mr. Knight, M.L.A. The acting secretary of the Commission says:— "it is regretted that the Commission cannot extend further leniency to the unemployed camped on the forest. It is quite sympathetic to their circumstances, but is under obligation to regard the rights of others. The Commission has rented the area, and is bound to afford its tenant peaceful occupation, but this is not possible through the miners camping thereon. The lessee complains of disturbance of his stock and loss of stock falling into holes left by the prospectors. They have not been authorised to prospect on the forest, and are in unlawful occupation. The Commission and the Mines and Lands Departments have nevertheless, met them as much as possible. The last mentioned departments have provided areas adjacent which they may legally occupy, and it is not unreasonable, nor requiring any great thing of them, in asking that they shift their camps to those sites. The Commission has had to give the lessee a rebate for filling in the holes. It must therefore insist upon removal from the forest as soon as practicable".

There is a strong feeling locally against the threatened eviction of people who have been living there for so long. They have at the cost of much labor and ingenuity and also a good deal of their scanty cash, built little homes for themselves, and have proved themselves worthy additions to the population. Their children attend the Sunny Corner School and in many ways the place is the better for their residence here. They are doing no real harm to anyone by living on what, though it is called a State forest, is really a large expanse of vacant and unimproved land. All the Commission has done with this area since it acquired it has been to let it as a sheep run, and to allow the peppermint trees to be chopped down for the leaves, thereby acquiring some revenue from the royalty. No one who had not seen this country would believe that the Commission would allow such a dreadful mess to be made, when conditions as to the proper stacking of the tree debris could easily have been laid down.

The lessee, Mr. Drysdale Scott, is said to have stated to several residents on the area that he is in no way responsible, and has no objection to their residence there. If neither the public of Sunny Corner nor the lessee requires such a wholesale eviction, why should the Commission worry it has certainly shown no signs of wanting to plant any portion of it and seems very weak in its knowledge of the boundaries.

6-8-1934 Work at the Great Western, the mine on Bobs Creek, is steadily proceeding, the underlay shaft being down about 27 feet, but it will be some time before the reef is reached.

As the family involved in the accident mentioned below was well known and highly respected in the Sunny Corner, Portland and Lithgow districts, the following will doubtless be read with interest by present day readers: —

"A serious accident befel Mrs. F. Havenhand, while on her way from Bathurst on Friday evening with her two children, Harry and Lily. Near "Roundbody Pinch," between Kirkconnell and the Corner, Mrs. Havenhand, was met by her husband who requested her to change from the sulky to his buggy. She however declined, and drove on, Mr. Havenhand, with his two friends, bringing up the rear. Going down the pinch a hare ran across the road, causing the pony to become restless. Another hare followed, and the pony bolted, Harry who was driving, lost control, one wheel ran into a rut, and the vehicle capsized, throwing its occupants some distance away. The children escaped practically unhurt, but the mother sustained a fracture of the left leg in two places, a severe cut on the forehead, another on the back of the head, besides several abrasions about the face and body. She was immediately conveyed to her home, and a wire sent to Dr. Brook-Moore, of Bathurst, who hastened to the Corner and set the fractured limb. I am pleased to be able to state that the patient is now much better, and is making good progress towards convalescence. The spot where the accident occurred is scandalously out of repair, and very badly needs attention.

That accident happened just over 40 years ago. In that time many changes have taken place. For instance, the late Mr. Francis Havenhand was conducting a hotel at Sunny Corner, then a most thriving mining centre. Later he bought land at Portland and erected the first hotel, the Coronation in that town. Besides the father, Mrs. Havenhand and son, Harry, have answered the final call.

Of a happy and affectionate family, only Miss Lily Havenhand, who now resides in Bathurst, survives.

10-8-1934 Blaxland Shire Council decided on Wednesday to permit unemployed who are living at Sunny Corner to engage on emergency relief work within the Shire.

The unemployed sought permission to work, and asked what distance they would have to walk, and if Council could provide transport for three miles from the Sunny Corner post office. Council agreed to permit the men to work in its area provided that the distance was measured from the shire boundary. The unemployed agreed to this condition by telegram and the men will be put to work immediately.

10-8-1934 Joseph Hill, mining machinery agent, sought the forfeiture of a machinery area at Sunny Corner held, in the name of Arthur Caiffin, of Killara.

Applicant stated the area was not being used in a bona fide manner as a machinery tenement and that there was no machinery on it. Arthur Caffin, son of the holder, said his father, with C. J. Peterkin and J. K. Charleston, had worked the area. At the time they operated there the product did not pay the working expenses. Lately he had been approached by four different parties who desired the area. Witness added he desired to retain it for machinery, and his party intended to work a dump there. The Warden declined to grant the forfeiture.

16-8-1934 The death took place on Sunday night at his residence, Commonwealth road, of Mr. S. J. Dodd. The deceased, who was a native of Orange, was 82 years of age. About 66 years ago he settled at Kirkconnell, and had lived and worked in the Sunny Corner-Portland district ever since, following the occupation of a carpenter. He was a well known and highly respected resident of the town, and because of his jovial disposition became universally popular. He took a keen interest in sport and in his younger days was captain for many years of the Sunny Corner cricket team. Lately he had been an enthusiastic spectator. He was also actively associated with the Friendly Society movement, and was the founder of the Manchester Unity lodge in Portland. His wife predeceased him by five years. A family of three, Mesdames, M. de Boris and E. Eames and Mr. William Dodd, all of Portland, survive.

A Requiem Mass was held in St.Vincent's Church, Portland, on Tuesday morning, the celebrant being the Rev. Fr. Cusack. The funeral took place in the afternoon, interment being made in the Kirkconnell cemetery.

17-8-1934 Wild weather, with winds of gale force prevailed on Tuesday night, and some damage was done thereby. At the post office a laundry roof was blown off and a fence was shifted considerably out of alignment, while iron was blown off the roofs of the Catholic Church and the hall. Seventy points of rain mixed with snow fell during the night, and the country was covered with a thin sprinkling of snow on Wednesday morning, but this soon melted under the light drizzling rain that prevailed most of the day.

During a fairly heavy snow storm on Wednesday morning a fine young heifer that was crossing the road near the recreation ground was struck by a motor car, and had one leg so badly broken that she had to be destroyed. Visibility was very bad at the time.

22-8-1934 The death took place in Prince Alfred Hospital on Saturday morning of Miss Mary Wade, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wade, of Meadow Flat. Deceased had been in ill-health for five months. She possessed a bright disposition and an indication of her popularity was provided by the many people who gathered at the grayeside when the remains were laid to rest in Kirkconnell cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The Rev, Fr. Cusack, of Portland, officiated, while the burial arrangements ware carried out by Messrs. John Simpkins and Son. Sincere sympany is extended to the parents and the deceased's five sisters, Mrs. G. Turney (Portland), Mrs. W. Bennett and Misses Ettie, Elsie and Kathleen Wade, of Meadow Flat.

24-8-1934 Many sheep owners in this locality have had severe losses in their flocks owing to the depredations of local dogs. Poison baits have been laid with very satisfactory results, and many homes are now minus their canines.

Mr. J. B. Chifley, Australian Labor candidate for Macquarie will be at Sunny Corner on Sunday afternoon.

29-8-1934 It was learned in Bathurst yesterday that a B. class broadcasting station in this district is more than a possibility. The 2LE Radio Corporation is now in negotiations for the purchase of portion of Caroo property near Meadow Flat, and owned by Mr. F. A. Webb. A sale seems certain in which event arrangements will be speeded up in order that the new radio station can take definite shape.

30-8-1934 Application has been made by Blaxland Shire Council for a small grant to enable it to provide transport for Sunny Corner men on relief work within the shire.

12-9-1934 Mr. E. Grabham, with his wife and family, has left the district, for Wyagdon, having disposed of his farm near Dark Corner to Mr. Neale, of Kirkconnell. Mr. Grabham is an old resident of the locality, his father and uncles having been connected with the famous Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner when it was the principal gold producer of the district. Besides farming, Mr. Grabham has had a long experience of the local mining industry, and has a large amount of practical knowledge concerning the subject. Mrs. Grabham (formerly Miss Sparks) is also a native of Sunny Corner, being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sparks, at present of Portland, but formerly of Tyndall's Flat Sunny Corner. Their many friends will wish them every success at their new home, which is situated about five miles from Peel, on the Bathurst-Hill End road.

19-9-1934 The body of Ernest McManus (26), of Meadow Flat, who had not been heard of for two days, was found near Tarana yester day morning. The discovery was made by a Tarana resident, who was driving a horse and dray. The animal shied at a bicycle near the roadside, and in vestigation revealed the body, which was lying face down, not far from the machine. As a result of a post mortem by Dr. Perkins, of Oberon, it was decided to send the contents of the stomach, together with a dry, white powder found in a tin in the dead man's pocket, to the Government analyst. When a report is received an inquest will be held.

There were no marks of violence on the body. It is surmised that McManus was wheeling the bicycle uphill, and, turning off the road, placed it carefully to one side. After walking a few yards away from it, he apparently collapsed.

McManus attended a dance at a woolshed at Tarana on Saturday night. He left there about 5.30 on Sunday morning to return home. Nothing further was seen of him until his body was found.

The body was removed after the Oberon coroner (Mr. Doust) and the police had made an examination.

When McManus did not put in an appearance at his home, no alarm was raised, as he was in the habit of staying with friends at Tarana.

The deceased was a member of a well-known Meadow Flat family, and was very popular. He was a prominent member of the Meadow Flat cricket club. The funeral has been fixed for this afternoon, burial to take place in the Church of England portion of the Meadow Flat cemetery.

20-9-1934 Replying to a request for transport facilities for the Sunny Corner unemployed by the Relief Committee, Mr. G. Wilkins, M.L.A., has advised that the department has informed him that money was not available for this purpose, 10 per cent being allowed to councils to cover transport.

21-9-1934 September 20 1934, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Alfred Knight, 10 Wallis street, Woollahra. Sarah Ann, widow of the late James Lewis Attwell late of Sunny Corner, and dearly loved mother of Arthur, George and Leonard (deceased), Saran, Agnes, Amy, Gertrude and Mary, aged 86 years.

26-9-1934 Traces of strychnine in the stomach and other organs were discovered in an examination by the Government Analyst, who reported on several exhibits submitted in the case of Ernest McManus (26).

The analyst states that in addition to the poison traces in the internal organs, a swab taken from the mouth of the deceased also revealed traces of strychnine, while a small tin found on his body contained a quantity of the same poison. The report was forwarded to the Tarana police yesterday pending the coroners inquiry.

28-9-1934 The funeral of Mrs. James Attuell, who died at Woollahra, and was buried in the Sunny Corner cemetery was largely attended. Mrs. Attuell had been an old and respected resident of the district, coming here as a bride of 20.

Her parents, Mr, and Mrs. Samuel Armour, came to N.S.W. from County Down, Ireland, in the thirties, Mrs. Armour's maiden name being Agnes Peel. Sir Robert Peel, who repealed the Corn Laws and established an efficient police force in place of the ancient and ineffective watchmen of yore, was it is said a cousin of hers.

The Armours settled at Windsor, and it was there that Mrs. Attuell was born in 1848. Later they went to the Turon goldfields, and spent some time at Sofala, returning to Windsor.

Mrs. Attuell came to the Sunny Corner district with her husband, James Lewis Attuell, who purchased land and settled down here. Five boys and five girls were born at Sunny Corner; the husband and four boys predeceased Mrs. Attuell, who was a widow for 14 years. One son, Len, was killed at the war. Five daughters and one son (James) survive, a married daughter residing in California. Other daughters are Mrs. Sarah Grabham (Sunny Corner), Mrs. Alfred Knight (Woollahra), Mrs. Samuel Knight (Capertee), and Mrs. Egerton Parlces (Mt. Lambie). There are 30 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. J. Attuell, who has the Bathurst-Oberon-Caves and Bathurst-Sunny Corner-Rydal mail services, and Miss Elsie Attuell, the Sunny Corner postmistress, are two of the grandchildren. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. W. Carter, Waverlcy, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. O. G. J. Van of Portland.

8-10-1934 LOST Creamy draught mare branded J.I. Reward T. Fitzgerald Sunny Corner.

9-10-1934 PRICE WANTED. Haul Portable Engine from Sunny Corner to Yetholme, also Portable Engine from Bathurst to Yetholme. Particulars apply Foreman Job near Arthur Shirlow Store, Yetholme.

11-10-1934 The death occurred at the Bathurst District Hospital at an early hour on Wednesday morning, of Mr. William Anderson, in his 70th year. Deceased was a well known and highly respected resident at Mitchells Creek, near Sunny Corner, where he was born, and had lived all his life. The deceased had been ailing for about three months, and leaves two brothers, Henry and Charles, both of Sunny Corner, and one sister, Mrs. Ashon, of Punchbowl.

Excellent progress is being made by the Great Western Syndicate at Sunny Corner. The members of the syndicate are Messrs. Murray, Lean, Cook and Crawford.

After the carrying out of sinking operations for some months the reef has now been cut at a depth of 120 feet, and it appears to be capable of yielding first class results, as it is highly mineralised and carries a quantity of free gold. A trial sample is being forwarded to Port Kembla for an accurate analysis, and a crushing will be carried out shortly at the battery at Sunny Corner.

16-11-1934 SMITH. In ever loving memory of our dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell, on November 16th, 1930, aged 60 years.

There are hearts that miss you sadly,
And find the time; long since you went;
There is someone who longs for you always,
And tries hard to be brave and content. .....
Never forgotten by his loving wife, Eleanor A. Smith, and family.

26-11-1934 Another very successful Sunny Corner reunion organised by Syd. Dobson, of Bexley, was held in Christ Church Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney, on Wednesday last. Over 100 old Sunny Cornerites attended, and spent a most enjoyable night in dancing, competitions, games, musical items, etc.

29-11-1934 A pretty wedding was celebrated at Portland Methodist Church on November 14, when Winifred, youngest daughter of Mrs. Elbourn, of ("Lochaber," Capertee, and 'Kia-Ora" Palmers Oakey) and the late Mr. J. H. Elbourn, was married to Duncan Latham youngest son of Mrs. Ferguson, of "Kelvin," Palmer's Oakey, and the late Mr. D. Ferguson. The Rev. R. H. Hayes, of Rylstone, officiated, and the Rev. H. Hunter, of Portland, presided at the organ. The church had been decorated by girl friends of the bride.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Jack, was charmingly gowned in white flat crepe, semi trained, and adorned with crystals. She also wore a crystal necklet and a spray of orange blossoms the latter having belonged to her mother, a long embroidered veil and coronet of orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of cream lilies and ferns.

The bride was attended by her sister (Miss Flo Elbourn) who wore a frock of apricot flat crepe, with large picture hat, and carried a sheaf of white and cream lilies.

The best man was Mr. D. T. Ferguson, only brother of the bridegroom.

The reception was held at the "Empire Cafe," where the bride's mother received the guests. The Rev. Mr. Hayes presided, and the usual toasts were honored. The bride chose a blue and grey ensemble for her travelling outfit, with hat and shoes to match. The honeymoon is being spent on a motor tour of the southern districts and the South Coast. Their future home will be "Kelvin," Palmers Oakey.

30-11-1934 The death occurred at the home of her daughter (Mrs. S. Wasson) of Mrs. McLachlan, on Saturday last, at the age of 80 years. The deceased lady lived for the greatest part of her life at Sunny Corner.

11-12-1934 Appointment of J. P. Shumack, John Sinnott, Dark Corner;

15-12-1934 Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald, of Sunny Corner, applied to erect a verandah in front of his shop at West Mitchell. Granted under the supervision of the engineer.

27-12-1934 SMALL (pig) Potatoes for sale, 1/2 cwt., delivered on rail at Pipers Flat. Alex. McDonald, Sunny Corner.

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3-1-1935 Metropolitan members of what is known as the "Back to Sunny Corner" movement have planned a return to the old village on the Anniversary Day holiday, January 28. Their visit will be by means of a "motor hike," and they will be pleased to meet old "Cornerites" opposite Weinerts Hall, where a re-union is to take place.

Mr. Syd, Dobson, of Westminster-street, Bexley, is the organiser of the movement.

17-1-1935 Sunny Corner Fights Back

The match between Wanderers and Sunny Corner resulted in a win for the former by 99 runs. Wanderers scored 132, and the Cornentes answered with only 33. A "four-pointer" appearing certain, the Cornentes were sent back to the wickets, but surprised their opponents with a score of 146.

SUNNY CORNER.

W. King,		b Wilson	0
D. Grabham,		b Wilson	2
L. Grabham,		b Wilson-	4
A. Cochran,		b Wilson	3
J. Passerl,		b Wilson	8
W. Armstrong,	c Cameron,	b McCarthy	1
R. Nicholls,	c Bently,	b McCartliy	5
R. Stait,	c Bently,	b McCarthy	1
F. Eves,		b Wilson	2
J. Grabham,		b Wilson	1
S. Grabham,		not out	1
		Sundries.	5
		Total ....;	33

Bowling: J. Wilson 7-13, McCarthy 3-13.

Second Innings

J. Passeri,	c Fulbrook,	b Wilson	43
L. Grabham,		b Cameron	12 |
W, Armstrong,	c Walker,	b Wilson	6
W. King,		b McCarthy	23 .
R. Nicholls,	c Klrby,	b Cameron	32 |
T. Cochran,	c Cameron,	b Bently	7 |
R. Stait,		b Cameron	0
S. Eves,		b Cameron	0 ,
J. Grabham,		b Cameron	0 |
D. Grabham.	c Cumeron,	b Bently	11
S. Grabham.		not out	0
		Sundries	12
		Total	146

25-1-1935 Blaxland Shire. £1,500 for a timber bridge at Palmers Oakey, near Mt. Horrible on the branch road from Sunny Corner to Sofala. *(Bowers bridge, replaced 2016)*

Back To Sunny Corner. Bus leaves Bathurst P.O. 9 o'clock 5/- return, children half fare. Ring 139 or See Bus driver for particulars. (Lithgow)

29-1-1935 The re-union of former Sunny Corner residents was carried out with much enthusiasm on Monday. The Sydney cars went through Lithgow as early as 8.30., with streamers flying and "Sunny Corner" prominent on the rear portion of the hood. Many Lithgowites also made the trip.

30-1-1935 The Sunny Corner reunion, which took place on Monday; was eminently successful, and reflected the utmost credit upon the able and energetic organiser, Mr. Syd Dobson, of Bexley, who at one time worked in the famous Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner, and also the local committee, comprising Messrs. W. R. Cresswell, J. S. Murray, J. Shumack, W. Grabham, R. Lund, Eric Smith, R. Kissell, T. Scott, C. Wilkinson and Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson. Nature favored the function with a beautiful day, bright, sunny and cool, and the place, after the recent copious rains, never looked better. Some of the visitors arrived a day or so before hand, and camped near the township, but on Monday morning, the influx began in earnest, cars arriving from Portland, Capertee, Bathurst, Lithgow, Meadow Flat, Cullen Bullen and many other centres, besides a large contingent from Sydney, all of them, including several large buses fully loaded. Over 60 motors were at the recreation ground in the afternoon, and it is estimated that nearly 800 people were present.

Old Sunny Cornerites from here, there, and everywhere, were present and many people met friends of their childhood days, whom in many cases they had not seen for years. Countless reminiscences of the palmy days of the Corner, when it had a

population of somewhere about 7000, were exchanged, the only regret being that it was quite impossible in one day to do full justice to such a reunion.

Among some of the interesting personalities present may be mentioned

Mr. R. F. Lean, of Lithgow, who for many years was engine driving at the Paddy Lackey mine, and while at Sunny Corner built the motor buggy which was probably the first motor vehicle manufactured in N.S.W., and which, while mechanically satisfacatory, had a particularly invigorating effect on the livestock of the district, which in those days were in an uncivilised condition as regards motor traffic.

Then there was Mr C. Keightley, of Portland, who first came to Sunny Corner when it was mostly wild bush and who worked for many years in local mines, including the Lagoon and the Deep Levels at the Lackey, and Mr. S. Withers, one of the three surviving old timers of the Paddy Lackey, and Mr. Wm; Low, who drove coaches in the old days when the roads were considerably worse even than the Sunny Corner-Portland road is now. Anyone who knows this road, and can properly assimilate this fact, cannot fail to respect Mr. Low and the hardy pioneers who suffered with him in the old coaching days.

The official welcome took place at the recreation ground in the afternoon, the chairman, Mr. J. S. Murray, introducing the speakers. Mr. M. Griffin, Mayor of Bathurst, expressed his pleasure at seeing such a splendid reunion of old residents, and hoped that the prosperous days of 50 years ago, would again return, while he recalled that about 90 years ago his grandfather was engaged in farming at Dark Corner. He congratulated the energetic organiser, Mr. Dobson, and the local committee, on the great success attending their efforts.

Mr. C. O'Reilly, ex-Mayor of Nyngan, and well known in Lithgow, recalled the happy days he had spent in the Corner many years ago, and hoped old time prosperity would again return.

Councillor W. H. Berry, ex-President of the Turon Shire Council, recalled how he started work in Sunny Corner at 14 years of age, and he believed that there were still valuable deposits of mineral wealth to be discovered in the district. It was, he thought, about 52 years ago that work on the silver-lead deposits that made Sunny Corner built so largely as one of the States leading mineral producers was started, and he thought it likely that more valuable discoveries would still be made. Mr. J. Simpkins, Kandos, referred to the building of Mr. Leans motor buggy, saying that it was regrettable he did not preserve it as a curio. He said he found that the air of Sunny Corner was just as bracing, and as free, as of yore.

Mr. W. Jeffree, in a humorous speech, referred to the days when he delivered groceries, etc. to the citizens of the Corner, and hoped he had been forgiven for bread flavored with kerosene and similar mishaps.

Mr. Syd. Dobson, in responding to the eulogies of the various speakers, said he was amply repaid by the splendid response to his efforts, one example being the presence of Mr. O'Reilly, Nyngan being 240 miles from Sunny Corner.

An attractive programme of sports was then successfully carried out, while a largely attended dance in the hall at night concluded a most enjoy able and memorable day.

Among old time residents present were the following:— Mesdames Quinn, (nee Lily Crabbe); Logan (Beatrice Worrall); Lou Wendell (Mollie Watts); James Gant (Eva Duggati), M. Appleby (Mary Strickland); Fred. Francis (Mary Norfolk), A. Sinclair (Alice Johnston); J. Walsh (Louisa Montgomery), J. O'Brien (Florrie Titus); Tom Carter (Emily Barry), James Sparks (Annie Lord); George Shumack (Nellie Murray); C. Pike (Lizzie Eslick), J. Savage (Seph. Lawry), John Martin (Miss Jeffree), T. Scott (Ida Kissell), Norman Semby (Maud Kissell); S. Barry (Isabel Smith); M. W. Smith (May Redman),

C. Edwards (Mary Ann Montgomery), S. Withers (Gertie Attuell); J. Redman (Florrie Montgomery); R. Shumack (Polly Murray), McCulla (Janie Sparks); John Dobbie (Minnie Buckfield); D. T. Gardiner (Alice Buckfield); Wm. Smith (Lena Montgomery); W. Coleman; Lilley Eslick; and Penman. The sterner sex included Messrs. Roy Penman, Geo. Brickford, Frank Dobson, Syd. Dobson, M. Burke, Jim Odgers, Adrian Rogers, Jim Sparks, W. Sparks, A. Sparks, T. Sparks, Sam Eslick, C. Keightley, W. Low, Mark Kissell, J. J. Fitzgerald, W. Stait, Jim Murray, Tom Lawry, Sam Withers, W. Jeffree, Sam Barry, John Simpkins (2), R. Norris, Frank and Harry Lord, C. Odgers, Jim Doyle, Herb Shumack, Bert Bryant, J. Knight, Oscar Thomas and the Rev. Fr. J. Fitzgerald, also well known at Lithgow and Oberon.

22-2-1935 Common made a profit of 34 pounds for 1934 (sold timber for mine props).

25-2-1935 Mrs. H. Theobald, who was recently convoyed by ambulance from Palmers Oakey to Bathurst hospital, is still very ill. An operation was performed to drain fluid off the lungs. The latest report is that she is doing well, but will be in hospital for several weeks.

27-2-1935 The Lithgow Gold Mining Syndicate is raising some very fair stone from their Big Hill Gold Mine. They cleaned up a crushing last week, which I am told, turned out very satisfactory, and two more miners have been put on.

Messrs Lean and party of the Great Western Gold Mine at Bobs Creek, are driving north and south from the shaft, and are on some fine looking stone in both drives, which carries a lot of mineral, and shows a good prospect of gold.

6-3-1935 A record number of snakes taken from a female snake was brought to Bathurst by D. T. Ferguson, of Palmers Oakey in a bottle which contained no fewer than 36 young tiger snakes. These had been taken from the reptile which he killed.

7-3-1935 The death took place in the Portland Hospital last night of Mr. William Davidson McAllister (64), of Rocky Hill, Meadow Flat. He had been in ill-health for some time, and entered the institution about a month ago, following a relapse.

The late Mr. McAllister was of a jovial disposition and was well-known and respected throughout the district. He was a native of O'Connell, and for the past 24 years had lived at his homestead at Rocky Hill. He was always willing to assist in any move for the welfare of the district, and was also an active member of Lodge Blaxland Temperance No. 346 U.G.L.

Sympathy will be extended to the widow and family of seven — Messrs. Verna, John (Portland), William, Ronald, Samuel, Douglas and Miss F. McAllister (Meadow Flat). The funeral has been fixed for this afternoon, burial to take place in the Church of England portion of the Portland cemetery.

A member, of one of the best-known families in the mid-west, Mr. Harry Elliott Brown, died at his home, "The Poplars." Meadow Flat, yesterday. He was 81 years of age.

The late Mr. Brown, who was a bachelor, had not enjoyed the best of health lately. He was a native of Exeter (England), coming to Australia witn his parents at the age of two. On arrival, the family travelled to the Tambaroora goldfields, and from there to Louisa Creek. About 70 years ago they settled at Meadow Flat, remaining there ever since.

A mining engineer by occupation, the late Mr. Brown spent much of his time in the goldminlng industry. He was a member of the firm of Brown Bros., who were known in mining circles throughout the State. He was very active for his age, and was a keen sportsman. A cricketer of note, he played competition matches until about eight years ago. A good rifle shot, he also enjoyed a game of tennis, while he was able to drive his car up to a few days ago. He was a Justice of the Peace and a member of Lodge Blaxland, U.G.L., and in addition, represented the Hartley division on the Bathurst P.P. Board for many years. Two brothers, Messrs., A. E. and A. J. Brown, and a sister, Miss C. Brown, survive, and to them deep sympathy will be extended. Another brother, Mr. F. Brown, died in Sydney on January 26.

The funeral has been fixed for tomorrow afternoon, interment to be made in the Meadow Flat cemetery.

14-3-1935 Ambulance men never know when, where, or under what circumstances they might be called upon to apply their knowledge.

While walking along Sunny Corner road on Friday, Mr. W. Pritchard, of the local St. John brigade, noticed Mr. J. Murray, of Cox street, examining a wound on his horse, received during an encounter with a bull. From outward appearance the wound, although about a foot long, looked superficial, but Mr. Pritchards practised eye quickly discovered that it was of a more serious nature. Fortunately Mr. L. Stokes, who lived nearby, was able to sew up the ugly gash after dressing it. If pluck counted for anything the unfortunate beast should never have received the wound. After the bull attacked, the horse showed fight, and gamely gave battle. The bull did not have it all his own way either, as the hoof marks and cuts in his hide showed. Three weeks before, however, the horse lost an eye, and when the bull got on to his blind side he fell an easy victim to the sharp horns.

29-3-1935 NOTICE.— All stock trespassing on Sunny Corner Common must be removed within 14 days or same will be impounded, by order of the Trustees.

In March 1935 Mr. Cresswell, who had been appointed teacher in 1932, asked for a bath heater to be supplied to the residence. He wrote, "At present hot water for baths has to be carried from the copper up narrow steps to the home, or else it has to be heated in buckets on the dining room fire. Both methods are rather dangerous and objectionable. A bath heater was supplied and fixed for £1.10.2.

18-4-1935` Mr. E. Grabham, who died last week, was a very old identity of the Sunny Corner district. Mrs. Davidson Capertee and Mrs. Shumack Portland are sisters.

24-4-1935 A dance was held here last night in the public hall, in aid of the Sunny Corner Tennis Club. About 35 couples attending.

Regret was felt here, in the passing of Mrs. James Martin, of Dark Corner, who was well known and highly respected in this district.

1-5-1935 Big Back-To-Sunny Corner Dance On Saturday Night Next May 4. Bus leaves Lithgow 6.30 p.m. same night, 2/6 return. Anyone taking the trip please leave name at A.L.P. room or with R, Lunney, Smallgoods Shop, Main-street, Lithgow, before 8 p.m. on Friday. For further information see Austin Burke, Hartley A.L.P. Campaign Director. Phone Lithgow 143.

3-5-1935 Sunny Corner Common, Jack Armstrong, Esquire (in the place of Mr. A. R.Sparks, resigned).

8-5-1935 After two witnesses for the plaintiff had been heard including the plaintiff himself, a claim at Bathurst District Court yesterday for £150, arising out of the dismissal of a eucalyptus cutter at Sunny Corner, was non-suited.

The plaintiff was William Thompson of Sunny Corner, and the defendant John Shumack of Sunny Corner. After the non-suit had been entered, similar judgement was entered also in the cases of Edward McCann, James McCann and Harold Brooks, eucalyptus cutters each of whom claimed £100 from Shumack.

The claim by Thompson arose out of his dismissal while engaged by a man named Klobusiak, in cutting eucalyptus on Shumacks property. He alleged he had been put off owing to undue influence brought to bear by Shumack after an argument over meat supplied by Shumack.

Shumack denied this, stating plaintiff was not employed as alleged, that the defendant did not know the plaintiff was employed, that defendant did not induce Klobiisiak to employ the plaintiff, and that the defendant did not cause Klobusiak to break his contract with the plaintiff.

20-5-1935 A "Back to Sunny Corner" dance, which was organised by the Macquarie Assembly, A.L.P., and held in the Sunny Corner hall on Saturday night, was a splendid success. About 30 Lithgow residents made the journey by car and bus. Mr. J. Armstrong was M.C., and Mr. W. J. Thompson doorkeeper. Jefferys orchestra provided the music, and Mr. T. Fitzgerald was responsible for the refreshments. Mrs. Johnson, of Sunny Corner, danced the Highland fling and sword dance.

Mrs. Martha Stait, who had been a resident of Sunny Corner for the past half century, died at her home, on Friday afternoon. She was 59 years of age. The deceased was one of the most popular and best known identities in the district. Naturally, she saw the rise and fall of Sunny Corner, and she could relate many exciting tales of the colorful goldfield days.

Sincere sympathy will be extended to the widower, Mr. William Stait, and to the members of the family, Mrs. Wollich (Sunny Corner), Mrs. Walsh (Portland), Messrs. Harold, Leslie, Raymond and Henry Stait (Sunny Corner). Messrs. Jos. (Cullen Bullen), Jim (Portland) and C. Lowe (Blayney) are brothers. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon, interment being made in the Church of England portion of the Meadow Flat cemetery.

27-5-1935 In the passing of Mr, J. A. Dawson there has been removed one of the districts oldest residents. The late Mr. Dawson purchased the property owned previously by the late Mr. H. Moore about 30 years ago. He carried on mixed

farming, and was widely known and respected throughout the district. He was conversant with the history of Sunny Corner, and took part in the activities there in the good old days. Interment, took place at Yetholme on Monday afternoon, when many expressions of sympathy were extended to Mrs Dawson and her daughter Miss Mary Dawson.

28-5-1935 Pleading guilty by letter to a charge of being the owner of a horse found straying Stephen Kissell of Sunny Corner was fined 5/- with 8/- costs by Mr. W. S. Bromhead in the Bathurst Police Court yesterday.

29-5-1935 A lengthy hearing took place at Bathurst small debts court on Monday of a claim by a Sunny Corner resident and a counter claim by a local storekeeper. Frederick Charles Loudoun claimed £6, with 7/- costs, from Thomas Fitzgerald, alleging that the amount was due for work done. Fitzgerald claimed £9/16/2 for rent, payment for goods sold, balance of a loan, and agistment for a horse.

Loudoun said he had worked for six days as a clerk in the store, and claimed in this connection, £3/15/-. Three days ploughing, fencing, and potato hilling made the balance £2/5/-. Each Thursday, food relief day, he assisted in the store in a clerical capacity, checking and entering dockets, and doing the books. He admitted owing Fitzgerald £2/2/1 for rent, but denied that defendant had lent him money, or that he owed money for goods. Gladys Kissell, George Stait, and Ernest Dawson said they had seen Loudoun working in the store, making entries in books. Fitzgerald said he never asked Loudoun to work in the shop. He denied he had ever been engaged to keep the books, or that he had been employed in the Labor Exchange, Mrs; Fitzgerald always did that work. Amelia Violet Fitzgerald wife of defendant, said Loudoun had never worked in the shop. There may have been occasions, when he prepared his own order, or parcelled groceries for friends who were in a hurry on Thursdays.

William Henry Moyle, an old age pensioner, said he went daily to the store, but had never seen Loudoun working there.

After further evidence for Loudoun Mr. Bromhead, S.M., found for plaintiff for £6, with 7/-; costs. Dealing with the counter claim, he allowed £1/6/- for rental, at the rate of 2/- a week, and £2/2/l for goods supplied, a total £3-8-1 and 7/-costs.

2-6-1935 Following a dispute as to which board— Lithgow or Bathurst — controlled the Sunny Corner area, Bathurst ambulance board has been advised by the head office in Sydney that Sunny Corner is in Bathurst district.

3-7-1935 Mr. W. Stait and Family, Sunny Corner, wish to express their sincere thanks to Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. McLeay, Mr. and Mrs. J. Passeri, and Mr. George Stait, for their kindness, and all friends for letters, telegrams and cards of sympathy in their recent sad bereavement.

11-7-1935 A protest against the alleged treatment of the Sunny Corner unemployed by the police will be made to the Department of Government Relief. It was stated, at the last meeting of the unemployed that there were indications that it would not be long before the men would be denied relief work.

19-7-1935 Mr. Harold Malo Guihot, who died in Lithgow hospital last night at the age of 44, had lived in the Sunny Corner district all his life. He was a farmer in that area, and was highly respected. Mrs. Guihot, three sons and four daughters survive, and to them will be extended the deepest sympathy. The late Mr. Guihot had been medically treated for heart trouble, for some time, and was admitted to the institution about a week ago. Mesdames H. Moore, H. Hall and H. J. Robertson, of Lithgow, and Mrs. Rampling of Sunny Corner, are sisters, and Messrs. Charles (Lithgow) Alan and Stanley (Sunny Corner) are brothers.

The funeral will be held, this afternoon, interment to be made in the Church of England portion of Bowenfels cemetery. The remains will be laid beside those of the deceaseds father, Mr. Francis Guihot who died about 18 months ago.

29-7-1935 The thieves who broke into a Yetholme store where the local post office is also located, cut the telephone wires and stole tobacco valued at £3/10/-. Entry was grained through the front door, the robbery taking place between 8 o'clock on Saturday night and 9 a.m. yesterday. When the loss was discovered, the owner had to walk to Meadow Flat, a distance of seven miles, to communicate with the police.

5-8-1935 There was a very heavy fall of snow on Saturday, the heaviest for some time. The gale last night also did minor damage.

8-8-1935 Sunny Corner experienced one of the worst cyclonic disturbances for many years on Saturday. The disturbance was in evidence for three days and nights. It brought with it a heavy fall of snow, and in places where it had drifted the snow was up to four feet deep. Previous to this we have had four light falls of snow this year, and are hoping winter will soon come to an end.

Mr. L. O. Wilkinson is at present in Sydney on business, but is expected home in a weeks time.

16-8-1935 Miss Doris Mary Attuell, whose death took place in Lithgow hospital yesterday, was a well known and popular resident of Sunny Corner where she was born 26 years ago. Miss Attuell had not been in good health of late, and while on a visit to her uncle, Mr. Leslie Murray, of Lidsdale, suffered an attack of influenza. She was admitted to the institution about a fortnight ago. Of a lovable nature, she won the esteem of all with whom she came in contact. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Attuell, the deceased is survived by the sisters, Misses Elsie and Rita Attuell of the post office Sunny Corner, and Mrs. J. Schmidt of Portland, and two brothers Messrs. John and James, of Bathurst

The funeral has been arranged to take place this afternoon, interment to be made in the Catholic portion of Kirkconnell cemetery.

18-8-1935 Miss Dolcie May Harvey Nichols, youngest daughter of the late A. Harvey-Nichols and of Mrs. M. Harvey-Nichols, of Petersham, whose engagement to Mr. Frederic John Case, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Case, of Meadow Flat and Lithgow, has been announced.

19-8-1935 Probate Jurisdiction. -In the Estate of HAROLD MALO GUIHOT late of Sunny Corner in the State of New South Wales Farmer and Grazier deceased, Intestate. -Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to IDA MARY GUIHOT the Widow of the said deceased. All notices may be served at the office of the under signed and all creditors in the Estate of the said deceased

are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned within the said period. MCINTOSH BROWNING and STEPHEN, Proctors for the Applicant, William-street, Bathurst.

22-8-1935 The death occurred at her daughters (Mrs J. Fitzgerald) residence, Tramway Avenue, Portland, on Tuesday morning, of Mrs Mary Bridget Murray, at the age of 80. Deceased had not been in good health for some time, and had been confined to her bed for the past three weeks.

The late Mrs. Murray was a native of the Winburndale (near Bathurst) district, being a member of the Sparks family, well known pioneers of that part. She had resided in the district the whole of her life, most of it being spent in Sunny Corner where, with her husband, the late Mr. Charles Murray, she had conducted a hotel business for 46 years. During that time she became extremely popular with both residents and the travelling public, her kindness and generosity being exemplary. She was ever ready to assist those in need, while the table she set at the hotel carried a state wide reputation.

Deceased was an authority on the boom days of Sunny Corner and possessed a wonderful memory, matters of dispute often being referred to her. She has left a family of three daughters and two sons, her husband haying predeceased her by 19 years. Members are Mesdames "W. Francis and J. Fitzgerald (Portland) and G. Shumack (Sydney), and Messrs. John S. (Sunny Corner) and William (Goulburn), to whom the deepest sympathy will be extended. A Requiem mass was celebrated in St. Vincents Church, Portland, yesterday morning, Rev. Father Cusack being the celebrant. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery, Kirkconnell, the remains being placed beside those of her husband.

26-8-1935 The death occurred on Saturday afternoon at his late residence, 'One Elm,' Meadow Flat, of Mr. James Baker, who, although he had only been confined to his bed for five weeks, had been in ill health for a long time. The deceased was born in Surrey, England, 89 years ago, and had been brought to this country as a child of three years, to settle in Bathurst, in which district he had had lived all his life, following the occupation of a miner. He is survived by a wife, five sons, Messrs. William (Manly), Jack (Geurie), Arthur (Pilliga), Leslie and Harold Baker (Meadow Flat).

Five daughters, Mrs. Turney (Emily, Yetholme), Mrs. McMahon (Lizzie, Rockdale), Mrs. Barr (Adeline, Arncliff), Mrs. H. Dibley (Selina, Bowenfels), and Miss Ada Baker (Pymble), also three step-sons, James (Queensland), George (Yetholme), and Austin Turney (Sydney) and four step daughters, Mrs. Campbell (Edith, Sydney), Mrs. Lunnon (Maud, Sydney), Mrs. Baker (May, Portland), Mrs. McManus (Grace, Portland). His funeral left his late residence on Sunday afternoon for the Church of England portion of the Yetholme cemetery.

28-8-1935 A 20-ton crushing from the show at the Little Hill Sunny Corner, worked by G. Stait and party was recently crushed at the local battery for a yield of slightly over 8dwts. per ton.

A small one head battery is in course of erection at Dark Corner by W. Constantine and party. This battery is situated about half a mile from the old Paddy Lackey mine, and is for crushing ore from that portion of the field known as Silver Hill.

Cyaniding operations at the Paddy Lackey are still proceeding.

29-8-1935 Mrs. Elizabeth Kearns, who died at her residence, Lime-street, Portland, on Monday night, had lived at Portland for 34 years, and was a well known and highly respected member of the community. The late Mrs. Kearns was born at Hill End 64 years ago, and was a resident of Sunny Corner for a long period prior to moving to Portland. Her health was satisfactory until five days before her death, when she contracted influenza, which was followed by complications. The husband, Mr. Thomas Kearns, died about 17 years ago, but two daughters and six sons survive and they have received many condolences in their loss. The daughters are Mrs. J. Walsh and Mrs. J. McCulla, of Portland, while the sons are William, Thomas, James and Joseph, (Portland), John (Nepean Dam, Bargo), and Daniel (Queensland). Messrs. Thomas and Daniel Hibbard of Portland, are brothers, and Mrs. G. Dixon of Dulwich Hill, Mrs. E. Pearce, of Guildford, and Mrs. H. Pearce, of Bathurst, are sisters.

30-8-1935 The Attuell Family, Sunny Corner, desire to sincerely thank Dr. English, Matron, Sisters and Nurses of Lithgow Hospital, Rev. Fathers O'Farrell and Fahy and The Sisters of Mercy for their kindness and attention to their dear sister, Doris. Also all kind relatives and friends for telegrams, letters, cards and floral tributes received during their recent sad bereavement.

6-9-1935 Exceptionally sad circumstances surround the death in Portland hospital yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Lilian Ivy Collins, a resident of Cullen Bullen at the age of 43. Besides her husband, she is survived by a family of 12 children, the eldest of whom is 22 and the youngest two years of age. The late Mrs. Collins had been in ill health for a number of years, and was a patient in the hospital several times during the past 10 weeks, finally entering the institution on Tuesday. She was a native of Sunny Corner, a member of the Staines family, and was well known and highly respected in the district, where she spent all her life. Mrs. Collins had a wide circle of friends at Cullen Bullen, where she had lived for a long time, and was of a kindly disposition and lovable nature.

To the husband, Mr. John Collins, and the children the deepest sympathy in their heavy loss will be extended. Members of the family are, Mrs. R. Banks, the Misses Kathleen, Marie, Agnes, Dorothy, Avis, Ena, Hazel and Zelma, and John, Harold and Walter. Messrs. Robert, Bertram and William Staines and Mrs. W. Dowling, all of Cullen Bullen are brothers and a sister respectively.

6-9-1935 J. Strickland treated 10 tons for a return of 7oz., whilst on M.P.L. 722

L. O. Wilkinson obtained 16oz. by the treatment of 125 tons of tailings left on the old Paddy Lackey Mine.

24-10-1935 Many Sunny Corner and district friends of Mrs. Sarah Mann will regret to learn of her passing on Friday at the ripe old age of 80. For many years Mrs. Mann, with her husband, Mr. Robert Mann, were prominent figures in the commercial life of West Mitchell and Sunny Corner. After her husbands death some 35 years ago, she and her family carried on the business of storekeepers at Sunny Corner. Mrs. Mann, who before her marriage was Miss Sarah Shumack, was the last surviving member of a highly respected family of West Mitchell Shumacks, who were also storekeepers there until the death of their parents in the mid eighties.

15-11-1935 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16, .1930, aged 60 years.
Five years ago we laid to rest.
The one we loved and honored best,
Dearer to us than words can tell,
Was the one we lost and loved so well.
Never forgotten by his loving wife, Eleanor: A. Smith, and family. Jack, Harold, George, Alf. And Mary; also, daughters-in-law and grandchildren:

18-11-1935 The passing of the P.F. examination marks the successful completion of the primary school course.
Sunny Corner.: Elma Guihot, Herbert Guihot. Dark Corner: Arnold Smith.

20-11-1935 The aeroplane carrying Capt. Taylor and Messrs. Stannage and Purvis on their flight in search of Kingsford Smith and Pethybridge passed right over Sunny Corner last Friday afternoon, flying low enough, for the distinctive letters, VH-UUZ, to be clearly seen. At Dark Corner the plane was heard, but not seen, owing to visibility being obscured by a huge cloud approaching from the west. This was apparently largely dust.

27-11-1935 A mass meeting of timber workers in the district was held in the Trades Hall to deal with a position which has arisen in connection with the "turn" of employment for the cutting of timber. It was declared that cutters had been employed at Sunny Corner out of their seniority turn. It was decided to ask the contractor to agree to the union proposals. The men who are out of their turn of seniority gave an assurance they would stand down and agreed to abide by the union agreement.

5-12-1935 The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Burke, at the age of 74, early this morning removes one of this districts most energetic pioneers and severs a most interesting link with the past, particularly Sunny Corner, where she resided during the boom days, when the former had many thousands of residents, and the stamp of the battery was heard night and day. The deceased lady will be kindly and affectionately remembered by a host of friends, not only of recent years, but in the days of long ago. She was ever ready to help those in trouble, and in her own case her husband, Mr. Michael Burke, died 31 years, ago, she never forgot the kindness and friendship then showered on her by great hearted neighbors of the then prosperous centre. Until her last and fatal illness, Mrs. Burke enjoyed extraordinarily good health, and she often used to remark that she had not had a doctor for over a score of years.
She could also speak very interestingly of the past, and particularly remembers that as a child, the coach in which she was travelling with her parents was bailed up by bushrangers on a long hill near Bathurst. The drivers only complaint added Mrs. Burke, was that "You might have waited until I got to the top of the hill. Now I'll have to chock the coach !"
After leaving Sunny Corner, the deceased resided at Bathurst for some years, but for the past 16 had lived with her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Cleary at "Rosedown," Main-street. Other children, to whom deep sympathy will be extended, are Mr. S. T. ("Mick"), Lithgow, Mrs. A. West (Manly), Austin (Lithgow), and James (Sydney).
The funeral has been arranged for to-morrow afternoon, the cortege leaving "Rosedown," Main-street, West, at 2 o'clock, for Sunny Corner Cemetery, where the remains will be laid to rest beside those of her late husband.

14-12-1935 Auction Sale On The Ground Between Sunny Corner & Dark Corner
Saturday 21st December 1935, 2p.M. Messrs Burke Bros have received instructions from the
Executors of the Estate of the LATE HON. GUUIOT (Deceased) To sell, the following :
PEOPERTY consisting of 35 acres freehold mostly cultivation together with house sheds, etc, 100 acres Crown Lease, 88 Acres Special Lease, all well fenced and watered.
STOCK. 6 saddle and harness horses mostly young 11 mixed cattle, 250 wethers 3 & 4 years.
PLANT: 1x2 knife chaff cutter. Hay Rake, Mowing Machine, Plough, Rubber Tyres Sulky, Wool Press, Anvil, Vyce, Spring Cart.

18-12-1935 The local school closed on Thursday for the Xmas holidays. Each child received a gift of a book, while two special prizes were awarded to Elma Guihot and Herbert Guihot for their success in a recent examination. The whole school sang, "Sweet Evening Bells" and "Fairy Pipers," besides Xmas carols. Poems and songs were rendered by the following. Josephine Rampling, Elma Guihot, Evelyn Strickland, Joyce Baker, Barbara Rampling, Jean Grabham, Lachlan Guihot, Herbert Guihot, Howard Smith, Neal and little Alan Cresswell, who sang ' "Daisy Bell."

19-12-1935 Meadow Flat defeated Sunny Corner, winning outright by eight wickets and eight runs. P. Lawler was in magnificent form for Meadow Flat, both at the creases and with the ball in a spirited innings he scored 102 before retiring, and accounted for three of the opposition's wickets for 13. R. Nicholls also batted splendidly compiling 52, while E. McKinnon had the remarkable bowling average of six for 19.
J. Grabham did well for Sunny Corner, scoring 67 in fine style. J. Passeri added a handy 23, and J. Armstrong was shaping well, but was unfortunate to be run-out for 18.
Scores: —

MEADOW FLAT.— First Innings

J. E. Gulvin,	run out		9
P. Lawler,	retired		102
R. Nicholls,		b H. Stait	62
R. Passeri,	c Passeri,	b H. Stait	6
H. Kemp,	c Cryer,	b J. Grabham	0
E. McKinnon,.		b Crossley	2
A. Creighton,	not out :		6

Sundries 19

Total, 6 for 196

J. Grabham 2-24, R. Stait 0-32, H. Stait 1-54, J. Passeri 0-48, A. Cryer 0-10,S. Crossley 1-9.

Second Innings

P. Lawler,	not out		12
R. Nicholls,		b Crossley	..2
R. Passeri,		b Crossley	8
H. Kemp,	not out		1

Total, 2 for 23

Bowling: J. Grabham 0-14, S. Crossley 2-9.

SUNNY CORNER,— First Innings

T. Passeri,	c Hammant,	b McKinnon	17
S; Crossley,	c Hammant,	b Lawler	15
D. Grabham,	run out		10
L. Grabham,		b McKinnon	7
A. Cryer,		b Lawler	6
J. Grabham,		b McKinnon	1
R. Stait,		b McKinnon	0
H. Stait,	c A. Galvln,	b Lawler	0
J. Armstrong,	c Creighton,	b McKinnon	0
N. Risby,	not out		1
S. Grabham,		b -McKinnon	0 .

Sundries 8

Total 65.

Bowling: E. McKinnon 6-19, W. Hammant 0-25, P. Lawler 3-13.

Second Innings

S. Crossley,		b Kemp	6
D. Grabham,	c A. Galvin,	b Kemp	6
L. Grabham,	c Lawler.	b Kemp	0
A. Cryer,	c and	b Kemp	0
J. Passeri,	c and	b Kemp	23
N. Risby,	c and	b Kemp	0
J. Grabham,		b Hammant	67
R. Stait,	c Lawler,	b Nicholls	1
H. Stait,	c A. Galvin,	b Kemp	7
J. Armstrong,	run out :		18
S. Grabham,	not out ..; .		9

Sundries 9

Total 146

Bowling-: R- Passeri 0-14,-H. Kemp 7-38, K. Nicholls 1-31, A. Creighton 0-15, E. McKinnon 0-24, P. Lawler 0-9, W. Hammant 1-8

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Sunny Corner, NSW, reunion, Christmas 1936. Photo could be from Wilkinson family, Sunny Corner. Collection Vicki Powys.

10-1-1936 Auction Sale Saturday, February 1, 1936, at 2.30 p.m. (Est Mrs. M. B. Murray).

The building known as the Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, comprising 14 rooms. Constructed of weatherboard and iron sides, iron roof, lined, with outhouses and stable. Suitable for removal. To be offered in one lot, or lots to suit buyers. Also quantity furniture and effects. ALLAN SIMPKINS, Auctioneer, Phones: Portland 10, Lithgow 135.

18-1-1936 Monster Sunny Corner Re-union, Clifton Gardens, Sydney, on Monday, January 27 from 11 a.m. Syd J Dobson, Hon: Organiser.

20-1-1936 A letter from A. R. Sparks, Sunny Corner, drew attention to the bad state of the bridge on the road from Sunny Corner to his residence and asking for repairs to be made. The engineer was instructed to report on the matter.

29-1-1936 A summary of the gold and mineral yield in the Lithgow mining division during 1935 shows that 178 tons of quartz was raised, 131 tons of this being treated for the extraction of gold. The yield was 25 ozs. 15 dwt, valued at £167/13/, the number of men engaged being 28 and the machinery valued at £1575. The 437 tons of quartz slimes treated yielded 53 ozs. of gold (£467/12/-). Only two men were engaged in this work, while it is estimated that only 11 ozs. of gold (£80) was found by the 40 fossickers who operated.

3-2-1936 While on holidays at Mrs. Wilkinsons, Fay Currier (11) fell and fractured her left arm just above the wrist. She was admitted to Portland hospital, where the limb was set, and has now returned to her home at Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. G, T. Smith and family, of "Fern Hill," Sunny Corner, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs: A. Berry of Redbank, have returned from a delightful car tour through the Canberra, district.

5-2-1936 FOR SALE.— Small Cordial Machine complete, with all equipment, cheap. Murray, Sunny Corner.

12-2-1936 after lengthy discussion, the following motion was carried: —

'."That this branch declares 'black' the timber being supplied by cutters at Sunny Corner who are working out of their turn; also this motion be forwarded to the contractor employing the men, and the Western Miners Federation."

The death has occurred of Mr. James Macdowall Conroy, of "Kirkconnell", director of Australian Forests Limited. He was 72 years of age. The late Mr. Conroy had resided at "Kirkconnell" for six years. He was a foremost advocate of reafforestation, and in addition to '.'Kirkconnell" was interested in a plantation at Gosford. In earlier life he was deeply interested in politics. He was honorary secretary for Sir Henry Parkes in the later campaigns of the statesman.

13-2-1936 GOOD SALE. — The auction sale conducted by Mr. Allan Simpkins in connection with the disposal of the old Royal Hotel at Sunny Corner was held on Saturday. Good prices were realised on the furniture and other effects, but although at first the bidding on the building was brisk, it did not reach the reserve.

20-2-1936 The police yesterday received word of the particularly impudent theft of a petrol engine and pump from what is known as Considines Tunnel, Big Hill Gold Mine, Sunny Corner, together with a quantity of piping.

Const. Fallon and Plain Clothes Const. Brown, of Lithgow made investigations in the afternoon and later took a man into custody. The tunnel has not been worked for several months and the machinery is some considerable distance underground. From appearances it had been taken to pieces, a fairly lengthy job, dragged to the surface and loaded on to a motor lorry.

28-2-1936 Common made a loss of 4 pounds for 1935

9-3-1936 Further losses of plant are reported from Sunny Corner, the Great Western mine, the machinery of which is owned by Mr. R. F. Lean having informed the police that pipes, wire, rope, etc., have disappeared. Very exhaustive inquiries are being made.

13-3-1936 A letter signed by residents of Sunny Corner, directing attention to the unhealthy and polluted state of the water in Mitchells Creek, due to the residues from the eucalyptus plants at the head of the creek, was received by Bathurst Council at its last meeting. It was stated that some residents depended entirely on the creek for their water supply, whilst others, who were prospectors, had to resort to it when at work. The portion affected was in the Winburndale catchment area. The engineer (Mr. Adams) recommended that the works committee inquire into the complaints. As the question of pollution had been mentioned, he urged that the inspection be made this week so that action could be taken if necessary. Council decided accordingly.

19-3-1936 The local officer of the Labor and Industry Department (Mr. Tingcombe) and Mr. G Hindmarch, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, will visit Sunny Corner tomorrow in connection with the alleged refusal of relief to certain members of the unemployed there. It is probable that the matter will be amicably settled.

The Lithgow officer, following investigations, recommended that the men be registered and it is understood that this will be done.

15-4-1936 Mr. Col. Wilkinson has left Sunny Corner for Brisbane, to manage a cyanide plant, not far from that city. Travelling by car from Sydney to Brisbane, he had the luck to leave just before the weather changed, so had a pleasant trip up. He will at least have a less rigorous winter to contend with. Sunny Corner in winter is not a cyanides paradise.

Kingston, where the cyanide plant in question is situated, is only about 16 miles from Brisbane, and is the nearest gold producing centre to that metropolis. The mine there is a large open cut proposition, and although it is low grade ore, it has been successfully worked for many years.

Mr. Arthur Atkinson, formerly mining at Sunny Corner for some time, later on engaged for about 18 months in the same pursuit at the Main Ridge Rockley district, has recently returned to Sunny Corner, with the intention of remaining for some time.

Mr. W. Constantine, at the Silver Hill Dark Corner, has a one-head battery, driven by an oil engine ready for operation and some stone raised from his lease there is to be put through shortly to test its quality.

Mr. George Kearns, who resides between Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat, had the misfortune to break his collarbone recently, the result of a nasty fall while getting over a fence.

20-4-1936 Mr .Gus Kelly, member for Bathurst has received the following from Mr. J Dunningham, Minister for Labor: Sir.— “With further regard to the personal representations made by you on behalf of Mr. F. C. Loudon, of Sunny Corner, via Bathurst, and others, who have been refused work dockets by the police issuing officers at Sunny Corner, I have to advise you that in a report received from the local police it is stated that following the refusal of a number of men to accept employment with farmers a portion of their crops was ruined and it became necessary to engage men from other districts for this work. It is also stated that the wages earned in the class of work refused by the local men averaged £5/1/6 per man for six days work, and that other farmers have stated that it is possible for local men to earn 15/- to £l per day at pea picking.

In view of the report now furnished to the Department by the local police, it would appear that their action in refusing work dockets to men who declined to accept employment in local industry was justified."

22-4-1936 It is authoritatively stated that following inquiries into the matter the three men who were refused relief at Sunny Corner will be allowed to commence on relief work tomorrow morning.

30-4-1936 Messrs. Kissell and Garrard are raising some fine looking stone at their 'Little Hill' Mine. A trial crushing is to be put through the local battery this week. According to prospects it should be a payable proposition.

The 'Nevada' Copper mine has been taken up. There are large deposits of clay on the lease, and according to samples treated it is ideal for manufacture of pottery, and also most suitable for making roof tiles. All samples of the clay treated were more than up to expectations. Let us hope that it will be the means of giving employment to a good number of men who are idle in this locality.

The old Royal Hotel buildings here that were offered at auction sale recently but did not reach the reserve have been bought privately by Mr. J. S. Murray.

Mr. Mac Scott has returned to Dark Corner after spending a number of years in Sydney with his brother Mr. Ted Scott, where they had a market garden.

6-5-1936 The Parents and Citizens Association held their regular fortnightly euchre tournament in the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday night last. There were 36 players and after a close contest Miss. W. K. Cresswell won the ladies' prize and Mr. H. Prichard the gents.

The two eucalyptus plants are working full time with a good number of men employed cutting leaves. Speaking to the man in charge of the largest plant a few days ago. He said there are sufficient leaves here for many years. It seems strange to see places that were covered with peppermint scrub and timber a few months ago now bald hills. The peppermint timber is not much use for anything else other than the eucalyptus oil it contains, and for firewood.



Bill Ryan's Eucalyptus Oil Still, 1930's.

Bill Ryan's Eucalyptus Oil Still, 1930s, Sunny Corner, NSW. Photo from Ryan family, Dark Corner, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

6-5-1936 At the Portland police court on Friday, before Mr. W. F. Britz, P.M.,

Thomas Fitzgerald was charged with having in his possession without reasonable excuse two sheep skins, from which more than one fourth of the ears had been removed. Mr. W. Henlen of Bathurst, appeared for the defendant. The information was dismissed.

Sergt. L. J. Furdon said that on March 24 he found the two skins on defendants premises at Sunny Corner. Defendant stated the sheep had been killed the previous night, and he could not account for the absence of the ears. The skins were branded with a tar brand, similar to that used by defendant. Const. Blunden and witness searched in the vicinity for the ears, but could not find them.

To Mr. Henlen: -I know a permit was issued to defendant permitting him to bring sheep from Bathurst. Defendant snowed me a bill from the auctioneer from whom he bought the sheep.

Thomas Fitzgerald said he killed the two sheep the night before the police arrived, and in the morning he saw the dogs pulling at the skins. Defendant said he obtained the two sheep from 72 others in the yard, all of which had been bought at a sale in Bathurst. He produced an account in connection with the sale.

Henry Hunter was fined £2, with costs and damages amounting to £3 for damaging a plate glass window to the value of £2/5/-, the property of Thomas Fitzgerald. Thomas Fitzgerald said that on March 27 he saw defendant throw a stone through a window of his shop at Sunny Corner. The actual damage was £1.

Henry Stait said he saw defendant throw the stone through the window. He said something about losing relief work and walked away.

Henry Hunter admitted breaking the window. He said that when he applied to Fitzgerald for registration as a relief worker Fitzgerald would not answer him. He followed him out of the shop and called to his dog, afterwards saying to witness, "Keep on going, I am not talking to you." Witness replied, "You are satisfied now that you have got me down to the last shilling and off relief work."

Fitzgerald then said, "Have a go at me," and witness picked up a stone and "had a go." The stone went through the window.

8-5-1936 A much needed and long advocated piece of work is now nearing completion in this district by the construction of a three span timber beam bridge over the Palmers Oakey stream. It will be a boon to the surrounding settlers who use the Sunny Corner-Sofala road. There will be no fear in the future of a holdup when crossing the above stream.

The bridge will be open for traffic in about another week. (*Washed away in the 1950 flood. CF*)

13-5-1936 There is a great deal of mining timber being got here for the Lithgow coal pits. Messrs. Sparks, Stait and party, despatch weekly from this locality, two thousand five hundred props, with the same number of lids or caps. It is a good many months since this party secured the contract for supplying the timber. There are other contractors who are getting their supply of timber from Dark Corner.

There has been a great deal of wattle hark stripped in and around here in recent months, one party having over sixty tons.

Rabbit skins bringing such a record price for this time of the year, it is a common thing to see two and sometimes three skin buyers here on one day. Rabbits are getting very scarce, with so many trapping, ferreting, also shooting, where a couple of months ago, there were dozens, there are not any to be seen now, however bunny has been a great help to the unemployed in this locality during recent months.

3-6-1936 A quiet, but pretty wedding eventuated at the historic Catholic Church, Kirkconnell on Wednesday last, the contracting parties being Henry George, third son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bennett, of Dark Corner, and Ettie Agnes, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wade of Meadow Flat. Miss Elsie Wade, of Meadow Flat was the only bridesmaid, and Mr. E. J. Bennett junior, brother of the groom was best man. The brides father led the bride to the altar. The Rev. Father Cusack, P.P., of Portland officiated. After the ceremony the happy couple, with a number of friends, adjourned to the brides fathers residence where justice was done to the good things provided for the wedding breakfast. There were some very nice presents to both of the happy couple. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, after being wished happiness and good things for the future, left by car for Bathurst en route to other western towns where the honeymoon will be spent. Their future home will be Dark Corner.

6-6-1936 The Sunny Corner Parents and Citizens Association wrote asking that attention should be paid to the main road running through the township. Vipens Hill was also mentioned as a road needing repair, while attention was directed to gutters near the post office. The association asked that a new water trough should be installed as the old one was in a deplorable state.

18-6-1936 The death occurred at Portland yesterday morning of Mrs. Mary Lydia Shumack, at the age of 66. The death took place on Sunday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. Stait, Ridge-street, Portland. Deceased had not enjoyed the best of health for some time, and was on a visit to relatives at Bathurst about four weeks ago when she suffered a seizure. She was admitted to St. Vincent's Hospital, and when she recovered sufficiently, was conveyed to Portland. A native of Sunny Corner, Mrs. Shumack had resided in the district the whole of her life. For many years she and her husband, the late Mr. Aiden Shumack, lived at Dark Corner, where they followed farming and grazing pursuits, and had charge of the Post Office there. Fifteen years ago they removed to Portland, where they lived in retirement. Mr. Shumack died six years ago. Mrs. Shumack was well known and highly respected. She leaves a grown-up family of three daughters and one son — Mesdames G. Stait, S. McCarthy (Portland) and T. McCarthy (Gosford) and Mr. A. Shumack, of Portland.

30-6-1936 Mr. T. Smith, Sunny Corner, is at present an inmate of the Portland hospital, an apparently simple accident, a small wound on the back of the hand from a crosscut saw, assuming such serious symptoms that he was obliged to enter the institution for medical treatment. Latest reports are that his condition is improving.

Mr. J. Hunter, Sunny Corner, also met with a painful accident a few days ago, having the misfortune to cut his foot rather badly with an axe.

The Parents and Citizens Association wrote to the Department in June 1936 offering to fence in a garden plot in one corner of the school grounds with wire netting if the Department would supply the material. They pointed out that such a fence was necessary, because the fence round the school grounds was not rabbit-proof. The Department agreed to the proposal, and the work was completed in November. ·

30-6-1936 Mr. Bruce McLeay, West Mitchell is recovering from a nasty spill from his motor cycle on the road over the mountains near Katoomba. The cycle and sidecar, on which were Messrs. McLeay, Ft. Nichols, and W. Hunter capsized on a bend, Mr. McLeay having one foot rather seriously injured, the others escaping with minor abrasions.

2-7-1936 A very successful concert and entertainment was held on Saturday night, at the local hall, by the pupils of the Sunny Corner School, with assisting artistes.

A fairy play in three acts, which included all the school children, was the principal item. Interspersed with songs, choruses, and dances, pretty stage effects were achieved by the dainty colored silk costumes of the young performers in the dances, which, with the songs, were well applauded.

Songs were rendered by the following: Barbara Rampling, Jean and Joyce Grabham, E. Neal, B. Guihot, and L. Guihot. A duet was well sung and acted by Jean and Joyce Grabham. The dances, "Nymphs in the Wood," by the girls, and a minuet by Barbara Rampling and Bertie Guihot, were particularly well done.

The assisting artists were Mrs. Cresswell and Mr. Ravenscroft, both rendering songs.

On Monday night, in honor of the Kings Birthday, a large bonfire was held for the children, the P. and C. Association supplying the fireworks. In spite of the weather a good crowd attended.

The Turon Shlre Council's road gang has started work on this end of the shire. When this part of the road is completed traffic will come Sunny Corner way from Portland, thence back to Bathurst instead of through Meadow Flat.

Two members of the gang are busy today, repairing the water trough in front of Murrays.

4-7-1936 J. S. Murray, Sunny Corner, asked for permission to use the Councils spray in dealing with acacias at the Kirkconrell camping ground. The spray will be made available in season.

7-7-1936 Death. Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Shirlaw (80), a pioneer resident of Palmers Oakey.

The death occurred in the Orange Base Hospital on Sunday night of Mr. Albert Lawler, after an illness extending over three weeks. The deceased was born at Meadow Flat 63 years ago, and had lived about the district all his life. The deceased was unmarried, and followed farming pursuits.

He is survived by two brothers, Messrs Walter (Meadow Flat) and Isaac (Lithgow), and four sisters Mary (Mrs. Butfield, Megalong), Maria (Mrs. Montgomery, Portland) Katie (Mrs. Smith, Castle Hill) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Jones, Summer Hill)

8-7-1936 There are several lorries carting mine timber from here to Lithgow daily.

Messrs. Kissell and Garrard are raising some fine looking quartz from their claim on Little Hill.

Prichard and party are on Government aid at their mine at Bobs Creek, known as Tom Berrys claim. They expect to strike the original reef which Berry crushed over 4ozs. of free gold per ton some 30 odd years ago.

I am pleased to say that much activity now exists here, with the Turon Shire relief gang repairing the local roads.

The Blaxland Shire has a big gang of relief workers on the Dark Corner to Palmers Oakey Road.

There is a party of telephone repairers putting in now poles to Dark Corner, Meadow Flat and Portland.

23-7-1936 A Sunny Corner report states that Mr. William Jenkins, of that centre, who is in Portland hospital, is recovering satisfactorily. A couple of weeks ago he was admitted suffering from double pneumonia following a severe attack of influenza. For a time little hopes were held for his recovery.

23-7-1936 Many friends of the family, particularly in the Mt. Lambie-Portland side of the district, will regret to learn that one of the earliest pioneers, in the person of Mr. Samuel Eslick, died at his home at Mt. Lambie to-day. He had been ailing for some time, and had had short stays in Portland hospital in recent months. Mr. Eslick was a most interesting personality who had led an active life as miner, railway worker and contractor, while the door of his home, "Truro Farm," Mt. Lambie, was always open to friends and callers, a gesture of hospitality that was joyfully shared by his good wife, who survives him.

A sketch of Mr. Eslick's life will doubtless be read with interest by readers of the "Mercury," to which journal he was a subscriber for over 50 years. Mr. Eslick was born near Truro, Cornwall, nearly 81 years ago, and after following the occupation of a tin miner in that country, for some years settled at Broughton, in Yorkshire, where, in 1878, he married Miss Ann Maria Read, also a Cornwall native. Three days later the young couple took passage for Australia in the sailing ship, "Windsor Castle." After a voyage of five months, they reached Brisbane, and work was secured on railway construction at Toowoomba, where Mr. Eslick remained for some years. Later, he engaged in gold mining at Mineral Creek, in the Stanhope district.

At Gosford (N.S.W.), railway work was resumed and, being an experienced miner, Mr. Eslick was appointed to a responsible position in connection with tunnel construction. When Prospect Dam was being excavated, Mr. Eslick was among the first on the job, and a little later, when Sunny Corner gold and silver field became an industrial magnet, the Eslicks settled here 50 years ago. There he met his cousin, Mr. R. F. Lean, with whom, together with the late Mr. Samuel Harris (well known in Lithgow in earlier days) he was closely associated. He took a keen interest in the development of the village, which, in those days, boasted nine public houses, six or seven fair-sized stores, halls, churches and other evidences of a prosperous mining township where both work and money were plentiful.

Having definitely settled in the district, Mr. Eslick purchased "Truro Farm," Mt. Lambie, where he had resided for 50 years, and where a large family was reared, one son, Richard, paid the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, while another son was accidentally killed near the old home. The surviving children are Mesdames Pike (Cockle Creek), N. Dobbie (Mt. Lambie) and Taylor (Portland); the sons are Messrs. Sam (Belford) and Stanley (Portland).

After retiring from mining pursuits, Mr. Eslick carried out contracting work for Blaxland Shire Council.

30-7-1936 On July 28. 1886, the foundation stone of Sunny Corner Presbyterian Church was laid by Mr. John Dobbie, and during the years when "The Corner" was a flourishing goldmining town, the church was, to the Presbyterian community, their house of worship.

After the failure of the mines, the church was demolished and re-erected in Portland, where it was subsequently burned down. The foundation stone was however retained and is placed in the western wall of the present building, forming a definite link with the original church. Tuesday last marked the fiftieth anniversary of the original stone-laying, and on Sunday night this was commemorated by a special service in the Portland church.

There were present at the service Mr. J. Dobbie, of Portland who is a grandson of the man who laid the stone, together with his family, Mr.A. Dobbie, of Mt. Lambie is another grandson. This family has been, actively connected with the church since its inception.

8-8-1936 In the Small Debts Court at Portland on Friday, Raymond Charles Stait, of Sunny Corner, sought to recover £19 from William Gillespie, timber contractor, of Lidsdale. He declared the amount represented wages and royalties. The hearing was adjourned.

Stait said he had received instructions, through a man named Jack Armstrong, to cut and cart out of the bush at Sunny Corner a quantity of props, sleepers and lids, which Gillespie had contracted to supply to certain coal mines. He worked for 14 days at the union rates of £1/1/8 a day, the total amount due in wages being £15/3/4. He estimated that he had carted out about 4000 props, 12,000 lids, and about 4000 sleepers. Jack Armstrong said he had employed Stait for Gillespie, whose letter stated, "Put Stait on at carting out." At the time the union rate of pay was £1/1/8 a day. Gillespie declared that no mention had been made of the letter of union wages, since no union for this particular industry was in existence. The work had been done by contract at the rate of 3/- per 100 props. Stait drew out 850 props. No contractor would think of paying £1/1/8 a day.

Mr. W. F. Britz, P.M., said he did not think that Stait was justified in claiming £1/1/8 a day, and be would consider it. He asked the parties to adjourn and return when a satisfactory arrangement had been made. After a considerable time they returned, having reached no finality. The deadlock seemed to be caused by the uncertainty as to the actual amount of timber drawn, and since this could be supplied only by Gillespie's carter, who took the timber to the mine, the case was adjourned until August 28, when the carter will give evidence.

12-8-1936 A pleasant function took place at the Oddfellows Hall at Sunny Corner on Saturday night, when a social was held to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, who are leaving here to reside in Rydal. After several fancy dances by Mrs. Johnson and the schoolchildren, Mr. Cresswell presented Mrs. Johnson, on behalf of the P. and C. Association and the residents, with a handsome brown leather handbag, in recognition of the valuable services she had so unselfishly rendered in giving the schoolchildren dancing lessons,

13-8-1936 The case of unemployed workers who were victimised at Sunny Corner was investigated with the result that a change was effected in the administration of the bureau at that centre. The slave camp threat has been discussed by council and every co-operation will be given to the unemployed in their effort to combat this menace.

19-8-1936 Miss Attuell, of the local post office, drew a £10 prize in the most recent State Lottery, this being the first prize to come this way for some considerable time.

Still another old land-mark of the hey-days of Sunny Corner, which was known as Mr. B. Cohen's jewellery shop, has been disposed of. It was taken down last week.

27-8-1936 WILKINSON-ORD_July. 27. at All Saints Cathedral Bathurst, by Dean Holmes. Lancelot H. Wilkinson son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, and grandson of the late B. Rawson, of Rockhampton Queensland to Olive Betty, younger daughter of Mrs. S. H. Willmott, of Yetholme, and the late Mr. Robert Powlett Ord of Bondi.

2-9-1936 It was found necessary to remove Mrs. James Strickland to Portland for medical treatment during last week. She is reported to be getting on well.

Mr. W. Titus, one time resident of this centre, but now of Wollongong, paid a visit here during last week with his family. The party was motoring through to Canberra. Mr. Titus has a flourishing business at Wollongong.

9-9-1936 The death has occurred at Portland of Mr. Francis Anderson Mitchell (84) one of the oldest and most widely known residents of that district and who had spent practically the whole of his life around Portland and Sunny Corner. The deceased was known to all the old hands who will regret to learn of his death. Though he had been ailing for some time his death was unexpected for he only took what proved to be a fatal turn a few hours before his death. He is survived by a family of seven, one of his daughters being Mrs. E. Kelly, wife of Mr. Gus Kelly, member for Bathurst. The funeral was largely attended. Mrs. Kelly was notified of her father's illness and though she caught the first train was too late to see him alive.

Teacher Mr. W. McCarron, Meadow Flat to Mumbil (relieving);

21-9-1936 Described as the best find in the district, since the original stone was worked 50 years ago, a discovery of gold bearing stone at Sunny Corner is attracting interest.

A report states: Congratulations are due to Messrs. Steve Kissell and John Garrad who after 18 months' hard work prospecting, have at last struck gold in one of their shafts, which is 60 feet deep. There are two reefs, both being eighteen inches thick.

The country on the surface is principally porphyry, but in the shaft there are claystones and felsite. The reefs are both running north and south and dipping west and running into virgin country. A quarter of a mile away is Little Hill, from where stone was crushed up to 45ozs. of gold per ton. Assays taken from both reefs in the shaft: No. I, 10dwts.,No, II, 13dwts. of gold per ton.

Since these assays were taken, a drive 45ft. has been driven south, the stone has changed into a clean leafy quartz and very much honeycombed, carrying very little mineral, but showing free gold. Specimens shown to me carried as much as a pennyweight of gold per pound weight of stone, and if crushed would be double that amount, therefore it would be hard to say how many ozs. of gold per ton would be won from this stone.

1-10-1936 As a result of the disbanding of the Sunny Corner Race Club the Portland District, Bathurst District and St. Vincent's (Bathurst) Hospitals have benefited. The gift to the local institution was a bed, cot, bedside table and two lockers, valued at £30, while the Bathurst District and St. Vincent's Hospitals each received a bed valued at £10. Mr. J. Fitzgerald, of Portland, was the prime mover in the distribution.

9-10-1936 An unusual accident happened to Mr. T. Fitzgeralds horse last Monday. While drinking at a small bridge near West Mitchell the ground gave away and the horse fell into the deep water, becoming jammed under the bridge. After several hours Mr. Fitzgerald and some neighbors rescued the horse, the animal being little the worse for its experience!

Mr. J. Shumack, while returning from Bathurst in his car on Sunday, ran into a cow standing on the roadway. The animal was killed. This is the third accident of its kind that has taken place lately. Straying stock constitute a very serious menace.

Mr. J. S. Murray who has been in ill-health for some time is at present in Portland.

The West Mitchell eucalyptus plant, previously owned by Mr. C. Clift, is now being operated by Messrs. Duggan and Strickland.

The first competition cricket match took place last Saturday, Sunny Corner losing to Williewa.

The hot dry spell has caused many bush fires in the district, though little damage has been done.

28-10-1936 News has just been received, with much regret locally, of the death from pneumonia in Bathurst hospital on Monday of Mr. T. Scott, senr. Mr. Scott, who was a brother of Messrs, D. M. and E. Scott, was a well known and respected resident of the district, and was for many years engaged in bullock driving in the days when that pursuit was one of the most valuable industries in assisting to open up the country. Interment will take place at Dark Corner cemetery. Mr. Scott, who was 73 years of age, was born at Mitchells Creek Sunny Corner, and at one time had a farm at Palmers Oakey, while he also worked at Thompson Bros station in this locality for some years. He leaves a family of three sons (John, Edward and William) and a step-daughter (Eileen) to mourn their loss.

29-10-1936 The result of an 11-ton crushing from Messrs. Garrard and Kissells goldmining lease on Bobs Creek West Mitchell, just put through at the Sunny Corner battery, was about 7dwts a ton over the plates. This must be regarded as very encouraging, as there is understood to be a large supply of similar stone, while a good deal of gold must have also gone out in the tailings.

Mr. Constantines mine on Silver Hill, Dark Corner, has closed down, and the one head battery has been removed. The reef was found to be erratic, both as to size and values, and operations proved unpayable.

30-10-1936 Bitten by a scorpion on his left foot while engaged at his work Mike Klobusiak (42), a Czecho-Slovakian eucalyptus burner living at Sunny Corner afterwards became paralysed down one side and was taken in the Bathurst ambulance to the Hospital next morning.

16-11-1936 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, who passed away at West Mitchell on 16th November, 1930.

Loving and kind in all his ways,
Upright and just to the end of his days,
Sincere and kind in heart and mind,
What a beautiful memory he left behind.

Never forgotten by his loving wife, Eleanor and family, Jack, Harold, George, Alf. and Mary, also daughters-in-law, and grandchildren.

18-11-1936 The following children have earned the right to attend Lithgow Intermediate High School as a result of their success in the test. Sunny Corner: Lachlan Guihot, Clifford Neale, Howard Smith, Evelyn Strickland. Dark Corner: Athol Smith, Betty Shumack.

There is still a lot of mine timber being got locally for the Lithgow coal pits, an average of two thousand five hundred props being dispatched weekly.

The large eucalyptus plant is still working constantly, a good number of local men are employed on the plant.

I noticed to-day that Mr. W. A. Harrison has notices on his leases of the Sunny Corner Silver Mine, applying for suspension of labor conditions. The reason given on the notices is he is wanting further suspension, as the leases are under offer to a strong financial corporation, who are carrying on experiments now for the recovery of different minerals, and to form capital for a company at an early date, time being required to enable them to complete the experiments.

It is a pity to see this mine idle. At one time it gave employment to seven hundred men, under the management of the late W. F. Hurle, who was afterwards representative in the State Parliament, for Macquarie. Now that metals are on the increase in price, it may not be long before the old mine will again be worked.

26-11-1936 December has started propitiously, with good rain which put an end to the bushfires, of which several were raging around here and at Dark Corner. A good deal of damage has been done to fencing, etc., including a hayshed belonging to Mr. Alec McDonald, and much grass has been burnt.

There will be very little local fruit this Christmas, frosts and hot weather having pretty well wiped it out.

Mr. Richard Johnston a regular visitor to Mr. Eric Smith's at Dark Corner arrived here on Friday last and took suddenly ill when it was found necessary to remove him to Bathurst where he was admitted to the Bathurst Hospital. Latest reports are that he is doing as well as can be expected.

Messrs Kissell and Garrard are still raising some fine looking stone at their mine on the Little Hill, acceding to prospects crushed with a dolly pot, the stone is improving at a depth. They have another crushing at grass, which they hope to have treated at an early date. This fine little property warrants a crushing battery of their own, with a concentration table to save the mineral.

Recently some people arrived here in a motor lorry, in search of scrap iron, brass, etc. There was a crushing battery box at Mitchells Creek, the property of Mr. Brook of Bathurst, which was broken to pieces and taken away for scraps. The box was valuable for a crushing battery and was worth in the vicinity of £30 to £33 but for scrap iron was only worth a few pounds. There was also a steam engine, pump, and the face plates of a boiler, besides a crushing mill, was blown to pieces, which was worth £40 to £50. The matter has been placed in the hands of the police, when it is to be hoped that the persons responsible for the wilful damage to other peoples property will be made to pay for the destruction done.

It is surprising the number of people who arrive here from other places in search of the cherries that grow in this locality where at one time homes stood. The same applies to other fruit as it gets ripe.

A report from Sunny Corner states that Messrs. J. Stait, A. Sparks and party have again secured the contract to supply timber for the Lithgow collieries for the ensuing year. A good many local men are employed cutting the timber.

4-12-1936 Messrs. Barclay and O'Conrnell, who are cyaniding on a large scale at Grenfell, recently paid a visit to the Paddy Lackey at Dark Corner to inspect the disintegrator in use there for breaking up the slimes for cyaniding purposes. This machine though primitive and very much of the homemade variety does the work, and has already satisfactorily broken over 1000 tons of slimes. Driven by an old Ford engine, it does for a few pence per ton work that, done by hand costs about as much as the total gold in the slimes, thereby profitably producing wealth that would otherwise lie idle.

9-12-1936 While working on the farm last Friday, Mr. Stan. Grabham, of Dark Corner, collapsed, and after Dr. Brooke-Moore, had been summoned from Bathurst, he was removed to the Bathurst Hospital. Latest reports are that his condition is improving.

10-12-1936 The death took place on Thursday night last at Blakehurst, of Mr. Jesse Kemp, at the age of 67. He was a native of Meadow Flat, and had lived in the district practically all his life, being well known and highly respected. The late Mr. Kemp lived for many years at Daylight Creek, on the Turon goldfields, and opened up many promising reefs. A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Kemp, he is survived by five brothers and three sisters. They are Messrs. James (Portland), John and Alfred (Corrimal) and Charles and Arthur (Sofala), and Mrs. E. Doran (Kandos), Mrs. T. W. Parker (Lithgow) and Miss Kemp (Blakehurst).

11-12-1936 Mr. and Mrs. Stan Brown and family, of Meadow Flat; have left the district and have gone to reside at Cargo. Mr. Brown has been employed for the past 13 years by Mr. Aubrey -Webb, and of latter years has been managing his Carroo station at Meadow Flat.

21-12-1936 TENDERS. Sunny Corner Post Office and Residence—Repairs and painting.

16-12-1936 Mr; John Sparks Murray, who died in Portland hospital early this morning, was an authority on gold mining at Sunny Corner and its history. He had lived in the area all his life, and had unbounded faith in the occurrence of a revival in the industry in the district.

He was born at West Mitchell 56 years ago, and in the early days was connected with mining and battery work, He was the second eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray who conducted the Royal Exchange Hotel at Sunny Corner for a long period, and never married. Three sisters and a brother survive, and to them will be extended deepest sympathy.

They are: — Mrs. W, Francis and Mrs. J. Fitzgerald (Portland), Mrs. G. Shumack (Sydney) and Mr. William Murray (Sydney). Well-known and highly respected, Mr Murrays death will be regretted throughout the district. His health had not been satisfactory for some time, but the end was totally unexpected. He appeared to be improving, but he took a relapse on Sunday, and was admitted to hospital next day. A Requiem Mass is to be celebrated at St. Vincent's Church, Portland, tomorrow morning after which the cortege will leave for the Kirkconnell cemetery, where interment is to be made in the family plot.

18-12-1936 There are indications of a revival in Sunny Corner on a fairly large scale early in the New Year. It is understood that a couple of Sydney syndicates have become interested and that they will commence operations to reopen two old mines and work them on a fairly large scale.

Messrs. Klssell and Garrard are still busy at their reef which, shows excellent prospects. The last crushing yielded seven dwts, while an assay disclosed that no less than 6dwts. 12grs were lost in the crushing. It is the intention of the owners to install a concentrating plant in the near future.

21-12-1936 Mr. H. Johnston was bitten on the stomach by his "pet' four foot brown snake on Thursday afternoon. The promptitude of his workmates in treating the bite and in calling Mr. H. D. Bell who immediately conveyed him to Portland, doubtless saved his life. I learn today that Mr. Johnston is doing well. The practice of keeping and playing with such dangerous pets is much to be depreciated.

The annual prize-giving function to mark the end of the school year was held on Thursday night. It has been the practice to hold this function on the afternoon of Break-up Day but this year it was decided to hold it at night in the hope that the menfolk would participate more freely. That this innovation is appreciated is shown by the great gathering of people who assembled to join in giving the children a happy party.

The programme opened with the presentation of prizes, by Mr. F. Loudoun, president of the P. and C. Association and of Primary Final Certificates by the teacher, who stated that all our candidates had passed. Following upon the prize-giving, Master B. Guihot and Miss E. Strickland as the head boy and head girl of the school made presentations to Mr. and Mrs. Cressweil, a set of colored tumblers to the former and a rose bowl to the latter. Then Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson presented a handbag to Mrs. S. Ravencroft whose untiring efforts as accompanist to the children for their two concerts this year have been much appreciated by parents and friends. Mr. Loudoun made two further presentations one to Mrs. Ravenscroft and one to Mrs. W. Grabham in recognition of their help in running the euchre tournament throughout the year.

Messrs. J. Shumack and S. Grabham who have been inmates of Bathurst District Hospital, have now returned home.

22-12-1936 At the last meeting of Bathurst Council, the Town Clerk reported that men had been fishing in the upper reaches of the Winburndale Dam with set lines. Some of the men refused to give their names when spoken to. In a separate report, the City Engineer (Mr. W. Adams) stated that the names of two persons from Sunny Corner had been taken for fishing. Authority to prosecute was sought as the number of trespassers was increasing. It was decided to prosecute where possible, and to make application for a pistol licence for the caretaker (Mr. Elliott).

23-12-1936 Sunny Corner defeated Grand United by one run on Saturday. Grand United took the field with only seven men, and considering the match was played on the home wicket there seems to have been a regrettable lack of interest' on the part of some players.

L. Grabham (27) made the strongest stand for Sunny Corner against the deadly bowling of F. Taylor who took six for 25.



Post Office, Sunny Corner, NSW, 1937. Photo from Magill family, Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys

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7-1-1937 The dance on New Years Night, under the auspices of the P. and C. Association sports committee and hall committee, was splendidly attended and proved, a brilliant success, financially and otherwise, many old time Sunny Corner residents attending from other centres, besides visitors from Portland, Bathurst, Cullen Bullen, Wallerawang.

15-1-1937 A haystack and shed, containing about two tons of hay, were destroyed by fire at Mr. J. Stricklands, Sunny Corner, last week. The fire broke out spontaneously, owing to the hay being damp. The hay was grown by Mr. Stricklands two sons, being one of the best yields grown locally during the dry spell last year, when most cereal crops were a failure. Cut with a mowing machine, and tied into sheaves by hand, it represented much hard work, and its loss is certainly bad luck. Two successive crops were in the stack, but fortunately there is still another to be cut.

20-1-1937 Teacher Mr. W. McCarron, Mumbll to Meadow Flat (Rel'g):

26-1-1937 While picking fruit on her orchard at Sunny Corner last Thursday Mrs. J. Hunter fell from a cart and broke her arm. At first it was thought she had sustained internal injuries, and she was conveyed to the Portland Hospital by the Lithgow ambulance. Mrs. Hunter backed the cart under a fruit tree, and stood in the vehicle to pick the fruit. The horse moved forward however, causing her to lose her balance, which resulted in the fall.

29-1-1937 Messrs. S. Kissell and J. Garrard, expect big things from their Golden Point mine at Sunny Corner. It is proposed to put through another crushing of between 20 and 30 tons in the near future. The result is expected to be much better than was the case with the first which was most satisfactory.

2-2-1937 Mrs. F. Guihot, a very old resident of Sunny Corner, is leaving there to reside with her son, Allen, in Lithgow.

5-2-1937 Common made a profit of 15 pounds for 1936

18-2-1937 Mr. John Flynn, who died at his residence, Rosalind-street, North Sydney, was born in Sydney 87 years ago. His father, Mr. Christopher Flynn, was a veterinary surgeon. Mr. John Flynn, after his marriage, opened a bakery business at Hill End, with a branch at Sunny Corner, where he also had a general store. About 20 years ago, he retired from business and went to live at North Sydney.

In February 1937 Mr. Cresswell asked for a water tank to be supplied. He reported, “The premises are connected to the local water supply, but the mains and pipes are so old, and the reservoir so neglected that the water often becomes charged with rust and other foreign matter. During the summer it has an objectionable taste and stains the washing. There is a square iron tank here at present which is rusted beyond repair.” He also pointed out that extensive repairs and external painting were needed. The Department agreed to the supply of a tank and the carrying out of the most essential repairs, which was done by the Painting and Repair Staff at a cost of £18. Mr. C.A.Kelly M.L.A. then made representations to the Minister, as to the necessity of the remaining repairs and painting, and as a result these also were authorised. (*The work was completed in August at a cost of £262).*

Mr. Cresswell complained during the winter of 1937 that the fuel allowance (£1) was insufficient. He said that he could no longer buy fuel at the prices ruling during the depression years, and that the price of a small cart load had risen from 2/- to 4/-. Mr. Inspector Keller supported the request, pointing out that the winter was exceptionally severe. The Department replied, "The grant already made is in the nature of a subsidy and is not intended to reimburse the teacher for the full amount expended on fuel." The request for an increased allowance was declined.

3-3-1937 After many, years of idleness, the Sunny Corner lead-silver mine is to be reopened. A couple of men are working there at present, having been engaged by Mr. George Wright, of Sydney, who has visited Sunny Corner many times recently in connection with the mine. It is stated that more men will be put on shortly, but at first the entrance to the main tunnel, where there has been a fall of ground, precludes easy access to the mine. When this is cleared away and the water that it has dammed back is let loose, most of the old workings should be accessible. The ore that was obtained during the war period mostly came from below the water level, but water was not heavy, intermittent pumping with a small centrifugal pump dealing with it easily. Much ore is said to be left in the old workings above the water level containing too much zinc for the primitive methods of those days. Zinc, the great bugbear of the old time smelter, has now been converted into an asset by selective flotation methods. The resurrection of the old mine would mean much to Sunny Corner and district.

4-3-1937 A social, held in the Sunny Corner Hall last Saturday night, was a great success, dancing and singing being indulged in. Many visitors were present, good music was provided by local talent. During the evening presentations were made to Mrs. F. Guihot and Mrs. W. Kissell, two very old residents who are leaving the district.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray and son and Miss Miles are enjoying a pleasant holiday at the Corner.

Mrs. S. Tennyson, of Sydney, and her two small daughters are on a visit to Miss Attuell.

The blackberry crop, always good here, is attracting many week-end pickers.

4-3-1937 After compiling the splendid score of 258, Sunny Conner cricketers were unfortunate at having to draw with Williewa in the competition match on Saturday.

D. Murray played a particularly bright innings for 71, and I. Grabham (53) and F., Passeri (56) also hit aggressively. Handy totals were added by R. Stait (24) and H. McKinnon 21.

6-3-1937 Stating that considerable danger was constituted in the absence of warning notices in the locality, Mr. S. Ravencroft secretary of the Sunny Corner Parents and Citizens Association asked council to erect a warning notice board on each side of the school at that centre.

6-3-1937 The following letter was considered by Turon Shire, at its meeting yesterday afternoon. It was from Mr. A. Fitzgerald, of West Mitchell, and ran: 'Dear sir: Through the bad state of the reads out here my son, Patrick Fitzgerald, ran into a hele in the road on the 26/1/37 and broke his shoulder in two places and bent the bike. And now I want compensating for .medical expenses, and he won't be able to do anything for many weeks

So it will run me into £20. Hoping to hear from you at an early date, etc.'

Councillors decided they could not accept responsibility for the unfortunate accident to Mr. Fitzgerald's son.

10-3-1937 Mr. J. A. Strickland, of Sunny Corner, is at present a patient in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mr. C. A. Kelly, M.L.A. for Bathurst, has received the following from the Minister for Education: “Dear Mr. Kelly, In response to your personal representations, relative to the need for painting and repairs at the Sunny Corner Public School and residence, I desire to inform you that a report and estimate of the cost has been obtained. I regret that I am unable to authorise the major portion of the work at this Juncture, but have given a direction for the carrying out of work involving the provision of a tank, repairs to the guttering and pipes and the installation of a new sink and draining board. This work will be put in hand by the Department's painting and repair staff as soon as possible. The other matters brought under notice will be given further consideration when a more favorable opportunity offers”.

19-3-1937 Preliminary work is proceeding at the Sunny Corner, lead-silver mine, the road down to the mine having been repaired, and the fallen earth at the mouth of the main tunnel removed so that the dammed-up water has been released. It will now be possible to make an inspection of at least some of the old workings.

23-3-1937 The application of the road scarifying and grading machine to the Sunny Corner-Palmers Oakey road is not regarded as a public boon, in fact it seems to be generally held that as a road destroyer the implement stands supreme. It is said that on granite gravel roads it does good work, but on ordinary metal roads it makes a hideous mess of tilings, and the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner road was in excellent order, being about the best stretch of road in the district. Why it should have been considered advisable to disintegrate it, when for months relief workers have been repairing and resurfacing faulty parts, remains a mystery, but its condition after the aggravated hay rake has torn it up is considerably worse than before. Parts of it as in front of Mr. W. Smiths look as if the Spanish civil war had raged thereon.

25-3-1937 Mr. George Wright, who gives his address as Box 2450, G.P.O., Sydney, has lodged two applications with the Mining Wardens Clerk at Lithgow. One is in respect to 25 acres, parish Coolamigal, at Sunny Corner, and is made for the purpose of mining for silver, lead, zinc, copper, and known as Nevada silver-lead mine (Mineral Lease 98). The other refers to 10 acres, parish Castleton, at Sunny Corner, and the intention is to mine for silver, lead, zinc and copper. The applications were handed in on Tuesday, and objection are to be lodged by March 31.

An enjoyable surprise party was held on Saturday night at the Sunny Corner Hall in honor of Miss Vera Sharp, who celebrated her 21st birthday. Over 100 friends and relatives were present. Dancing and singing were indulged in, while a beautiful birthday cake with 21 candles (the centre of admiration) was cut by Miss Sharp. Each guest, of course, received a piece. Many valuable and useful presents were received by the popular young lady. After a delightful supper and several speeches, the evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne.

5-4-1937 At a meeting of Turon Shire Council on Friday Sunny Corner P. and C. Association asked if Council could lend the local "water man" a quantity of tools to effect various jobs connected with the local water supply. The association pointed out that a pipe burst recently, and all one side of the town was at present without water. It was decided to instruct the engineer to secure tools and forward them to Sunny Corner.

9-4-1937 In a history of Mitchells Creek and Sunny Corner, published last week, the "Mercury" stated that the old bell of the Union Church at West Mitchell had, with its post, disappeared. Mr. S. Ravenscroft, of Sunny Corner, advises that the bell is now inside the church. He adds he was forcibly reminded of its presence on one occasion during a service. He was taking up the collection when his foot came in contact with it. The impact did not altogether "spill the beans," but some of the silver reached the floor, causing no small amount of consternation on a solemn occasion.*(This bell passed to Jack Martin of Dark Corner and it may be the one he put with the old "things" at the memorial he built on the hill to the East of his house.CF.)*

12-4-1937 Messrs. A. A. Best, C. C. Seagrove, F. W. Stephenson and. C Anderson, of Sunny Corner, have lodged an application for a mining lease with the Mining Wardens Clerk at Lithgow. This is in respect of five acres in the parish of Castleton, and the purpose is to search for gold.

14-4-1937 Among visitors to Sunny Corner lately have been Mr. and Mrs. Spence Gallard, Mr. and Mrs. George Poulton, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, and Mrs. W. Francis. Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray and their son, Mr. Adolph Murray, are leaving after a long stay at the Corner. The old hotel, the property of the Murray family for so many years, has been purchased by Mrs. J. Tattersall, who is residing there at present.

Work is proceeding steadily at the Sunny Corner mine, over 400ft. of the bottom tunnel having been dewatered while new rails have been laid to the face.

A dance to be held at Sunny Corner on Coronation night (May 12) to raise funds which would be divided between the Portland hospital and Lithgow ambulance.

The funeral of the late Mr. Albert Austin Barnett, of "Ferndale," Yetholme, moved from J. Tangye's funeral parlors yesterday afternoon, for the Holy Trinity Church and cemetery Kelso, where the Rev. Mr. Mills of O'Connell, conducted the service. A very large gathering of relatives and friends assembled in the Church and at the graveside.

Ths casket was carried to and from the hearse by Messrs Albert, Henry and William Burke, of Bathurst, Ronald Barnett, Yetholme, grandsons, Mr. Alan Maccabee, Yetholme, nephew, and Mr. Harold Baker, nephew, Meadow Flat.

The chief mourners were deceased's widow, one son, Aubrey, and four daughters, Mrs. Worthington (Sydney) Mrs. Burke, (Bathurst), Mrs. Baker, (Meadow Flat), Miss Dulcie Barnett, Yetholme, one brother, Mr. Edwin Barnett (Yetholme), three sisters. Mrs Williamson (Yetholme), Mrs. Maccabee (Yetholme), Mrs Baker (Meadow Flat) and numerous nephews and nieces, grandchildren and one great grandchild

26-4-1937 DEATHS. ATTUELL.—April 25, 1937, Minnie Attuell, widow of the late George Augustus Attuell, late of Sunny Corner and Hornsby. Aged 60 years.

29-4-1937 On Sunday morning a representative gathering assembled around the soldiers' obelisk at Meadow Flat when Rev. Mr. Mills (rector of O'Connell), assisted by Mr. A. S. Mowbray, conducted a united service. The schoolchildren and teachers marched, carrying a wreath which was placed on the honor roll. There were many beautiful wreaths in evidence. Suitable hymns were sung, assisted by a juvenile choir supervised .by Mrs. A. J. Brown. The address given by Mr. Mills was very appropriate and much appreciated.

The monument which had been lately repolished, the lettering brightened and new enamel added, has the distinction of being one of the first memorial structures erected in the State in 1918

6-5-1937 The Sunny Corner Common Trust wrote to Council asking that animals grazing on the Common he exempted from being impounded. Animals, it was stated, were "safe" on the Common, but if they wandered off they would be impounded.

Dear Sir — Following upon your personal representations on behalf of Mr S. Ravenscroft of Sunny Corner, acting for Relief Workers at that centre. I desire to inform you that a distribution of clothing and footwear taking place at present. Persons desiring to participate should make application to the local police.

19-5-1937 The Minister for Education in a letter to Mr. C. A. Kelly, M.L.A.,says:

"In response to your personal representations, I have approved of additional renovations to the school and residence at Sunny Corner. The authorised work will be taken up by the department's painting and repair staff at the earliest opportunity.

At the Portland police court on Saturday S. Davis, of Sunny Corner, was fined 5/-, or the rising of the court, for being drunk.

21-5-1937 Members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lawlcr entertained their parents at a social evening at the home of the latter on Saturday, the occasion being Mrs. Lawler's 60th birthday. A host of Mrs. Lawler's relatives and friends were in attendance, many came some distance, and 18 cars were parked round the old home. Dancing, cards and other amusements were freely indulged in, and the evening passed away quickly to the enjoyment of all. A tasty repast was partaken of, at the conclusion of which Mr. C. Scott, in conveying kindly wishes and congratulations to Mrs. Lawler, paid a tribute to her popularity and the well-merited esteem in which she was held. Her patronage in every good cause was genuine, he said, and she took a keen interest in all kinds of sport.

After the cutting of the handsome cake, which was decorated in the usual fashion, Mrs. Lawler thanked the party in a few well-chosen words for their kindness and affection. Glasses were charged, and those present drank to the health of their guest, followed by the singing of "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Many dainty and useful gifts were presented to the guest of honor.

26-5-1937 Interesting work is being carried on at the lease at West Mitchell recently applied for by Messrs. Best, Seagrove, Stephenson and Anderson. The lease is situated at the Little Hill at West Mitchell, about a mile towards Bathurst from Sunny Corner, from which locality much gold was won in the past. Besides alluvial gold from the surface, much of which was sluiced, puddled or cradled, a large quantity of the top of the hill was quarried out and crushed many years ago, in the days when nobody worried much about leaving accurate records to arouse envy in posterity, but payable returns were certainly

obtained. This was from the outcropping of the reef system that was later on worked by many small parties, very remunerative results being obtained in some cases.

The present venture comprises the installation of a machine for continuously puddling and discharging the surface, and saving the gold contained therein. This machine consists of a rapidly revolving conical pan, with rake-like teeth for stirring up the contents, thereby breaking up the lumps of clayey material. Power is supplied by an engine. Experiments with a small machine have proceeded for some time and it is understood that a good extraction of values has been obtained, but the rubble contains a fair proportion of auriferous quartz, shed from the capping of the reef system, so that besides a larger gold-saving machine, a disintegrator to pulverise the quartz has been installed, together with an engine and pump to supply water from a dam in the adjacent creek. This outfit, which has been erected in a substantial and workmanlike manner, is now almost, ready to start work, and it is expected that operations will be in full swing inside of a week.

7-6-1937 There was no interruption to the mail service as a result of the heavy snowfall on Monday night, a tribute to the reliability of modern motors.

There was a certain amount of speculation at Dark Corner as to whether the mail would get through on Tuesday, but Mr. J. Berry arrived all right. The road, thanks to the relief workers, is in very good condition at present, much of it having been surfaced with material from the Paddy Lackey mullock heap. The fine material in this dump appears to have been specially constructed by nature for roadmaking, as it possesses binding qualities absent from most stone. For this reason it stands motor traffic well.

10-6-1937 The death took place in Portland hospital early on Tuesday morning of Mrs. Mary Ann Shumack at the age of 66. Deceased was admitted to the institution on Saturday, death being due to pneumonia. A native of Kiricconnell, she had lived in the district all her life, and was well known and highly respected. For many years she resided in Dark Corner, and later with her husband, Mr. Richard Shumack, conducted a hotel at Capcrtec and subsequently at Cullen Bullen. Fourteen months ago they took over a fish shop at Portland. In addition to her husband, four daughters and three sons survive.

Members- of the family are:-Mrs. R. A. Roberts (Cowra), Mrs. V. Nicholls and Mrs. J. Tilley (Cullen Bullen), Miss Mary Shumack (Portland), Mr. James; (Cullen Bullen), Wilton and Vincent Shumack (Portland). A Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Vincents Church, Portland, yesterday morning, the Rev. Father J. P. Cusack being the celebrant. The funeral took place in the afternoon, interment being made in Kirkconnell cemetery. Rev. Father W. J. Fahy, of Lithgow, officiated at the graveside. Messrs. John Simplcins and Son had charge of the arrangements.

19-6-1937 Discharged from Bathurst District Hospital yesterday after having been under treatment for about three weeks was Mr. Samuel Davies, who has now returned to his home at Sunny Corner.

19-06-1937 Palmers Oakey Church sold to Ned Bennett for £12-0-0. *(Still standing at "The Glebe" Palmers Oakey*

21-6-1937 At the Lithgow Mining Court on Friday application for authority to enter 60 acres of land at Sunny Corner was granted to Edward Patrick Egan. Similar authority was granted to Robert Forbes Mckay in respect of 60 acres of land at Meadow Flat.

7-7-1937 About a foot of snow has fallen since Saturday night, and although it is melting rapidly at present (Monday), the weather does not appear to have definitely cleared up. Temperatures have been down well below freezing point, but to-day at midday the thermometer stood at 40 degrees.

The rainfall for the six months ending June 30 last, and 1392 points, as against 1796 points for the corresponding period of 1936. A total of 336 points was registered for June.

Messrs. O'Brien and Mitchell have cleaned out and timbered a large portion of the tunnel at the Sunny Corner mine, and are now in as far as the place where W. B. Wilkinson obtained a large quantity of ore in the war period. Owing to the crushed nature of the old workings, pushing a drive through the fallen stone and broken timber is a difficult task, necessitating skilled mining.

The great improvement effected to the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner- Palmers Oakey road by the relief workers appears to be bearing fruit already as Mr. T. Ferguson of Palmers Oakey, has purchased a new Oldsmobile lorry, and Mr. T. Scott, Dark Corner, has purchased a Chevrolet utility, both being obtained through Messrs. R. F. Lean and Sons Lithgow. Mr. Bruce McLeay, Palmers Oakey, has purchased an "A" model Ford sedan, Messrs. Aubin Bros., Bathurst, being the vendors.

Mrs. Harold Guihot was taken to Portland hospital by Lithgow ambulance last week suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. Latest reports show that her condition is improving.

Mr. Drysdale Scott became in inmate of the Bathurst hospital last week for the purpose of medical treatment.

The motor engine installed at Stevenson and partys lease at the Little Hill, West Mitchell, not being powerful enough, a portable steam engine has been obtained from Yetholme, and is now being installed. Gold-winning operations will be resumed there shortly. The fear of a water shortage hindering continuous work is now a thing of the past.

12-7-1937 Mr. Kelly, M.L.A., has received the following from the Director of Government Relief: — "Following upon your personal representations on behalf of Mr. F. C. Loudoun, of Sunny Corner, I desire to inform you that I have now made arrangements for all outstanding parcels of clothing to be despatched to the Tarana police for delivery to the men concerning as soon as possible".

16-7-1937 Before Mr. C. Pickup, P.M., at the Wallerawang police court on Tuesday afternoon, Alfred Gryer, of Sunny Corner on a charge of drunkenness at Tarana, was fined 5/-, or the rising of the court.

20-7-1937 Following the receipt of several complaints concerning the aliened supply of liquor at dances conducted at Sunny Comer of member of the Police force spent several days at that country centre disguised as a miner. It is reported that he purchased a bottle of beer at a place in Sunny Corner and it is also stated that a small quantity of liquor was also found on the premises. A case will come before the Bathurst Court at an early date in connection with the police officers investigations.

22-7-1937 Mr. Jack Theobald, of Palmers Oakey, displayed in Bathurst yesterday an interesting bush capture. It was an albino magpie, something of a rarity. The appearance of the bird in that district has caused some interest. It is without the orthodox black and white markings of either of the common varieties of magpie.
The back and head are entirely white, while there are light brown markings under the wings.
26-7-1937 Mr. E. Fitzgerald, formerly a resident of Sunny Corner, who joined the N.S.W. police force about 19 years ago, recently paid a holiday visit to "The Corner," staying with his brother, Mr. T. Fitzgerald, of West Mitchell. Stationed for several years in northern N.S.W., "Ted" is at present desk sergeant at Randwick police station. He still has a high regard for the health giving climatic conditions of his old home.
27-7-1937 The shire clerk (Mr. F. H. Rowe) said to-day that no reason had been given to the council for the men's refusal. It had been learned, however, that a meeting was held on Saturday, at which the unemployed at Portland had decided to hold out for continuous employment. It was not possible for the council to give fulltime work to all the unemployed who would be engaged on the road. It was proposed that the 23 from Portland should work for two weeks and then stand down for a similar period while about 50 men from Sunny Corner were engaged. The two groups were to work alternate shifts and return to their homes while off the Job.
6-8-1937 At Bathurst police court yesterday Thomas Fitzgerald, a storekeeper of Sunny Corner, was fined £30 on a charge of selling beer without a liquor licence. Fitzgerald pleaded guilty. Sergt. Thomas, who prosecuted, said that on July 16 Const. Yardy of Molong, acting on instructions, went over to Sunny Corner. "I went to Sunny Corner on July 17, at 10.15 p.m. and met the constable who had four bottles of beer, two of which he had purchased from the defendant in the afternoon, and the other two had been purchased at 9.30 p.m.," said the sergeant. "I then went with the constable to the vicinity of defendants store, and the constable made another purchase of one bottle of beer. I witnessed the transaction. A search of the premises was made, and three other bottles of beer were found, one in a corn sack."
Replying to Mr. Henlen, Sergt. Thomas agreed that from inquiries made Fitzgerald was a man of good character. He also agreed that Sunny Corner was about 25 miles from Bathurst, 10 miles from Portland, and about 16 miles from Wallerawang. He understood that about 50 people lived at Sunny Corner, which was an old mining township. Defendant conducted a small shop and also ran 50 or 100 sheep. Fitzgerald, it was further stated was a married man with three children. Mr. Henlen made a strong appeal to the magistrate to deal with the case as leniently as possible. Mr. Bromhead: I cannot see fit to accept your request, Mr. Henlen.
Defendant was fined £30, with witness expensed £1/8/6, and court costs 8/-, in default 64 days' hard labor. Lengthy time to pay was allowed.
18-8-1937 What was certainly a novelty in Sunny Corner turned out an unqualified success, when a kitchen tea and dance promoted by the Sunny Corner P. and C. Association was held in the local hall on Saturday night, prior to the approaching marriage of Miss Dorothy Strickland, of Sunny Corner, to Mr. George Sharp, of Meadow Flat.
There was a very large attendance, all the surrounding centres contributing their quota, while the popularity of the young couple was exemplified by the great variety of beautiful and useful presents received, bearing striking testimony to the good taste, as well as the generosity of the donors. Supper was supplied by the P. and C., and music was provided by Mr. Berry, of Bathurst, with his piano accordion, in the delightful manner for which he is noted. During the evening Mr. Fred. Loudoun, president of the P. and C., in a neat speech, made the presentation of the various articles to the young couple, eulogising Miss Stricklands services as a member of the association, and expressing regret on behalf of the P. and C. and the community generally that she should so soon be obliged to leave us, to reside in Portland. Mr. Sharp briefly responded, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the enthusiastic singing of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

On Saturday afternoon an Arbor Day was held, when trees were planted on the reserve, also along the Sunny Corner road, as far as the gate leading to the Church of England. The attendance was rather disappointing, but the work was carried Afternoon tea was served by the ladies.
It may be mentioned that, in cold districts, with rather long winters, tree-planting needs much consideration and, in this instance, the trees are far too thickly studded across the entrance to the public school gates, leaving access to the school ground rather difficult for ordinary traffic. We trust that the Shire Council, which has promised to attend to this matter shortly, will see that the right-of-way to the school gates will be made safe and lasting.
20-8-1937 Application for the lease of 2 acres of land at Sunny Corner has been made by W. V. Cooper, of Hill-street, Parkes. It is the applicants intention to prospect for gold.
23-7-1937 A foot of snow at Sunny Corner.
30-7-1937 Mr. John Charles Murray Quite a gloom was cast over the town and district on Saturday, when it became known that Mr. John Charles (Les) Murray, a well known and highly respected resident of Lidsdale, had passed away at the Lithgow hospital at 10 o'clock that morning. The late Mr. Murray was born at Sunny Corner 52 years ago, and was the only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Murray. He had resided at Lidsdale for the past seven years and prior to that spent 10 years at Newnes. Deceased was a popular member of the Blaxland Shire Councils maintenance staff for about 12 years. Nine months ago he was admitted to Lithgow hospital following a stroke. During the latter part of June he was transferred to St. Vincents Hospital, Sydney, where an operation to the head was successfully performed, Returning to Lithgow hospital, Mr, Murray made splendid progress and was looking forward to returning to his home, but on Friday morning an operation for appendicitis became necessary. Mr. Murray will be missed by a large circle of friends, who will unite in tendering sympathy to his widow in her irreparable loss. A full measure of sympathy will also be extended to Mrs. A. R. Small, of Enfield, deceaseds only surviving sister. The funeral, which was very largely attended Kandos, Portland, Lithgow, Sunny Corner, Bathurst, Tarana, Cullen Bullen, Wallcrawang and Lidsdale being represented, took place yesterday afternoon, when the

remains were interred in the Kirkconnell cemetery, Father Cusack, of Portland, officiating at the graveside. Among the many floral tributes were particularly beautiful ones from Blaxland Shire councillors and staff and Blaxland Shire employees.

23-8-1937 Friday night and Saturday saw the near-west in the grip of a blizzard, the intensity of which had never been experienced in August for at least 20 years. In most places the rain prevented the snow from laying on the ground to any depth, though the main Sydney road from Walang to beyond Meadow Flat was snowcovered to a depth ranging from six inches to a foot.

25-8-1937 Meadow Flat Trees (To the Editor) Sir, — It would seem that your special correspondent when reporting on the Arbor Day held here on Saturday, 14th inst., was either very badlv informed or misrepresented the facts. The Day was sponsored by the local P. and C. Association, the workirig-bees in connection with the preliminary work being attended by Messrs. A. J. Brown, G. Green, W. Mason, G. McManus and sons, W. Perrett, E. Parkes, T. Smith, G. Kearns, J. Nian, R. Greentree, Mac. Scott, T. Webb and F. Kervin.

The trees planted will definitely add to the beauty of an already picturesque spot, and were not planted in the indiscriminate jumble suggested by your writer. Is he so lacking in an appreciation of beauty that he cannot appreciate the splendour of an avenue of catalpa trees which lead to the school?. These are planted in a line parallel to the school fence 20 yards distant and 10 yards apart. It is a puerile suggestion that trees planted at this distance from any entrance or property could form the quagmire suggested.

The trees and guards were supplied by the Blaxland Shire Council, whose generous attitude is fully appreciated by all residents whose civic pride and appreciation of beauty is not entirely lacking. — Yours, etc., MEADOW- FLAT P. & C. ASSN., Per W. R. McCarron.

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30-8-1937 MEADOW FLAT TREES (To the Editor) Sir, — My attention has been drawn to a "Mercury" report sent in by your Meadow Flat correspondent concerning the Arbor Day function held here. In this he very kindly gives me credit which I do not desire; mine was only a minor part of the proceedings, compared with that of Mr. G. Green and Mr. W. McCarron, who originated the tree-planting scheme here and who have worked, not hours, but several days, assisted by other willing hands, to have every thing in readiness. The report mentions that trees were planted on the reserve, and as we have a water reserve and camping reserve nearby, I would like to point out, to save confusion, that the trees were planted eight feet from the boundary of the military reserve. Being chairman of trustees for the military reserve, it fell to my lot to welcome our visitors and at the same time publicly thank those who so willingly assisted in sinking holes in readiness to plant the trees; also in erecting the guards to protect them, and a right good job they made of them. I also thanked the Blaxland Shire for providing the trees and allowing us the cost of the material required for the guards, some 35 to 40, but the erection of same was quite voluntary. At the conclusion of my remarks I said I regretted the work had been left to so few, when every resident, young and old, should have been represented. It appeared to me that so many seemed to overlook the duty and gratitude we all owe to those whose names appeared on our soldiers monument and their comrades, so many of whom having paid the supreme sacrifice and to whom we to-day owe our freedom and the privileges we enjoy.

Your correspondents report has a "sting in the tail," because at the end it states that the trees are "studded" across the entrance to the public school gates, leaving access difficult, etc. This is absolute rubbish. If studded means 30ft. apart, well, your correspondent is right; but any car driver who cannot negotiate the gateway as the trees are should be reported to the Transport Department, and enquiries made as to the cancellation of his or her drivers licence.

Now, sir, seeing that our Arbor Day was held on August 14th, and the "Mercury" was printed on the 18th (Sunday intervened), your correspondent lost no time in interviewing the Shire Council, who, the report states, has promised to attend to the matter complained of, and will see that the right-of-way is made safe and lasting, whatever this may mean. Personally, I think it is a flight of imagination on your correspondents part, as the trees were planted in co-operation with the Shire Council. The report is amusing, but at the same time irritating to most who are ever ready to give their time to improve and beautify (while others look on) what is already a pretty and sacred spot. Perhaps the following will enlighten your correspondent and the members of the Shire Council and save further trouble: — Morell street originally came through to the Sydney-road; the land east of Morell-street was all a water reserve; TheCrown closed part of Morell-street (vide "Government Gazette," 31/5/1918) and part of the water reserve, and the two portions together now constitute a Government reserve for a monument. The survey of same for the Crown was made for the Crown by Surveyor Sloman, immediately after the erection of the obelisk.

The care, control and management is vested in five trustees. No shire, or whatever shire now includes this area, has any say in the area whatever.' The "Government Gazette' notice of the closing of that part of Morell-strcct can be seen, so that the matter is "watertight." Morcll-street finishes as a "dead end" against the northern boundary of the soldiers monument reserve.

I regret to say that your correspondents report has caused a heap of discussion amongst a community who have always co-operated in every good work brought forward in this little centre. Our beautiful monument is an example, of which wc are proud, being unique in that it is not only a memorial to our soldiers who enlisted, but it marks the camping place of the Gilgandra "Coo-ees," led by Capt. Hitchins, on their route march (the first in Australia) to Sydney, which honor I doubt if any other monument can claim. Carping, senseless criticism and in correct statements get us nowhere: far better for us all to put our shoulders to the wheel and help push the "old coach" along. I'm thinking it will want all the pushing we can do in the days not far distant. —Yours, etc., ARTHUR J. BROWN.

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2-9-1937 Arbor Day was celebrated at the Sunny Corner School last Saturday, when there was a good rollup of parents and citizens. Five deciduous trees, including two poplars and an English oak, were planted, but some shrubs ordered by the local P. and C. Association, failed to arrive in time. The children were saved disappointment in this direction by Mr. and Mrs. T. Hutchinson donating a number of New Zealand box trees, which were duly planted.

3-9-1937 (To the Editor) Sir, — I notice in the "Mercury" that Mr. A. J. Brown takes exception to your correspondent's report of the Arbor Day proceedings, which he asserts has caused quite a buzz in the community, while he has also discovered that there is a sting in the tail. Perhaps so, but I will endeavour to show a little "tale" just where the sting was located.

I am sorry my report should have made Mr. Brown to appear so important on this occasion, and he seeks to rectify this by sharing the limelight with Mr. Green and the teacher (Mr. McCarron). Very gracious indeed !. Those who attended the tree planting ceremony expected a happy time and, to give things a start, Mr. Brown (who was chief spokesman) made a few remarks, welcomed some of our visitors and then proceeded to continent on the work done. This, after all, only consisted of the digging of holes for the trees and shrubs and fixing the guards, which were financed by the Shire Council.

Just here, Mr. Brown took occasion to complain that many of the young men were disappointing, in that they did not take a part. He thus belittled these young fellows publicly, although during the last few years they have done splendid work and given voluntary service to the adjoining school grounds and reserve alike, while Mr. Brown saw to the flag waving. Thus, if there is any sting in this proceeding, is it to be wondered at ? This is Mr. Brown's way of inviting the young men to put their shoulders to the wheel.' Nice little caress, don't you think ?

Now with regard to the military reserve, "quite a new thing for Meadow Flat," but at what cost ! Mr. Brown would infer that the obelisk which stands on the reserve does not come in for the adoration worthy of it, or does he think or want people to think that all the heroes and gladiators on earth were born or lived in Meadow Flat? No ! One and all are quite respectful and fully recognise all that the obelisk stands for, but even then why was it necessary to commandeer all or a big portion of the camping reserve that the public scarcely realises has been mapped out for a military reserve. Those who care to see the map at the Lands Office will notice that the major portion of the whole reserve is marked off and included in the military reserve. That; we are told, is controlled locally by two trustees, Mr. A. J. Brown and Mr. G. Green, who were appointed some 18 years ago. Some people would like to know when was a public meeting called to consider this new departure, and who appointed the trustees and vested them with authority. I would like to ask why it was necessary to have the street closed, seeing that there were, acres of ground that could have accommodated the obelisk. This street would have left the children a safety lane, instead of having to face the dangers of motor traffic. But Mr. Brown declares the military reserve, including the street just mentioned, is reserved for all time, and defies all the powers that are to alter it.

So, if so at this stage, what your correspondent and many other parents would like to see is that a safe and lasting entrance to the school should be restored to them, and it will be interesting to see the area measured out indicating the boundary of the military reserve. Mr. Brown and Mr. Green were deputed to interview the cngineer of the Shire Council and have the road repaired to the cemetery and the recreation ground, which crosses the reserve, but the Council, assuming that Morell-street was available, started to improve it by putting in pipes and filling. These gentlemen, I understand, caused the work to stop suddenly and the Council, having no legal road to improve other than this, left the job, and we are left without any repairs except a couple of loads of gravel that were put down by a local resident. I must say that the Shire Council has done some splendid work along this route recently, and we look to them for further help in this matter.

—Yours, etc...C. H. SCOTT. Pres. P; and C. Association.

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10-9-1937 (To the Editor) Sir,— You will, I hope, also your readers, pardon me if I reply to a letter appearing in the "Mercury" of September 3, subscribed by a Mr. C. H. Scott, who signs himself president of the; P. and C. Association and incidentally, reveals his identity as the "Mercury" correspondent. Great Scott ! . I have from time to time read articles presumably contributed by this Mr. Scott, which have proved interesting; his "If you want trees to grow; put the roots in the ground", and his dirrjtation on pea-growing, "Never sell your peas till you grow them," are excellent ! Again, his history of snakes, where he sums up, "Snakes are more numerous in the summer here than in the winter," is very interesting and educational for young children. It occurred to me one never knows the literary ability that is often hidden under an umbrella ! Your correspondent is still apparently concerned about some facts I gave him in a letter some days ago. I trust they are "sinking in." He states that I "belittled" some boys. Nothing was furthgr from my mind, but I had to speak plainly, and boys prefer that to a correspondent who is apparently ashamed of his name. I am not, as your readers know.

Now to this crime I am accused of, "flag-flying," I pleade guilty, as I flew the Union Jack and Australian flags on Arbor Day, Mr. G. McManus finding the two very fine poles, while Mr. Tom Webb, Mr. W. McCarron and I erected them and hoisted the flags. We were complimented during the day by several residents, who remarked, "They looked fine." I do take exception to this gibe, in as much that a man who holds the position of Justice of the Peace, as he says, president of the P. and C. Association, as well as accepting a position at our Federal and State election booths, should not try to belittle the grand old flag under which we live and claim protection.

Your correspondent in his letter stated that a "local resident" drew two loads, of gravel to a causeway on the non-shire road within the village, and that resident was really Mr. C. H. Scott himself. Was he ashamed of it or why mention it ?

The story of the "tails and tales" was funny perhaps, but we haven't reached the point yet. He says, too, that he doesn't remember a public meeting being called (18 years ago) to elect Mr. Green and me, with three others, as trustees for the reserve. Possibly he doesn't, knowing the correspondent as I do, I wouldn't think so either.

The members of the P. and C. Association, I understand, are preparing a welcome at their next meeting after the holidays. It always proves a happy and enjoyable time. — Yours, ARTHUR. J. BROWN:

13-9-1937 Mr. William Stait, who died in Lithgow hospital at an early hour to day at the age of 64, saw the rise and decline of Sunny Corner as a mining centre.

He was born on the old field, and lived there practically all his life. As a young man he carted timber for firing the furnaces when the smelters were in operation. When the lime and cement industry opened at Portland, he worked in the quarry for some time, but 32 years ago he obtained a position at Invincible colliery Cullen Bullen, and had worked there ever since.
Mr. Stait was taken ill about a week ago and entered the hospital, where an operation was performed on Friday. He was exceptionally popular throughout the district. Two daughters and four sons survive, Mrs. Stait having, died about two years ago. Members of the family are Mrs. P. Woolitch (Sunny Corner) and Mrs. R. Walsh (Portland), and Messrs. Harold, Leslie, Keith and Raymond Stait, of Sunny Corner.
The funeral has been arranged for tomorrow afternoon, interment to be made in the Church of England portion of Meadow Flat cemetery.

29-9-1937 Mrs. F. Schmidt, of Sunny Corner, was admitted to St. Vincents Hospital, Bathurst, on Sunday for medical treatment.

1-10-1937 THE Governor-in-Council has approved of the undermentioned persons being appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the State of New South Wales, viz.:—

Attuell, Elsie Violet Margarett, Sunny Corner. Loudoun, Frederick Charles, Sunny Corner.

13-10-1937 Two old Sunny Corner families were united on Saturday afternoon at the West Mitchell church, when Rita, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Harold Guihot, was married to Dudley C. Macleay, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Macleay. The Rev.Douglas, Presbyterian minister of Portland, performed the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her uncle (Mr. W. Grabham), looked charming in a floral voile frock with large white hat, gloves and shoes to tone. Her sister (Miss Elma Guihot) was bridesmaid and wore a pink satin frock, hat, gloves and shoes to match. Mr. Bruce Macleay (brother of the bridegroom) was best man. The bouquets, of lavender stock and ferns, were the gift of Mrs. W. Grabham.
After the ceremony, an adjournment was made to the brides mothers home, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of. The couples home will be at Sunny Corner.
On Saturday night a gift dance was held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Macleay. Many pretty and useful gifts were, received. An enjoyable evening was spent in dancing.

Mrs. F. Guihot senr, is spending a few weeks holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Stan Guihot.

Shearing is in progress in the district, and many loads of wool are seen daily on their way to the railway.

14-10-1937 The Under Secretary for Justice announces that the fine of £30 imposed on Thomas Fitzgerald at the Bathurst Police Court on August 5 for having sold liquor without a licence at Sunny Corner has been reduced to £15.

20-10-1937 The gold production in the Lithgow division was estimated at 71oz., of which 16oz. were obtained from alluvial sources. L. O. Wilkinson cyanided 326 tons of slimes from the old Paddy Lackey for a recovery of 51oz. At Sunny Corner S. Kissell and J. Garrard won 31oz. of gold from 20 tons of ore, but the tailings were said to assay 61dwts. per ton.

21-10-1937 Mrs. J. Fitzgerald went to Sydney at the week-end to visit her daughter, who is a member of the Little Company of Mary at the Lewisham Hospital. While in Sydney Mrs. Fitzgerald also had the pleasure of being present at a Sunny Corner reunion, where she renewed many old friendship.

25-10-1937 The death took place at his residence, Kiln street, Portland, on Friday night, of Mr. Alfred Sparks, a member of a pioneering family of the district, at the age of 72. .
Mr. Sparks, who had not been in the best of health for some years, was a native of Sunny Corner, and had lived in the district all his life. He took an active part in the life of the old mining field in its heyday, and witnessed its decline. As a young man he carted quartz to the batteries at "the Corner," and from this occupation it is believed that dust on the lungs from this occupation was the ultimate cause of death. Mr. Sparks followed farming pursuits for some time, until about 12 years ago, when he took up residence in Portland. He conducted a greengrocery business for a period, but for two or three years had lived privately.
Taking an active part in many movements for the welfare of the district, Mr. Sparks was a trustee of the Sunny Corner School of Arts Hall, was a member of the Sunny Corner Race Club and a foundation member of the Silver Star Lodge, M.U.I.O.O.F., at Sunny Corner. He was well known and highly respected. Mrs. Sparks three daughters and two sons survive. Members of the family are Mrs. E. Grabham (Peel), Mrs J. Costello, Mrs. Lennox (Sydney), Mr. Alfred Sparks (Sunny Corner) and Mr. H. Sparks (Sydney). Mrs. J. McCulla, of Portland, is a sister, and Mr. Thomas Sparks (Hartley), William Sparks (Portland) and James Sparks (Kandos) brothers.

27-10-1937 The dance held on the 16th at the Sunny Corner Hall was very well attended in spite of the inclement weather. After supper was served, a beautiful cake was cut by Mr. Alfred Scott, in honor of his 21st birthday, all present receiving a piece.

Miss Attuell, our popular post mistress, is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday in Sydney.

At the euchre party held at the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday night, Mrs. R. Cresswell and Mrs. F. Loudoun were the lucky winners.

2-11-1937 FOR SALE. 4 good springers and 1 with calf at foot. All in their prime. Suit dairy. A. Sparks, Sunny Corner.

5-11-1937 Mr. William James Stait, who died at his residence Park-street, Portland, at a very early hour to-day, had lived at that centre for the past 35 years, and, was exceptionally popular and well respected. He was 63 years of age. In his youth he was an excellent horseman, and competed at many country race meetings. It is stated that his mount won the only cup offered for a turf event at Sunny Corner. A lover of horses, he was never happy unless he was in some way associated with them. For years his father and he drew supplies of coke and wood for the furnaces at Sunny Corner by means of teams. Later he went to Portland, and was one of the first men to be engaged at the C.P.C. Company's works when excavations for the buildings were being made. Employment in the Ivanhoe, Invincible and Tylaesley collieries followed, but he was obliged

to leave this type of work. He then took up a carrying business at Portland. Unable to work for 15 months, he was confined to his bed for the past 10 months. The late Mr. Stait was born near Parkes, and went to Sunny Corner with his parents when a lad. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maudie Stait, and two sons and a daughter, Mr. William Stait and Mr. Archibald Stait, and Mrs. Vera Davis, of Portland.

10-11-1937 Mr. T. Hutchinson has had some encouraging assays from stone from Dunns Reef, at Dark Corner. One, from iron stained quartz, was 9 dwts. 5grs. gold, and another sample of quartz assayed 3ozs. 3dwts 9grs.

15-11-1937 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16, 1930.

Just a sweet memory of bygone days,
And a wish, for a face unseen,
With a constant feeling that God alone,
Knows best what might have been.

Never forgotten by his loving wife, Eleanor A. Smith, and family, Jack, Harold, George, Alf. and Mary; also daughters-in-law and grand-children.

17-11-1937 The passing of Mr. J. Case, of Mt. Lambie, removes one of the oldest and best-known figures along the Sydney- Bathurst road. While taking an interest always in his farm work he was better known as a carrier and contractor for 60 years or more.

Those who knew him best agree that he was never more happy than when engaged in a job that might appear impossible to many in general, he made light of difficulties. This pioneering spirit was evident at the end. Regardless of hours or industrial rules, Jack Case plodded along till the Job was finished and worried little about praise and criticism. Scores of early sporting motorists who very often came to a full stop on Thorpe's Pinch avoided a prolonged freeze by the ready assistance given by Mr. Case, who always had a staunch horse which soon brought the car to the top, with many thanks to the driver's benefactor. Interment was made at the Mt. Lambie cemetery on Friday afternoon and was largely attended.

25-11-1937 Mr. Frederick Charles Loudon, of Sunny Corner, was sworn in at Tuesday's Bathurst District Court as a Justice of the Peace by Mr. Acting Justice McGhie.

1-12-1937 Exam for entrance to Lithgow Inter. High School, Herbert Guihot (Sunny Corner).

2-12-1937 Portland lost a family of sterling worth when Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fitzgerald left, the district on Saturday, after 10 years' residence here. Mr. Fitzgerald came from Sunny Corner, and conducted a butchery business here until a few weeks ago. They have gone to reside at Bathurst.

9-12-1937 Sunny Corner defeated Grand United by 12 runs in the match at Sunny Corner on Sunday. D. McLeay batted best for "The Corner," knocking up 51, while able support was given bv R. Nicholls (31), L. Grabham (29) and J. Grabham (21). Nicholls gave good service with the ball also, bagging seven for 24, while others to bowl well were O. Stait (3-9) and D. Grabham (2-5).

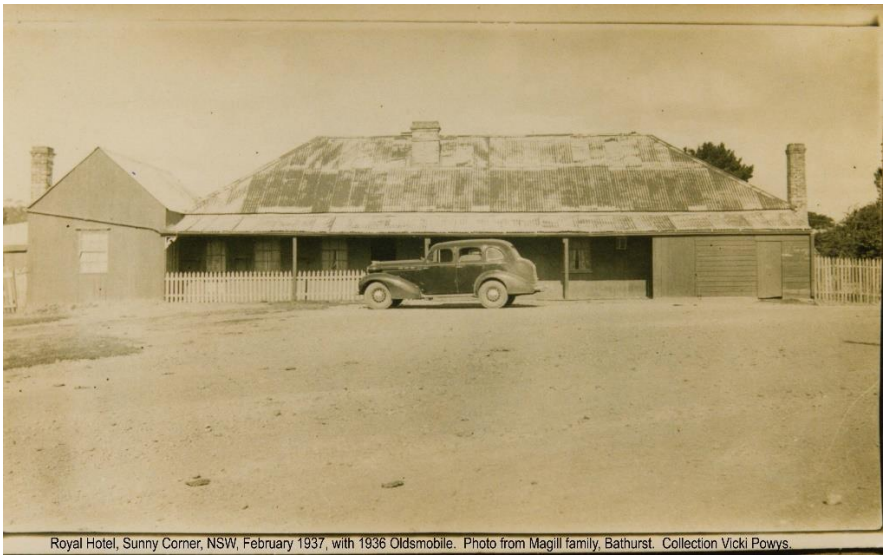
16-12-1937 The death took place suddenly at his home, Villiers-street, Portland, on Tuesday night of Mr. George John Sharp, one of the best-known residents of the town, at the age of 42.

The late Mr. Sharp saw active service with the 2nd Light Horse Brigade, A.I.F., in Egypt and Palestine, but returned a sufferer from malaria.

Later he developed serious complications, with the result that he had been unable to follow his usual occupation for the past two years. For the past two months he had been confined to his room, but showed a marked improvement during the past few days, and enjoyed a good meal on Tuesday evening. An hour later he had a haemorrhage attack, and passed away within five minutes. He was a native of Meadow Flat and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the district. He had lived in the area all his life, and on his return from the war joined Mr. Harry Doble in the firm of Sharp and Doble, general carriers, later taking full control which he held till the time of his death.

Of a quiet disposition, he was highly respected. He was a man whose word was his bond, and he gave support to every movement for the welfare of the town and district. In his quiet way he performed many acts of kindness, never seeking any reward or publicity. He was a member of the Druids' Order and also of the R.S.S.I.L.A.

He has left a widow and two step children, Mollie and Edward Burke, and was the second son of Mrs. Sharp, of Macauley-street, Lithgow, and the late John Sharp. Mrs. D. Smith (Dooralong, near Wyong) and Miss Rugby Sharp (Wellington) are sisters, and Messrs. Frank (Lithgow) and Roy (Young) brothers. The funeral is to take place this afternoon, interment to be made in the Church of England portion of Portland cemetery



Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, NSW, February 1937, with 1936 Oldsmobile. Photo from Magill family, Bathurst. Collection Vicki Powys.

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4-1-1938 Lithgow police this morning received information that a valuable set of battery plates had been stolen at the week end from the battery at Sunny Corner. Detective Const. Wells, of Bathurst, has the matter in hand.

7-1-1938 The death occurred at her residence, Meadow Flat, last night of Mrs. Alice Sharp (62), an old and respected resident of the district. She was particularly well known, and her charitable nature endeared her to all. Her husband, Mr. Charles Sharp, died about seven years ago. She was a member of the Hampton family, well known throughout the district. A grown-up family of 11 daughters and four sons survive, and to them the sympathy of numerous district friends will be extended. Members of the family are Annie (Lithgow), Alice, Ivy, Harriett (Sydney), Eliza, Kathleen (Portland), Edie (Pt. Kembla), Ellen (Sunny Corner), Vera, Mabel, Elaine (Meadow Flat), Charles, George (Portland), Harry and Tom (Meadow Flat).The funeral is to take place tomorrow afternoon, interment to be made in the Methodist portion of Meadow Flat cemetery.

10-1-1938 As usual at Xmas time, many visitors came to Sunny Corner during the holidays, Mr. Oscar Thomass camp itself being of larger dimensions than usual. With his family, relatives and friends, 40 people partook of Xmas dinner at that camp alone, while several other parties spent the holidays in the locality.

Several of the visitors were from Queensland, among them being Mr. Bert Thomas, from Townsville, who was renewing acquaintance with the scenes of his boyhood after an absence of 18 years. Naturally he found the place considerably less populous than when he left it, but many reminiscences of his youth were prompted by his return to the locality. A proud memory was the taking of a dray load of potatoes from Sunny Corner to Hill End, when that place was booming, and getting £6 a ton for them, when the local price was only £3

13-1-1938 FOR SALE. — A small Farm at Sunny Corner. For further particulars apply A. R. Sparks, Sunny Corner.

20-1-1938 LOST, from McDonalds paddock, Sunny Corner, 1 red stag, branded "W" and an arrow. £1 reward. Lou Kremer, Portland.

10-2-1938 Mr. Chas. Scott, of Meadow Flat, has been appointed circuit steward of Portland Methodist church.

17-2-1938 Mr. W. R. Cresswell, teacher in charge of Sunny Corner public school, is among those whom the Education Department announces have been promoted by examination from Class 3A to 2B.

21-2-1938 The dance held in Sunny Corner Hall, to raise funds to run a big dance for the Bathurst ambulance proved very successful and all hope to enjoy a good evening on March 11.

Miss Attuell, our local postmistress, was sworn in as a J.P. at the last Bathurst Quarter Sessions. This will be a great convenience to the residents, as Miss Attuell resides in such a central position.

Miss Fay Currier, of Kensington, who has been holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson, returned this week from an enjoyable holiday spent in Sydney.

Mrs. Jackaman, of Perth, W.A., and her two daughters, have been spending a short holiday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Strickland. Mrs. Strickland is a sister of Mrs. Jackaman, and it is some 20 years since they last saw each other.

Miss Attuel and her aunt, Mrs. A. R. Small, of Enfield, Sydney, journeyed to Newcastle at the weekend to be present at the closing ceremonies of the Euchartistic Congress.

Messrs. L. O. and C. Wilkinson are at present on a visit to Barmedman.

Blackberry pickers are plentiful in the district at present, reaping a bountiful harvest of luscious berries.

25-2-1938 Common made a profit of 45 pounds for 1937.

28-2-1938 Mrs. Anna Maria Eslick, who died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. L. Dobbie, "Hilton Park," Mt. Lambie, early this morning, was one of the oldest residents of the district. Had she lived she would have celebrated her 84th birthday two months hence. The late Mrs. Eslick had lived at Mt. Lambie for 53 years, and was loved and respected, by all who knew her. She had a delightful disposition, and was ever a help to those in need. Born at Callingtori, Cornwall, she came to Australia with her husband, the late Samuel Eslick, a fine type of pioneer, in 1878. Mr. Eslick followed railway construction work on the northern line, and later with his wife moved to the Mitchells Creek (Sunny Corner) goldfield; subsequently, they settled at Mount Lambie, where for more than a half century they enjoyed the esteem, of everyone in the district. Two sons and three daughters survive, and to them will be extended deepest sympathy. Members of the family are Mr. Samuel Eslick

(Belford), Mr. Stanley Eslick (Portland), Mrs. Elisabeth Pike (Cockle Creek), Mrs. Caroline Taylor (Portland) and Mrs. Kate Dobbie (Mt. Lambie). The funeral has been set down for tomorrow afternoon, interment to take place in the general cemetery, Mt. Lambie.

2-3-1938 Teacher Mr. W. Jones, Hartley to Meadow Flat;

16-3-1938 Mrs. T. G. Scott, of Dark Corner, an inmate of the Bathurst District hospital for a fortnight, has returned home again.

A nasty gash on the leg was suffered by Mr. Jack Strickland whilst engaged in ringbarking, the axe slipped and two stitches were inserted in the wound inflicted.

Little Ted. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin, of Dark Corner, had a lucky escape from serious injury when he was pushed against a fence by a cow. After being conveyed to hospital by the Bathurst ambulance, an examination revealed that though badly bruised, no bones were broken.

A successful dance and euchre party in aid of the Bathurst ambulance, was held in the local hall last Saturday night by the "Fourex" Club. Supt. Scott, representing the ambulance was handed the proceeds.

30-3-1938 As an instance of what can be produced per acre a small patch of one eighth of an acre at Mr. J. Martins, Dark Corner, yielded 40 bushels of peas for sale, besides several bushels for household use, with some still remaining on the vines. This plot was planted the first week in, January, and received only one storm after planting. A yield of over 320 bushels per acre would take beating. Some very promising looking potato crops are also to be seen at Dark Corner, on the properties of Messrs. J. Martin and T. Scott.

6-4-1938 Mr. C. A. Kelly, M.L.A., is in receipt of the following communication from the Chief Secretarys Department:- “With further reference to your representations on behalf of Mr. W. Rae Creswell, Public School, Sunny Corner, regarding the public hall at that place, I am, directed by the Premier to inform you that this matter was taken up with the Chief Secretarys Department, which administers the Theatres and Public Halls Act. Advice has however now been received to the effect that the department has no funds from which a grant could be made for repairs to the hall.”

12-4-1938 At a meeting on Saturday night, Miss M. Wilkinson was elected president of the P. and C. Association, in the place of Mr. F. Loudoun, resigned.

At a meeting of the Sunny Corner Commoners, Mr. T. Fitzgerald was elected a trustee of the Common, in place of Mr. Loudoun, resigned.

29-4-1938 Mr. Thomas Augustus Sparks, who died at his residence at Hartley at an early hour this morning was one of the best-known figures in the Lithgow-Portland district, and had won the esteem and respect of all.

He was born at Sunny Corner 78 years ago, and as a young man conducted a butchery business and also a sawmilling plant at that centre. In the "boom” days of Newnes he was, a well-known figure for more than 30 years, being a successful contractor supplying timber to the mines. Later for some years, he managed "Cranbrook" orchard, Little Hartley, retiring from active work 14 years ago. The late Mr Sparks married Miss Alice Catherine Mara, a well known resident of Kirkconnell in 1886, who predeceased him by six years. He was a foundation member of the Silver Star (Sunny Corner) branch of the Manchester Unity, and was the second eldest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sparks. Though of a retiring disposition, he was always to the fore in matters concerning the progress of the district and in the work of .the Catholic Church. It may be mentioned that the late Mr. Sparks was a subscriber to the "Mercury" for more than 50 years. Even when he became ill less than a week ago, he looked for the paper, and as late as last evening a son read the contents to him.

Four sons and six daughters survive, and to them and the other relatives will be extended the deepest sympathy of the community in the loss of a worthy relative. Members of the family are Messrs. Gus (Cowra), John (South Bowenfels). Edmund (Picton) and Joseph Sparks (Sydney), Mrs. Josephine Broomfield (Wellington), Mrs. Stella Keelty (Lithgow), Mrs. Marjorie Hucker (Cardiff), Mrs. Vera Pepper (Grenfell), Mrs. Alice Clara (Hartley) and Miss Kathleen Sparks (Sydney).

6-5-1938 The possibility of the recommencement of operations at Sunny Corner for the purpose of extracting silver, lead, zinc and copper, was revealed by an application for authority to enter heard by the Mining Warden (Mr, F. A. Hynes) this morning. The application, was made in the name of Keith Johnson Dickinson, surveyor of Zinc Corporation, Broken Hill, in respect to an area in the Parish of Castleton at Sunny Corner, where it is proposed by geological examination and by drilling to conduct tests. Dickinson stated that he had been co-relating the geological history of the field for the past few weeks, and when further examination was made, and if such examination was satisfactory, drilling of bores would commence. The application was granted.

Sir: Consideration has been given to your personal representations regardlng the erection of a teachers residence at the Kirkconnell Public School on behalf of the Kirkconnell Parents and Citizens Association, the secretary of which is Mr. T. Porter, Yetholme. By direction of the Honorable D. H. Drummontf, M.L.A., Minister for Education, I desire to in form you that it is regretted that the issue cannot be favorably decided at the present juncture. The claims of Kirkconnell will be reviewed when a number of others of prior urgency have been implemented. Yours etc. G. R. THOMAS, Director of Education.

13-5-1938 The P. and C. Association held an enjoyable dance on Saturday night, in the Sunny Corner hall. Mr. Bert Berry, of Bathurst, supplied good music, which was fully appreciated by the merry throng of dancers. Opportunity was taken to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. F. Loudoun, who are shortly leaving this district for Sydney.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. Scott, of Meadow Flat on the death of Mrs. Scotts mother, Mrs. Nichols at Sofala on May 6. The late Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were old residents of this district. Mrs. Nichols at one time teaching at Dark Corner School.

20-5-1938 Common Trustee.Thomas Fitzgerald, Esquire (in the place of Mr. F. C. Loudoun resigned).

25-5-1938 Mr. H. Pritchard spent a few days in Portland hospital last week with a throat affection.

Mr. F. Symond, jun, accidentally cut his ankle with a saw and the wound turned septic. He is at plesent in the Portland hospital.

Mr, S. Ravenscroft had an unpleasant experience when while carting a load of wood, his horse took fright at the road grader and backed down a bank, breaking the cart shafts. Fortunately Mr. Ravenscroft missed being seriously injured.

Mrs. J Passeri had a nasty fall from her bicycle riding to Portland on Saturday last.

The local P. and C. Association, at its meeting on Saturday night, decided on continuing the usual monthly dances, the next being on June 4.

8-6-1938 At a meeting of the Sunny Corner Common trustees last Saturday night it was decided to expend some of the money in hand in destroying blackberries on the Common.

29-6-1938 A successful dance was held in the Sunny Corner Hall last Saturday night, under the auspices of the Fourex Club in aid of the finances of the Dark Corner Tennis Club.

Music was supplied by Mr. Bert Berry, of Bathurst, with extras by Mrs. R. Ravenscrof Sunny Corner, and Mrs. J, Shumack, Dark Corner. All surrounding districts were well represented, and a very pleasant evening was spent, while a satisfactory profit is assured.

Mr. J. Stait, after a short spell of illness, has again returned to his farm at Sunny Corner, considerably improved in health.

1-7-1938 A Sunny Corner report is critical of the Forestry Department's policy in regard to the large forestry area it holds in that district. A correspondent states:— "Instead of talking grandiloquently of planting 2,000 acres of pinus insignis, and then doing nothing, if the department had planted any sort of quick-growing trees suitable for mine props when (a great many years ago) it acquired this large tract of country the chance of obtaining a substantial revenue from timber would be much nearer than at present." He adds that the department's holding is simply being let for grass rights. Enormous quantities of props and pit timber are taken each year by western collieries, particularly those in the Lithgow area. It is a definite industry, and the number of timber-cutters and carters is increasing each year.

Lorry loads of props are a daily sight in Lithgow, as many as eight loads a day going to the various mines. Carriers who are prominentin the work are the four Corneys, George (Cullen Bullen), Les (Lithgow), Era (Hartley Vale) and Bob (Lidsdale), the Henry Bros. (Lithgow), Mr. Henry Allan (Lithgow), Mr. McDonald (Portland) and Mr. Peters (Meadow Flat).

Cutters find their raw material in all parts of the district— Hampton, Ben Bullen, Capertee and Wolgan Valleys, and Mt. Victoria Pass and Jenolan Caves. The longest haul is probably from Running Stream. Men camp on the job, and as the erection of a power-saw or the transport of the timber to a sawmill would be uneconomical, a cross-cut saw is used for finishing off the props. The timber must conform to a set standard, and it is cut into various lengths. The size most popular in the west is from 5ft. to 7ft., although some props are 10 and 12ft. long; bars 14 and 15ft. in length are called for occasionally. Lids which are used as a chock on top of the props, are also supplied. Most of the local gums are used, but a variety known as brittle gum is not accepted. Stringybark is very popular for heavy work, though it is somewhat scarce. It is a hard life for the timber getters these wintry days, but they like the work, and there is no doubting its health giving qualities.

Mr. J. S. McCarthy, of Park street, Portland, was cutting pit timber, under contract to Mr. Egan, about five miles from Sunny Corner this morning when the limb of a tree he had felled rebounded as he was cutting it. He was pinned against the stump, both bones in his left leg being broken. Two companions made him comfortable and lit a fire, and Lithgow ambulance was called. McCarthy was admitted to Portland hospital.

6-7-1938 Motorists have obtained some unpleasant experiences lately on the road between Sunny Corner and Kirkconnell, where some new culverts are being installed. It is reported that several cars have been bogged so securely that they have had to be towed out

Mr. Rex Cliff, of Blackheath, was the victim of a painful accident at Sunny Corner on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Cliff and a party of friends, while driving in a utility truck past Mr. L. O. Wilkinsons place; noticed that a piece of paper which had blown under the lorry had caught fire from the exhaust pipe. While pulling it out as quickly as possible as the lorry was on the verge of catching fire, Mr. Cliff had one hand badly burned.

12-7-1938 At Wallerawang police court yesterday, before Mr. C. Pickup, P.M., John Hemsworth of Sunny Corner, was bound in the sum of £26 to be of good behaviour for 12 months on a charge of false pretences in connection with food relief. He pleaded guilty.

It was stated that defendant applied to Const. C. S. Menzies, of Tarana, for a food relief order for 45/-, when he was not entitled to it.

15-7-1938 Popular mailman, Mr. Jim Attuel is at present relieving his brother on the Bathurst-Caves route. Mr, C. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner is doing the Bathurst-Rydal trip.

22-7-1938 Mrs. Selina. Lean, who died at her residence, Hassans Walls-road, early yesterday afternoon, was a well known resident of the Lithgow district, where she had lived all her life. She was born at Mitchells Creek 72 years ago and spent her girlhood there. As a young woman she joined the education service, and was a schoolteacher in the Forbes district for several years. Finally she resigned to marry, and lived at Mitchells Creek (now Sunny Corner), where with her husband, Mr, R. F. Lean, she reared a family, of three sons. Her interest in church and charity work was wide, and she was always a dependable friend in troublous times. She and her husband were devotedly attached to each other, and it is a sad circumstance that had she survived till the end of the year they would have celebrated their golden wedding. The deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cook of Mitchells Creek, of whose family only one son Mr. Frank Cook, of Gladesville survives, other members were the late Charles and John Cook and Mrs. Jane Marshall.

The husband and the sons Messrs Bert, Alf, and Eric Lean, of Lithgow have been the recipients of many condolences. Unfortunately Mr. Lean, senr. who is ill, is still in a somewhat critical state. After a short service in the Baptist Church this morning the cortege proceeded to Rookwood crematorium.

25-7-1938 If investigations which the Zinc Corporation, Broken: Hill, is carrying out at Sunny Corner prove satisfactory, developmental work on a big scale is likely. It has the rights to 600 acres in the area.

Boring began on the field today. The Corporations surveyors and field staff have been in the Sunny Corner area for the best part of 12 months, and much preliminary work has been carried out. A party connected with the boring organisation arrived on the site on Friday, and a first bore is to be put down, it is believed at an angle of 48 degrees, It is stated that the Corporation is interested mostly in the silver content of the ore to be prospected.

The Corporation is an immensely powerful group, and if the field is proved to be of value, there is no doubt that it will place its vast resources behind the project. The next few months will tell whether Sunny Corner will "go" again.

The boring is being carried put in the region of the Sunny Corner mine by Boyle Bros., of Broken Hill. Actually it is a Vancouver (Canada) firm. As only technicians are needed it is unlikely for the time being that much local labor will be employed.

27-7-1938 District orchardists are perturbed by the prevalence of the Mediterranean fruit fly in the apple and pear crop. This pest, though plentiful for many years in the citrus growing districts around Sydney, has not been known to attack apples up this way.

29-7-1938 Entering his grain shed recently, Mr. G. Kearns came upon a bird or animal of very strange appearance, probably of the owl species. The covering so resembles bristles or fur that it needs looking at closely to determine just what it is composed of. The wig-like top of the head easily beats the work of the most artistic hairdresser. The fine brown freckle dotted so prettily over the white breast, together with the silver, grey wings, makes this fellow worth seeing. Old residents have never set eyes on such a specimen. The face, is almost half human, and his mumblings, which are few, resemble the old-time "yahoo"' that terrified so many in this neighborhood years ago. He is doing well in captivity, and is fed on parrots, mice, etc.

3-8-1938 The 29th and 30th of July were marked by winter weather of the most pronounced description, about a foot of snow falling. One branch from the pine trees at the recreation ground broke the telephone wires to Meadow Flat and Mr. L. O. Wilkinsons residence.

13-8-1938 A monster reunion of old Sunny Corner residents will be held at that centre on Boxing Day. The honorary organiser, Mr. S. Dobson of Bexley stated in a letter to the Turon Shire Council yesterday that more than 800 are expected to attend, and asked for the use of the recreation ground. Council decided to write and inform him of its intention to cooperate in any way possible. The engineer will inspect the grounds with a view to providing adequate sanitary arrangements and water supply.

18-8-1938 A well attended meeting of the Sunny Corner Hall Trust was held on Saturday night, for the re-election of officers for the year and to discuss the reunion to be held at the recreation ground next Xmas.

Messrs. L. O. and C. O. Wilkinson are at present at Wiseman's Creek.

Mr. J. D. Martin, of Dark Corner, is spending a week in Sydney.

Mr. E. Ryan, of Papua, and his mother, paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson last week. Mr. Ryan was not impressed with the Sunny Corner snow, after the warm tropical climate of the islands. ;

Mr. F. E. Rawson is spending his long service leave from the P.W.D. with Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson.

Drilling operations are still in progress on the western side of the mine hill.

19-8-1938 A complaint that the lessees had not complied with labor conditions in connection with the working of Verdun gold mine at Dark Corner was made by James Vinrace Vale, mining engineer, of Wyee, at Lithgow Mining Wardens court, today.

The Warden (Mr. F. A, Hynes) found the complaint proved and stated he would recommend to the Minister that the lease be cancelled, and a lease of the area be granted to the complainant. A decision would be announced in open court.

The lessees, Alexander Gray and Joseph James Walpole, did not appear.

26-8-1938 In the Mining Wardens Court Thomas A. Hutchinson, of Sutherland, applied for suspension of labour conditions in respect to gold mining leases at Sunny Corner. The Warden (Mr. P. A. Hynes) granted a suspension for three months.

30-8-1938 To the Bathurst Hospital the sum of £8/9/6 from the sale of the old Palmers Oakey Union Church to Ned. Bennett Palmers Oakey. Ned with the help of Duncan Ferguson, moved the Church to what is now known as “The Glebe” at the Sofala-Capertee-Palmers Oakey road junction. Ned and family lived there for years, until they moved to Capertee to have school for the two boys. It had changed hands five times and is still standing.

6-9-1938 Pleading guilty to a charge of having had in his possession mutton reasonably suspected of being stolen. Raymond Noel Staite, of Sunny Corner, was fined £3 with 8/- costs by Mr. Bromhead SJM in the Bathurst Police Court yesterday morning. Detective Sgt. Wells said that on August 26, he was informed by Thomas George Scott, of Dark Corner, that one of his sheep had been killed, and the carcase left in a paddock after the skin and other parts were removed. The following day defendant was interviewed. He said he had killed one of his own sheep when asked about the mutton, but later admitted he had not told the truth and wished to plead guilty. Defendant had no previous convictions. Mr. Henlen who appeared for him, pointed out that he had a small holding and was supporting his sister. He was allowed two months to pay the fee and costs together with £l compensation to Mr. Scott the owner of the sheep.

12-9-1938 Mr. John Hemsworth of Sunny Corner has had some rough rides on the road to and from home. Apparently one trip recently was a little too rough, and Mr. Hemsworth came to grief, but was he going to take it sitting down ? Certainly not, and he told the Turon Shire Council so on Friday.

His letter stated inter alia: "I wish to draw your attention to the bad road at Sunny Corner in the Turon Shire. It is in a bad state and badly in need of repairs. Owing to the water holes, gutters and blackberry bushes on the road I have been caused injuries

to my face and arm, and also my motor cycle has been damaged. If the road is not repaired, or if there is no intention of repairing it, I will go the council for damages.

There is about two miles of road between Dark Corner junction and Meadow Flat Junction wants doing badly, it is unsafe to travel on. I am going to see more about it if there is nothing done. I have been out of work four days, and cannot do anything until my arm gets better."

Cr. Berry said he was with the engineer when this particular road was inspected, and he would agree that it was in a bad condition in parts. The matter was left to the engineer for attention.

28-9-1938 An enjoyable dance was conducted in the local hall by the P. and C. Association on Saturday night. All parts of the district were well represented. Mr. Berry, of Bathurst, assisted by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, supplied good music, and dancing was indulged in till midnight.

Our popular mailman, Mr. Jim Attuel has left this run to take over a Katoomba passenger service undertaking. He will be greatly missed by his many friends and customers, who all join in wishing him the best of success in his new venture.

Farmers are all busy ploughing and planting for peas and potatoes. The recent rain did a lot of good, and pastures are commencing to look green already, though we are still experiencing frosts arid cold winds.

Mr. S. Ravenscroft has secured permanent work at Jenolan Caves, where Mrs, Ravenscroft and her son hope to join, him in the near future.

The recorded production amounted to 31 oz. of gold, valued at £274. During the year 1¾ tons of gold-arsenic ore was sold by T. A. Hutchinson, of Sunny Corner, for £23.

On M.P.L. 722, at Sunny Corner, L. O. Wilkinson. recovered 23 oz. gold, valued at £202, from 212 tons of slimes.

At their mine at Sunny Corner S. Kissell and J. Garrard won 5½ oz. of gold from 34 tons of ore.

6-10-1938 Last week Sunny Corner was visited by Sloggetts variety show and a large attendance resulted, the entertainment provided, including conjuring, sleight of hand tricks, with performing dogs, monkeys, etc., being of a very interesting nature. The Sunny Corner district, by the way, is by no means unknown to Mr. Sloggett as several years ago, when theatrical entertainment business was temporarily down and out owing to the pneumonic influenza outbreak, he was rabbiting at Palmers Oakey. He signalised the close of that career by a very successful conjuring exhibition at the Corner, where the population at that time was considerably larger than at present.

20-10-1938 The "Caroo" property, which belonged to Mr. F. A. Webb, has been disposed of, the purchaser being Mr. Fornan who I understand, is to take possession very shortly. During the early days the old homestead and appointments were known as the Crown Hotel, which was carried on by the late Mr. Durack till the coaching days ended. Shortly after that Messrs. John and Charles Moore and family purchased the property. Much pioneering was done in connecting the various scattered portions and joining the property up into a solid holding, moreover many improvements were brought about by the same family, and doubtless the several owners during the past 20 years have each added a little to the value.

26-10-1938 News, has just been received, with much regret locally, of the death from pneumonia in Bathurst hospital on Monday of Mr. T. Scott, senr. Mr. Scott, who was a brother of Messrs, D. M., and E. Scott, was a well known and respected resident of the district, and was for many years engaged in bullock driving in the days when that pursuit was one of the most valuable industries in assisting to open up the country. Interment will take place at Dark Corner cemetery. Mr. Scott, who was 73 years of age, was born at Mitchells Creek, Sunny Corner, and at one time had a farm at Palmers Oakey, while he also worked at Thompson Bros station in this locality for some years. He leaves a family of three sons (John, Edward and William) and a step-daughter (Eileen) to mourn their loss.

A good instance of the value of subterranean clover as a pasture plant is afforded by a 10-acre paddock at Mr. E. Bennetts farm at Dark Corner. This paddock has carried 100 sheep, summer arid winter, in good condition, and is a solid carpet of clover, so dense that ferns and other deleterious plants have no chance of growing, although, outside the fence there is a plentiful supply of inedible vegetation. The clover has been established for about seven years, and certainly appears as if it will go on for ever.

2-11-1938 The second meeting of the Meadow Flat District Peagrowers Association was held at Meadow Flat on Friday, October 28, there being a good attendance of local peagrowers.

The following office-bearers were appointed on Friday: — President, Mr. T. Kemp (Meadow Flat); vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Neil (Sunny Corner) and Geo. McManus (Meadow Flat) ; treasurer, Mr. Geo. Green (Meadow Flat) ; hon. secretary, Mr. Col. Wilkinson (Sunny Corner); committee, Messrs. J. O. Stait (Sunny Corner) , R. McAllister (Meadow Flat) , R. Grabham (Dark Corner) and A. Berry (Yetholme). It was decided to adopt the following scale of rates for pea picking: When the market price of peas is 4/- to 5/-, picking rate to be 1/- per bushel,- rising as follows: 5/- to 6/-, 1/3; 6/- to 8/-, 1/6; 8/- to 10/-, 1/9; 10/- to 12/-, 2/- 14/- and over 2/6.

Discussion ensued on the matter of disposing of peas to the canning factory at Bathurst, and it is hoped to arrange a meeting with Mr. Edgell to thrash out the matter as to details.

3-11-1938 Sunny Corner defeated Williewa by 49 runs. Williewa fielded only eight men, and knocked up a score of 120. D. McLeay batted very well for Sunny Corner, scoring 59, and L. Grabham gave a good account of himself with 43, E. Perry added a useful 26. McLeay also bowled well, taking three wickets for 32.

16-11-1938 SMITH.: In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16th, 1930, aged 60 years. .

The passing years can never change
The thought of one so dear
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps you near.

Never forgotten by his loving wife, Eleanor A. Smith, and family, also grandchildren.

18-11-1938 Messrs., McNoilly, Crampton and Martin, report having held a successful general clearance sale at "Carroo," Meadow; Flat. There was a very big attenuance, buyers from, the Mountains and surrounding districts, and an excellent clearance of everything on the station was effected, including 2500 sheep, 50 cattle, horses, and the completc plant and furniture. The following prices were realised: Merino rams 3 to 7 guineas, ewes. 12/- to 16/3, wethers and hoggets 8/9 to longwool rams 2 to 4 guineas, cows and calves £4, heifers £3/10/-, steers £5, dairy cows £7, and draught horses £8 £o £16, The plant was sold to splendit, competition, making excellent prices.

30-11-1938 The many friends of Mr. T. Smith, Dark Corner, will be sorry to hear that he is at present in the Portland hospital suffering from a dislocated knee. At latest advice, so much improvement was manifested that it is hoped that he will be able to get about again shortly.

A most successful dance took place at Sunny Corner on Friday night, the object being to obtain funds to assist in the procuring of special medical treatment for the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dibley, of Redbank, who injured his leg by a fall in the school ground two years ago, and in spite of hospital treatment for many months, is still unable to walk.

The diamond drilling operations that were being, carried on near the old mine on behalf of the Zinc Corporation have temporarily closed down, and the staff with the exception of one man, have left Sunny Corner.

1-12-1938 Mr. Stephenson, who was formerly running a gold-saving machine on the Little Hill at West Mitchell, recently returned, with the intention of installing another and larger plant in that locality, but in view of restrictions pertaining to the Bathurst water catchment area, contemplates relinquishing the idea and going elsewhere.

6-12-1938 The wattle bark season has begun in the district, and from now until March strippers will be busy. The Lithgow-Sunny Corner area has many trees, and the quality of the bark is declared to be high-class. One contractor despatches about 40 tons of bark a year to the Sydney market. The price at present is about £4/15/ a ton.

7-12-1938 Much work has been already done by the committee, the shelter shed being much improved by the new concrete floor. This floor will certainly not go the way of the previous wooden one which gradually disintegrated and was burnt by people who took refuge in the shed in inclement weather. The cement used was kindly donated by Mr. J. Symonds, of the C.P.C. Co., while the sand was brought by Mr. J. Martin and the stone by Mr. J. Shumack, both of Dark Corner. The work being done by Mr. C. Creswell and members of the committee, expert assistance being given by Mr. Bert. Poulton, of Bathurst.

A well attended dance was held in the Sunny Corner Hall on Saturday evening, the proceeds going to the funds of the hall and recreation ground. Music was supplied by Mr. Berry, Bathurst. A satisfactory balance over expenses was obtained, which is particularly pleasing at the present time, when a certain amount of outlay is necessary in connection with the forthcoming Sunny Corner reunion dance on Boxing night.

During the evening presentations were made to Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, her husband and son being unable to attend, of tokens of the public esteem for Mr. and Mrs. Ravenscroft and their son, William. On behalf of the P. and C. Association and friends, Mr. Creswell presented Mrs. Ravenscroft with a shaving set for her husband, electric iron for herself, and a wallet for her son. In doing so he eulogised the recipients for their fine record as good citizens during their long stay in Sunny Corner. He pointed out that the strong position, both financially and as a valuable local institution, occupied at present by the P. and C. Association, was largely due to the untiring energy and enterprise of Mr. Ravenscroft, in his capacity for a lengthy period as secretary, ably assisted by the conscientious and energetic committee. In all matters pertaining to the public benefit, the Ravenscroft family had always been willing to give voluntary and efficient assistance, and in losing them Sunny Corner loses valuable and popular citizens. A presentation was also made to Mrs. Ravenscroft by Mrs. W, Kissell, in recognition of the services she had rendered ever since she came to Sunny Corner as voluntary organist for church services. It may be mentioned that Mrs, Ravenscroft is leaving Sunny Corner shortly to reside at the Jenolan Caves, where Mr. Ravenscroft and her son have been employed for some time. The house, in which she will live is supplied with electricity, so that the electric iron will be considerably more serviceable than in Sunny Corner. Besides being secretary of the P. and C. Association, Mr. Ravenscroft is a trustee of the common, another case of his departure being greatly regretted. In a small and scattered community, trustees where able and willing to frequently attend meetings are hard to find, and Mr. Ravenscroft could always be relied on to be present whenever possible.

8-12-1938 News of the death of Mr. Norman Poyitt, just received in Sunny Corner, has caused great regret among the many local residents who knew him. For many years a resident of the town when it was much larger than now, Mr. Poyitt was one of the principal shareholders in the Paddy Lackey goldmine at Dark Corner, buying into it at a low figure when it looked a very risky venture, the general opinion being that it was done as far as profitable mining was concerned. Government aid to sink deeper having been obtained, only, it is said after much argument with the Mines Inspector, who was not favorably impressed with the prospects, good stone was struck and a few feet from where the aid would have terminated, and for over 20 years the Paddy Lackey was one of the best gold mines of the State. Mr. Poyitt worked at the mine, both above and below ground, until it closed down in 1906, and it is said that he was strongly averse to its closing, as he believed that payable stone would continue to a much greater depth. He was outvoted on the point, however, and the pumping outfit being removed, water soon rose in the lower levels.

After purchasing the battery and cyanide plant, Mr. Poyitt for several years cyanided untreated tailings and also crushed stone from blocks left along the line of reef, the mining of blocks being principally done by the late Mr. Ted. Eves, who had wide experience of the Lackey reef and also of Dark Corner reef and alluvial mining in general. Details of the actual returns from these operations are apparently impossible to obtain, but they must have added considerably to the total yield from the Paddy Lackey line of reef. The exceedingly sketchy nature of the records of the gold won from the Paddy Lackey mine itself, and

also from the shallow workings along the reef to the north of the big mine is the principal obstacle that stands in the way of getting enough capital nowadays to reopen mining operations there.

After ceasing mining work at the Corner, Mr. Poyitt settled in Sydney, but he always took much interest in hearing Sunny Corner news, and paid occasional visits to the place.

His sister, Mrs. Lyn-Yates, resides at Dark Corner, and the sympathy of the local public is extended to her, as it is to his widow and family. Mrs. Poyitt, having also been a Sunny Cornerite, is well known locally.

9-12-1938 At Lithgow Mining Wardens Court to-day, before Mr. F. A. Hynes, an application for the suspension of labor conditions on a lease at Sunny Corner, lodged by Stephen Kissell and John Garrard, was granted for four months from October 10.

9-12-1938 Sunny Corner, Racecourse:—Messrs. Thomas Fitzgerald, Colin Ottley Wilkinson and Ronald Kissell (in the places of Messrs. A. Sparks, J. S. Murray and H. M. Guihot, deceased).

10-12-1938 Mr. Gus Kelly. M.L.A. for Bathurst has been advised by the Director of Education as follows: 'I refer to your personal representations relative to repairs and renovations to the provisional school Dark Corner via Sunny Corner. By direction of Mr. D. H. Drummond, M.L.A. Minister for Education. I have to advise you that the undertaking now authorised will be implemented by the Departmental painting and Repair staff at the earliest opportunity."

19-12-1938 Reporting to Turon Shire Council on the cost of providing sanitary arrangements at the Sunny Corner recreation ground, for the proposed Back to Sunny Corner Reunion, on Boxing Day, the engineer (Mr. Darke) said the total cost would be £7/5/-. As this amount exceeded that which Council anticipated making available for this work, he said, the matter had been held up, pending a decision by the Council. The engineer was asked to go on with the work, and to cut the expenses as much as possible.

22-12-1938 The breaking up of the Sunny Corner School was held at the hall on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the P. and C. Association. Invitations to the Dark Corner school children and also all children and parents of the district having been extended, there was a large attendance, and the function was wholly successful. In accordance with the usual custom, every child attending the Sunny Corner School received a gift, while three special prizes, given by Mr. and Mrs. F. Louden, were distributed as follows: Best attendance, Cecily Cresswell; best progress for the year. Louie and Harold Guihot (a tie). Jazz caps for the school children were supplied by Yetholme friends. After the prizes had been distributed by Mr. Cresswell, Mr. Perry, teacher at Dark Corner, thanked the Sunny Corner association, for the invitation, and then attention was devoted to a liberal supply of refreshments, contributed by parents and citizens of both places. Forty children sat down to the repast.

Sunny Corner defeated Wanderers by 43 runs on the first innings. D. McLeay was highest scorer with 56, whilst E. Perry (39) and L. Grabham (36) gave good support. J. Shumack bowled well to average 5 for 41.

L. Grabham,	c Wilson,	b Jeffree	36
D. Grabham,		b Hunter	2
J. Shumack,		b . Jeffree	1
E.Perry,	c sub.,	b Jeffree	39
D. McLeay,	c Jeffree,	b Wilson	56
M. Bourke,	c and	b Wilson	4
J. Grabham,		b Jeffree;	0
B. Shumack,	c Hunter,	b Jeffree	0
H. Stait,	b Hunter		7
L. Guihot;	not out		4
		Sundries 26; total 175.	

SUNNY CORNER

Have you heard of Sunny Corner,
Where it snows and snows, snows
Why they call it Sunny Corner,
Is a riddle no one knows.
'Tis five thousand feet high, nearly
And not far from Portland town..
It was once a busy gold mine,
When good Vicky wore the crown.
It was called those days, the Turon,
Its hotels about nineteen .
In the roaring days: — the sixties,
Fights and dances on the green.
Chimney stacks are grimly standing,
All the red-shirts long have fled,
Nightly, owls cry from the ruins,
For the Turon days are dead.
There was once a school quite roomy,

And three hundred hopefuls there,
They have taken down that building,
Save one little room so bare.
Once the church bells rang on Sunday,
Calling pious folk to pray
On that day, some played show-poker,
Or two-up was Sunday play.
Just last winter through the Corner,
One bright, bitter night of snow,
I rode dreaming, in the moonlight
Visions came of long' ago.
Then I saw a busy mining town,
So I fancied, in my dreams,
I could hear the picks' loud ringing
And the engine's hum or scream.
I could see the miners toiling,
Some are sleeping up the road,
And their toiling days are over,
All along the line of lode.
Still the snow fell thick around me,
So like Christmas long ago,
O'er the hills of dear old Erin
Christmas horns the boys would blow.
Fog-horn sounds from end-cut bottles,
And bright prickly holly leaves
They would wrap around the colleens,
Singing, bringing in the sheaves.
So I rode through Sunny Corner,
Till I came to Portland town,
Ah ! Those far-off days of Turon,
Roaring days of years gone down.
J. J. FARRELLY (One time teacher of Sunny Corner School, 1924 to 1926).

30-12-1938 The Sunny Corner Re-union on Boxing Day officially estimated at 1000. Several parties arrived the day before, camping for the night at the ground and early on Boxing Day the influx set in. Cars, buses, and horse drawn vehicles flowed in in a steady stream, the arrivals hailing from many centres, besides Sydney, including hundreds of old identities with their families and friends, besides pleasure seekers from all directions.

The day was fine and as usual lately hot, and full advantage was taken of the grateful shade afforded by the trees surrounding the recreation ground, a solid mass of cars being parked beneath them, with parties picnicking in the shade everywhere. About 60 old pupils of the Sunny Corner School revisited the fount of their scholastic knowledge, finding it a considerably smaller institution than what it was when they attended there. This school was originally built for 350 pupils, and at one time was much too small but the greater portion was shifted elsewhere later on. The visitors probably found it much more attractive for voluntary visitation purposes than they considered it when obliged to compulsorily attend in their youthful days.

The time at the recreation ground passed happily and quickly, with sports of a varied nature, tennis, speeches, and friendly intercourse between old residents and newcomers, including meetings of many old friends who in many cases had not seen each other for years. Two innovations not existent at the last local re-union were the liquor booth, conducted by Mr. Lenthall, of Bathurst, which was exceedingly well patronised, and the musical items supplied by the Portland Union Town Band feature which materially added to the pleasure of the day. Several songs were contributed by visitors, which were much appreciated. Altogether it was a most satisfactory function, both socially and financially.

During the afternoon speeches were delivered by Messrs. Gus Kelly, M.L.A,. Councillor W. Berry, Wm. Wright, and Syd. Dobson, the latter the organiser of so many Sunny Corner re-unions. The speakers were introduced by Mr. Hughie Pritchard chairman of the local re-union committee. Eulogistic references were made by the first three speakers to the good work done by Mr. Dobson and his committee in so efficiently organising such a successful function, while Mr. Dobson, in responding, paid tribute to the assistance given him by the local committee, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin and others who helped in the initial work.

Mr. Wright referred to the fact that his father was Sergeant Wright who was in charge of the Sunny Corner police station in the early days and who is still living, residing at Auburn. Sergt. Wright was here in the days when miscreants had to be chained to logs in the absence of a lock-up, and much excitement was caused by the depredations of "Slippery Jack," the local bushranger, who for long eluded the efforts of the police force to capture him. His depredations were of the minor order being mostly confined to supplies of food, but for along time he justified his nickname of "Slippery," escaping into the bush with great success, when chased.

Councillor Berry, one of those with very early recollections of Sunny Corner in its infancy, gave some interesting reminiscences of the past recounting how the first job of his boyhood was breaking stone for metalling the road from Rydal to

Sunny Corner, a business which savoured of much hard labor and little pay. Stone-breakers in those days got from 2/3 to 2/6 per cubic yard for breaking. His youthful estimates of the yardage cracked and the boss verdict after measuring the result, differed sadly. Before metalling the route was superlatively awful, and Mr. Berry said he had frequently seen many teams hopelessly bogged within half a mile of the town, necessitating many hours work to get them out again. Referring to estimates of the size of the town and other details connected therewith, Mr. Berry said he thought 6000 was about the maximum population, and he did not think there were more than eight hotels in the town at any one time.

A very old resident generally considered the oldest present, and certainly the oldest native of the place was Mr. Wm. ("Wally") Sparks, who was born in Sunny Corner 77 years ago. He has for some time resided in Portland, but for many years was engaged in the butchering business at the Corner. Two of his brothers, Messrs. Tom and Alf. Sparks, and one sister, Mrs. C. Murray have joined the great majority since the last reunion at Sunny Corner.

A striking item on the sports programme was the march of the Old Diggers, headed by the band on to the ground, and their subsequent race for a bottle of whisky as a prize.

After a vigorous and exciting contest, a dead-heat resulted between Syd. Dobson and Barney Smith. Gus Kelly was a good trier, but his position at the finish showed that he is better at winning political contests than pedestrian events.

The days enjoyment concluded with a most successful dance at the hall, the attendance numbering fully 400, and dancing was carried on till well after midnight. Music of a high order was supplied by Langs orchestra, from Lithgow, and all the details reflected credit on the organisers. It was the largest gathering seen at the hall for a long time, and those responsible for the arrangements have every reason to feel gratified at the splendid support accorded to their efforts by the public, thereby supplying a fitting finale to what was generally conceded to have been a perfect day.

The results of the sports programme were: —

Diggers' Race. G. Arnott and Barney Smith, dead heat. Boys Race: H. Guihot 1, F. Neale 2. Girls under 12 years: G. Barnett and F. Morgan dead heat, . Boys under 14 years: A. Rodgers 1, O. Woods 2. 100 yards. S. Dobson 1, Long 2. Ladies stepping 50 yards: Joan A'Court. Gent's stepping 100 yards J, Theobald.

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5-1-1939 A quiet wedding was celebrated in Portland last Monday, when Miss Elaine Sharp youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharp, of Meadow Fiat, was married to Mr. Cecil Grabham, fourth son of the late Mr. R. Grabham and Mrs. Beckingharn, of Tumbi Umbi. Miss Mabel Sharpe, the bride's sister, acted as bridesmaid.

Another wedding of local interest was solemnised on Saturday last at All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst between Miss Melba Berry, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Berry, Stewart-street, Bathurst and Mr. Alfred Scott, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott, of Dark Corner. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, wearing a white satin gown, cut on classical lines. She was attended by her sister, Mrs Dewar, who acted as Matron of Honor. Two little girls, Ruth Dewar, niece of the bride, and Ida Scott, sister of the bridegroom, acted as train bearer and flower girl, respectively. Mr. Albert Scott, brother of the bridegroom was best man. About 40 guests were received at the "Cosy Cabin" by Mrs Berry, mother of the bride, and Mrs. T. Scott mother of the bridegroom, where the wedding breakfast was held, a beautiful two tiered cake, decorated by Miss Enid Dwyer, of Evans Plains occupying pride of place in the centre of the table. Later the young couple left by car for Sydney. They will reside in Dark Corner.

Mr. Clive Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott, Dark Corner, was taken to the Bathurst hospital by the Bathurst ambulance last Saturday suffering great pain from a fall from a horse, and was to be X-rayed as soon as possible. His many local friends will hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

A very well attended dance was held in the hall last Monday night, under the auspices of the Hall Committee. Its success reflects credit on the organising ability and untiring work of Mr. and Mrs. R. Creswell, and Mr. J. Shumack. Over 100 people attended, the music being supplied by Berrys orchestra, while a bountiful supper was supplied by the hall committee.

13-1-1939 A big bushfire is raging at Warrie station, in the Palmers Oakey-Dark Corner area, and it has extended towards Ben Bullen. The outbreak has reached the range, and the flames are spreading in the direction of Dark Corner as well. All the male inhabitants of Dark Corner and others are fighting the flames. Three days have been so spent, and the outcome is being watched with some apprehension.

18-1-1939 Sympathy will be extended to Mr.Rae Cresswell, teacher in charge of Sunny Corner public school, and Mr. George Cresswell, of Port Kembla (formerly of Lithgow), in the death of their father, the Rev. Allan George Cresswell, at Manly, at the age of 71 The late Mr. Cresswell had a long record of service as a clergyman of the Church of England.

19-1-1939 Starting somewhere on Williewa Creek, this fire was burning for several days, with Dark Corner residents endeavoring to hold it in check, but the wind of gale force on Friday brought it to Dark Corner with a 7 mile front, and it became obvious that much assistance was necessary to prevent it from sweeping the locality bare. Telephone messages sent out soon produced many willing volunteers, and by working night and day, raking lines and back firing in front of the advancing flames, serious damage was prevented although if the wind had kept blowing as it did on the Friday it is doubtful whether the fire could have been held. A large area of forest country was burned, as well as about 150 acres of Mr. J. Martin's property at Dark Corner, but the damage was slight compared with what it would have been but for the splendid work put in by the fire-fighters, who rolled up from Sunny Corner to Palmers Oakey, while Meadow Flat was also sending a contingent when word was received that the danger was over.

27-1-1939 Common made a loss of 7 pounds for 1938.

2-2-1939 A dance, the prospect of which was rather viewed with misgiving, on account of the uninviting weather, which was misty and cold, was held in the Sunny Corner hall on Friday and proved an entire success

Peas sent recently to Sydney have realised high prices, some growers receiving up to 23/- per bushel.

10-2-1939 Application has been made by Colin Ottley Wilkinson, John Oscar Stait and Hugh Pritchard, of Sunny Corner, for a mining lease on Crown land near Sunny Corner. The applicants intend to search for gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead.

22-2-1939 The death occurred on Saturday at her residence, Durham-street, Bathurst, of Mrs. Mary Ann Knight, at the age of 84. She was born at Rockley, and lived the greater part of her life at Sunny Corner, prior to going to Bathurst a few years ago. The funeral took place on Sunday, moving from her residence to the Catholic portion of the Dark Corner cemetery, where interment was made in the same grave as that of her husband.

24-2-1939 A meeting to consider the details of the formation of a local brigade for fighting bushfires was held in the Oddfellows Hall at Sunny Corner last Saturday evening, when Messrs. W. Berry and Gibson, from Yetholme, attended by invitation of the local organisers to give details of the scheme adopted at Yetholme, where the formation of a brigade is well advanced, Mr. Berry being the president, and Mr. Gibson the captain.

After addresses by the visitors, discussion ensued, and it was decided to form a branch of the brigade at Sunny Corner, several residents joining up, while a number of property owners in the Blaxland Shire are desirous of joining, unless a similar brigade is formed in the Blaxland Shire. The Sunny Corner and Yetholme are both within the Turon Shire. The annual contribution from property owners decided on was 1/- per 100 acres or part thereof, with a maximum of £1/1/-. Messrs. T. G. Scott and Geo. McManus were elected deputy captains, and Mr. C. O. Wilkinson, hon. Secretary.

3-3-1939 As local pea growers have proved this season, when one scores the prizes are worth having. A noticeable feature at present is the way many young people are breaking away from the traditions of their forebears, and are taking on farming, instead of leaving the district to look for a wages job. Apparently they are likely to make a success of the business, which means an added solidity to local conditions, farming being founded on a permanent basis which is unfortunately absent from mining. Much can be done here to improve the natural conditions by scientific farming methods such as fallowing, adding humus by ploughing in green crops, rotation of crops, use of lime, etc., and the younger generation is beginning to sit up and take notice of such things. Current sentiment towards them is "Good luck to them".

7-3-1939 TENDERS are invited for Grass Rights for twelve months for Racecourse Paddock. 100 acres, well fenced and grassed, permanently watered. Tenders close Wednesday. March 15th. 1939. With Sec. C. WILKINSON. Hon. Sec. Sunny Corner.

11-3-1939 WALPOLE.-March 6, 1939, at her residence, 5 Ophir Street, Bathurst, N.S.W., Madeline Elizabeth, late of Hill End and Sunny Corner, in her 81st year. At rest.

17-3-1939 The prop cutters are still very busy supplying the Lithgow mines. The mass of suitable timber found in this district is amazing, and has kept several lorry men going, for a couple of years constantly. Probably the Sunny Corner area, which was practically stripped in the earlier days of mining, yielded dense crop of seedlings which have grown to the size stipulated, thus providing some wealth of production.

22-3-1939 The local wattlebark industry is showing an improvement and consignments to Kingswood are the heaviest for years. Much of the bark is obtained in the Tarana area, but supplies also come from Sunny Corner and the Portland district.

Prospecting Operations Cease And authority cancelled

There was a sitting of the Mining Warden's Court at Lithgow to-day before the warden (Mr. F. A. Hyncs). Colin Ottley Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, lodged a complaint for cancellation of an authority to enter portion 67, parish of Coolamigal, held by Keith Johnson Dickinson, C/o Zinc Corporation Ltd., Broken Hill. Wilkinson stated that no work had been done since the granting of the authority. In a letter, Dickinson asked for the authority to be cancelled, as his prospecting operations in the vicinity had ceased. Mr. Hynes cancelled the authority.

Wilkinson also applied for authority to enter and search for gold, zinc, copper and silver on portion 67, parish Castleton, county Roxburgh. —

Land not available for the purpose of the application.

An application by Dickinson for authority to enter and search for silver lead, zinc and copper at Sunny Corner was withdrawn. *(This would seem to be the end of prospecting operations in a big way at the 'Corner by the Zinc Corporation, and from which much was expected. — Ed. L.M.)*

27-3-1939 The body of an unidentified man was found hanging in a shed on the recreation area at Meadow Flat on Saturday morning. It appeared to have been there for two or three days.

The discovery was made by Messrs. Archie Dobbie and Bruce Murray, who went to the spot to make preparations for the Portland Presbyterian Sunday school picnic. Bathurst ambulance took the body to Portland, where interment in the local cemetery was made this morning, Messrs. John Simpkins having charge of the arrangements.

It is believed that the body is that of George Dowsett (42), a relief worker, the only identification being a "traveller's" food relief card issued at Rylstone several years ago. The Portland coroner Mr. Robert Frew has arranged to hold an inquest on Monday next. "

A report from Meadow Flat states that ithe man arrived at that centre on Tuesday last, and called at several houses. He seemed to be of a quiet reserved nature.

3-4-1939 The death occurred in the District Hospital, Bathurst, yesterday afternoon of Phillip Francis Dibley, fourteen and a half years old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Dibley, of Meadow Flat. Deceased had been in ill-health for some time, having been an inmate of various hospitals in Sydney and also in Bathurst. He is survived by his parents, two brothers, Franklin and Raymond: five sisters, Sheila, Gwen, Elaine, Freda and Shirley: Mr. James Dibley (Meadow Flat), grand-father, Mrs. D. Hibbard (Portland) grandmother. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends will be extended to the sorrowing relatives in their sad bereavement. The funeral will leave Mr. J. Tangye's funeral parlors to-day (Monday) at 2 p.m. for interment in the Meadow Flat cemetery at 3 p.m.

19-4-1939 Lodge Dance at Sunny Corner postponed until 5th May. B. P. McLeay.

20-4-1939 A pretty wedding took place at the Catholic Presbytery Portland on Saturday afternoon, when Jean. Youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Kemp, of Meadow Flat, was married to Cliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Mc Manus, of Meadow Flat. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in satin, falling into a long train. The customary veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of lilies. The bride was attended by the bridegroom's sister, who was dressed in pink georgette with veil and silver flowers. Her bouquet was ofpink chrysanthemums. Little Peggy Hcbden was train-bearer, wearing adress of pink georgette and carrying a basket of flowers.

The reception was held at the home of the brides parents.

28-4-1939 Mr. G. Green, postmaster and storekeeper; Meadow Flat, was awakened by the sound of a car stopping outside his store, and remaining for some minutes with the engine running.

When he went out shortly afterwards he found that a lock had been broken off a petrol bowser, and that a bundle of papers had been taken. The sneak thieves, however, had been unable to manipulate the pump, to obtain the desired supply of petrol.

5-5-1939 The funeral of the late Mr. John William Kemp moved from his late residence at Yetholme yesterday morning for the Church of England portion of the Meadow Flat cemetery and was very largely attended by relatives and friends. The chief mourners were deceaseds son, Mr. E. D. Kemp, of Bathurst, daughter, Mrs. Ferguson, of Tarana Quarries: brothers, Mr. James Kemp, of Wollongong, and Mr. H. Kemp, of Tarana: sister, Mrs. McManus, of Portland daughter in law, Mrs. E. D. Kemp: grand daughters, Misses Clarice and Eileen Ferguson, of Tarana Quarries, and nephew, Mr. A. Smith. The Rev .Mr. Hammer, of O'Connell, officiated at the graveside. A large number of beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave.

The Lithgow district is probably totally bereft of the famous koala, as are unfortunately most others, but it is not generally, known that other marsupials, roam the bush in hundreds. At the foot of Mt. Walker for instance, there is a big "tribe" of Kangaroo rats, the smallest of the species, while near Meadow Flat there are mobs of wallaroos and wallabies, which being protected, are increasing rapidly.

6-5-1939 Mr. And Mrs. Joe Foreman, who have a flat at The Astor Macquarie Street, are making plans to move in to the new home, a modern bungalow they are having built on their station at Meadow Flat. It was just before Christmas that they bought the property, which is near Bathurst. *(It is about this time that that propertys name changed from "Carroo" to "Karoo" C.F.).*

11-5-1939 R. Cupitt, Sunny Corner, requested repairs to the road at the two or three miles of road from his property to the main road. — One-man road and same applies as to Dyson's road. J. Shumack, Dark Corner, asked that gravel be spread on a few places on the Palmers Oakey road.

19-5-1939 Colin Ottley Wilkinson applied for authority to enter and search for gold, copper, silver, zinc on 59 acres, portion 67, at Sunny Corner. Granted for 1 year from to-day.

2-6-1939 A car driven by Mr. Bruce McLeay, of Palmers Oakey, and a lorry driven by Mr. Hugh McKinnon of Meadow Flat, came into collision at a bend in the road near Dark Corner School. Although both drivers escaped without injury the passengers in the car were not so fortunate those most seriously hurt being Mrs. McLeay who received a nasty blow in the face, and Mr. E. Bennett, of Dark Corner, who was rather severely cut about the neck and face. They were conveyed to Bathurst by Mr. Shumack for medical attention, some stitches being inserted in one of the cuts on Mr Bennetts neck. Only slight damage was done to the lorry, but the car was badly damaged.

8-6-1939 WANTED. Experienced eucalyptus cutters Apply T Fitzgerald, Sunny Corner.

29-6-1939 Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott, of "Auburn," Meadow Flat, celebrated their silver wedding at their home on Saturday. There were about 30 guests present, and seven of the family returned home for the occasion, which was a particularly happy one. The table was prepared in truly wedding breakfast style, and was very nicely decorated. Pastor A. R. Dann, of Portland, presided, and he compiimented the happy couple upon reaching the 25th milestone of married life, and hoped they would be spared to celebrate their golden wedding. He also congratulated them upon rearing such a fine family, and was glad to see them all present. He also referred to the fine Christian principles which had guided them in their family life. Mrs. Seott was called upon to cut the cake, and in doing so she remarked that she was not nearly soo nervous on this occasion as she was 25 years ago.

Mr. C. Scott, who was best man at their wedding, also expressed his congratulations, and produced the white gloves he wore on that happy occasion 25 years ago.

Mr. Scott, eldest son, said he realised that his parents had done their very best for the family, and he was sure that all of them would uphold the high example they had set for them to follow. He was supported by Miss Lorna Scott, the eldest daughter.

3-7-1939 A considerably larger acreage should be cultivated this year than last, and the area under peas should be much greater. The tractor and rotary hoe installed by Messrs. Stait and Wilkinson is doing good work breaking up ground, and it is generally regarded as a valuable innovation in the local farming world.

6-7-1939 The death took place suddenly at her residence, Ridge-street, Portland, on Tuesday morning of Mrs. Elizabeth Marsden, at the age of 82. Mrs. Marsden rose at her usual hour to prepare breakfast for her husband and son, and was about to sit down to the meal when she collapsed. She died before medical aid could be obtained. She had not previously complained of ill-health, and her death came as a great shock. A native of Frying Pan, now known, as Yetholme, Mrs. Marsden was a member of the Baker family, pioneer settlers in that part. She had resided in the district the whole of her life.

Many years were spent at Sunny Corner, and for the past 31 years she had resided in Portland. Of a quiet disposition, she was well known and highly respected. The husband, Mr. C. A. Marsden, two sons and two daughters survive. Members of the family are Mesdames A. Dawson (Granville), C. Sharp (Portland), Messrs. Charles and Arthur Marsden (Portland). Mrs. George Kearns (Sunny Corner) is a sister, and Mr. J. Baker (Lidcombe) a brother.

26-7-1939 The charge against Middleton was one of using a place known as Green's store and residence at Meadow Flat on Saturday last for the purpose of betting with persons resorting there to.

Another Meadow Flat resident, George Edward Green (60), was charged with knowingly permitting the place known as Green's store and residence at Meadow Flat to be used by Alexander David Middleton for the purpose of betting with persons resorting thereto. He also pleaded guilty, and was fined £5. Sergt. M. C. Thomas, who, with Sergt. Wells, made the arrests, said that Middleton admitted taking bets. Green was present and said he was the owner of the premises, admitting he knew Middleton was using the place for betting. Middleton had money on him, and he admitted to 14/6 of this sum was betting money. “Meadow Flat is about 22 miles from Bathurst, and betting is done with locals, while I understand it is transferred elsewhere," said Sergt. Thomas. He added that Middleton was a farmer residing about two miles from the premises.

9-8-1939 News of the death of Mrs. Chiplin in Sydney has been received with regret in Sunny Corner. For over 15 years her husband the late C. W. Chiplin was the school-master at Sunny Corner.

28-8-1939 A statement that he had taken scrap-iron from the Sunny Corner Mine at Sunny Corner in the belief that the property was abandoned, was made at the Bathurst police court on Friday, when Bede Stanislaus Nugent (24), was charged with stealing two tons of scrap-iron, valued at £6/10/-, the property of the Great Cobar Syndicate. Nugent pleaded guilty, and was bound over in £10, with a surety of £10, to be of good behaviour for 12 months. He was ordered to pay £6/10/- compensation, in default 13 days gaol, three months being allowed for him to pay.

A second charge of stealing three tons of scrap-iron, the property of Robert Hill (manager of the syndicate) was withdrawn.

Sergt. A. M. Wells said that about July 10 defendant went to the old mine, and removed two tons of scrap-iron, which was sold in Sydney at £3/5/ a ton. Defendant had told him be thought the mine was abandoned. It had the appearance of being abandoned. Defendant was a married man, and was on food relief.

1-9-1939 The portion of the General Cemetery at Sunny Corner, dedicated 2nd December, 1887, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground:—The Most Rev. John Francis Norton, D.D., B.A.., the Rev. Joseph Patrick Cusack and James Murray, Esq. (in the place of the Rev. James Sheahan, removed, Messrs. J. Loneragan and J. S. Murray, deceased).

3-9-1939 World War Two declared.

21-09-1939 J D Martin Dark Corner paid D T Ferguson Palmers Oakey £3-0-0 for a bee stand for 12 months.

21-9-1939 The closure of Sunny Corner cemetery, as suggested by the Bathurst Council last year, is a matter for application by the Turon Shire Council, according to a letter tabled at last nights meeting of Bathurst Council!

The letter, which was from the Department of Lands; read : "With reference to your letter of December 22, relative to the desire of your Council to have Sunny Corner cemetery closed to further burials, I have to invite your attention to the provision's of Section 449 of the Local Government Act, which provides that the Governor may on the recommendation of the Council, prohibit burials in any cemetery or lane within the area where such course appears necessary, in order to prevent pollution of any water supply and to safeguard the health of the residents in the neighborhood. The question of taking action to prohibit any further burials in the subject cemetery on the grounds of protection of public health, is, therefore, a matter for the consideration of Turon Shire Council, within whose area the subject cemetery is situated and further representations you may desire to make should be made to that body."

29-9-1939 An application for the suspension of labor conditions on a gold lease at Sunny Corner, lodged by Stephen Kissell and John Garrard, was granted for three months. Garrard, part owner of the lease, said he had been unable to get ore treated at the local battery, and it did not pay to have the ore taken a long distance for treatment.

They had worked the lease for practically three years and the value of wages would be £600 to £700. He was only too willing to work the lease. When ore was treated at Clear Creek it was found that it was not a payable proposition when it had to be carted 25 miles. If the battery at Sunny Corner were working the lease would be a payable proposition.

11-10-1939 The last of the series of dances to assist in raising funds for the police ambulance and hospital fund took place at Sunny Corner last Saturday night, and proved eminently successful.

13-10-1939 The city engineer (Mr. H, C. Reid) reported to Bathurst Council that application had been made to close the cemetery at Dark Corner, owing to the possible increased mining activity at Sunny Corner. His recommendation that application to the Department of Public Health be held in abeyance until such time as such increase in activity eventuated was adopted

16-10-1939 Referring to the report from Meadow Flat that the local school might be closed, the inspector of schools in the Lithgow area (Mr. W. G. Lee) said that this was possible if the attendance did not increase. Nine children were on the roll and the attendance was about seven, he said. However, there were hopes that the increase would become greater.

Mr. Lee added that if closure occurred it would take place during the Christmas vacation, after which the children would be able to attend either Sunny Corner or Kirkconnell schools either that or a subsidised teacher would be appointed.

2-11-1939 A proposal by the Shire Clerk (Mr. C. E. W. Brown) that six bush fire brigades areas be established in the shire was adopted by Blaxland Shire Council yesterday.

Bathurst Council. A letter has been received from a number of fruit and vegetable growers in the districts of Yetholmc, Meadow Flat, Sunnv Corner, Dark Corner, Tarana and adjacent areas in relation to the proposal to establish a cannery in the Bathurst district.

16-11-1939 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16th, 1930, aged 60 years.

Nine years ago we laid to rest
The one we loved and honoured best,
Dearer, to us than words can tell,
Was the one we lost and loved so well.

Never forgotten by his loving wife, Eleanor A. Smith, and family.

17-11-1939 For the first time in the history of Sunny Corner, the local public hall was illuminated by electricity for a dance recently. Hitherto dancing has taken place under kerosene lamp.

The hall had been tastefully decorated in the club colors of blue and gold by local club members, assisted by willing residents and a novel feature was the electric lighting of the hall This was due to the generous gesture of Mr. Millgate, Portland agent for the Iron Horse electric lighting outfit, who also supplied a Breville radio that supplied music during intervals between dances. Mr. Cutts of Portland, installed the lighting outfit for the occasion, and supervised the running.

18-11-1939 A Citizens and Schools War Service Auxiliary has been formed at Sunny Corner and will operate under the direction of the Turon Shire Council. This was stated in a letter read at yesterday's meeting of the Council received from Mr. W.Cresswell, of that centre.

22-11-1939 A meeting was held at Yetholme at the house of Mrs Walshaw and saw the birth of the Yetholme Red Cross.

Members of the Bathurst Branch, Mesdames Webb, Reid, Priddle and Brown attended and outlined the aims of the Society.

The following ladies were elected to the Committee of the Yetholme Red Cross Branch, President Mrs G Moffitt, Vice Pres., Mrs A Mowbray, Secretary Mrs T Woodman, Treasurer Mrs W Hird.

These ladies assisted by the other Branch Members set to work raising money for local needs and the enourmas pressure of the war that ensued during the next years.

As time passed the names of the committee changed as the old were replaced by the new. Gibson, Scott, Porter, Phillips, Walshaw, Bland, Bromfield, Cole, Trevitt, Boyd, Pateman, Kenna, McAllister, Skyes, Murray, Thomas, Deutscher, Spicer, King, Boyd, Talbot, Loxley, Dowler, Gunning, Thompson, Hyde, Shaw, Ferguson, Packham, Baber, Warren, Jennings, Brooke, Kenny, Robinson, Fisher.

27-11-1939 The only gold produced in the Lithgow division was by cyaniding at Dark Corner, where Mr. L. O. Wilkinson recovered 20.25oz from 112 tons treated. At Sunny Corner no ore was treated owing to the battery not being available.

1-12-1939 Another successful dance was held in the local hall on Friday night, the object being to provide materials for local patriotic purposes, such as the supply of wool, etc., for socks and other articles for the soldiers. There was a large attendance, and a substantial sum will result. Music was supplied by Glews orchestral from Lithgow. Many donations were received, including some from business people of Bathurst and local residents. The hall was decorated in patriotic colors and flags and presented an attractive appearance.

4-12-1939 Tenders are invited by the Trustees of Sunny Corner Common to erect a fence approximately one and a half miles on Common. Tenders close, at noon on December 9th. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary. H. PRITCHARD, Secretary for Trustees Sunny Corner Common.

7-12-1939 Because the enrolment has fallen to 10 pupils, Meadow Flat public school will be closed at the end of this year. The school has been in existence for 61 years.

The figures have been decreasing gradually for several years, and now only six girls and four boys are enrolled. As there are few young children of school age in the district, the Department of Education has advised that it has been obliged reluctantly to close the school.

In future children will attend either Sunny Corner or Kirkconnell school.

7-12-1939 Appointed J. P. Cresswell, William Rae, Sunny Corner.

13-12-1939 The usual function in connection with the "breaking-up" of the Sunny Corner School, organised by the P. and C. Association, took place on December 9 somewhat ahead of the actual closing down of the school for the holidays. It proved as popular and successful a function as in previous years. After a sumptuous supper, provided by the parents and citizens, had been partaken of dancing was indulged in till midnight, and the usual gift of a book to each child took place, the presentation being made by Miss Elsie Attuell. Music was supplied by Mr. Lupp, of Bathurst, and this being the one occasion of the year when the juveniles have preferential possession of the floor, they took full advantage of the opportunity. The children gave ample evidence of the fact that dancing does not appeal only to grown ups.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott, of Dark Corner, who have had hospital experience lately, have returned to their home in the convalescent stage, but are by no means totally recovered.

Mr. Scott has had an extremely bad bout of rheumatic fever, and neither he nor Mrs. Scott can get about yet. Their many friends will wish them a speedy recovery.

14-12-1939 Mrs. T. G. Scott of Sunny Corner was conveyed by the ambulance to the Bathurst District Hospital yesterday and admitted for medical treatment.

Mr. W. McAlister, of Meadow Flat, who has studied for the Church of England ministry at Morpeth, will be ordained by the Bishop of Bathurst at All Saints Cathedral on Thursday next. He will serve for five years with the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd.

22-12-1939 The Meadow Flat School broke up last week and Mr. Jones and his sister have taken their departure. Since the department has decided to close the school another family has taken up residence and it is to be hoped that the closing will be only temporary. The piano and other effects have been removed to serve some useful purpose in other schools.

Mr. J. Berry, of Yetholme, sustained a nasty gash in his leg while chopping wood last week and he was removed to Bathurst hospital. According to report, he is well on the way to recovery.

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3-1-1940 Mr. Alf Collins, who has been school teaching for the past 12 months at Compton Downs has been transferred to Meadow Flat school and will take up duty there when school resumes.

This appointment apparently means that Meadow Flat school is not, after all, to be closed.

19-1-1940 A public meeting at “Oaks” the home of Mr. Ewen Ferguson, at Palmers Oakey, at which Mr. H. A. Thompson presided, a brigade was established to police the Palmers Oakey region, this extending from Mr. Thompsons "Warrie" property northward to the Upper Turon district.

Mr. Aiden Shumack was appointed secretary and captain, and Mr Duncan Latham Ferguson vice-captain, while a number of lieutenants were appointed. A levy of 2/6 per 1000 acres is to be imposed on land holders, with a maximum of 10/-.

(This was happening everywhere, due to the horrendous fires of the previous months. CF).

24-1-1940 “During last winter I was available to poison rabbits in the Sunny Corner District and no one would allow the rabbits to be poisoned. In fact I was persecuted and threatened with prosecution by the Trustees of the Sunny Corner Common tor laying poison adjoining the Common.

I will be back in Sunny Corner at the end of this month to fulfil a contract of 20 ton of blackberries. These berries are classed as a noxious weed and yet to fulfil1 my contract I will employ 20 men and will distribute about £300 in wages. My contract is with Jones Jam Factory. 20 tons of blackberries at £21 per ton .Trusting this information will be useful to your paper and will enlighten some people as to the extent of noxious weeds and rabbits. Yours etc., FRED. S. HOWLETT”

1-2-1940 A subsidised school has been recommended for Meadow Flat, the school having been closed at the end of the year through lack of enrolment. Mr. Grant, manager of "Carroo" station, heads a movement for the appointment of a subsidised teacher.

8-2-1940 At a well attended meeting held on January 26th, in the Oddfellows Hall, at Sunny Corner, it was decided to form a local Bushfire Brigade, and to join up with Yetholme for that purpose. Mr. W. Berry, of Yetholme attended and outlined the scheme under which such organisations work. The following office-bearers were appointed. Captain J. O Stait; vice-captain, H. Stait; president, H. Pritchard; hon. sec., C. O. Wilkinson.

Several local residents offered to assist by giving' the use of' motor lorries, tanks etc.

12-2-1940 Only desperate fighting last night saved the school and the School of Arts building at Sunny Corner from destruction. The volunteers are continuing their vigil today, but it is understood that the position is well in hand.

A fire started in front of the school yesterday. The schoolteacher (Mr Cresswell) and his wife attempted unsuccessfully to cope with it, but it spread down the gorge and burned miles of country. The fire freshened at night and crossed the road into the paddock next to the school. The fence along the road was burned. The blaze spread towards the Sunny Corner mine and away towards the Nevada mine. Its progress is being watched carefully by a number of men.

The Meadow Flat, Dark Corner and Sunny Corner volunteer fire brigades, reinforced by all the available men from the locality, assisted in preventing the flames reaching the homes.

The part of women helpers was particularly praiseworthy. Many cars and trucks were lined along the Dark Corner road, and when it appeared as if' the flames were coming back on them the women drove the vehicles out of reach. Some of the engines were locked, but nothing stoped the women pushed and steered them out of danger.

A report from Sunny Corner this afternoon stated that the fire was still burning in the gully below the school, but was being watched carefully.

21-2-1940 “Sir, Under the heading "Meadow Flat," .in the issue of February 14. you published an account of the fire at Meadow Flat on Friday last. I wish to advise you that the captain of our volunteer brigade is Mr.Alf. Berry, and that your correspondent, errs in stating that "Captain W. Grant and A. Berry were in charge." Mr. Berry, as captain, was ably seconded by our vice-captain, Mr. Ron Scott, and members generally. Yours, etc. BRUCE. GRANT, Hon. secretary. "Karoo," Meadow Flat.”

23-2-1940 Common Trustees. Messrs. John Oscar Stait, Thomas Fitzgerald, Colin Ottley Wilkinson, Raymond Neil Stait and Thomas John Sharp.

26-2-1940 More than 100 men to-day succeeded in getting control of a fire which broke out yesterday on the property of Mrs. A. Austin, near Yetholme. The pine forest at Kirkconnel was in danger. The flames reached the edge of the forest before they were extmguishd by fighters, many of whom collapsed from exhaustion owing to the terrific heat.

29-2-1940 Mr. Frank Hyde, an old district identity, died in Bathurst on Tuesday night at the age of 83. The deceased had been in ill health for some time. For many years he lived at Palmers Oakey, but later sold his grazing property and went to live in Bathurst. He is survived by a large family of sons and daughters, amongst whom are Arthur (Upper Turon) and Stan (Cudgegong). The funeral, took place at Palmers Oakey on Thursday afternoon.

4-3-1940 Starting A Fire. Two Men Are Changed, But Case Is Dismissed

The information against Robert Munro and Charles Formosa, the latter a Maltese, of having made careless use of fire at Meadow Flat on February 26 last, was dismissed atWallerawang police court.

According to the evidence given by Messrs. Dobbie and Clayton, landholders at Meadow Flat, and Const. W. Harmer, of Rydal, the defendants, who were swagmen, were seen at the spot where a disastrous bushfire started on the day mentioned. The men obtained water from Mr. Eslick's property, off the Great Western Highway, and discussed the question of boiling a billy. Clayton told them to be very careful and to light it on the bare patch. They said; they would do this.

The witnesses stated that the fire started near the spring, and spread over miles of country, but that the defendants were not seen lighting it. Defendants, in evidence, denied lighting a fire, but admitted they had a drink at the spring. The Bench, comprising Messrs. C. Ray and W. H. Cole, Js.P., said that the evidence against the defendants was very strong, but held that they must get the benefit of the doubt. It was clear that no other persons were seen in the vicinity of the spring.

14-3-1940 A bushfire that might have been very serious broke out on Sunday afternoon on Mr. E. McAndrews property at Garland's Hill, on the Sunny Corner-Portland road, but was eventually got under control after much hard work by members of the Meadow Flat, Yetholme and Sunny Corner Bushfire brigades, aided by a number of outside voluntary workers.

Some of these came from as far away as Tarana. For some time the residence itself was in danger. The fire started up again on Saturday in spite of the efforts of a few men who were watching it and fanned by a strong wind spread considerably. Again a large number of firefighters attended, and it was stopped once more.



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4-4-1940 Mr. C. Kelly, M.L.A, has received the following letter from the Minister for Education: I refer to your personal representations on behalf of Mr. Bruce Grant, of "Karoo," Meadow Flat, relative to education facilities at that centre. I shall immediately look into this matter and advise you further as early as practicable.

5-4-1940 Public Recreation:—Messrs. Charles Smith, Thomas George Scott and John Sinnott Shumack (in the places of Messrs. T. Byers, G. Shumack and A. Grabham, deceased)

11-4-1940 An application has been received at the Mining Wardens office at Lithgow from Lionel O. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, for a tenement, being a water race three quarters of a mile long. The race is in the vicinity of the old Paddy Lackey mine, near Dark Corner.

22-4-1940 A serious injury was sustained by Robert Harper (7), son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Harper, on Thursday afternoon, at Sunny Corner. He and his 11-year-old brother were playing with a chaffcutter when the younger boy got his fingers crushed by the cogs.

After he was conveyed in a neighbors motor car to Portland hospital, a doctor found it necessary to amputate the top joints of the first and second fingers of the left hand.

The father was at Dark Corner at the time, and knew nothing about the accident until next day. Probably the little boy will be in hospital for a week at least, but reports from there next day were to the effect that he was quite bright and happy, his only anxiety being as to when he would next see his mother.

10-5-1940 The portion of the General Cemetery at Dark Corner, dedicated 22nd November, 1870, set apart for Roman Catholic Burial Ground:—Most Reverend John Francis Norton, D.D., Reverend Joseph Patrick Cusack, Messrs. Edward James Bennett, Albert Joseph Bennett and John Murray (in the places of Right Reverend M. Quinn, D.D., Reverend J. O'Donnell, Messrs. J. Martin, E. O'Farrell and T. Lynch, deceased).

Church of England Burial Ground:—Messrs. James Grabham, John Sinnott Shumack and The Rector for the time being (in the places of Messrs. G. McLaclilan, G. Daw son and R. Shumack, deceased).

Presbyterian Burial Ground:—Messrs. Leslie McLachlan and Thomas George Scott (in the places of Messrs. R. C. Scott and J. Smith, deceased).

Burial Ground for Other Denominations:—Messrs. William Smith, William Richard Grabham and Gordon Thomas Smith.

Methodist Burial Ground:—Messrs. Alfred Scott, Charles Smith and the resident Methodist Minister for the time being of the Portland Circuit (in the places of the Reverend G. Hurst, W. Clarke and G. Woolnough, deceased).

22-5-1940 Miss A. Jones, who died in Sydney on the 16th of last April at the age of 69, was a very well known and respected Sunny Corner identity. Her father, who was a widower, leaving one married daughter in England, brought the rest of the family comprising three daughters and two sons to Australia in the early 80's., and later settled at Sunny Corner, where he set up in business in a little shop which was mainly conducted by the three girls.

One of the brothers died shortly afterwards, but the other, Mr. John Llewellyn Jones, was for some time engaged in assaying at the Sunny Corner silver lead mine, and was also interested in the adjacent Montana copper mine. Later on the business passed into the hands of Miss Jones herself, and she carried it on for many years. There are few residents of the Corner who do not have pleasant memories of Miss Jones and her little shop where local schoolchildren purchased lollies and other juvenile requirements. A kindly, unassuming little lady who during her long residence here earned the enmity of nobody, and who always cherished the hope of seeing the Corner again revive, everyone who knew Miss Jones will regret her passing. Two sisters, Mrs. Osborne, of Petersham, Sydney, and Mrs. R. Quick, of Silverspur, Queensland, and three nephews and two nieces, are left to mourn their loss.

28-5-1940 In the Bathurst Police Court yesterday, Alfred Charles Prior 44 of Sunny Coner, was committed for trial on a charge of indecent assault on a male person. Lengthy evidence was given by Det. Sgt,. A. M. Wells and three other witnesses, who were cross examined by defendant. The trial was set down for Bathurst Quarter Sessions on August 27. Bail was allowed, self in £30, with sureties of a similar amount.

5-6-1940 Meadow Flat public school, Which has been conducted as a subsidised establishment, has regained its former status. Mr. K. Doyle has been appointed teacher-in-charge.

10-6-1940 Mr. Norman Strickland has left Sunny Corner for Misima, Papua, where he will be engaged in mining at Cuthberts Misima G.M. Before leaving he was tendered a send off by the brethren of the Loyal Silver Star Oddfellows Lodge, and was given a presentation in recognition of the esteem he was hold in by his fellow brethren. Regret at his departure is generally expressed by all who knew him, together with the wish that he may meet with every success in his new venture.

29-6-1940 Dr. and Mrs. J. Foreman of “Karroo” Meadow Flat, have taken a flat in Macquarie Street. Sydney, where they will spend the winter months.

12-7-1940 The death of Mr. James Hezekiah Dibley, of Meadow Flat, died in the Bathurst District Hospital early yesterday morning, after a long illness. He was 86 years age, and followed farming pursuits. He is survived by a family of three sons, Ernest, Frank and Harry, and three daughters.

17-7-1940 A wedding was celebrated at the Methodist church, Meadow Flat, on July 6, the contracting parties being Alma Jean, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. Gobden, of Lismore, and Ronald Parkes, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Scott of Meadow Flat.
The bride wore a cream bridal satin gown with wreath and veil and carried a bouquet of stock and roses and trail of bridal creeper. She was attended by Miss Bubs Lawler, who wore a mauve satin dress, with coronet of tulle and wreath of mauve roses: She also carried, a bouquet of mauve stock and asparagus fern and bridal creeper. The bridegrooms brother, "'Mac," filled the role of best man. Mrs. C. Scott presided at the organ. Pastor W. H. Weiss, of Portland, officiated. A reception was held at the bride grooms parents home, only the immediate relatives attending. The future home of the young couple will be at Glen Davis.

20-7-1940 Matron Clara Shumack of Dark Corner enlisted at Sydney.



Matron Shumack.

27-7-1940 A euchre party and dance was held at the Meadow Flat public school building on Friday night and was most successful, despite unfavorable weather conditions. It was well attended and there were visitors from Tarana and Rydal. The Patriotic Fund will benefit to the extent of £9/8/0.

8-8-1940 Last Thursday night a sendoff was tendered to Mr. H. J. Neale, of Sunny Comer, who is leaving here for service in the navy. There was a large attendance, and Mr. Neale was presented with a wallet containing a £1 note. In making the presentation on behalf of the residents of the district, Mr. R. Cresswell referred to the fact that four services the navy, army, air force and mercantile marine, all contained representatives from Sunny Corner. Included in these were Messrs. J. D. Wilkinson, S. Ravenscroft, "Bill" Ravenscroft, C. Kissell, and H. J. Neale. Some years ago Mr. Neale purchased a property

between Sunny Corner and Dark Corner, and has since then very successfully engaged in farming. Mrs. Neale and family are remaining on the farm.

Mrs. M. Hutchinson, fell in the yard of her home at Sunny Corner yesterday and sustained a fractured right thigh. Lithgow ambulance took her to Portland hospital, where she was admitted. Mrs. Hutchinson is in her 63rd year.

15-8-1940 All stray stock on Sunny Corner Common and after the 21st of this month will be impounded. Trustees; Sunny Corner Common.

16-8-1940 An application for the suspension of labor conditions on Sunny Corner leases, lodged by George Wright on behalf of Robert Hill, was granted for four months, at Lithgow Mininig Warden's Court to-day, before the Warden (Mr. F. A; Hynes).

Objection was raised by C. O. Wilkinson, on the ground that he wanted to work the dumps on two of the leases. On the applicants assurance that he would allow him to work the dumps, and would give him any assistance possible in the matter of power, the objection was withdrawn.

21-8-1940 The influx of wives and families of men who will be in camp at Bathurst after the130 miles march from Ineleburn has already caused a shortage of accommodation in the town. It is becoming difficult to obtain rooms at hotels and boarding houses. Business people are expecting a considerable increase in trade because of the presence of nearly 5000 troops at the new camp, about six miles from the town, and of wives and families of officers and some of the men, who will live at Bathurst.

One hotel is demolishing a café on its premises and is installing additional bar accommodation.

The leading marching group, the 2/13th Infantry Battalion, arrived at Meadow Flat at 1 p.m., two hours ahead of schedule. The battalion will sleep to-night in 100 tents pitched on undulating country on the station property of Dr. Foreman, a Macquarie-street specialist. The tents were erected in a day by the 1st Corps Ammunition Company, which has also erected 100 tents at Walang, to-morrow night's stop.

At the Meadow Flat camp 3000 gallons of water is held in canvas troughs and a special foot-bath.

Bathurst will give the troops its first welcome at Meadow Flat to night, when a party from the town will entertain the soldiers at a camp fire concert. A log fire 50 feet long, 6 feet high and 8 feet broad, and several smaller satellite fires, will light up the country for hundreds of yards around.

Supper will be provided by the people of Meadow Flat, Tarana. Yetholme and other neighboring settlements.

4-9-1940 Betty Passeri, 3 years of age, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Passeri, of Sunny Corner was badly scalded on Saturday afternoon last, when she stepped on the edge of a basin of boiling wafer which was standing on the floor. As she partially tell into the basin, she suffered severe injury. Mr, Col. Wilkinson almost immediately took her by car to Portland, where she was admitted for treatment. On Sunday afternoon it was stated that she was doing well, it is in cases like this that the value of the motor car in the country is exemplified.

11-9-1940 Fred. Neale, aged 11 the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neale, of Sunny Corner was taken ill on Saturday last, and as he was no better on Sunday his mother drove him by lorry into Portland, where Dr. Ternes pronounced him suffering from appendicitis. He was admitted to the Portland hospital and operated on almost immediately. His father Mr. Neale is on naval service so that driving the truck devolves on Mrs. Neale, who is fortunately a competent driver.

Several bushfires were burning around Sunny Corner before the rainfall on September 8th. It was only two points, but did good work at extinguishing most of the fires. One that continued to burn is between Sunny Corner and the Main Western Road, and several men had to fight it on Monday and Tuesday, as it was assuming dangerous proportions

Most of the fires have done more good than harm, as they have burned more bark and leaves than grass, and have formed breaks that may be useful later on, when fires may be more difficult to stop.

20-9-1940 Mrs. H. J. Neale, of Sunny Corner who was travelling to Melbourne, where her husband died at Flinders Naval House, met with a serious accident at Albury on Wednesday morning. She was admitted to Albury hospital, and her condition was such that visitors were not allowed to see her. Mrs. Neale was accompanied by her brother Mr. Kemp of Sunny Corner, another woman, and three children aged 17; 15, and 11. She left Bathurst on Tuesday night. The utility she was driving was damaged and was towed to a service station in Albury.

22-9-1940 Many of the young men who were taking up farming have had to temporarily abandon it for a billet somewhere, some being employed at the Small Arms Factory.

The rain will at least do some good to the grass, but much more is required for agricultural purposes.

Pit props in large numbers continue to leave the district for Lithgow, this business having become quite a major local industry. The way in which the coalmines eat up timber supplies would suggest that the Forestry Commission would do well to look into the matter of planting local hardwoods to supply the demand in the future.

25-9-1940 Definite news of the accident to the utility truck in which Mrs. H, Neale and party were travelling to Melbourne to attend the funeral of Mr. Neale, who died at Flinders Navel House Melbourne from Clifford Neale, 16 year son of Mr. Neale, who returned on Tuesday. The truck which was being driven by Mrs. Neale, skidded in the gravel and overturned near Albury and although the occupants Mrs. Neale, her son Clifford and daughter Doreen, her two brothers, Harley Laurie Kemp, and her sister-in-law Mrs. Harley Kemp were all bruised and shaken, the only one seriously injured was Mrs. Kemp;, who suffered a broken pelvis and other injuries, she will be an inmate of Albury Hospital for many months.

Mrs. Neale's youngest boy, aged 11 would probably also have been in the party, only for the fact that he was operated on for appendicitis about a week before news of fathers death was received, and at the time of accident was in Portland hospital. Mrs. Neale will return to Sunny Corner next Friday, and the truck after repairs have been carried out, will be sent by train to Wallerawang.

2-10-1940 Rationing, if not amended, seems likely to be a severe blow to the mining prop industry. Apparently carriers who stated precisely their normal consumption have been "knocked back" as much as 50 per cent., while many private car owners who overstated their consumption have been given about what they wanted. A correspondent to a Sydney paper suggests that commercial truck users have been treated thus, simply because they gave correct figures, knowing that their normal consumption could be checked, whereas it is impossible to check cars, filling at pumps all over the country. This is certainly 'rough' on those who gave honest statements. It is essential that such an under taking as prop carting, on which the coalmining industry so largely depends, must not be crippled by unfair or injudicious rationing. Even with full benzine supplies, it is difficult to keep the prop supply up to the demand as fast as the timber gets in it goes underground, and there is a shortage whenever a few days of bad weather interferes with carting.

23-10-1940 A send-off to Chas. Kissell who is a transport driver in the A.I.F. was held in the Oddfellows Hall on Friday night; when there was a large attendance. Mr. Kissell, who was in the tram service in" Sydney,' was brought up at Sunny Corner where his mother Mrs. W. Kissell lives. He was presented with a fountain pen and pencil, the presentation being made by Mr.Rae Creswell. A pleasant evening was spent in playing euchre and other games, musical items were contributed by Mr. Stan Guihot on his violin.

Much sympathy is expressed locally towards Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald in the sad loss of their 14 year-old son, who died in Portland hospital last week.

7-11-1940 Further outbreaks of bushfires occurred during the week in the neighborhood of Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey. On Sunday large columns of smoke were noticed coming from the direction of the fires, which gave the impression that they were close to Portland. As the outbreaks were confined to the bushland no serious damage was feared.

According to a report from Sunny Corner, a proposal has been made that Turon Shire Council should prohibit the use of water from the reservoir at the local battery until the supply is replenished by heavy rains. Most of the springs have stopped running, and the reservoir contains only six feet of water. The report adds: "A serious position will arise if it dries up before enough rain falls to replenish it, not only for residents who depend on it for domestic use, but for the school and also for stock on the common, most of which drink at the water trough filled from the reservoir. "When permission to use the water at the battery was granted, there was plenty of water available, but now the great drain by the battery, and also by the puddler now installed there, has a material effect in rapidly reducing the supply. Any action to this effect should be taken as soon as possible, as prohibitions after the dam is dry will be useless. A dry reservoir at the beginning of summer would entail much hardship, besides increasing danger in the case of fire. To minimise such risk by causing one small industry temporarily to suspend operations would certainly seem to be the lesser evil. If the reservoir goes dry it will have to suspend operations, anyway."

11-11-1940 Turon Shire Council decided on Friday to notify Mr. T. Hutchinson, operator of a battery at Sunny Corner, that he must cease operations at once, until such time as there has been substantial rains.

Several bushfires have swept much of the outlying country lately, but so far the Common has escaped.

15-11-1940 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16th, 1930, aged 60 years.

Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
Of one whom we loved and will never forget;
Whatever else we fail to do,
We will never forget to remember you.
Always remembered by his loving Wife, Eleanor A. Smith and family.

22-11-1940 There was a largely attended meeting of Sunny Corner residents at the Oddfellows Hall, on Monday night, to tender a sendoff to Driver J. D. Wilkinson, of the Transport Supply Column, who was revisiting Sunny Corner on a weeks leave. For several months he has been training at the military camp at Redbank, Queensland.

After leaving Sunny Corner, more than 11 years ago, Mr. Wilkinson was for years engaged in mining on Misima Island, Papua, working at Cuthberts Misima G.M., and later was in the Government service, being medical officer in charge at Daru, at the mouth of the Fly River, for some time. Resigning from this work, which he found, too monotonous, he went back mining, and was again engaged at Cuthberts Misima .when war broke out.

He attended the Sunny Corner school when Mr. E J. Ryan was the teacher, and many of those present at the sendoff were school fellows. On behalf of residents, Mr. R. Cresswell presented Dvr. Wilkinson with a money belt containing a substantial amount of money.

Mr. H. Pritchard, chairman of the P. and C. Association, referred enthusiastically to the qualities of the guest of the evening. After Dvr. Wilkinson had suitably responded, a pleasant evening was passed with progressive euchre, dancing, etc., music being supplied by Messrs. J. Passeri and S. Guihot. The evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Sync."

16-11-1940 The breaking up ceremony of the Sunny Corner School took place on Thursday afternoon, December 12th, being held at the school instead of the hall. Each child was presented with a book, provided by the local P. and C. Association, the presentation being made by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft. The usual feast was provided by local ladies, Mrs. Ravenscroft giving the lollies, and a pleasant afternoon was spent in the schoolroom by the children, parents and friends. At the conclusion of the gathering a meeting was held, at which it was decided to hold a dance on Boxing Night, for the benefit of patriotic funds, and the hall.



The original house at 'Snowline', Sunny Corner, NSW, 1940s. Was built c1884, probably by the first owner Thomas Shipley. Photo from Wilkinson family, Sunny Corner, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

12-12-1940 While driving his car along Meadow Flat road on Sunday, Mr. C. Scott endeavored to avoid a collision with a motor cycle, when his vehicle swerved off the roadside and turned over.
Mrs. Scott and two daughters were passengers. Fortunately they all escaped with a rather severe shaking and minor abrasions. Mrs. Scott sustained a rather nasty cut on her leg. After the car was righted, Mr. Scott was able to drive home.

1941

2-1-1941 Good quantities of peas have been sent to Sydney lately, the quality being so high that top prices have been obtained, ranging from 6/- to 10/- a bushel. Sunny Corner and best Guyra peas rank level in the markets, so that there is no denying the quality of the local product. People who should be in a position to judge say that, although Guyra peas have larger pods, the flavor of good western peas from the colder districts such as Sunny Corner, is far superior. Lately, although large quantities have been pouring into Sydney, the majority have been of very poor quality, due principally to the hot dry weather. Sunny Corner because of its altitude, usually scores in such a season, pea crops in lower places scorching up sooner.

The dance held in the hall on Boxing night proved most successful, there being a very large attendance. Music was supplied by Miss Shiptons (Portland) orchestra, and was appreciated. A generous supper was served at midnight, and dancing was indulged in till the early hours. A profit of about £10 was made for the hall and patriotic funds, between which it will be divided.

A local industry that will employ several Sunny Corner residents is the timber milling plant at the property of Australian Forests Ltd., at Kirkconnell, which is starting operations shortly. Both pinus insignis from the large plantation there and also local timber from the blackbutt forests behind the plantation are to be handled. Large quantities of blackbutt were milled in the early days of Sunny Corner, most of the buildings at the Sunny Corner silver mine being constructed of it.

13-1-1941 "The only place where gold mining is being carried out to any extent is at Sunny Corner, where Messrs T. A. Hutchison and W. H. Crawford have extended a tunnel for about 50ft. No return has yet been made.
"Two companies are operating in brick clay. Trade has improved to a great extent, owing to house building and extensions to the S.A.F. Prospects for the current year are bright, and it should be the best for a number of years."

7-2-1941 Common made a loss of 2 pounds for 1940.

22-2-1941 John Harley Bottrell (76), a miner, of Sunny Corner, was found dead in a bedroom of the Commercial Hotel, George Street, Bathurst, early yesterday morning.
Police state that there are no suspicious circumstances. Bottrell was a well known resident of the Sunny Corner district, where he had lived for many years. According to the police, Bottrell was noticed sitting in a passageway of the hotel about 8 o'clock on Thursday night. Miss E. Fallon, daughter of the licensee, asked him if anything was wrong. Bottrell replied that he was feeling all right. Miss Fallon did not see Bottrell again that night, but about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, she heard a moaning sound coming from his bedroom. She went to the bedroom door and called out, but received no reply. Opening the door Miss Fallon saw that Bottrell was ill. She immediately communicated with a local doctor. Dr. Harris examined the body and pronounced life extinct.
The late Mr. Bottrell was born at Sunny Corner, and followed mining pursuits. Two of his sons, Richard and John Bottrell, are known in the Bathurst district. They are now members of services. Mr. Bottrells father was in charge of the mining batteries at Sunny Corner and Sofala in the early gold mining days.

28-2-1941 Mr. Gus. Kelly, M.L.A. for Bathurst has received the following communication from the Under Secretary for Lands: "Dear Mr. Kelly,— With further reference to your personal representations on behalf of certain residents of Sunny Corner, relative to their desire to have the Commoners boundaries of the Sunny Corner Common extended. I have to inform you that the Commoners boundaries of the subject Common were fixed by a notification published in the Government Gazette of January 31. 1941. A copy of the notification is forwarded herewith. The boundaries, as now determined, include the area shown by blue edging on the diagram which accompanied my letter of January 8 1941."

13-3-1941 Dance At Sunny Corner.—At last Saturday night's dance at Sunny Corner there was a good attendance of patrons. The function was in aid of Miss Nixons candidature in the Red Cross queen competition.

28-3-1941 Word was received from Mr. Reg. Lund, one time of Sunny Corner. He also has joined the Air Force and is training at Richmond.

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson, Sunny Corner Mr. Jack Wilkinson, who is overseas with the A.I.F., mentioned he had met Mr. Charlie Kissell over there, who was a schoolmate of his at Sunny Corner.

The death of Mr. Thompson, of Palmers Oakey caused a shock to his many acquaintances. It is a great loss to the district, as he was a man who was held in great esteem. Sincere sympathy is extended to his widow and relatives.

Recent visitors to the village were Mrs. S. Ravenscroft and son, Corp. W. Ravenscroft of the R A.A.F., who is stationed at Canberra at present. Bill looks well and likes his work. He is a ground engineer and has been nearly 12 months in the force. Mr. S. Ravenscroft is also serving his country on a mine sweep somewhere at sea.

7-4-1941 Many older residents of the Sunny Corner district particularly will regret to learn of the death on March 25 of Mrs. R, McLachlan, formerly of West Mitchell, Lithgow and Eastwood at the age of 82 years. For many years Mrs. McLachlan had lived with her niece, Mrs. R. Scott, of Earlwood, and until a few years ago led a very active life.

The funeral, which took place at Northern Suburbs cemetery, was of a private nature, but many relatives assembled to pay their last tribute of respect.

Mrs. McLachlan's husband died in Lithgow about 30 years ago. The writer had known Mrs. McLachlan for over 55 years, and can testify to her unselfish care and concern for the comfort of others, which was abundantly exemplified in the religious and social life of West Mitchell during the earlier years of our acquaintance. We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Scott and other relatives in their time of bereavement.

18-4-1941 The dance held in the Sunny Corner Hall for the Patriotic Fund, was a great success, and proved one of the most enjoyable and best attended held here for some time, good music, a splendid floor, while the supper was one of the main features. Credit is due to the promoters, Messrs. M. Ross, J. Shumack, junr., and R. Grabham.

Most springs have stopped running, and the Sunny Corner reservoir is almost dry.

24-4-1941 A successful harvest festival was held in West Mitchell church under the auspices of Portland Presbyterian Church on Sunday. The ladies of the district had worked hard to beautify the church for the occasion.

24-4-1941 The secretary was instructed to write to Lithgow Toe H members inviting them to take part in a church parade at West Mitchell (Sunny Corner) on May 25, and afterwards join in a service in Portland at night.

14-5-1941 WANTED. Prop cutters, Sunny Corner area. Apply F. Vowles, Commercial Hotel, Wallerawang.

19-5-1941 Mr. Issae Lawler, who died in Lithgow hospital on Saturday morning, at the age of 88, was one of the oldest residents of the district.

6-6-1941 General, sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Fraser, in the loss of their son, Naval Rating William Fraser, killed on active service near Crete. Mr. Fraser made many friends at Sunny Corner during his long sojourn in the storekeeping business. For many years managing the store of the late Mr. R. Bulkeley, and later on conducting the business on his own account, Mr. Frascr was for long identified with Sunny Corner when it was a more populous and prosperous centre than at present.

(Mr. Fraser. was correspondent for the "Mercury" at the Corner for years and an able and witty writer. In this respect the paper has always been fortunate in its representative at the once famous mining centre.Ed. L.M.).

16-7-1941 The remains of Mr. Hugh McKinnon were interred in theMeadow Flat cemetery on Thursday afternoon. The funeral was attended by many relatives and friends. Deceased was widely known and much respected throughout the district, where he was well known for years as a prominent participant in all kinds of sport, more especially tennis and cricket. He was also an active member in the P. and C. Association. Much sympathy is extended to his wife and three children- Ivy, Enid and Leslie. He was the son of Duncan and Sarah (Banning) of Palmers Oakey.

7-8-1941 The death took place at her residence, High-street, Portland, on Saturday night, of Mrs. Hannah Marie McManus in her 78th year. A native of Diamond Swamp, she had resided in the district the whole of her life, the greater portion of which was spent at Meadow Flat, where with her husband she was a great worker on the land. Since coming to Portland with her daughter some time ago she conducted the shop on Cullen Road. Deceased was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Kemp, pioneer settlers of Usedale Creek. Of a quiet disposition, she was ever ready to assist anyone in less fortunate circumstances than herself. She leaves a grown up family, George, of Meadow Flat; Emily (Mrs. McAllister) of Meadow Flat; Lizzie (Mrs. McManus), of Portland; and Hannah (Mrs. Stewart), of Portland. Mr. James Kemp, of Keiraville; Wollongong, is a brother and Harry and William Kemp, of Meadow Flat, step-brothers; and Maude (Mrs. Crawford), of Manly; Nell (Mrs. Barry), of Strathfield; and Connie (Mrs. James), of Piper's Flat, are step-sisters; Mr. McManus died in 1917.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended, the interment being made beside the remains of her late husband in the Presbyterian portion of the Meadow Flat cemetery. Prior to the cortege leaving her late residence, the Rev. T. Mathers, of Lithgow, conducted a short service and subsequently officiated at the graveside, where the favorite hymn of deceased, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," was sung by those assembled. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

20-8-1941 Mrs. S. Ravenscroft at present residing at Sunny Corner has received notice that the vessel on which her husband, Mr. Sam Ravenscroft was employed is long overdue on a voyage overseas, and must be presumed lost. Mr. Ravenscroft for many years lived in Sunny Corner and later on was employed at the Jenolan Caves,

He also took part in marine service during the last war, and for eleven months Mrs. Ravenscroft heard nothing of him, but eventually he emerged from obscurity safe and sound. The only son, Mr. W, Ravenscroft, is at present a corporal in the Australian Air Force.

19-9-1941 The death of Mrs. Helen Sarah Sparkes, a former well known and very highly respected resident of Portland for many years, occurred in Sydney yesterday at the age of 65.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Stait, who were well known at Sunny Corner, and only left Portland about four years ago. The deceased had been in ill health about three months and death was not unexpected.

A family of three daughters, namely Mesdames Irene (Mrs. Grabham), Edie (Mrs Costello), and Olga (Mrs. Lennox), and two sons, Messrs. Alf. (Portland) and Hilton (Sydney) survive. Her husband predeceased her four years ago. Seven sisters, Mesdames Banning (Portland), S. J. Burke (Lithgow), Urquhart (Barraba), Tomlinson (Wentworthville), Travers (Coogee), Larkin (Ben Bullen), McCarthey (Enmore), and two brothers, Messrs. George and John Stait, of Portland, are surviving members of the Stait family.

22-9-1941 Bathurst. P.P. Board on Friday received advice that approval had been granted for the appointment of Mr Ewen Ernest Smith, of "Warrie," Sunny Corner, as permit officer in lieu of the late Mr. H. A. Thompson.

2-10-1941 The fall of snow was the heaviest the district has received this year. Yetholme reported the heaviest fall about a foot lying on the ground for a time. There was a big fall at Sunny Corner, about 18 inches. Some old residents of the district described the fall in certain areas as the heaviest since the record snow storm of 1900.

15-10-1941 "When this man does come to town he is a menace to himself and everybody else. Mr. Bromhead, S.M., said this yesterday at Bathurst court in reply to a statement by Const. J. B. Hunter that Arthur Hudson (64), of Sunny Corner, who was on the dole, rarely came to town. Hudson pleaded guilty to a charge of driving a horse and sulky at Kelso while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was fined £2. Const. Hunter said defendant when arrested was half hanging out of the sulky. He was on the dole at Sunny Corner, and came to town only occasionally. "Where does he get the money to get drink?" asked the magistrate. "That is what we would like to know," replied Const. Hunter.

16-10-1941 Mr. James Joseph Murray, an old and respected resident of Portland, died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Bathurst, on Monday, aged 71.

Born at Sunny Corner, he was well known in that locality. He had been ailing for about six months, his wife predeceased him by six months. Surviving are three sons — Messrs. Bede, Jack and James Murray, (Portland), and two daughters— Mrs. A. Dowling and Sister Ignatius, St. Joseph's Convent, Perthville.

The funeral moved to the Catholic Church Kirkconnell, where prior to interment in the adjoining cemetery the Rev. Father Cusack conducted a short service. He also officiated at the graveside.

22-10-1941 Meadow Flat Fire Brigade. The secretary (Mr. W. Bush) furnished, a report on the work of the year, which was received as satisfactory. The balance sheet, presented by Mr. Mac Scott, showed that the financial position was sound. The following officers were re-elected:— president, Mr. G. Green; secretary, Mr. W. Bush; treasurer, Mr. Mac Scott; captain, Mr. B. Grant; vice-captains, Messrs. A. Middleton, A. Berry and G. McManus.

14-11-1941 SMITH. In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, who passed away at West Mitchell, November 16, 1930, aged 60 years..

A cheerful smile and a heart of gold,
The dearest dad the world could hold
We loved you then, .we love you still.
Forget, you, dad, we never will.
Always remembered by his loving wife, Eleanor A. Smith, and family.

28-11-1941 A dance was held in the hall last Saturday evening in aid of patriotic funds and the P. and C. Association, and in spite of the disabilities imposed by petrol rationing was well attended, and proved a thoroughly successful function.

5-12-1941 Among the crew of the Australian cargo steamer Mareeba; which was sunk by the German raider Kormoran, disposed of by the Sydney, was Mr. Sam Ravenscroft, of Sunny Corner. Mrs. Ravenscroft was notified some time ago that her husband was missing, and there is now hope that he has been saved and is a prisoner of war.

22-12-1941 The breaking up of Sunny Corner School took place on Thursday last, when each child was presented with a book, the gift of the P. and C. Association, the presentation, being made by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft. Afterwards the children were entertained at afternoon tea, with a plentiful supply of cakes, lollies, soft drinks, etc., given by the parents and citizens, a pleasant afternoon being spent.

30-12-1941 The dance in the Sunny Corner hall on Boxing Night in aid of patriotic and the hall funds, was extremely successful. There was a very large attendance, Portland and surrounding districts being well represented and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

1942

5-1-1942 While attempting to extinguish a bushfire at Meadow Flat yesterday, Mr. Jim Southcott, of Portland, sustained severe burns. He was admitted to Portland hospital.

7-1-1942 Sunday, January 4, was by no means a pleasant one, as the temperature soared to 99 degrees, the hottest for this summer in Sunny Corner, while smoke from three bushfires obscured the sky, these was on the property of Mr. Chas. Scott, between Sunny Corner and Meadow Flat, a conflagration that took a lot of stopping.

13-1-1942 The fire which broke out near Kirkconnell on Sunday afternoon and which was reported to have been under control on Sunday night, broke out again and the flames were not subdusd until yesterday afternoon. The firefighters had a grim fight. The flames almost reached the door of Mr. J. Dibleys residence and the building was only saved after a stern battle. Much fencing on the property was destroyed. The fire also raged on the properties of Messrs. Kerr and Herb Turner. On both places the loss of a number of sheep is feared but the exact number will not be known until the sheep are mustered.

23-1-1942 Common made a profit of 40 pounds for 1941.

30-1-1942 . The Sunny Corner reservoir is now dry, so that all the stock that drank at the water trough are now compelled to water at one of the few remaining natural supplies.

Following the outbreak of the Pacific War, the Government expanded the Volunteer Defence Corps in February 1942. Membership was open to men aged between 18 and 60, including those working in reserved occupations.
As a result the men of the Sunny Corner area lined up at the enlistment days, and most had joined during the first half of 1942. They were members of the 23rd V D C Battalion. Their H.Q. was at the Drill Hall on the corner of Durham and George Streets Bathurst, where the K.F.C food outlet is. (2021).

In the early stages most of their training took place at Sunny Corner, as it was central, had a hall and main reason, a rifle range. Later they trained at other sites as their skills were broadened.

At Sunny Corner they learnt parade ground drill, when there were enough rifles and ammo, target practice, how to make home-made grenades, booby traps and were issued with handbooks on several types of weapons, plane identification etc.
(I can remember Dad and Uncles Barney and Tom making target frames for the rifle range in Nebo woolshed and some of the paint is still on the posts.C F.)



Members of the VDC in 1942 before they were issued with uniforms

18-2-1942 In accordance with the decision, of' a meeting of local citizens recently, there was a good rollup last Sunday at the reservoir to clean out some of the accumulated silt. The result reflected credit on the energy of the voluntary workers, and credit is also due to Mr. Rae Cresswell, who convened the initial meeting from which the working bee sprang.
The Turon Shire Council, at the instance of Cr. W. H. Berry, kindly provided power kerosene for use in a tractor attached to a rotary hoe. This was used for loosening up the deposit prior to scooping while a three-horse scoop was brought by Mr. Phil Berry, horses being supplied by Messrs. Walter Stait, J. Tattersall, Clive Scott and J. O. Stait.
Much material was removed from the dam, and a fair length of drain connecting with the only spring now showing any signs of water was opened up, so that the chance of an inflow to the dam in the case of a heavy shower was increased.
16-3-1942 There was a large attendance at a meeting held in the Oddfellows Hall on Saturday evening, March 7th to consider the formation of a local branch of the N.E.S.
Mr. R. Cresswell who had convened the meeting gave a resume of the address recently given at Yetholme by Mr. P. W. Caffin, the result of his visit being that a N.E.S. was formed at Yetholme. It was decided to form a branch at Sunny Corner, with a first aid casually station, and over £8 was collected in the room for the purpose of installing equipment for the station First aid classes are to be held weekly under the tuition of Mr, Cresswell. For Warden and Deputy Warden the names of Messrs. L. O. Wilkinson and F. E. Rawson were recommended, while Mr. R. Cresswell, is appointed secretary and treasurer. Next day several voluntary workers attended at the school ground for the purpose of digging trenches for emergency shelters, and good progress was made with the work, although the rocky nature of the ground slowed down operations compared to what would have been done in ordinary soil. Anyone knowing the Sunny Corner school ground will realise that trench digging therein is a very different business to digging at Yetholme, where voluntary workers, dug over 70ft. of slit trenches in one day. Some of the harder rock at Sunny Corner had to be shot out.
20-4-1942 Corporal J. D. Wilkinson, formerly of' Sunny Corner, and for many years in Papua, is now back in Australia, after a year and four months in the A.I.F. abroad, having been on active service in Greece, Crete and the Middle East, He hopes soon to obtain leave to revisit Sunny Corner.

A present day feature that is satisfactory is the high price of' rabbit skins as it tends to keep the rabbit pest within reasonable bounds, besides providing a source of revenue to many people in the country. Just now, when so many small

country centres are almost denuded of male population, owing to the migration to munition factories and other industrial organisations in the larger towns, this condition is especially valuable, making the advantages of the rabbit as an article of commerce to some extent counterbalance his disadvantages as a herbage destroying pest.

1-5-1942 Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, Sunny Corner, has received advice from the Director of Navigation, Sydney, that information has been received from the Red Cross Geneva through the Australian Red Cross Society, that Samuel Ravenscroft, greaser on the S.S. Mareeba is a prisoner of war in Germany, no further news is so far obtainable.

11-6-1942 A quiet wedding was celebrated at the Hoskins Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lithgow, on the fifth June by the Rev. T. Mathers, when Marjorie Rawson Wilkinson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L, O. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, was married to Maxwell Charles Ross, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ross, of Walang. The bride entered the church on the arm of her brother, Mr. Lance Wilkinson, late of Papua, who gave her away. The matron of honor was Mrs. Lance Wilkinson, Mr. C. Wilkinson acting as best man.

The bride wore a cyclamen costume with black accessories, and the matron of honor a forget-me-not blue coat and skirt, also with black accessories. After the wedding, an adjournment was made to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Wilkinson, at Littleton, where the wedding breakfast was partaken of, and the usual toasts were drunk. The future home of the happy couple will be Lithgow.

At Sunny Corner on the 6th inst. a dance and gift evening was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Max Ross (nee Marge Wilkinson) by their many friends. There was an unusually large attendance, the hall being well filled with people representative of Sunny Corner, Dark Corner, Yctholme, Portland, and many other centres. Music was supplied by Mrs. Jack Fitzgerald and Mr. J. Kearns, and dancing was kept up till a late hour. Supper was supplied by the ladies, and left nothing to be desired, and a most pleasant evening was spent. During the evening Mr. R. Cresswell handed over to the popular couple the large number of beautiful presents received. The bridegroom suitably thanked all those present for their practical expression of esteem. The largest gathering seen at Sunny Corner for a long time dispersed at midnight.

26-6-1942 For the first time for a long while, the Sunny Corner reservoir has a fair supply of water in it, although it is still far from full.

6-7-1942 The death occurred on Saturday night at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. W. Dowler, of Laurence Street, of Mrs. Mary Anne Wade at the age of 88 years. She is survived by three sons, Messrs. G. J. Wade, of Cupro street, Mr. J. Wade, of Portland, Mr. Thomas Wade, of Kandos, and two daughters, Mrs. T. Griffiths and Mrs. W. Dowler, both of Laurence-street, Lithgow.

Born at Kirconnell, the late Mrs. Wade was the eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Murray of that centre, and is the last surviving member of that family. Her husband. Mr. John Wade, predeceased her 25 years age at their former residence at Meadow Flat. Mrs. A Wade came to Lithgow 14 years ago; She was confined to her bed for the past 12 months, but during that time was able to read, write and exchange conversation.

9-7-1942 Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, Sunny Corner has received word, that her son, Wm. Ravenscroft, has been promoted to the position of sergeant in the Air Force, to which he has been attached for some time. His father, Mr. Sam Ravenscroft, it will be remembered, is a prisoner of war in Germany.'

Mr.and Mrs, Rae Cresswells son, Allan who has been an inmate of Portland hospital for 10 days, having badly cut a foot with an axe, is now recovered, and has returned home.

Mr, Lance Wilkinson, who has been in Sunny Corner with the intention of enlisting, since leaving Misima Island, just before the Japanese invaded New Guinea, has just been called up for the Air Force. His brother, Corporal J. D. Wilkinson, who returned recently from, the Middle East is now at Port Moresby.

Mr, Peter Strickland, for some time recently an inmate of the Lithgow hospital, suffering from an attack of pneumonia, is reported to be making good progress, and is expected to be out again shortly. His brother Mr. Norman Strickland, who has been living at Sunny Corner, since his return from Papua, developed pleurisy last Sunday, and was taken to Portland hospital. It is hoped that his stay there will only be a short one.

The wet weather lately is by no means a boon to prop-carters, great difficulty being experienced in bringing loads out of the bush, where much of the ground is getting too soft and water-logged to carry a loaded lorry.

10-7-1942 Dark Corner Public Recreation:—Messrs. Richard William Grabham and James Dudley Grabham (in the places of Messrs. H. Shumack, removed, and A. Shumack, resigned).

23-07-1942 Charles Peet Ferguson died at “Martins" Palmers Oakey where he had come to live to get away from Sydney because of the war and also he wanted to come home to die, he was born at “Warrie" 05-07-1864.

31-7-1942 The death has occurred in Bathurst hospital of Mrs. Mary Eliza Kissell at the age of 76 years. Deceased had been ailing for about three months. She was born at Ophir, near Orange, and was a resident at Sunny Corner for many years, but had lived in Bathurst for the past 23 years. She was a well known and highly respected resident of the district, and is survived by her husband Mr. Martin Kissell seven daughters, including Mrs. Hunt, of Lithgow, Mrs. T. Scott, of Dark Corner, and three sons, including Mr. Albert Kissell, formerly of Lithgow. A brother is Mr. Robert McConnell, of Lithgow.

6-8-1942 Miss Elsie Attuell formerly post mistress here and now stationed in Lithgow as a member of the post office staff there, paid a weekend visit to her sister Miss Rita Attuell postmistress Sunny Corner. For some time previous to her removal to Lithgow, Miss Elsie Attuell was stationed at the post office in Portland.

13-8-1942 News of the death of Mr. George Green, of Meadow Flat, in the Lithgow hospital on Saturday night last caused the deepest regret throughout Sunny Corner and district. Having conducted the store at Meadow Flat for upwards of 25 years, Mr. Green was widely known and universally liked, in fact, it would probably be no exaggeration to say that he was the most popular identity in the district. Always ready and willing to oblige and assist anyone, with a strong sense of shrewd humor. George Green was a good friend to many and a personality whose loss will be deplored far and wide. Not many people

would have left such a gap in the community as "Old George," as he was affectionately called by most people. There was a very large attendance at the funeral which took place at Meadow Flat on Monday afternoon, although bad weather, petrol restrictions, and other circumstances prevented from attending many who would have only been too glad to thus shown their regret for "a good man gone where we all must go."

3-9-1942 A pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Jospehs and St. Michaels Cathedral, Bathurst, on August 15 last, Father Dunne officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Daphne Gwen Fitzgerald, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, West Mitchell. Sunny Corner, and Allan Joseph Casey, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Casey, Morrisett-street, Bathurst. The bride who was particularly charming, entered the church on the arm of her father, and wore a cerise dress with black velvet hat and black gloves and shoes and carried a bouquet of mixed flowers. The bridesmaid was Miss Josie Casey, sister of the bridegroom. She wore a vieux rose dress, with black hat, gloves and shoes. Private Jack Casey was best man. The bridegroom, Mr. Allan Casey, is a wireless operator in a special wireless unit, and is stationed in Melbourne. After the ceremony an adjournment was made to the home of the bride grooms parents, where the wedding breakfast was held, after which dancing and singing was indulged in, upwards of 30 friends being present. Later on the happy couple left by train for Sydney on their honeymoon.

12-9-1942 Mr. and Mrs. R. Cupitt. 'Rose-bank" Sunny Corner, daughter.

18-9-1942 Appointed J. P. Smith, Ewen Ernest, Warrie, via Sunny Corner.

1-10-1942 The reservoir is at last full, the first time for many years, and the place looks well at present. The wattle is in full bloom, and the scent of the blossom is all pervading.

12-10-1942 A recent visitor to Sunny Corner on a holiday trip, staying with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, West Mitchell, was Sergt. E. Fitzgerald, who has been a member of the police force ever since leaving Sunny Corner many years ago. He now resides at Kingsford. "Ted", still has a great liking for Sunny Comer, and hopes when he reaches retiring age to return to the scene of his boyhood days. 'The "Back to Sunny Corner" urge is still strong with him, as with many old-time residents.

Another brother, once in the postal departments service, and stationed for some time in the post office at Lithgow and Oberon, is now Father J. Fitzgerald, at present in Rockhampton, Queensland. It is many years now since he joined the church.

Our popular postmistress. Miss Rita Artuell, who recently underwent an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, is now well on the way to recovery, and hopes to be home again shortly. During her absence the postal work here has been carried out by her sister, Miss Elsie Attuell, temporarily on leave from the Lithgow post office. Sunny Corner postal work is no novelty to her, as for many years she was postmistress here, before being transferred to several other places on relieving work.

29-10-1942 Mr W. McManus of Meadow Flat, who received injuries, being thrown from a horse, and which caused him to spend a few days in the local hospital, has returned home, and is looking forward to rejoining his unit in the A.I.F.

6-11-1942 Mr. Wm. Doyle, an old man who has lived at Sunny Corner for some years was taken to hospital at Bathurst on Tuesday afternoon by the Bathurst ambulance suffering from a broken leg. Mr. Doyle, who is 70 years old, had just returned from hospital in Bathurst, where he had been under treatment for his leg, said to have been injured by shrapnel in the last war, and was walking across the road to his cottage about 11 in the morning when the leg snapped when he tripped over a stone. Mr. H. Pritchard and Mrs. S. Ravenscroft made him as comfort able as possible, while Mr. Cresswell put the leg in splints and rung up the ambulance station, the ambulance arriving about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

14-11-1942 The Sunny Corner bushfire brigade asked Turon Shire Council to make representations with a view to getting it equipment (sprays, rakes and beaters).

16-11-1942 SMITH.-In ever loving memory of my dear husband and our dear dad, John William Smith, who passed away at West Mitchell on November 16 1930, aged 60 years,

Twelve years ago we laid to rest
The one we loved and honored best.
Dearer to us than words can tell,
Was the one we lost and loved so well.
Never forgotten by his loving wife Eleanor A. Smith, and family,

25-11-1942 Public Auction Mining Machinery and Plant

On Monday, 7th December, 1942 at 3 p.m., at Hutchinsons Battery Site, near Sunny Corner, Mr. H. Burke, Wardens Bailiff, Lithgow, acting on behalf of the Colonial Treasurer, will sell by Public Auction the undermentioned plant and mining titles:

LOT 1: Garrett and Sons Portable Steam Engine; 40 feet of 10 inch Canvas Belting; one 10-head Stamp Battery (complete); one 5-head Stamp Battery (not installed) with wooden wheel;. Timber Loading Ramp; one 15 h.p. D.C., G.E. Motor; Shed, 70ft. by 50ft., timber supports and rafters, roof and walls covered with galvanised iron; Grindstone, Tools, Forge Bellows, Vyce etc. and Mining Tenement (Machinery Area) No. 43, Lithgow, on which the plant is situated.

LOT 2; Gold Leases 3815 and 3930 (Act 1906) comprising portions G.L. Ill, Parish Coolamigal, and G.L. 146, Parish Castleton, County Roxburgh, respectively.

Lots 1 and 2 will first he submitted for sale as one lot, but if sale is not effected Lot 1 and Lot 2 will each be submitted separately. Individual items of Lot 1 will not be sold separately.

Terms: 10 per cent, on spot — balance within seven (7) days. Plant is offered in present position and condition and with all faults. J. M. BADDELEY, Minister for Mines.

14-12-1942 Last. Monday afternoon Mr. H. Burke, sheriff's bailiff at Lithgow, offered the Sunny Corner battery for sale by auction, the sale being conducted at the battery site. The only bid was one of £50 from Mr. George Atherton, and the auctioneer stated that although he was not empowered to accept such a small sum, he would forward the offer to the Mines

Department, in Sydney, for their consideration. Batteries at present although much in demand a few years ago, are apparently not much wanted nowadays.

17-12-1942 Mr. Casey had during the year conducted ambulance instruction classes at Sunny Corner, and the following members from that centre received certificates: Miss Anna Vaughan, P. Whitelock, I. Tierney, and W. Chadwick. Mr. McAskill congratulated each in turn as they came forward to receive their certificate.

21-12-1942 A well attended meeting of the Meadow Flat bushfire brigade was held and appointments made. A full report of last years activities was presented by the sec. (Mr. W. Bush), and the financial statement was also satisfactory. The following officers were appointed for the coming year: Captain, Mr. F. Wade; deputies, Messrs. H. Bennet, J. Bland, Loyd Scott, A. Lawler, A. Middleton and R. Passeri; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. Bush; committee, Messrs. G. McManus, C. Scott; W, Scott and W. Bush. The secretary was in structed to secure the extra equip ment required for later use.

In a letter from Driver "Mac" Scott, from Western Australia, indicated that his time is fully occupied, but that he is very well.

Pte. N. Galvin, who was home on leave from the AIF, paid a visit to his parents lately.

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0-1-1943 John James appointed Teacher at Sunny Corner.



Public School pupils, Sunny Corner, NSW, 1942. Photo from Iris Collins, Sunny Corner. Collection Vicki Powys.
left to right:
Back row: Ken Kissell, Bobby Harper, John Martin, Johnny Guihot, Laura Passeri, John James (teacher), Iris Smith, Betty Fitzgerald, Fred Neale.
Front row: Tommy Stait, Jimmy Harper, Anne Harper, Betty Passeri, Beryl Kissell, Billy Grabham, Ted Martin, Ron Kissell.

11-1-1943 Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas are as usual spending the holidays at Sunny Corner, but this time are living on their own property, instead of camping, as formerly on the Common. Messrs. Thomas recently bought the property belonging to Mr. Bilk, opposite that owned by Mr. J. Stait, which in the earlier days of Sunny Corner, was the home of the Thomas family.

Mrs Ron Kissell, of Sunny Corner, is at present an inmate of the Portland hospital. Her condition is reported to be improving.

Visitors to Sunny Corner for the holidays include Mr. and Mrs. F. Howlett and family. Mr. Howlett some years ago was collecting blackberries in this district, acting as agent for a Sydney jam factory. It was claimed that this firm found that blackberries from this district were superior to any others they had had analysed, the sugar content being higher.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Grabham, with their daughter, have been spending the Xmas season with Mrs. J. Grabham, senr. Mr. Grabham, an old Sunny Corner pupil, having been under Mr. Ryans tuition, is now a teacher in the Education Dept. He finds plenty to do in the holidays assisting his brother, Mr. J. Grabham, on the farm, especially nowthat the peas are maturing.

Mr. R. Cresswell, our local teacher, is putting in the holidays at clerical work in the SAF, Lithgow.

Mrs. S. Ravenscroft is absent on a short visit to her son at Queanbeyan. "Bill" is a sergeant in the RAAF.

29-1-1943 Common lost 19 pounds for 1942.

4-2-1943 Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell and family have been so long associated with Sunny Corner, its doings and institutions that it came as an almost unbelievable surprise to learn that Mr. Cresswell had been transferred to a school at

Maraylya, near Windsor. Having been schoolteacher here for over 11 years, Mr. Cresswells term of office has only been exceeded by that of the late Mr. Chiplin, with over 15 years. All local institutions, the Hall, VDC, Bushfire Brigade, P and C Association, etc., owe much to Mr. Cresswell, who has always been closely identified with anything calculated to enhance the public good. It was due to him that the First Aid classes were instituted here, through which many Sunny Cornerites gained certificates for this valuable knowledge. The Hall was sadly unfinancial when Mr. Cresswell came here, with a substantial debt on the piano, while at present much needed reconditioning has been done to the hall, the piano need fear the onslaught of no rapacious creditor, and the financial position of the hall is eminently satisfactory. This is only one instance what has been accomplished largely by Mr. Cresswells organising ability and energy. Mrs, Cresswell also has done much in connection with the school and the Comforts Fund, organised by her has made a large supply of knitted articles for forwarding to headquarters in Sydney.

There was a particularly large gathering at the hall last Saturday evening, at a social held to bid them farewell, and the great popularity of the guests of the evening was well demonstrated. The following represented institutions and centres: Oddfellows, Mr. Ron Kissell; VDC, Mr. J. Schumack; P and C Assn., Mrs. S. Ravencroft; Turon Shire and Yetholme, Councillor W. Berry; Meadow Flat, Mr. George McManus, and all spoke in the highest terms of Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell, and expressed the keenest regret at their departure. Mr. Alan Grabham acted as chairman. Mr. Grabham was a pupil of Sunny Corner School under Mr. Ryan, and is now a teacher at Bigga, NSW. A very beautiful bouquet of lovely gladioli, grown and donated by Mrs. J. Tattersall, Sunny Corner, was presented by Miss Iris Smith to Mrs. Cresswell, on behalf of the local schoolchildren, this presentation coming as a complete surprise even to most of the organisers of the evening they were indeed magnificent blooms. Mr. H. Pritchard on behalf of local and district residents, presented Mr. and Mrs. Cresswell with War Savings certificates to the value of £5 each, Miss Cecily and Master Alan Cresswell also receiving £1 certificates each. Mr. Prichard accompanied the presentation with a felicitous speech mentioning much of the good work Mr. Cresswell had done in the district. Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson then presented Mrs. Cresswell also on behalf of local residents, with a silver tea pot with the hope that its use would keep ever fresh the memories of Sunny Corner and the esteem of those they were leaving behind them. A letter was read from Mr. Col. Wilkinson, working in the SAF, Lithgow, expressing regret at his inability to be present at the gathering, and also his regret at the transfer.

Dancing was indulged in, the music being supplied by Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, of Portland, Mr. Max Ross acting as MC, while a bountiful supper was supplied by local ladies, and a vary pleasant evening wound up by the singing of "Auld- Lang Syne," and "They Are Jolly Good Fellows."

17-2-1943 Sincere sympathy will be extended to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Passeri, of Meadow Flat, in respect to the death in the Lithgow hospital on Sunday night of their infant daughter, Nancy Ann Passeri. Besides the parents, two sisters and two brothers survive. They are Margaret (8), Florence (6), James Albert (5) and Joseph Roderick (21). The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon, leaving the funeral parlors of Mr. E. McMurtrie for the Meadow Flat cemetery, where interment, was made in the C of E portion after a service by the Rev. W. A. Clint of Portland.

19-2-1943 Sunny Corner Common: Messrs. Thomas Fitzgerald. John James Tattersall, Henry William Stait, Colin Ottley Wilkinson, Norman James Strickland.

1-3-1943 Mr. Gus Kelly M L A for Bathurst has received the following from the Minister for Education. “Sir. — Adverting to your personal representations on behalf of Mr. W. F. Bush of Lawson Hill Meadow Flat, via Bathurst relative to the provision of a teacher for the local public school, I have to advise that a teacher will be appointed as 'soon as ' practicable It is noted with appreciation that the parents will provide accommodation facilities locally for a lady teacher”.

12-3-1943 On Saturday, night a farewell and presentation social, at which there was a large attendance, was given by local and district residents to L.A.C. Lance Wilkinson. Friends gathered from as far as Bathurst on one side, and Lithgow on the other, Portland, Meadow Flat, Yetholme and Dark Corner all being included in the representation.

The presentation of a money belt and £6/15/- in cash was made by Mr.H. Pritchard, who referred to the esteem felt for the guest of the evening by all who had known him.

Eulogistic speeches were also made by Mr. Ron Kissell and Cr. W. Berry. Mr. Kissell referring to the days when he and Lance Wilkinson were schoolmates at the Sunny Corner school, and included in their exploits some that were not altogether praise worthy from a schoolmasters point of view, such as "wagging it". When returning thanks for the presentation, L.A.C. Wilkinson referred to the fact that not only those who went forth to fight, but also those who kept the countrys industries going at home, and thereby, did their best to ensure a supply of materials and munitions to the fighting forces deserved the gratitude of the country. No army could conquer afield without effective support at home. Dancing was indulged in, music for which being supplied by Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, whose playing always adds materially to the success of such functions. Extras were supplied by Mr. Ron Kissell and Messrs. Bert Berry and R. Wilson (Bathurst).

18-3-1943 The Catholic Church, till recently the only church remaining in Sunny Corner, has now been removed to Cullen Bullen, so that the supply of oldtime buildings left there has again become less. The steady disappearance of what once was a populous and lively centre has at least one consolation, that if ever the need for a town again arises there, there will be plenty of room on which to build.

19-3-1943 The old bridge at Meadow Flat on the Sunny Corner road has been replaced by a new one and when complete should be a substantial job. The former one stood the heavy traffic for upwards of 50 years, but has shown signs of late of a cavein.

The local school which had been shut down for want of sufficient attendance during the last few months, has now re-opened and it will depend upon the response in the future whether the services of the newly appointed lady teacher can be made worthwhile.

9-4-1943 A dance in aid of the Comforts Fund was held in the Sunny Corner hall on Saturday, April 3rd ., and attracted a large attendance.

21-4-1943 The death occurred at Lidcombe on Friday last, April 16, of Mrs. Mary Jane Baker, wife of Mr. Joseph Baker, late of Sunny Corner, in her 88th year. Members of the family are: George Kearns, of Sunny Corner; Richard Kearns, Portland; May (Mrs. A. McGill Lidcombe), Will (deceased); Jim (deceased); and Mary (Mrs. Lane) deceased. The interment took place at Rookwood Cemetery.

29-4-1943 The death of Mrs. Emily Jane Carter, wife of Mr. Thomas Carter, of Bate Street, Portland, took place at her home on Tuesday morning. Deceased was a member of an old Sunny Corner family, being a daughter of the late Samuel Barry. In her younger days she was a good horse woman. She came to reside in Portland over 35 years ago, and at one time conducted a boarding house in Portland on Wang road. The building was since destroyed by fire. Deceased had complained of a cold, but her end came as a shock to her sorrowing husband and three sons Jack, William and Harold.

3-5-1943 An old resident of Yetholme Mrs. Emily Barnett, died in St. Vincent's hospital Bathurst yesterday evening at the age of 82 years. She was a native of Yetholme and had lived there the whole of her life. Her husband Mr. Albert Barnett died six years ago. The late Mrs. Barnett had been ill for three months she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Burke, of Bathurst, Mrs. D. Barnett, Yetholme, Mrs. L. Baker, Meadow Flat and Mrs. Worthington, Sydney, and one son, Mr. Aubrey Barnett, of Bathurst. The funeral will move from the funeral parlor of Cam Reed and Son at 4 o'clock this afternoon for Holy Trinity cemetery Kelso.

12-5-1943 Men from Sunny Corner squad attended the 23rd Battalion of the VDC first Battalion Camp at Wallerawang from Friday to Sunday last. The site selected was on the Barton estate adjoining the Bathurst road.

19-5-1943 About 4½ inches of rain, intermingled with snow, has been received at Sunny Corner in four days.

20-5-1943 The battery at Sunny Corner has been purchased by Mr. J. J. Henry of Trunkey, and most of the galvanised iron and tools have already been removed, and the engine is also to go. The boxes and stampers, it is understood, are to remain here for some time yet. Mr. Henry has a saw mill a Trunkey.

14-6-1943 Sergt Major J. D. Wilkinson, back on recuperative leave from New Guinea, has been spending some of his leave at Sunny Corner, staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson. Since leaving the Corner about 13 years ago, he has crowded much variety and adventure into his life. For several years he worked at Guthberts Misima G.M., Misima Island, Papua, where his brother, Lance Wilkinson, now attached to the Air Force in Canada, also worked. Leaving there for some time, he was in the medical service in Papua, being medical officer in Daru, at the mouth of the Fly River, but returned to mining at Misima, and was among the first to enlist when the present war broke out, his military number being PX11. After six months training in Queensland, he went to Palestine on the 28th December 1940 with the 6th Division, and was soon after engaged as a member of the Army Service Corps in transporting troops and supplies per motor vehicle, between Alexandria and Tobruk and Gazala, and in March 41, was carrying out similar work in Greece for three weeks when the Australians were pushed out by the Germans. From Greece to Crete he escaped, together with about 50 British soldiers and some Greeks in a fishing boat which was hopelessly damaged by shellfire and bombs, but eventually the journey of 80 miles was completed in another small fishing boat, the trip taking four days. He reached Palestine on 25/5/41 and was in hospital for some time, recovering from the effects of bomb blast, dysentery and exposure, later on doing more transport work to Egypt and Syria.

He returned to Australia, and after a rest period near Adelaide, went to Port Moresby on 2l/6/42. He was with the first Australian troops to cross the Owen Stanley Range, getting to Kokoda on 14/7/42, the Japanese landing at Buna about a fortnight later, and he took part in the first defence of Kokoda, when Col. Owen was killed in the fighting.

He was engaged in various actions in the same area, but his principal work there was in reconnaissance and patrol work, his knowledge of Papuan conditions and the working of natives making him well fitted for such business. He made two trips behind the Jap lines and had many exciting experiences and narrow escapes while so engaged. He arrived back at Port Moresby on 18/9/42 but the next month went to the north east coast with Major Grahamshaw, and was again at intelligence work among the natives, the information gained being immediately sent to Port Moresby for directing air operations.

The Americans then arriving, he was for some time attached to them, recruiting natives for carrying supplies in and wounded men out, taking an important part in supervising the work. After the defeat of the Japs in the Buna area he did medical work among the natives but finally was obliged to go into hospital himself, and after eight weeks there was given recuperative leave, which he is spending in Australia. Besides the physical effects of malaria, exposure, hardship and frequent semi starvation was added the effect of so much strain on the nervous system, but he has come through it all surprisingly well, considering the conditions. Naturally, he found Papua wonderfully altered to what it was when he knew it before the war, and he has learned that men can stand up to conditions that formerly he would have thought impossible for flesh and blood to withstand. At first the Jap was splendidly equipped and specially trained for jungle fighting, his camouflage uniforms giving him a great advantage, but the AIF finally outfought and outclassed him in the Owen Stanleys, the co-operation between the ground forces and the air force that was eventually built up being wonderful. Towards the end of the Papuan campaign the Air Force played a mighty task, transport planes taking in and dropping supplies for the troops and bringing out wounded from the few places where it was possible for aircraft to land.

The Sergt. Major, who, by the way, although still a member of the AIF, is at present attached to the ANGAU (Australia New Guinea Administrative Unit) is strongly convinced that there is no room for complacency or slackening off of our efforts. He points out that although the Jap has been pushed back, and is being held at present, he is by no means defeated, and is a tough, wily, and fanatical fighter, a fact that is attested by the Americans on Attu Island, having only taken 11 prisoners. Over and over again our men in Papua found that there was always danger so long as any live Japs were about. Even an apparently dead one was often shamming, and had a concealed hand grenade ready to drive home the fact. The men who scaled the Owen Stanleys in rain and cold, with half a blanket as their only shelter, with often a few biscuits and a small tin of bully beef among

eight men every second day for food, deserve every credit for the way in which they prevented the Japanese from obtaining a permanent foothold at Papua and Port Moresby. The hardships of the campaign were almost unbelievable, but the results were magnificent, and removed, temporarily at least, a grave danger, to Australia.

23-6-1943 Last Friday afternoon a gathering representative of local primary producers met in the hall to consider the formation of a local branch of the War Agricultural Committee. Mr. J. D. Bryden, chairman of the Bathurst district committee, and Mr. R. C. Madson, Agricultural Adviser from Orange, attended to make clear the objects of the movement. Mr. Bryden pointed out that it had been organised by the Federal Government, the idea being, by branches, sub-branches, and local branches, to further the interests of primary producers everywhere and assist in overcoming various disabilities such as those of transport, shortage of labor and machinery, etc., by co-operation as far as possible. Afterwards the visitors answered many questions, clarifying various points of interest. After consideration of the advantages of such a movement, it was decided to form a local branch, the following committee being appointed;

Messrs. J. S. Shumack (Dark Corner) President; N. J. Strickland (Sunny Corner) Secretary; G. T. Smith (Dark Corner), C. O. Wilkinson and Mrs. Neale (Sunny Corner).

12-7-1943 Mr. Hilton Scott of Dark Corner was conveyed to hospital in Bathurst last Monday, for medical treatment, and Mr. Clive Scott, working at the Kirkconnell sawmill, has also gone to Bathurst for an injury to a leg caused by a log rolling on it.

15-7-1943 The death took place at the residence of her son (Mr. E. J. Selleck), 16 Mort-strect, on Friday morning of a former well known Sunny Corner personality, but for years a resident of Lithgow, Mrs Mary Elizabeth Appleby, at the age of 67. She is survived by her husband and one son. Mr. E J. Selleck.

Deceased was a member, of the well-known Strickland family of Sunny Corner, and came to Lithgow in 1912. Unfortunately she met with a serious accident some time ago and was an inmate of the hospital for some time, whilst for the past seven months she had been confined to her bed. Other relatives are two nephews Mr. Wn, Strickland, of Wollongong and Arnold Strickland, of Mort-street and a niece, Mrs. G. S. Williams (of Brighton-le-Sands), two grandsons Frank, in the RAAF abroad, and Edwin Selleck.

22-7-1943 The adventurous career of Leading Seaman Roy Francis Martin, who was awarded the D.S.M. after his participation the Coral Sea battle, is of interest to Sunny Corner residents as he is a son of Mr, James Martin, whose youth was spent in the Sunny Corner district, and Mr. John Martin, of Dark Corner, is his uncle.

Years ago their father and his brother worked at the Paddy Lackey mine at Dark Corner besides doing much work at Silver Hill, near the Lackey, a line of reef which proved unreliable. Roy Martin, who is 22 years old has been in the Navy six years and has seen much active service. He was one of the crew that went to England prior to the war to bring the Perth to Australia, and called at New York when the Worlds Fair was in progress, on the way home war being declared before the Perth got here, she went into active service, going through the Greece and Crete campaign. Roy was on her when young Bill Fraser, of Lithgow, was killed. Leaving the Perth before she was sunk, he served on the Sydney and Canberra before they were sunk, and was in the Midway and Coral Sea battles, winning the D.S.M. for his conduct in the latter battle. While serving on the Perth he met his brother, Hughie, at Cairo. Hughie was among the boys evacuated from Crete, being attached to the Ambulance Corps at the time.

Since then, however, returning from the Middle East, he enlisted in the Artillery, and was in the New Guinea campaign. Having returned wounded from there, he is now in hospital. Apparently the fighting spirit that impelled their forbears to battle for years with unpayable mining, in the hope that eventually good gold would come in, lives on in the later generations and makes them equally gritty in war.

29-7-1943 Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, well-known resident, is at present in Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, where he has to undergo an operation. He has not enjoyed good health for some time, and it is hoped he will soon be on the road to recovery.

6-8-1943 The Sunny Corner mail, which travels from Bathurst to Rydal and back each day, and which has been previously operated by Mr. P. Berry, of Bathurst, has been taken over by Mr. J. Patterson, of Rydal. It is a great tribute to the capability of the men who have handled this mail run that, in spite of great difficulties as regards weather and roads, the mail always gets through.

25-8-1943 Friends of Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, who recently underwent an operation in Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, will be pleased to know that he is making good progress, and is now regarded as almost convalescent. It will, however, be some time before he is able to return home.

6-9-1943 A member of the Post Office staff, Miss E. V. Attuell commenced three weeks holiday today. She intends spending portion of her leave at her home centre, Sunny Corner.

9-9-1943 The Bathurst P P Board drew attention to the rabbit harbor, briars and blackberry bushes on Meadow Flat, Sunny Corner and Palmers Oakey-Dark Corner roads.—Referred to engineer for report.

13-9-1943 Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, after a month in Prince Alfred Hospital, during which he underwent an operation, is back in Sunny Corner, greatly improved in health. He gives much praise to the medical and nursing staff of Prince Alfred, and also the splendid organisation of that fine institution.

Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, West Mitchell has for some time been an inmate of Bathurst hospital, but has now improved enough to return home.

Saw milling operations at Kirkconnell continue, and constitute a valuable local industry, employing several men. It is evidence of the loss Sunny Corner has sustained through the Forestry Commissions neglect to start their promised tree planting operations at the local State Forest. Had the proposed 2,000 acres been planted when the Commission took over the bulk of the Sunny Corner common, a saw mill would undoubtedly be running now at the Corner itself.

15-9-1943 Another heavy snowfall took place at Sunny Corner on Tuesday, September 14th and the landscape was soon covered in white. For snow falls, this year is putting up a record, and the subsoil should be better soaked than for many years.

16-9-1943 A meeting called by the Sunny Corner War Agricultural Committee was held at Meadow Flat on Saturday and was attended by delegates from Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat and Yetholme branches of the WAC. The object of the meeting was to consider a proposal to effect, if possible, an alteration in the present mail service, running now from Bathurst to Rydal, and back to Bathurst, in the same day, the proposed alteration being to have it run in the reverse direction and also to have it carried on by at least a 2-ton lorry.

This would allow an easy communication with Bathurst, resulting in much increased business with that centre, while the need for individual motor service for transporting primary produce to rail would be largely eliminated.

16-9-1943 One passenger, Leslie Stait, of Sunny Corner, was seated alongside the driver, while there was another passenger in the back seat of the vehicle. The impact was such that Watson and Stait were thrown through the windscreen, which was shattered, each sustaining lacerations. Stait received severe lacerations to the forehead, nose and face, while Watson suffered to a minor degree, the other passenger escaping without injury.

24-9-1943 The death has occurred at Bathurst of Mr. Martin Kissell (81), a former well known identity of Sunny Corner, of which he was a native. Mr. Albert Kissell, formerly of Lithgow, is a son and Mrs E Hunt of Lithgow a daughter. Another son (Stephen) resides at Sunny Corner and a daughter, (Mrs. T. Scott) at Dark Corner.

7-10-1943 Staying with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T, Scott, of Dark Corner, at present is Pte. Albert Scott, home on leave from military service.

28-10-1943 A social for the purpose of making a presentation to Pte. Albert Scott, fourth son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott, of Dark Corner was held in the Sunny Corner hall on Wednesday. There was a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening resulted. Speeches appropriate to the occasion were made by Messrs. J. James, J. Shumack and R. Kissell, the presentation of a wallet containing a sum of money being made by H. Pritchard.

Pte. Scott suitably responding. Dancing was indulged in till a late hour, the music being supplied by the Woodpeckers orchestra, Mrs. James pre siding at the piano for most of the evening, extras being supplied by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft and Mrs. J. Shumack, An attractive supper was supplied by local ladies, and was greatly appreciated. At present, Pte. John Scott, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott is in a military hospital, having been invalided from active service in New Guinea. He is expected to visit Dark Corner soon.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred at Sunny Corner on Friday morning last about a mile from the Corner. Mrs. Clive Scott and Mrs. Ces. Grabham, with five children, one a six-months old baby, were driving towards Portland when the horse fell going down a hill opposite the property of Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, snapping off both shafts of the sulky. The occupants were all thrown out, Mrs. Scott sustaining the worst injuries, her knee and hand being badly lacerated by the stones of the road. Mrs. Grabham was thrown out on top of the horse, with the baby she was holding at the time, underneath her, but neither was injured. None of the children was seriously hurt, though two of them suffered minor injuries. As much First Aid as possible under the circumstances was rendered by Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson and Mrs. M. C. Ross when they learned of the accident and the party later walked to Sunny Corner.

2-12-1943 A wedding of interest was solemnised at St. Vincent's Portland on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Dulcie, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Peters Portland, and Patrick only son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fitzgerald of Sunny Corner.

The bride entered the church on .the arm of her father and wore a beautiful frock of embossed satin while her embroidered tulle veil was held in place with orange blossom. She also carried a bouquet of white flowers. The Matron of Honor was Mrs. Daphne Casey (sister of the brides groom). She wore blue lace over satin with blue tulle headdress held in place with roses. She also carried a bouquet of blue flowers. There were two bridesmaids, Miss Edie Rosser (cousin of the bride) being dressed in pink satin with flowers and headdress to tone, and Miss Bettie Fitzgerald (sister of the groom) gowned in buttercup satin with flowers and head dress to tone. Mr. Peter McManus, a friend of the bridegroom, was best man, the two groomsmen being Mr. George Wood and Mr. Milton Rosser, uncle of the bride.

The reception was held in the Majestic Hall, where Mrs. Fitzgerald wearing a black frock and carrying a posey of pink roses, assisted by Mrs Peters (brides mother) in a navy frock with shoulder spray of Lily of' the Valley and carrying a posey of white roses, received the guests. After the reception the happy couple left for Sydney, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride chose for travelling a frock of green with white accessories. The couple received many costly presents and numerous cheques.

8-12-1943 Miss E, V. Attuell of the post office staff has been spending a week at her home in Sunny Corner owing to illness. Miss E. Robley resumed duty on Monday following a period of sick leave.

Tenders for grass rights for 12 months of Sunny Corner racecourse are called for.

16-12-1943 On Saturday December 11th an enjoyable dance was held in the Sunny Corner Hall, under the auspices of the Sunny Corner branch of the P. and C. Association, the principal object being to obtain funds for books for the school children at the breaking up. There was a good attendance and the function was thoroughly successful. Mr. Max Ross was M.C., and the music was supplied by the Woodpecker orchestra comprising Mrs. Janics and Messrs. R. Kissell, Stan Guihot and Cliff Neale, with extras by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, Mr. E. Parker also contributed three songs. Financially the evening was quite satisfactory, over £5 being obtained. The next dance to be held here will be the usual Boxing night event, which is expected to be as well patronised as usual.

Mr. J. Passeri met with a slight accident at Kirkconnell last week, injuring a shoulder. Mrs. J. Passeri has been an inmate of the Lithgow hospital for a few weeks, but is expected out again shortly.

Sergt. J. D. Wilkinson, formerly of Sunny Corner, and now in New Guinea, mentions a picture show which he and others had attended recently, and says that he thinks it must be the only show in the world, that has showed within a few miles of the front line, and over which our guns were firing while the performance went on. The scream of the passing shells and the sound of their explosions synchronised weirdly with the shadow show on the screen.

29-12-1943 The breaking-up of the Sunny Corner School took place on the 15th December when each pupil, as usual, was presented with a book, and in addition the small children of the locality were given toys generously supplied by Mrs. Stan Guihot and Mrs. Sam Ravenscroft. Several songs were rendered by the schoolchildren, besides a short play which was cleverly presented by Laura Passeri, Bobby Harper and Ann Harper.

Afternoon tea for the children was supplied by the ladies, and was thoroughly enjoyed. A very pleasant afternoon ended with games indulged in by both the children and the grownups present.

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7-1-1944 The Carnival Dance, held on Saturday January 1 in aid of the St. Vincents War Effort, was very largely attended, the hall being well crowded.

00-00-1944 On the day that Aiden Shumack died Clive Munro, Duncan Ferguson and his wife Win were fixing the fence on the "Oakey" paddock (now Nature Reserve) where it joined the Forestry , it had been damaged by fire. When news of Aidens death arrived at Munros, Len Munro rode out to the head of the Oakey following their tracks to let Clive and the others know of Aidens death. This was no easy task considering the distance and terrain he had to follow the tracks. He also arrived just in time as he and Clive left for home a very heavy thunder storm broke and obliterated all the tracks.

28-1-1944 Common lost 10 pounds for 1943.

31-1-1944 Sunday, January 30, is a memorial day for Mr. and Mrs. James Sparks, snr., of Dabee road, Kandos, when this happy couple will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sparks were married at Kirkconnell, near Bathurst, on January 30, 1894, by Father Flanagan, of Kelso, now Monsignor Flanagan, of Mudgee, and both are natives of Sunny Corner. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks moved to reside at Kandos in 1922.

24-2-1944 A send off to ACW Betty Shumack, WAAAF, and Private John Shumack was held at the Sunny Corner Hall on the 18th inst., and was well attended. Presentations to the guests were made by Miss Ida Scott and Mr. H. Pritchard, the recipients suitably responding. Dancing was indulged in the music being supplied by Mrs. James (piano), Mr. Stan Guihot (violin) and Mr. Clif Neale (banjo-mandolin), with extras by Mrs. Ravenscroft and Mrs. J. Shumack. Supper was supplied by local ladies, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

31-3-1944 A meeting representatives of residents of Sunny Corner, Dark Corner, and Palmers Oakey was held in the Sunny Corner hall on Friday night, to form a local branch of the Patriotic and War Committee. Formerly matters connected with patriotic purposes were administered from Tarana, but owing to the re-allocation of boundaries the Sunny Corner district had been asked to take over the administration of its portion of the Comforts Fund, and Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey had signified their willingness to join in for the purpose. Mr. J. James, Sunny Corner, is secretary, and Mr. J. Shumack, Dark Corner, chairman of the committee. It was resolved to open a banking account, and it was also proposed, if the necessary permission could be obtained, to hold a dance on Easter Saturday night to augment the funds already in hand, which function it is hoped will be a great success. Quarterly canteen orders will be sent to soldiers who originally lived in the district mentioned, and socials and presentations to soldiers will be arranged. It was decided that the first business to be carried out should be the sending of a parcel of cigarettes and tobacco to Mr. Sam Ravenscroft, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for over three years. While a resident of Sunny Corner Mr. Ravenscroft always took a very active part in all local affairs, and was universally recognised as a valuable resident. His wife still resides here, and can always be counted upon to assist in every possible way in any patriotic or charitable movement.

Two more local young men have been called up. They are Bertie Guihot, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Guihot, Sunny Corner, who had just commenced his teachers course at the Armidale Teachers College, and Lennie Smith, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith, Dark Corner road. Their second son, Athol Smith, has for some time been attached to the ground staff of the RAAF.

2-4-1944 Mrs. Lance Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, has received official advice that her husband, Sergt. L. H. Wilkinson, RAAF, who has been for some time training in Canada, is now in London. Letters received from him indicate that he much prefers Sunny Corner winters to those of Canada. He says that nobody can realise what intense cold can be until he has actually experienced it. Icicles three feet long hang from the roofs, and a foot of snow, which doesnt melt as it does here, lies everywhere. When the wind blows, as it does most of the time, the dry snow blows everywhere like dust. Outside one has to be careful that his ears are not frozen, and it takes half-an-hour to thaw out after being out of a house for any time. As all buildings are centrally heated, they are warm enough inside, but outside is a different matter.

14-4-1944 P.P. Board ordered destruction of rabbits and rabbit harbors, and blackberry bushes on the Mt. Lambie-Sunny Corner-road and Palmers Oakey-road. Cr. Neubeck moved that the Board be written to, pointing out Councils difficulty in regard to manpower shortage, but that Council would do its best.

20-4-1944 Some owners of grazing properties around the district are reported to be geting alarmed at the mortality among their sheep caused by unauthorised persons trespassing and laying poison trails for rabbits. Only last week a property owner along Sunny Corner road reported that he had lost a dozen sheep through suspected poisoning, caused through the animals eating poisoned bran or pollard spread around by persons collecting bunny pelts, and he is now on the warpath against offenders.

28-4-1944 A largely attended dance and presentation function was held at Sunny Corner on Saturday night, Portland, Bathurst, Dark Corner, Meadow Flat, Yetholme and other centres all being represented, besides local residents.

The guest of the evening was Pte. Jim Attuell, for some years driver of the Bathurst-Sunny Corner-Rydal mail service, who has for some time been in military service at a northern battle station. The presentation of a cigarette case containing £5 was made by Mr. H. Pritchard, while eulogistic speeches were made by Cr. W. Berry and. Messrs. J. Shumack, R. Kissell, J. James and Frank Payne. The latter, who had been Mr. Attwells partner, before the war in a photographic business at Katoomba and who had travelled specially from Orange to be present at the function, said that an equally enthusiastic welcome was awaiting him at Katoomba, where he was also held in high esteem.

The speakers referred to the long and favorable connection the Attuell family had had with the postal department, Miss Elsie Attuell, now attached to the Lithgow post office, having been for many years postmistress at Sunny Corner, a position now occupied by her sister, Miss Rita Attuell. Mr. Jack Attuell, now in Bathurst, when only a boy, ran the sulky mail from Sunny Corner to Palmers Oakey, and later on had the Bathurst-Rydal service, leaving here to run the Bathurst- Jenolan Caves service, being succeeded here by his brother Jim. All speakers pointed to the high esteem the family had always been held in by the general public. After Pte. Attuell had suitably responded, dancing was indulged in, music being supplied by Mrs. James (piano), and Messrs. Ron Kissell and Stan Guihot (violins), with extras by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft. Supper was provided by local ladies, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyable.

18-5-1944 A successful dance was held last Saturday night in aid of the Comforts Fund. A good crowd attended despite the cold night. Miss Molly Shiptons orchestra supplied the music, while an extra was played by Mrs. S. Rayenscroft.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson are at present holidaying at Orange.

14-6-1944 Miss. Josie Rampling, whose grand mother, Mrs. Frank Guihot, after residing for many years at Sunny Corner, now lives at Lithgow, has forsome time been studying for the examination qualifying for entrance to the nursing profession. While getting special tuition from Mr. James, schoolteacher at Sunny Corner, she has lived here with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Stan. Guihot. Miss Rampling has just been notified that she has passed the exam, inquestion. She carries the best wishes of the local public in her future career.

A dance was held in the hall at Sunny Corner last Saturday night, in aid of the Patriotic and Comforts Fund. Fine weather prevailed, and there was a large attendance, a very successful evening resulting. Music was supplied by Miss Molly Shiptons orchestra, while an extra was supplied by Mrs. J. Shumack, of Dark Corner. The fund will benefit substantially from the takings at the function.

29-6-1944 The death took place at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. C. Sharp, last night, of Mr Charles Augustus Marsden, at the age of 81 years. Deceased had enjoyed fairly good health up to two months ago and had only been confined to his bed for the past four weeks.

A native of Meadow Flat, he had resided in the district the whole of his life. He was a resident of Portland for the past 35 years and was employed at the North Sydney Lime Companys works, until his retirement about 15 years ago. Prior to taking up residence in Portland he was in Sunny Corner during the boom days of that centre, being, employed at the Sunny Corner mine. Of a quiet disposition, he was well known and highly respected. In his younger days he was an active and ardent supporter of the Church of England, being a direct descendant of the Rev. Samuel Marsden, pioneer Church of England minister. His wife predeceased him about five years ago.

6-7-1944 A well attended function took place at the Sunny Corner hall last Friday evening, when a presentation social to Pte. Ray Stait, on leave from active service in New Guinea, was held. The hall was well filled, and dancing was indulged in till a late hour. The music was supplied by Mrs. J. Shumack, Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, and Mr. Geo. Barnett, accompanied by R. Kissell and S. Guihot (violins). Mr. Ron Kissell made the presentation, which consisted of a serviceable pigskin wallet, containing a sum of money, while speeches eulogising the guest of the evening were made by Messrs. R. Kissell, J. Shumack, and H. Harper. Pte. Stait suitably responded.

2-8-1944 On Saturday, July 22, a very successful dance was held in the Sunny Corner hall, for the purpose of obtaining funds for the Comforts Fund ball to be held on August 11. Although it was very cold there was a good attendance and an enjoyable function resulted. Music was supplied by Miss Molly Shiptons orchestra.

In the book, "Prisoner of the Kormoran," by W. A. Jones, dealing with the sinking of the A U.S.N, steamer Mareeba in 1941, mention is made several times of Sam Ravenscroft, formerly of Sunny Corner. Mr. Jones, who had shipped as cook on the Mareeba, was one of the lucky ones to be picked for an exchange of prisoners, which accounts for his release from the German prison camp where the survivors from the Mareeba were confined. Mr. Ravenscroft, unfortunately, was not one of the lucky few, and is still a prisoner of war. Those who were singled out had no idea what was to be done with them, and their hearts sank to zero when their names were called out, as they imagined they were to be sent away to toil in labor gangs somewhere. It was some time afterwards before they found that they were to be released from captivity. Sam Ravenscroft and his brother survivors from the Mareeba certainly have had enough adventure to last most people for life. First of all confined on the Kormoran after she had sunk the Mareeba, then transferred to a prison ship that in turn was sunk by a submarine the nationality of which was unknown to the Marebas crew and rescued from boats by a German submarine, which later on landed them at the French port of Lorient, they had a lot of luck to land in Germany alive. What they were told by some of the Germans was that later on the Kormoran sunk the Sydney, but was sunk herself in doing so. This version of the Sydneys end is evidently what is believed in Germany

9-8-1944 Lithgow and district residents are cordially invited to attend a Ball to raise funds for the Sunny Corner and Yetholme Patriotic Committee to be held on Friday night in the Sunny Corner Hall. Music will be supplied by Miss Shiptons dance band, and patrons are assured of an enjoyable nights entertainment. An attractive supper will be provided

17-8-1944 Mr. R. J. Heffron. Minister for Education advises Mr Gus Kelly Member for Bathurst, as follows: 'I have had under notice your representations regarding the need for repairs to the teachers residence at the Sunny Corner Public School. I have authorised repairs and replacements for performance by the Departments painting and repair staff. You may be

assured this work will be commenced as soon as the resources of the painting and repair staff and the availability of materials will permit'.

25-8-1944 The ball in aid of the Comforts Fund, held in conjunction with Dark Corner and Yetholme in the Sunny Corner hall on August 11th was a great success, drawing a large attendance.

9-9-1944 A meeting of the trustees of the Sunny Corner Common recently decided, without previously taking the public into their confidence, to apply to the Turon Shire Council for permission to cut down the ornamental trees, including pines, several kinds of firs, and deodars (Indian cedars), growing at the Sunny Corner water reservoir, ostensibly because they, or somebody, considered that they had a detrimental effect on the water supply. Evidence that this is the case is sadly lacking, but now that the action of the trustees has become known through the report of the Councils meeting, public sentiment is strongly against any such proceeding.

These trees, planted about 50 years ago by old-time residents, make the reservoir the greatest beauty spot of Sunny Corner, and that they should be destroyed because a few Common trustees say that they are harmful is beyond reason. The reservoir is not under the Common trustees, and is not even situated on the Common, but is under the control of the Turon Shire Council. Only about half-a-dozen residents nowadays are on the water service, and some of them have tank water for drinking. No rates are charged, the water being free to anyone in the reticulation area. At present it seems that the water in the dam, or at any rate that on the surface, is perfectly satisfactory, but after passing through the pipes it is yellowish, and has a nasty smell. In bygone years the reservoir was largely filled with water from what were regarded as permanent and everlasting springs, but those have long ago died out, and the only source at present is stormwater from the hills behind the dam, hills which are covered with eucalyptus trees, bracken fern, etc., and over which stock roam at will. Naturally, when there is a heavy downpour all sorts of dust, leaves, etc. go into the dam. It seems remarkable that the water is as good as it is.

Now, it is stated, the trustees intended, if granted the permit, to call a public meeting to discuss the matter. This is consoling to a certain extent, but if, with the permission to destroy, they had, inadvertently or otherwise, omitted to inform the public, they might conceivably have performed the George Washington act before the public knew anything about it. Once they had applied their little hatchets to the trees, all the King's horses and all the King's men would not have been able to put our beauty spot together again.

And what a gorgeous mess fallen trees, busted fences, chips and general debris would have made of the reservoir.

The gratitude of the community for the protection of its property should be extended to the Shire Council which, by the way expended a good deal of money years ago on the fine fence surrounding the reservoir. As to the water, the fault may, lie in the pipes, or in the draw off pipe being too low in the dam.

One Corner resident who uses the water says that when he runs it into a small dam in the ground it soon loses its objectionable characteristics. This would seem to indicate that it is the lower stratum of water in the dam that is at fault. Anyway, whatever the fault is, it is a matter for experts to decide. To destroy a valuable bit of public property because someone who has no technical knowledge of the matter thinks that it is detrimental is too haphazard a method altogether. Sunny Corner landscape would be very dreary without the ornamental trees that the old-timers planted, and we should have little to be proud of if we wantonly destroyed that heritage from the past. The old timers at least went to the trouble and expense to show the civic pride that was seemingly more apparent then than nowadays.

13-9-1944 Two Sunny Corners residents, Mrs. H. Harper and Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, are inmates of Portland hospital at present, the former having been seriously ill with pneumonia and pleurisy, and the latter having been operated on for appendicitis. Both patients are reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

One of the potato-digging machines lately acquired for operating in the Bathurst district has dug several crops around Sunny Corner, the results being quite satisfactory.

11-10-1944 Fires are also reported from the Kirkconnell area and from Sunny Corner and Dark Corner.

12-10-1944 News has been received of the death of Mr Sam Bennett, who has for years been engaged in banana-growing on the Tweed River, Northern N.S.W. Mr. Bennett was a brother of Mr. Ted Bennett, of Dark Corner.

Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, of West Mitchell, has for some time been an inmate of Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, having been sent there from the Portland hospital for a serious operation. She is understood to be progressing very satisfactorily, and it is expected she will soon be allowed to return home.

26-10-1944 More fires. One outbreak was reported from the northern side of Cullen Bullen, while others occupied at Meadow Flat; Sunny Corner and Palmers Oakey. Due to the continued dry spell, every precaution should be taken, by landholders, picnickers, hikers and campers to prevent fires getting out of control.

30-10-1944 This month has been particularly variable and unsatisfactory as to climate. It includes a fortnight without any rain at all, the worst dust storm for years, and an untimely snowstorm, which, following on a long spell of warm weather did much harm to fruit trees and early potatoes, etc. Gooseberries especially were exterminated for this year, while apple and pear trees that were in blossom were damaged. It looks as if the fruit crop in these parts this year will be unusually light.

10-11-1944 Our local postmistress, Miss Rita Attuell, is at present away on a well earned holiday, her sister. Miss Elsie Attuell, of Lithgow post office, acting here in her absence.

Mrs; R. Swanwick, of Auchenflower, Brisbane (Q.), is visiting her sister, Mrs; L. O. Wilkinson, Sunny Corner, the first being about 17 years ago. Unfortunately, there is no great material progress for her to note, Sunny Corner's progress in that period having been more backwards than forwards.

Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, of West Mitchell has returned home, having been for some weeks in Prince Alfred Hospital after undergoing an operation.

12-11-1945 Following the dismissal of five members of the Timberworkers Union from the Australian Forests Ltd. box factory and timber mill at Kirkconnell more than a week ago, and their replacement by seven other men said not to be affiliated with the union, the remaining 25 members of the union employed at the factory have ceased work as a protest.

18-12-1944 It is reported that Mr. Chas. Kissell has obtained his discharge from the Army, in which he has been since the outbreak of war. Although a native of Sunny Corner, the eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. Kissell, he was living in Sydney when he enlisted.

On Wednesday, December 13, a gathering of about 60 adults and children attended at the public school Sunny Corner, for the annual break up. The committee of the local P. and C. Association had taken its customary interest in preliminary arrangements, and the success of the function reflected credit on their efforts. Each school child, as usual, received the gift of a book, while in addition there was the innovation of a beautifully decorated Xmas tree, hung with presents for the children below school age. There were 23 of these, including five babies under 12 months, and, all of these received a present. This condition of things certainly augurs well for the future of the school, which a few years ago was in danger of being closed because of the lack of children in the district. The revival of late has been most satisfactory. The attractive toys with which the tree, was docked were principally made by Mrs. J. James from material generously supplied by Mrs. S. Ravenscroft, and comprised Dutch dolls, dogs, cats, rabbits, etc., fully equal in quality to those obtainable in any toy shop, and their bright colors and attractive appearance caused great delight to the juveniles. The above mentioned five super juveniles were of course obliged to express their delight by proxy, per medium of their parents, but their gratitude was taken for granted. Anyway, their value as assets for our educational system was recognised by all. After the children had sung several songs, they rendered a short play, entitled "Who stole the pudding?" which created much amusement, and reflected every credit on their training. Iris Smith presented Mrs. James, on behalf of the schoolchildren, with a beautiful iridescent glass dish, Mr. James receiving a pair of bookends from the parents and children.

20-12-1944 A bushfire out Clear Creek way occupied the attention of members of the local bushfire brigades for some days last week. The country was rough and precipitous, and the work strenuous and wearisome, some of the fighters sleeping near the scene by a fire, without blankets or covering of any sort. Those who respond to the call to fight these fires and undergo hardship and waste valuable time at absolutely unpaid work, deserve every credit.

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2-1-1945 A largely attended dance for the benefit of the hall funds was held in the Sunny Corner hall on Boxing night, and proved very successful.

4-1-1945 More fires in the district, one to the east of Sunny Corner burnt a lot of grassland and about 100 soldiers from a district camp were sent to the scene and rendered valuable assistance.

5-1-1945 In several places pea crops have been destroyed by parrots, one case being that of Mr, W. Austin, at Walang while crows have lately taken to peas as a diet. Among growers who have suffered loss from this cause are Mr, J. Shumack, Dark Corner, and Messrs. J. Stait, W. Stait, and J. Tattersall Sunny Corner. The opinion is growing that, this is carry vegetarianism too far. As for rabbits, they were never more numerous, it is probable that so much country around having been swept by bush fire has concentrated them on the unburned country. A bush fire may kill many, but it leaves a lot alive.

11-1-1945 Tenders are invited for the grass rights of Sunny Corner racecourse, approximately 100 acres.

19-1-1945 Common made a profit of 20 pounds for 1944.

30-1-1945 A nasty cycling accident occurred between, the post office and West Mitchell on Thursday evening last, when Mr Allan Casey of West Mitchell was taken to Portland Hospital suffering from concussion and broken facial bones. Mr. Casey was cycling towards West Mitchell, with Miss Betty Fitzgerald, also on the bike, when he ran into a hole in the road and was thrown off with such force that he sustained the injuries mentioned. Mr. Hector. Bell, at one time schoolteacher at Dark Corner, fortunately happened to be at the post office at the time to take Mr. Casey to Portland in his car. Miss Fitzgerald escaped injury.

A successful dance was held at Sunny Corner on Friday night last. Music was supplied by Mr. Steve Collard and some soldiers from the camp between Sunny Corner and Kirkconnell. The proceedings were marred by a sensational incident at midnight, when two explosions took place outside the hall.

The first of these was apparently not right against the hall, as it did no damage, and the report was not so loud as the second, but the second explosion was alongside the hall, close to one of the side doors; and was distinctly heard a mile and a half away by several people, in some cases people who were asleep being awakened by the report. Naturally the effect on those in the hall at the time was most alarming. Panes of glass from the windows were shattered, and the fragments thrown down inside the hall, most of it falling on a group of children who were clustered at that spot. Several were cut by the glass, although fortunately none was cut seriously, but one little girl who it is thought was standing against the wall, cried bitterly for some time afterwards, complaining of a pain in her head.

Consternation and alarm reigned in the hall, but when people rushed out to investigate, nothing, to connect anyone definitely with the occurrence was found. From fragments said to have been picked up at the spot, some think some sort of a hand grenade was used. It is to be hoped that it will be possible to trace up the person responsible for such a dangerous and senseless outrage. If, as some think, it was probably a soldier who was responsible, it points to the necessity for much stricter supervision over the distribution, of military ammunition and explosives.

7-2-1945 On Saturday evening last another very successful dance, in aid of the hall funds, was held in the hall, and attracted a good attendance, Portland being particularly well represented. Music was supplied by Mrs. J. Fitzgeralds Star Orchestra, and was up to the usual high standard. A substantial addition to the hall funds should result.

The balance sheet for the School of Arts Hall, presented to a meeting at the week end, disclosed that the institution has a satisfactory surplus balance on hand, enough to start the new year with bright hopes of meeting all the financial items in citadel to such matters, and also carrying out any improvements and repairs necessary from time to time.

14-2-1945 Mr. Walter Stait, of Sunny Corner spent several days in the Portland hospital undergoing treatment, but is now home again, having benefited from the treatment.

Miss Iris Smith, only daughter, of Mr.and Mrs. W, Smith of Sunny Corner, who studied for the purpose under Mr. J. James, schoolteacher at the Corner, recently passed the Intermediate examination, sitting for same in Portland.

Miss Josephine Rampling, who also studied under Mr. James for her Nurses Exam., is doing well, and liking her work at the Marrickville cottage hospital. Nurse Rampling once resided at Sunny Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine O'Connell, of Cargo, spent a couple of days at Sunny Corner, staying with Mr. and Mrs. L., O. Wilkinson,

Flight-Sergeant Lance Wilkinson is still at R.A.A.F work in England. Letters from him indicate that conditions in England are much worse than in Australia, though he speaks highly of the kind treatment experienced wherever the Australians go.

Sergeant J. D. Wilkinson is in the medical section of A.N.G.A.U. and is now stationed at Milne Bay, acting as medical assistant. Milne Bay is not very far from Cuthberts Misima mine on Misima Island, where both the Wilkinson brothers worked before the war.

12-3-1945 Mr. L. O. Wilkinson, who has been in indifferent health for some time, was conveyed to Portland hospital by Lithgow ambulance at the beginning of the week. An unfortunate mishap occurred on the journey, the ambulance breaking an axle on the Sunny Corner-Portland road. This delayed the patients entry into hospital by two hours.

Great credit is due to the resourcefulness of the ambulance officers. While one remained with the patient the other ran four and a half miles to the nearest telephone to ring for another ambulance. The condition of the Sunny Corner Portland road at present is enough to break the hearts of any one unfortunate enough to have to travel it, let alone axles.

23-3-1945 Owners of any stock of any kind found trespassing on the Sunny Corner Common will be prosecuted. By order of the Trustees. H.Pritchard, Secretary.

26-3-1945 Residents in this district, and particularly in the Sunny Corner area, will regret to hear of the death in Mr. Lionel Ottley Wilkinson in Portland hospital this morning, after an illness of some months duration, although he had only been a patent in the hospital for the past three weeks. The late Mr. Wilkinson, who was 73 years of age, was a man of diversified talents, being, a journalist of ability, having been sub-editor of the 'Northern Miner' at Rockhampton, in which town he was born, whilst, until the last few years he wrote as a freelance for the Sydney "Bulletin." And was the possessor of a facile pen; Mr. Wilkinson's contributions in the "Mercury" from Sunny Corner were always most interesting, and generally his versatile mind was able to cloak in excellent English any subject he adopted as a theme for his writing.

He was also an expert in the cyaniding of precious metals, mainly gold, and in this connection he travelled extensively in Queensland, Victoria, and N.S.W., ultimately settling at Sunny Corner in 1917; when he incidentally took over the correspondence of that district for the "Mercury." The deceased was a man of the utmost probity, respected by all who knew him, and with a legion of friends. His death will leave a gap which it will be hard to fill.

Genuine sympathy will be extended to his widow and the family of four, three sons and a daughter, namely, John (A.I.F., New Guinea), Lance R A.A.F., England, Col. Sunny Corner, and Marjorie, Mrs. Ross, Sunny Corner, in which the "Mercury" would like to join. Incidentally the late Mr, Wilkinson completed his education at Old Cooerwull Academy with his brothers Bert and Walter, the latter at one time Australias champion pigeon shot. Cremation will take place tomorrow afternoon at Rookwood. Messrs. Matthews and Lemon having, charge of the Arrangements.

28-2-1945 A successful dance was held in the hall on Friday last, in aid of the funds of the Sunny Corner branch of the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. There was a very satisfactory attendance, the music being supplied by Mrs. J. Fitzgeralds, Star Orchestra, and an attractive supper was supplied. Dancing was indulged in till 1 a.m. A substantial sum was taken, which will be of material benefit in getting equipment, benzine, etc.

4-4-1945 The death occurred in the Bathurst District Hospital on Friday night of Mr. Thomas Dibley, of Meadow Flat aged 63 years. The late Mr. Dibley resided in the Meadow Flat district all his life and was very well known and respected there. He is survived by a widow, one daughter, Mrs. Nita King, of Lithgow, and a stepson, Arthur, who is a prisoner of war in Malaya.

12-4-1945 To Portland Hospital. Mrs, Wilkinson, Sunny Corner, wrote expressing her appreciation of the kindness and attention bestowed upon her late husband by the matron and nursing staff.

As the result of a successful dance held at Sunny Corner on Saturday night last, a further £10 was added to the Portland District Hospital Fence Improvement Fund.

12-5-1945 At yesterdays meeting of Turon Shire Council a letter was received from the Sunny Corner common trustees requesting that a pound yard be established to combat the nuisance caused by straying stock on the common and in the Sunny Corner area generally. Turon councillors decided that Council was not prepared to erect a pound yard at the present time and it was felt that the common trustees had the necessary powers to deal with the nuisance

18-5-1945 On Monday Mrs. S. Ravenscroft received a cable from her husband notifying her he had arrived safe and well in England. Sam has been a prisoner of war for over two years.

He was on the "Mareeba" when she was sunk by a German raider in the Indian Ocean. He is well known throughout this district. Our congratulations.

13-7-1945 Passed into the Great Silence last month three very old identities of the district. At the age of 83 Mr. Harry Anderson passed away in Sydney. Mr. Anderson was the oldest authority on any of the Sunny Corner mines or claims. He worked in the Sunny Corner silver mine from its start and was a natural born geologist, respected, by young and old alike.
Mr. Alfred Brown, of Meadow Flat, was also well known in mining circles, having once had an interest in the Paddy Lackey mine. He also died in Sydney.
The third was Mr. T. Hutchinson, whose death took place at his home in Sutherland. He put up the battery at the Corner. (It has since been sold). Mr. Hutchinsons wife is the eldest daughter of the late Mr. Vipen, of Sunny Corner. To the friends and relatives of these three old identities the sympathy of the district is extended.

Spending leave with his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. Scott, Sunny Corner, is Pte. Albert Scott. W/O.2

J. D. Wilkinson, of Milne Bay, paid a flying visit to his mother and relatives. The difference in temperatures is too great to be enjoyed by these New Guinea soldiers. In two days flying they go from 75 deg. to 11 below freezing point in the morning. Before the war it took 10 days for a boat to get to New Guinea. Now it takes two days flying to arrive in Sydney.

20-7-1945 A well attended meeting of Sunny Corner commoners last week decided on the erection of a legal pound at Sunny Corner. The Turon Shire Clerk (Mr. Boyd), Mr. Bender and Councillors Bestwick and Martin attended to hear the discussion and offer advice.
There was much discussion "for" and "against", but the final decision was for the pound. The Lands Dept. will now be asked to allot a suitable block of ground for same.
In the last six months much trouble has been endured from stray stock. This was quite common in past years as Sunny Corner grass is very sweet, but has been very serious this year owing to the scarcity of feed. Thus, drastic means to combat this menace had to be taken. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to the Turon Shire officers for their courtesy in attending the meeting.

Some 70 years ago there lived in Sunny Corner a community of people who were proud of their village, and to beautify the place planted many trees, pines, cedars, acacias, poplars and willows. The willows have died out, only a few remaining, but the pines and acacias still survive. The beautiful dark green pines naturally attract the attention of visitors driving through the village in the summer months. The reservoir is a particularly beautiful spot. There several varieties of pines and cedar trees flourish to cast cool and shady shadows for picnickers on hot summer days. There dotted round the common are some fine specimens of Pinus Insignus, making popular shady retreats for the stock. The recreation ground too, is well known far and wide as a camping ground of beauty of which many a larger town would like to boast.
Also what sacred memories of the past centre round the two beautiful clumps of dark green trees where once stood our two churches, the Church of England and the Catholic. Surely no one would cut down these for the sake of a few pounds. Why ruin our beauty spots and desecrate one of the beautiful gifts of nature and pleasure of the people remaining here, for we are justly proud of our trees, our memory of the past.

20-7-1945 Sunny Corner Racecourse: Martin Scott, Esq. (in the place of Mr. W. H. Grabham, resigned).

22-8-1945 VICTORY DAY. Victory day was spent very quietly at Sunny Corner. Most of the residents who wanted to celebrate travelled to Lithgow or Bathurst.
Those who remained at home spent most of their time tuning in to the broadcasts of city celebrations.

There was a happy reunion this week at Sunny Corner, of Sam Ravenscroft, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany for four years and four months, and his wife and son, Sgt. W. Ravenscroft.
Sam has been through some tragic and dangerous experiences. He was a member of the crew of the Mareeba, which was sunk by the German raider Kormoran in the Indian Ocean in 1941. Subsequently he was twice transferred to supply ships, the second of which was torpedoed by an unknown submarine. Rescued again by a German sub, he was taken to Nantes in France and, from there, on to a big prison camp between Eremen and Hamburg, where he remained until freed by the British about two months ago. Considering what he has gone through, Sam looks very well, although it will be months before he is back to normal health. He has many interesting and some sad stories to tell, but like all returned prisoners of war and servicemen his praise of the work done by the Red Cross is unlimited. He says that the men were kept alive by parcels which came through the Red Cross. Seven months elapsed after his arrival at the camp before the first parcels arrived. During this period Sam sold his wristlet watch for £75 and it was this money which provided him with additional fare during the seven months wait for parcels. That it did not go far is evidenced by the fact that it cost £1 for a loaf of black bread. Two pounds of potatoes also cost £1. He reveals that the Germans paid high prices for watches, which at the time were unobtainable in Germany. Opposite his camp was a Russian prison camp. Daily the men saw dead Russians carried out four and five a day dying from starvation. They had no Red Cross parcels. Mr. Ravenscrofts camp was situated only about 10 miles from the infamous Belsen horror camp.

His son, Sgt. W. Ravenscroft is hygiene inspector, medical section of the R.A.A.F., is spending his leave with his parents. Until this weeks reunion he had not seen his father for five years.

7-9-1945 On Friday night an enjoyable dance was held to celebrate two big events — the safe return from a German prison camp after four years of Mr. Sam Ravenscroft, and V.P. Day.
A brief account of his experiences as a prisoner of war was given by Mr. Ravenscroft, who also sang two very popular songs. Sgt. W. Ravenscroft, of the R.A.A.F., was present and to both Sam and son "Bill" a cigarette case and sum of money were presented from their many friends and admirers. Mr. Hector Lupp, of Bathurst, supplied good music, while Mr. Collard, of Yetholme, played a couple of extras.
Mesdames Shumack, Pritchard, James, Ross and Kissell spoke of the many good qualities of Mr. .and Mrs. Ravenscroft, who have ever been ready to help with any patriotic or charitable function.

Dancing was indulged in until a late hour. A tasty, supper was supplied, as usual, by the ladies. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "For Hes a Jolly Good Fellow" and "God Save the King."

13-9-1945 Withdrawal parade Oberon, Rockley, Sunny Corner and Yetholme.

Volunteer Defence Corps will parade at Oberon rifle range at 10-00 hrs. on Sunday September 10. Personnel on parade that day will retain all clothing issued by V.D.C.

The possession of Arms and Military Equipment after September 10 will constitute an offence.

LIST OF V D C MEMBERS FROM THE SUNNY CORNER AREA.

NAME	SERVICE #	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	RANK;
BARNETT, AUSTIN	N348034	01 Jun 1896	YETHOLME NSW	P
BARNETT, NORMAL ARMOUR	N348025	13 Jun 1903	YETHOLME NSW	P
BENNETT. ALBERT JOSEPH	N348067	31 Dec 1918	PORTLAND, NSW	P
BERRY, JACK HENRY	N196574	16 Sep 1901	YETHOLME NSW	Sergeant
BLAND, JOHN MILLER	N348053	18 Dec 1912	BATHURST	P
BLOMFIELD, CHRISTOPHER	N348266	13 Sep 1909	BLACKTOWN NSW	P
CLARKE, HENRY GARNER	N348228	04 Nov 1890	WHADDON UK.	P
CUPITT, REGINALD	N348270	14 Jul 1908	GRAHAMSTOWN,	P
DIBLEY, FRANK	N348273 2	0 Jan 1900	DIAMOND FLAT	P
FERGUSON, DUNCAN LATHAM	N348790	02 Mar 1911	PALMERS OAKEY	P
FITZGERALD, JOHN PATRICK	N197048	23 May 1920	Unknown	P
GALVIN, LESLIE ARTHUR	N349513	14 Jan 1925	BATHURST	P
GIBSON, JAMES GATENBY	N196581	16 Aug 1898	TASMANIA	Lieutenant
GRABHAM, JAME DUDLEY	N348066	29 May 1914	SUNNY CORNER,	P
GRABHAM. LESLIE JACK	N348264	27 Nov 1897	SUNNY CORNER,	P
GRAHAM, CECIL CHARLES	N348063	30 Jun 1917	SUNNY CORNER,	P
GRAHAM RICHARD WM	N348107	11 Nov 1907	DARK CORNER,	P
GRANT, BRUCE OGILVIE	N196580	12 May 1897	ASHFIELD NSW	Lieutenant
GUIHOT, WALTER STANLEY	N348279	09 Oct 1894	FORBES, NSW	P
HARPER, HARRIS GORDON	N348278	23 Aug 1905	OBERON, NSW	P
KERR, LORNE	N196654	17 Mar 1892	ORANGE NSW	P
KISSELL. RONALD KEITH	N348069	03 Apr 1910	SUNNY CORNER,	P
MACCABEE, ALAN SOUDAN	N348044	25 Mar 1885	YETHOLME NSW	P
PASSERI, JOHN HENRY	N348265	04 Oct 1891	SUNNY CORNER,	P
PASSERI, ROBERT JAMES	N348741	14 Mar 1901	SUNNY CORNER	P
ROBY, CECIL LESLIE	N472031	16 Sep 1902	CROYDON NSW	P
SELLICK, SAMUEL	N348013	14 May 1913	MILTON NSW	P
SCOTT, CLIVE MARTIN	N348062	30 Jun 1920	BATHURST, NSW	P
SCOTT, WILLIAM LLOYD	N348230	14 Nov 1920	PARKES NSW	P
SCOTT, HILTON TOM DRYSDALE	N348065	17 Feb 1919	BATHURST,	P
SHUMACK, JOHN SINNOTT	N348133	10 Apr 1896	DARK CORNER	Lieutenant.
SHUMACK, WILLIAM KENNETH	N348054	02 Sep 1922	MAITLAND,	P
SMITH, ARNOLD	N472026	01 Nov 1921	DARK CORNER	P
SMITH, EWEN ERNEST	N348220	29 Nov 1897	PALMERS OAKEY	P
SMITH, EWEN MAXWELL	N472025	28 Jan 1926	ROCKDALE NSW	P
STAIT, GEORGE ATHOL ROSS	N348217	10 Mar 1901	WALLERAWANG,	P
STAIT. HENRY KEITH	N348070	19 Apr 1909	SUNNY CORNER,	P
STRICKLAND JAMES HENRY	N348263	14 Feb 1886	SUNNY CORNER,	P
STRICKLAND, NORMAN JAMES	N348064	30 Apr 1919	PORTLAND, NSW	P
TURNER, HERBERT AUSTIN	N348274	26 May 1890	YETHOLME NSW	P
TURNER, JOFFRE RONALD	N348041	13 Apr 1915	YETHOLME NSW	P
TURNER, NORMAN JAMES	N472030	29 Jan 1922	BATHURST	P
TURNER, VICTOR EDWIN	N348740	03 Jan 1892	BATHURST	P
WILLIAMSON, JIM	N048015	02 Feb 1923	BATHURST	P

Some of these men (**names underlined)** served in WW l, last 4 appear on the Sunny Corner War Memorial.

1-10-1945 SMITH— SIMPSON.— The engagement is announced of Norma Blanche elder daughter of Mr, and Mrs. A. D. Simpson, 5 Rabaul St., Littleton, to L.A.C. Athol Keith, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Smith, of Sunny Corner.

21-10-1945 Well known resident of Meadow Flat and a prominent personality in pastoral activities, Mr. Arthur James Brown, of "The Poplars," passed away at the age of 83 years, at his home, at 8 o'clock on Saturday morning. He is survived

by his widow, Mrs. Lena Brown, and one sister, Miss Carrie Brown, "The Poplars," to whom the deepest sympathy will be extended.

Born at Meadow Flat, Mr Brown, during his early days, engaged in gold and tin mining at Tingha and other places, including Trunkey. Subsequently he travelled abroad and on his return to Australia became a noted orchardist and a reliable authority on the cultivation of fruit trees at Meadow Flat where he planted some 13,000 apple trees of recognised quality. Later he relinquished orchard interests and followed grazing pursuits, specialising in Southdown stud stock. Deceased, who was widely known and respected, lead a life of activity and was a member of Lodge Blaxland Temperance, Portland. He took a very close interest in the Rydal A.H. and P. Society, as well as other progressive movements in the interests of that district. He was a man of wide experience and was exceptionally well read.

Yesterday afternoon the remains were removed from his late residence for interment in the family section of Meadow Flat cemetery.

21-11-1945 The condition of Mrs. H. Harper, who is an inmate of the Bathurst hospital, is causing her people grave concern.

Mr. Stan Grabham, an old Sunny Cornerite, is gravely ill in Lithgow hospital.

Also in Bathurst hospital is Miss Evelyn Strickland, who fell heavily on her knee causing complications. Their many friends wish them all a speedy recovery.

26-11-1945 The death occurred at Lithgow hospital early this morning of Mr. Stanley Francis Grabham, a resident of Wallerawang, at the age of 31. He had been an inmate of hospital for six days prior to his death. Born at Sunny Corner, the deceased had resided at Wallerawang for four and a half years. He was at one time an employee of the S.A.F., but for the past 12 months had worked at the Marrangaroo shale works. Sincere sympathy will be extended to the widow, Mrs. Ruby Jean Grabham and young family of four, the eldest of whom is four and the youngest six months. Sympathy will also be extended to his mother, Mrs. A. Grabham, of Sunny Corner, and six brothers and two sisters.

The brothers are Mr. Edward Grabham (Peel), Messrs. John and Thomas Grabham (Kandos), Mr. Arthur Grabham (Tyldesley), Mr. Robert Grabham (Wallacia) and Mr. Richard Grabham (Sunny Corner) and the sisters, Mrs. George Stait (Sunny Corner) and Mrs. I. Potts (Narrabri).

His father, Mr. Abraham Grabham, who predeceased him some 20 years ago, was one of the pioneer residents of the Sunny Corner district. The funeral has been set down for tomorrow afternoon to move for Bowenfels cemetery from the Methodist church, Mort-street, after a service commencing at 4 p.m.

7-12-1945 Advice was received that Mrs. Neale and Mr. N. J. Strickland had resigned from the Sunny Corner WAC, and that Mr. C. Neale and Mr. C. Wilkinson had been appointed in their places.

14-12-1945 On Saturday night a social was held in the Sunny Corner Hall to welcome home Pte. Len Smith, who has been up New Guinea way quite a while. The music was generously supplied by Mrs. J. Shumack and was much appreciated by young and old. During the evening a presentation of a cigarette case and £5 was made to the guest by Mr. Pritchard. Mr. J Shumack (chairman) spoke of Lens good qualities, and these sentiments were endorsed by Ron Kissell and others. Dancing was indulged in till a late hour when supper was provided by the ladies, and the evening was brought to a close by the singing of "For Hes a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Sync."

Sympathy is extended to the Grabham family in their sad bereavement. Stan, though never a strong lad, was very popular among the young people. To his widow and young family deepest sympathy is extended .

Pilot Officer Lance Wilkinson, R.A.A.F. arrived back in Australia in November and his brother met him and says he looks remarkably well. Lance continued his journey to Queensland, then on to Milne Bay Papua, to be demobilised, and then he hopes to meet his brother Jack, who is medical assistant at Milne Bay Native Hospital.

Mr. Colin Wilkinson, of the I.C.A. branch of Small Arms Factory, is leaving the factory to come back to farming at Sunny Corner.

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7-1-1946 The friends and relatives of the late Kathleen Margaret Harper of Sunny Corner, are kindly invited to attend her funeral, to move from McDonald and Moloney's Funeral Parlors on Monday afternoon for the Church of England portion of the Dark Corner cemetery. Chief mourners were the deceased husband, two daughter and three sons.

10-1-1946 The New Year's Night dance went off with the usual gaiety. Popular music and a good floor carried the fun on to the early hours. There was a good crowd of merry-makers, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the celebration.

Quite a number of Sunny Corner residents saw the meteor on Saturday evening about 7.30. The brilliant light and smoke-screen which remained suspended in the sky for 30 minutes was most unusual. The dust haze may have had something to do with this latter phenomenon.

Tenders are called for the lease of grass rights on Sunny Corner racecourse (100 acres) for 12 months.

11-1-1946 Bathurst Police are examining oil paintings and books found in a mine tunnel at Sunny Corner to ascertain if they are valuable. The paintings and books, some in French, are believed to have been hidden in the tunnel in 1940 when the fear of a Japanese invasion was prevalent.

25-1-1946 Common made a loss of 23 pounds for 1945.

9-2-1946 The following appointments were authored to the Sunny Corner Bushfire Brigade: Captain. R. Kissell; vice captain, C. Wilkinson.

18-2-1946 Interest is again being shown in the old Sunny Corner silver lead mine, formerly one of the richest mines in this old mining country. Mr. George Wright, representing a company, has begun operations here and although the work so

far is only in its initial stages it is hoped that it will eventually lead to the working of the old mine on a large scale. This mine which, has been idle for over 25 years at one time was a great producer, and in the opinion of many of the old miners who worked in it still has more valuable ore than was ever taken out of it.
Over the period of years it has lain idle there have been several parties who wished to carry on work there, but the leases have always been held by other parties and this prevented a start being made. Some of the metals won from this mine are gold, silver, lead, copper and zinc, all being of great value today, and methods of treatment have advanced since the mine was last worked. And this would be of great benefit as all the metals could now be recovered. It is sincerely hoped by all in the district that this attempt to re-open the mine will be successful.

22-2-1946 Sunny Corner Common: Messrs. Colin Ottley Wilkinson, Raymond Neil Stait, John James Tattersal, Ronald Kissel, Maxwell Charles Ross.

29-4-1946 During Easter several old residents visited the Corner. Pte. Jim Attuell lately released from the Army, visited his sister, Miss R. Attuell, at the post office. "Jim" looks remarkably well and is taking up his old job with his partner, Mr. F. Pain at Katoomba.

Mr Tom Francis spent the weekend with his uncle, Mr. J. Martin, of Dark Corner.

Mr. F. E. Rawson, who was in Orange hospital for an operation on an eye, has returned home after successful treatment and hopes to have his sight quite restored. Our best wishes in this regard.

The Sunny Corner Hall is undergoing repairs, getting ready for winter dances.

Miss R. Attuell spent the Easter holiday at Katoomba, while Mr. and Mrs. O. Thomas and family of Sydney were at their farm in this district.

26-6-1946 The cold snap did not miss Sunny Corner, the lowest temperature falling to 19 degrees, 13 degrees below freezing point. For several mornings it was 28 and 29 degrees. On one extra cold day the temp did not rise above 29 degrees.

17-8-1946 At yesterdays meeting of Bathurst P.P. Board official advice was received that approval had been given to the appointment of Mr. H. Pritchard of Sunny Corner as a permit officer.

19-8-1946 The death took place in Sydney on the 12th of this month of Mrs. Ada Travels at the age of 62 years. Deceased was a member of the Stait family and born and reared at Sunny Corner. She leaves a grownup family to mourn her loss. Her only son, who is in the Merchant Navy, was hoping to get home to visit his mother in a few weeks. Sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends.

Mrs. George Kearns, who has been seriously ill, is now getting about again.

Colin Wilkinson, who met with a serious accident while splitting posts, a limb of a tree hitting him across the face fracturing the eye socket, he is back at work again.

Young Jack Stait, who had a bad fall from a load of chaff last week, is also on the mend.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Strickland and family have left the district to start a business at Laurence on the Clarence. It should be warmer there than at Sunny Corner.

July was a very cold month this year, high winds and snow. There were 17 days wet and only on two days out of the 17 it did not snow.

5-9-1946 The death of Mrs. George Kearns at her home, "Fern Hill," on August 28, removes one of the oldest residents from the district. Born in 1870, she was the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Baiter, who for some years ran the coach from Bathurst to Rydal. The main road in those days ran at the back of the present one. Of a kindly, and generous nature, Mrs, Kearns could tell many interesting stories of the good old days when Sunny Corner was booming, and had a population of 7,000. Besides singing in the church choir Mrs. Kearns was organist for 25 years. Some of the Ministers during that period were Revs. Homfray, Harris and Cresswell. She leaves a husband, two daughters, Linda (Mrs. T. Smith, Dark Corner), Elizabeth (Mrs. A. Berry, Yetholme), and a brother, Mr. J. Baiter, of Lidcombe.
Deepest sympathy is extended to the bereaved family and relatives.
Interment took place in Meadow Flat cemetery in the Church of England portion, Rev. W. A. Clint reading the burial service. There were many beautiful floral tributes.

14-9-1946 Miss D. Mowbray, hon. secretary of the Kirkconnell P. and C. Association wrote to yesterdays meeting of the Turon Shire Council asking if it would loan the association any tree guards, as they were planting a ‘memorial drive' at the school on the Sunny Corner Road. Council decided to loan tree guards some were in need of repair and additional netting, and are available at the Councils depot.

24-10-1946 To mark the opening of a new woolshed on their property at "Sunset," Dark Corner, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin celebrated the event with a gala ball. The weather was perfect and the function was most successful both from a social and financial point of view. Cars, buses and lorries transported 370 people from as far afield as Wollongong, Sydney and Wyong, as well as from the surrounding district. Many of the Sunny Corner and Dark Corner identities took advantage of the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, and talk over the happenings of the past.
Among these was Mrs. Mary McLachlan, whose home was once on this property, and although the lady is over 70, she was noticed to be taking part in some of the dances.
The woolshed was festooned with gaily colored streamers, a large mistletoe hanging from the centre, and the many graceful evening gowns were certainly an added decoration.
Dancing commenced at 8.30 p.m. to the strains of music supplied by the 2LT orchestra, and continued until 11 p.m. when a break was made for supper. This proved to be most enjoyable, and great credit is due to Mrs. Martin for her capable handling of this important part of the entertainment. For those who wished additional refreshment, a soft drink bar was operated by Masters John and Ted Martin, and a band of juvenile helpers, whose services were in continuous demand. After supper the

dancers again took the floor, Mr. Harry Markwick, the capable M.C., introducing many novelties. Dancing continued until 2-30 a.m., the majority of people even then being reluctant to leave.
A word about the woolshed. This is a fine all steel structure, built by Mr. Markwick, and situated due west from the homestead. Immediately behind is a line of eighty-year-old pine trees, and to add to the beauty of the surroundings, two huge cherry trees planted eighty six years ago were in a glorious burst of bloom. Silhouetted against the full moon the setting could only be summed up in one word, magnificent.
The nett proceeds amounting to the big sum of £46, will materially swell the funds, of the Sunny Corner Parents and Citizens Association, and portion is to be used for sporting equipment for the school. The general opinion of the guests assembled were "Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Martin, were looking forward to another one."
25-10-1946 The death occurred early yesterday morning at her late residence 54 George Street of Mrs. Martha Ryan. Deceased, who was 70 years of age, was born at Sunny Corner and had lived in the Bathurst district all her life. She was predeceased by her husband Mr. Thomas Ryan about 14 years ago. She is survived by a daughter Mabel (Mrs. F. Howard of George Street) and a step-son Thomas Ryan of Bathurst; also one sister (Mrs. G. Tatersall, of Sunny Corner) and brother Walter Stait of Sunny Corner.
The funeral will take place this afternoon moving from her late residence for the Church of England cemetery at Meadow Flat passing through Sunny Corner.
12-11-1946 An invalid pensioner was found dead in his bed yesterday morning, on the Dark Corner properly of Mr. Thomas Smith. He was Alfred Norman Grahham (32). Deceased who was a resident of Sunny Corner, was employed by Mr. Smith doing light work on his property. The dead man was unmarried and is survived by two brothers and a sister.
After investigation the police are satisfied that death was due to natural causes.
He suffered heart trouble and has drawn an invalid pension for the past eight years. Grabham shared a hut on the property with another employee, James Edward Woolnough. Woolhough told the police that after going to bed about 8 o'clock on Sunday night, Grabham complained of a slight headache. When Woolnough woke up yesterday morning about 5.30 he saw Grabham lying on his back in his bed, apparently still asleep, so he did not disturb him.
Mr. Smith said that when Grabham failed to report for work, he went to his hut and found him still in bed. Upon examining him he saw he was dead.
A doctor certified that death was due to heart trouble; and the Portland coroner (Mr. Frew) issued an order for burial.
Plainclothes Constable A. McDonald and Constable C. Godden, of Bathurst police, conducted inquiries. Deceased was the third eldest son of, the late Mr. Robert Grabham and Mrs. Grabham, and was a native of Sunny Corner. In addition to his mother he is survived by four sisters and four brothers. Members of the family are. Mrs. E. Randall (Cowindra), Mrs. H. Guihot (Sunny Corner), Mrs. H. Prescott and Mrs. V. Prescott (Tuggerah Lakes), William (Port Kembla), Roy and Robert (Tuggerah Lakes) and Cecil (Peel).
The remains were conveyed to Portland morgue, and the funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made at Dark Corner cemetery, in the family plot. The Rev. W. A. Clint, Rector of Portland, conducted the service at the graveside. Pall-bearers were William and Cecil Grabham (brothers), L. Guihot (nephew) and C. Theobald (nephew) of deceased. There was a large attendance at the graveside and many floral tributes were sent.
Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones in their sudden sad loss.
14-11-1946 The dance held on Saturday night to raise the funds for the Sunny Corner Hall was a great success. Though the crowd was not as large as usual, it was in happy mood.
16-12-1946 Under the auspices of the Sunny Corner P. and C. Association, a most enjoyable afternoon was spent at the school break-up on Wednesday, December 11, when Mr. Pritchard occupied the chair. Rev. and Mrs. Hartley, and Rev. and Mrs. Reekes were present. Rev. Hartley addressed the girls and boys, while Rev. Reekes carried out the duties of presenting each pupil with a book. The school was attractively decorated with streamers and flowers, and a heavily ladened Xmas tree stood in one comer. This carried a gift from Santa for every child in the district. It was most gratifying to see a record number of 75 parents present. Many items were received by the children and in this respect great credit is due to Mr. and Mrs. James for their capable training. Two rounds of ice cream were served to all present, while the children also received cool drinks. Afternoon tea was also provided. Indoor games were enjoyed by both children and adults, these being followed by races and other events. An award for the best child tennis player went to Laura Passeri, with Ted and John Martin, second and third, respectively.
31-12-1946 On Boxing Day a cricket match between Portland and Sunny Corner was played, with a win to Portland.
The gala dance held at Sunny Corner Hall on Boxing night was one of the jolliest and most successful for many years. The crowd was in festive mood and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.


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9-1-1947 Tenders are invited for the Lease for Twelve Months of the Grass Rights of the Sunny Corner Racecourse. The paddock comprises 100 acres, well fenced and permanently watered. Tenders close with the Secretary on the 18th January, 1947. R. KISSELL, Secretary.

10-1-1947 The Sunny Corner Cricket Club dance on New Years Night was one of the jolliest of the season and drew a big representative crowd of local and district enthusiasts. Floor, music and supper left nothing to be desired.

27-1-1947 Common made a profit of 20 pounds for 1946.

24-2-1947 A public meeting will be held at Mrs. Green's store, Meadow Flat, on Saturday, March 1, to consider the best means of clearing the local cemetery.

27-2-1947 District residents will regret to learn of the death at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Williams, 10 Rowsell-street, East Portland, on Saturday afternoon of Mrs. Emma Lawler, at the age of 83 years. Deceased had been in good health up to one week prior to her death. a native or Diamond Swamp, she was the youngest daughter of Mr, and Mrs. Jesse Dibley, pioneer settlers of that district, and resided in the Meadow Flat district for the whole of her life, moving to Portland five years ago. Of a quiet disposition she was well known and highly respected. Her husband, the late Mr. Philip Lawler, predeceased her by 12 years. She is survived by a grown family of seven daughters and one son, members of the family being Mrs. E. Goodwin (Lane Cove), Mrs. A. Café (Oakey Park), Mrs. R. Williams (East Portland), Mrs. A. Alexander (Woodford), Mrs. J. McKinnon (Meadow Flat), Mrs. A. Barnett (Yetholme), Mrs., A. Levi (Stanmore) and Mr. Philip Lawler (Portland) to whom deepest sympathy will be extended. Two sons, predeceased her. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, and was largely attended. Leaving her daughter's residence East Portland, the cortege proceeded to the Methodist Church at Meadow Flat, where a short service was conducted by Pastor Hartley, who also officiated at the graveside. Interment taking place beside the remains of her husband in Meadow Flat cemetery.

6-3-1947 Mr. George Atherton, of Willlewa Street, Portland lost a finger as a result of getting it crushed while dismantling a eucalyptus plant at Fitzgeralds, Sunny Corner.

12-4-1947 Eucalyptus is produced in lonely bush camps. Gum trees yield oil for export worth over £200,000 yearly

All through the year, on lonely Australian hillsides, in rugged gorges, and deep in the heart of the bush, youll find the camps of the eucalyptus getters. They are the field workers of a vast industry. The export of eucalyptus oils raised the national income by £206,821 in the peak production year, 1940-41, when 184,175 gallons were exported. It is estimated that to produce this amount of eucalyptus oils something like 70,000,000 1b. of foliage were distilled. Eucalyptus or gum trees, make up three-quarters of Australia's vegetation. They grow on the snowline, at sea level, and in the desert wastes. In all there are over 500 species and 138 varieties growing in Australia.

Distilled eucalyptus from pipes leading from condensers is collected in 25 gallon receivers

Travelling by train and car, a staff photographer and I found Ken Shirlaw and his nine-year-old daughter Maxine about to take off in a battered old utility to load a fresh lot of leaves to take to their still. Ken, who is a boss eucalyptus getter, has been working outside the little, forgotten gold boom township of Sunny Corner, N.S.W.

We rode in the utility half a mile up the mountain to where Harry Harper and his sons Bob and Jimmy had been felling and stripping the broad leaf eucalypts that are mainly to be found in that part.

Harry is a local man who has done a lot of eucalyptus getting before, and has been working for Ken Shirlaw since he first came to the district.

During week-ends Bob (13) and Jim (9) go up each day with their father to help.

They began to load the stripped leaves onto the back of the utility, the boys bringing up bundles, Harry forking and Ken packing the leaves tightly for the journey down the mountain. To show that lifting fresh cut gum leaves is heavy work, Harry

Harper gave our photographer a turn with the fork. He worked for about five minutes, turned to Harry and said: "You're right."
With a three year break in the A I F Ken has been distilling eucalyptus for the past seven years. "It's a growing industry, and a good life," he said. "But it's hard work. It makes you old. Even Saturdays and Sundays are Mondays to us. The main thing that annoys you is trying to get sleep. Still, though the hours are longer, youre working for yourself, and the returns are very fair compared with other one man concerns."
When distilling is at its height the Shirlaw working day begins at 4 a.m. and ends at 10 p.m., when the last fire is stoked in the boiler. "I'm lucky. The wifes a great standby," Ken told us. "Manys the time that shes got up and raked out the ashes at four o'clock. But don't let anyone tell you the games any good on property under four to five hundred acres," he warned. "Because it isn't." Most still owners lease the eucalyptus rights from property owners, or from the Forestry Department.
"We cut trees either to ground level or within one to three feet of the ground. Theyll give out a sucker growth and be ready for recutting in from two to four years," Ken said.
"We've been working here for six months," he went on. "Well have cleared it out within another six months. Then well move on." Each lorry load of leaf distilled gives about 351b. of oil. Agents of the manufacturers for whom Shirlaw works on contract collect the oil in 44-galIon drums, paying 2/2 per pound at the railhead.
The Shirlaw plant, with its boiler and two condensers capable of handling 30cwt. of leaves at a time between them, is more modern than most. Ken valued it at £100.

16-4-1947 Blackberries have attracted quite a number of pickers in the Sunny Corner district, and buyers from several factories were operating. One firm distributed £500 in the district. The berries were particularly fine and large.

17-4-1947 The Sunny Corner match, resulted in a draw. T. Underhill was Portland's top-scorer, and Neale put up the best batting performance for Sunny Corner.

30-5-1947 Mrs. T. Fitzgerald has been an inmate of the Portland hospital for several weeks. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Ida Scott, of Dark Corner has returned home from an appendices operation in Bathurst hospital.

The Sunny Corner school children celebrated Empire Day with the Kirkconnell kiddies, being conveyed there and back by Mr. J. D. Martin, Dark Corner.

12-9-1947 The death has occurred at Hornsby of Mrs. A. Cook, wife of the late Mr. John Cook, who was one of the pioneers of the Sunny Corner gold fields. The deceased, who left the district about 1910, was 69 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann, pioneer storekeepers of Sunny Corner. She is survived by two sons and three daughters. Nephews of the deceased are Messrs. B. V., Alf and Eric Lean, of Lithgow. Old hands will remember Mr. Cook as part owner of the famous Paddy Lachlay mine and Big Hill Mitchells Creek.

16-9-1947 Many residents of Sunny Corner and the Portland districts will regret to learn of the death of Mr. William (Wally) Sparks, which took place recently in Sydney. Mr. Sparks was in his 85th year and was born in the Sunny Corner district, where he had spent most of his life. He carried on a butchery business in Sunny Corner for many years.
He is survived by one sister, Mrs. McCulla, of Portland, and one brother, Mr. James Sparks of Kandos. Mr. Sparks death severs another link with the good old Sunny Corner days. Burial took place at Rookwood cemetery, Rev. Father Leonard officiating.

9-10-1947 Cr. L. Kremer, speaking at the monthly meeting of Blaxland Shire Council, said the people of Sunny Corner should be encouraged since they had offered to assist in the work of putting a line through the area. Before Council was an offer from the residents to supply enough black butt poles to carry the line if it were extended from Meadow Flat to Sunny Corner. In reply the electrical engineer, Mr. D. J. Byles, who said he did not believe black butt was suitable. Cr. Kremer stated he was under the impression that the type of timber was the best for their type of country. However, Mr. Byles pointed out that the Forestry Commission had indicated that black butt rotted above the ground. He added that the Sunny Corner residents could give much assistance by clearing in preparation for the line.

23-10-1947 A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Stephen's Church, Lidcombe recently, the contracting parties being Neta Irene, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith, of "Albany," Dark Corner, and Robert Walter, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Magill, of Lidcombe. The Rev. Dent officiated.
The bride looked charming as she entered the church on the arm of her father to the strains of the Wedding March. Her trained gown was of ivory satin, with a billowy veil of cut tulle and a coronet of white flowers. Her bouquet was of double white stock and hyacinths.
The bridesmaid Miss Beryl Smith, sister of the bride, wore pink silk crepe, with a coronet head dress of pink carnations and sweet peas. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations and mauve sweet peas. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Jim Couchinan as best man.
A reception was held at the School of Arts Hall, Granville, where 60 guests were received by the mothers of the bride and bridegroom. Mrs. Smith wore a costume of teal blue with hat to tone, navy accessories and a shoulder spray of pink carnations and: maidenhair fern, while Mrs. Magill wore a teal blue frock, navy accessories, with a shoulder posy of violets.
After the usual toasts were honored, a most enjoyable evening was spent in singing, dancing and games. The honeymoon is being spent on the South Coast. The brides travelling dress was of silk linen in autumn tone, with white accessories. Their future homo will be in Lidcombe.

The season has settled down to milder weather, the countryside being draped in spring raiment. Fruit trees are in full blossom and the grass is growing well and stock, although still poor, will soon improve. Crops are looking well and the season promises to be good. So far this season, rain registered has to tallied 28in, 6 points.

Master Raymond Scott is making good recovery after an appendicitis operation.

Mrs. T. Fitzgerald, of West Mitchell, is an inmate of the Portland hospital.

Mrs. T. Scott, of Dark Corner, hopes to be home from Bathurst hospital shortly.

Miss Rita Attuell has been on holiday, while Miss Elsie Attuell has been relieving at Sunny Corner post office.
Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ross and family and Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wilkinson have both returned after a holiday at Long Jetty.

27-10-1947 Death came with tragic suddenness late on Saturday evening when Mr. William Henry Barnes (58), of Violet Street, Bathurst South, was stricken at a roadside camp near Meadow Flat, 22 miles from Bathurst, and died some hours later. In company with his son, Reg, deceased was engaged in droving a mob of sheep from "Warrie" Station Palmers Oakey to Lowther Park, and on Saturday night, after he had retired, deceased complained of feeling ill.

His son after awakening and becoming alarmed at his fathers condition, ran to a neighboring house, where after some delay, Bathurst ambulance was communicated with, and medical aid summoned.

On returning to the camp young Barnes found that his fathers condition had become worse, and although everything possible was done to alleviate the sufferer, he failed to rally.

The late Mr. Barnes, who was one of the best known figures in Bathurst and district, had not enjoyed the best of health for the past two years. His condition had compelled him to retire from active work about that time.

Mr. Reg Barnes, who is a drover, was engaged by Thompson Brothers of Palmers Oakey to transfer sneep and cattle from Warrie Station to Lowther Park, being accompanied by his father. The pair set out from Bathurst a fortnight ago, October 13, making two trips between the two centres with the stock, and were completing the task when Barnes Snr. was stricken.

1-11-1947 Mr. R. J. Heffron. Minister for Education, writes to Mr. C. A. Kelly, Member for Bathurst, as follows : — Dear Mr. Kelly I refer to your personal representations on behalf of the Kirkconnell Parents and Citizens Association (Miss D. J. Mowbray, 'Yoorooga,' Box 1, Yetholme. via' Rydal, Hon. Sec. in relation to the question of the acquisition of additional land for school purposes at Kirkconnell. In reply, I have much pleasure in advising you that an agreement for sale has now been completed for the purchase of an area of five acres adjoining the Kirkconnell Public School. The crown solicitor is now being instructed to complete this matter, and it is anticipated that finality will be reached in the near future.

6-11-1947 A most enjoyable dance to celebrate the coming of age of Mervyn eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Berry, of Eusdale road Yetholme was held in the Sunny Corner Hall on Saturday night. The hall was brightly decorated with colored streamers and despite the inclement weather the large crowd of friends who attended, bore testimony to the popularity of the guest of honor. The music was voluntary, contributed by Mr. G. Barret, Mr. Woodman, of Yetholme and Mr. Stan Guihot and Mr. Cliff Neil of Sunny Corner. Mr. W. Berry (snr.) gave a very good recitation, Miss Dawn McManus sang and Mervyn accompanied on his guitar and also sang. All items were well received. Dancing was indulged in till a late hour, after which a dainty supper was served.

A feature of the evening was a centre table which held two beautifully decorated birthday cakes, one with 21 candles, which was presented to Mervyn from his aunt, Mrs. T. Smith, of Dark Corner. The other was a present from Mr. and Mrs. E. Kerr, of Yetholme, to Mr. Alf. Berry, who was also celebrating his birthday, father and son cut their cakes together, after which their health was drunk and speeches made. Then Mrs. Berry presented Mervyn with a large silver "key" which was autographed by all present. Many useful, and valuable presents were received. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "For Hes A Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne."

Mrs. G, Tattersall was removed to Bathurst hospital on Saturday for medical treatment. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Three inches were registered in the last three days of rain, one fine day and rain again. The season promises to be a good one.

8-11-1947 An interesting cricket match and picnic took place at Sunny Corner on Sunday. The function was organised by the Manchester Unity and the opposing teams representing Bathurst district, and Cumberland, respectively. There was a large attendance, visitors coming from Sydney, Bathurst, Lithgow, Portland and other centres.

An incident which could have ended tragically occurred shortly after lunch. A little girl, aged three years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philips, of Bathurst, was missed from the recreation ground and was seen to enter the bush about 300 yards away. Her father ran to get her, but could not trace her wanderings. The bush at this place was cut down some time ago for eucalyptus plants and has grown up again very thickly making it very difficult to see more than a short distance ahead. Also there are a lot of old mining shafts in this area. The cricket was abandoned and all joined in the search.

After over an hours search she was found over three quarters of a mile way walking along the telephone line towards Portland.

21-11-1947 Advice was received from the Sunny Corner School that it had donated 7½ dozen eggs to the Portland hospital as the result of a special appeal made by the children.

(Sunny Corner school has being doing this for several years CF).

11-12-1947 The death occurred on Tuesday night of Mrs. Grace Tattersall, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. F. Howard, 54 George Street, Bathurst. The deceased who was 69 years of age, had been ailing for some time. She was born at Sunny Corner, and resided at Cullen Bullen for many years. Her husband Thomas James predeceased her there 14 years ago. For the last 12 years deceased had been a resident of Sunny Corner. She is survived by one son, Mr. J. J. Tattersall of Sunny Corner, and one brother Mr. W. Stait of Sunny Corner. The funeral will move from the residence of her niece this afternoon at 2 o'clock for the Church of England portion of the Portland cemetery, arriving there at 3.30

18-12-1947 The death took place in the Portland hospital on Sunday night of Mrs. Frances Teresa Wade, aged 70 years. Deceased had been in ill health for the past three months and an inmate of the institution for one week. A native of Tarana, she lived in the district the whole of her life, 40 years of which she spent at Meadow Flat, moving to Portland six years ago. She was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Dowler, pioneer settlers at Tarana.

Of a quiet disposition, she was ever ready to assist anyone in need, but her main interest was in the welfare of her home and family. She is survived by her husband, Mr, James Wade; of Portland, and four daughters. Members of the family are Mrs. G. Turney, Mrs. W. Bennett, Mrs. T. Nugent, all of Portland, and Mrs. L Bennett, of Meadow Flat. Two daughters pre-deceased

her. In addition she is survived by two sisters and three brothers, Mrs. C. J. Wade (Lithgow) and Mrs. W. Gibbons (Oberon), Thomas Dowler (Locksley), Harry Dowler (Tarana) and Levi Dowler (Meadow Flat) .

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon, interment being made in the Kirkconnell cemetery.

Prior to the cortege leaving St. Vincept's Church, Portland, a short service, was conducted by Father Corcoran, who subsequently officiated at the graveside.

The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. and H. Bennett and T, Nugent (sons-in-law) and L. Bennett (grandson). There was a large number of floral tributes. Mr. Allan Simpkins had charge of arrangements.

30-12-1947 Christmas has passed off very quietly in this quarter. The school "breaking up" headed the 'festivities' with a lovely Christmas tree loaded with beautiful toys for all the small children of the school and district and, for the older children, valuable books.

The Rev. Mr. Hartley of Portland, made the presentation. Several items were rendered by the school children. These reflected much credit for the careful training by their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. James, and were much enjoyed by all those present. Games were indulged in until tea was served by the ladies. This was a sumptuous repast enjoyed by all. At the close of the afternoon a hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr; and Mrs. James and all who had so willingly helped to make the afternoon such a success. Despite all the rain and wet days during the month, Christmas day topped the mark with 120 points of rain which spoiled quite a number of picnic parties. However, Boxing Day dawned so bright and fine that all was forgotten.

The big dance on Boxing night drew one of the largest crowds ever to attend a similar function at Sunny Corner. Over 200 were on the floor and the hall looked very attractive with its many colored streamers.

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19-1-1948 The prosecution of four district landholders for alleged failure to suppress rabbits was endorsed at Friday's meeting of Bathurst Pastures Protection Board, as a result of adverse reports by the rabbit inspector (Mr. J. E. Gordon). Five other landholders recommended for prosecution were allowed a month to destroy rabbits and harbor

To be prosecuted are: Thomas Scott (Dark Corner property), E. J. Saxby (Limekilns property), Mrs. E. V. Burrows (Mt. David property) and Australian Forests Ltd. (Kirkconnel Pine Forest, Sunny Corner).

7-2-1948 At the Bathurst court yesterday, Mr. Dash, S.M., adjourned, after a long hearing, an ejectment case, to May 3, so that the respondents could make further efforts to obtain accommodation. The applicant, Alan Joseph Casey, now of Sunny Corner, proceeded against Annie Flanagan, of 74 Morrissett Street for possession those premises. Mr. Oliver (for Casey) said notice to quit was served last year. Casey said he desired to live in the house because his accommodation at Sunny Corner was inadequate. Mr. R. H. Browning appeared for Mrs. Flanagan.

3-3-1948 High prices are being paid for blackberries this season and, although there is a falling off in the fruit at present, organised pickers predict that within the next six to eight days they will be able to reap a rich harvest. Edgells, of Bathurst, are offering one of the highest prices per lb reached, for some years and even in Lithgow, where last years ruling price was 4d per lb, the offering last week increased to 5d and then 5 ½ per lb.

A survey made along the Great Western Highway from Lithgow to Bathurst on Sunday revealed that the early fruit has all been garnered, but the green fruit is hanging like bunches of grapes on every plant, and a Yctholme farmer stated that picking will be in full swing by next week-end.

Edgells have posted notices at many points along the route between Bathurst and Meadow Flat offering 6d per lb for all berries weighed on the collection lorries at the point of pick-up.

13-4-1948 Two district residents appeared at the Bathurst Court yesterday morning charged with behaving in an offensive manner on the Show Ground last Friday. They were Jack Knight (27) of Yetholme, and Harris Gordon Harper (43), of Sunny Corner

Police Prosecutor, Constable M. Clifford, said that the defendants had partaken of drink, but were not drunk. At the time of their arrest by Const Toohey and R. McKellar, they were in the vicinity of the Horse-o-plane, waving their arms about and trying to get inside a chain barrier, which was to keep the crowd back in a safety zone. Several women were jostled in their attempts to get in. Defendants claimed that they wanted to get inside to wave at children riding the horses. Their behavior was offensive to the constables and to the children as it was taking their attention away from hanging on to the horses

Both defendants were fined by Mr, K. M. Dash, S.M, after pleading guilty to the charge.

(It was about that year that a well known Sunny Corner gent was drunk and riding those horses with his riding spurs on, and was raking the horse with the spurs to make it go faster, and there was paint going everywhere and the crowd cheering him on. He rode it to a standstill CF).

14-4-1948 Wedding.Iris May only daughter of Mr and Mrs W J Smith Sunny Corner via Bathurst to Bernard Thomas eldest son of Mr and Mrs T B Collins of Coogee.

24-4-1948 A farmer from Sunny Corner aged 61 was arrested by Constable A. F. McDonald in Bathurst yesterday and charged with stealing a crowbar, the property, of G. A. Farrell, of Meadow Flat. He will appear at the Bathurst Court of Petty Sessions on April 29. Bail was allowed in £10.

28-5-1948 Empire Day, 1948, will be a landmark in the lives of many school children who attended, the Sunny Corner celebrations. Five schools joined forces, Yetholme, Walang, Meadow Flat, Dark Corner and Sunny Corner. All these school-age children, with the under school age, and over, and parents, numbered some 250 to 300. The programme, which was entertainment by the schoolchildren, was opened by Mr. H. Pritchard, president of the Sunny Corner P. and C., with a brief address. The combined schools then sang "Advance Australia" Fair," then the Rev. Palain, of Bathurst, gave a very interesting talk on the extent of the British Empire. A play by the Sunny Corner schoolchildren called "Our Flag," drew forth much applause and reflected great 'credit' on Mr. and Mrs. James for the manner in which it was carried out. A tribute was paid to

the gathering by the presence of Mr. Phillips, inspector of schools for the western district. . Mr. Phillips gave a very interesting address on the origin of Empire Day, and on the vastness of the Empire. Both these addresses were thoroughly enjoyed.
An adjournment was then made to the recreation ground, where lunch was provided for the children, and the grown-ups held a picnic lunch. Many willing helpers assisted with the children and games and races were held. Each child received a suitable present.
As the afternoon grew cold, some of the young men provided a large fire, which was the most popular spot on the ground. Tea for the children was provided, then came the great event of the day, a large bonfire with heaps of fireworks and crackers. This drew to an end a day to be remembered by young and old, and gradually small and tired little people were taken home to bed, while those who, cared to do so remained to dance till midnight. Some 60 adults enjoyed this privilege, Mr. Steve Coilard presiding at the piano.

The weather has turned very cold, with a boisterous gale blowing everything in front of it. A few sunny days would he much appreciated.

The death of Mr. Joseph Baker took place last week-end at Lidcombe. Mr. Baker was an old resident of Sunny Corner, his father running the coach from Sunny Corner-Rydal to Bathurst in the early days. Sympathy is extended to his many relatives.

2-6-1948 Thomas Fitzgerald (61), of Sunny Corner, at Bathurst court yesterday was discharged by Mr. K. M. Dash, S.M., at the conclusion of evidence on a charge of stealing a crowbar.

14-8-1948 Mr. M. C. Ross, Hon. Secretary, Sunny Corner, Dark Corner and Palmers Oakey Progress Association, wrote to yesterdays meeting of Turon Shire Council asking that the Sunny Corner cemetery be reopened for burials, as considerable inconvenience was being caused by the cemetery being closed. Mr. D. Boyd Shire Clerk in reply, stated that there were no cemeteries in this Shire under the control of the Council. He said, 'No doubt, Sunny Corner cemetery has been at some time administered by trustees, who are usually appointed by the Minister for Lands, and an application to the Department of Lands would obtain the names of such trustees.

25-8-1948 Shareholders of Australian Forests, Ltd., yesterday agreed to the sale for £80,000 of Kirkconnell plantation to Kirkconnell Pty., Ltd., a subsidiary of Australian Paper Manufacturers, Ltd.

30-08-1948 Tennis Club secretary wrote to Dark Corner secretary arranging a match at Palmers Oakey on 12-09-48

12-09-1948 Tennis match at Palmers Oakey, P 0 v Dark Corner. Dark Corner won by 32 games, players for P 0 were Mrs R Bennett, Miss Kit Ferguson, D T Ferguson (capt), D L Ferguson, W J Bennett, F Theobald , return match to be at Dark Corner on 3-10-48.

27-10-1948 It is likely that district pines will in the future be pulped for the manufacture of paper, our Sunny Corner correspondent reporting that the Australian pine forest at Yetholme, managed by Mr. R. Kissell, had changed hands. The new owners are the Australian Paper Mills, and it is intended, to work the forest on a larger scale. Already a bulldozer has been at work clearing new ground for planting. This should be a very go ahead business. The sawmill was a popular place in which to work and claimed a good percentage of the local lads.
This company will operate on a much larger scale when it gets into full swing, adds the report.

27-10-1948 The old Sunny Corner mine has started again, writes our correspondent. It is intended to concentrate the ore and send the concentrates to America for treatment.

Farming is in full swing, ploughing for carrots, peas and potatoes. Some of the pea and carrot crops are being attacked by a small black fly which has made spraying necessary, the spray agricultural D.D.T. seems to cure the curse.

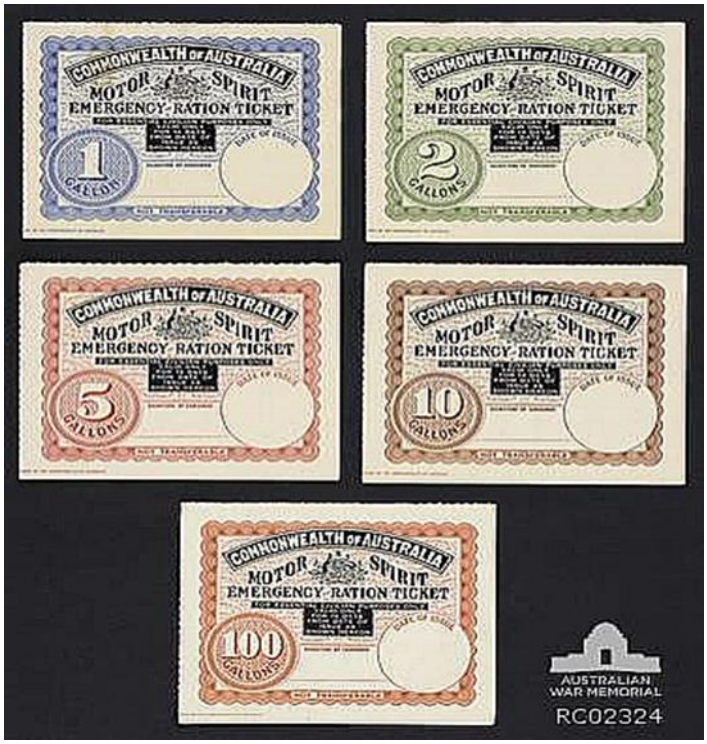
Since September 1 we have had six or seven falls of snow, a most out of season procedure, whilst on Friday there was an icy wind with snow and sleet.

4-11-1948 WANTED to buy. Bees, large or small lots, any condition. Write or phone A. Casey, Sunny Corner. Telephone 2.

23-12-1948 The school breaking up party drew a big crowd of parents and citizens to hear a very nice concert and play put on by the children. This was a great success and won much praise. After the entertainment each child was presented with a book, and for the under school age a Xmas tree with full decorations was hung with a lovely toy for each small child, whilst for the parents there was a souvenir calendar with a photograph of the schoolchildren mounted on the front. Several games were played, a peanut limit being one of the most popular. Later, afternoon tea was served, after which Mr. Pritchard called for a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James for the care and trouble taken with the children.

Mr. Lance Wilkinson, an old resident of Sunny Corner, has returned with his wife and family to Papua. Lance is taking on a cocoanut plantation at Milne Bay.

There is a plague of caterpillars, millions of them coming from the west and going east. They are on the move all the time and don’t seem to wait long to feed. They come into the house and up the walls and we want some large flocks of small birds to clean them up.



As petrol was rationed and very hard to get several people converted their motors to run on charcoal gas producers. The burning of timber in pits to make the charcoal became a small local industry.



Black, steel, charcoal burning, gas producing, power unit. Manufactured by Electrolux in Melbourne as a petrol substitute for cars up to 30 horsepower.

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16-01-1949 Tennis match against Dark Corner. Palmers Oakey players were Mrs E J Bennett, Mrs E E Smith, Miss K Ferguson, D T Ferguson, D L Ferguson, W J Bennett, J Farmer.

18-2-1949 FOR SALE. Two Doe Kids, imported milking strain. J. Cupitt, Sunny Corner.

10-3-1949 FOR SALE. McGrath semi-trailer in good order, length 24 ft., air brakes. Apply M. C. Ross, Sunny Corner, or phone Sunny Corner 3.

12-5-1949 A, deputation consisting of Messrs. C. Wilkinson (Sunny Corner), J; Schumack (Dark Corner) and D. L. Ferguson (Palmers Oakey), yesterday waited on Blaxland Shire Council in regard to the condition of roads in their areas.

2-6-1949 Empire Day was celebrated at Meadow Flat in very miserable weather. It was held in Dr. Formans wool shed, when there were about 150 children present, with quite a few parents. The children travelled from various centres in trucks and cars under the guardianship of teachers and P. and C. members. It was a combined celebration between Walang, Kirkconnell, Sunny Corner, Dark Corner, Meadow Flat and Rydal. The organising and catering was left in the hands of Meadow Flat P. and C.

State Minister for Education (Mr. Heffron) promisfcd a deputation numbering 15, who waited on him at Kirkconnell Public School yesterday that he would have a teachers residence erected adjoining the present school. He also informed the deputation that he would approve a subsidy for a bus service to convey children from that area to Bathurst High School.

8-6-1949 Heavy snow, the heaviest falls of snow were from four inches to a depth of a foot, occurred at Yetholme, Sunny Corner.

The driver of a truck which, over turned and landed on its wheels on the Great Western Highway near Kelso yesterday at 6.45 p.m. will be charged at the Bathurst court today with driving under the influence, driving in a negligent manner and also exceeding the speed limit. He is Ewen Ernest Smith of Palmers Oakey and the truck was owned by Thompson Brothers of Sunny Corner. One passenger in the truck, Charles Henry Byball suffered probable slight concussion and was conveyed by ambulance to the District Hospital.

It was stated that Smith was travelling along the Sydney Road in an easterly direction when he endeavoured to overtake another car. At this particular spot on the highway the top surface of the road had been repaired. Smiths vehicle struck loose surface on the right hand side of the road and got out of control. The vehicle came back on to the road and continued along in a zig-zag fashion. When it had reached a spot opposite a store at Kelso, the truck completely overturned, coming to rest against a post opposite the Kelso Hotel.

The driver of the truck was brought to the Bathurst police station where he was charged. He was allowed bail.

9-6-1949 The Medical Officer of Health, Mitchell Health District, wrote to last nights meeting of Bathurst Council regarding Councils inquiry with reference to the use of water for a barking machine, application for which was made by Kirkconnell Pty. Ltd. Stating that in the opinion of his department there should be no risk of Councils water supply being polluted, provided that the used water flows back into the creek at sufficiently frequent intervals to prevent undue concentration in the creek of the used water.

14-6-1949 After an illness of two and a half years Mr. Alfred Lean, of Calero Street, a member of the pioneering motoring firm of R. F. Lean and Sons, died in Gloucester House, Sydney this morning. It was not widely known that the late Mr. Lean, with his late father, and brother Bert, built the first motor car in N.S. Wales.

Mr. Lean, who was only 55 years of age, was born in 1893 at Sunny Corner.

23-6-1949 In the heaviest fall for many years Sunny Corner and district had nearly a foot of snow yesterday and last night. Heavy falls were reported in other Blue Mountain districts, and at Mt. Lambie traffic on the Great Western Road was halted for lengthy periods yesterday morning and afternoon

Sunny Corner reported this morning that blizzard conditions prevailed last night and the ink in wells in the post office counter was still frozen.

24-6-1949 Brussel Sprouts, the interesting and tasty vegetable resembling a miniature cabbage, were first grown for the Sydney market at Yetholme, a fruit and vegetable producing locality 4,000 ft. above sea level and 20 miles from Bathurst. To-day it is still the only area in N.S.W. producing sprouts for market in Sydney in competition with the Victorian product.

Brussel sprouts are a crop that require a great deal of attention, and it is for this reason that growers can only handle small areas, ranging from two to four acres.

The total area of sprouts at Yctholme equals about 40 acrcs, but enterprising and succcssful orchardist and sprout grower, Mr. W. C. Phillips, considers that this area could be increased five-fold without any detriment to the existing market. Pioneer of sprout production at Yetholme was former Dookie (Vic.) Agricultural College graduate, Mr. Charles Bland, of Kirkconnell.

The sprouts proved a Godsend, for district fruitgrowers when the market was poor for fruit, and they had to seek other sidelines to make a success of the farm job.

Mr. Phillips believes that the Government should give consideration to the settling of soldiers in the district. Small crops, such as peas, potatoes, and sprouts, he argues, would keep the pot boiling for the new settlers while their freshly planted orchards were coming into production.

The engagement is announced of Ivy May, elder daughter of Mrs. J. McKinnon and the late Mr. E. McKinnon, of Meadow Flat, to Maxwell George, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wotton, of Rankin St., Bathurst.

4-7-1949 Police and civilians are now taking part in an extensive search through bush and mountainous country between Porland and Sunny Corner for a 60 years old military pensioner who is believed to be lost or dead.

He is Jack Turnbull, also known as "Williewa Jack" a district identity, who received a full military pension and who obtained casual work digging potatoes or other crops. Turnbull has not been seen since June 18, and since then residents have been making enquiries as to his whereabouts. He has now been missing 16 days from his camp at Dark Corner. His description

circulated by police, is as follows: Age 60, height 5ft. l0in., thin build, moustache, fair complexion, always wears an old military overcoat and old working clothes. Turnbull, according to the police description is a Canadian. Concern at his absence was felt when Turnbull did not report to collect his military pension and enquiries revealed that he had completely disappeared. Police at first thought that the pensioner, who leads a nomadic type of life, had moved on temporarily to take some work about the district farms as was his custom. However, their enquiries at farms, and throughout the towns and townships in the area revealed that he had not been seen in his usual haunts. Search parties have been combing the bush and mountains about Portland, Dark Corner, Sunny Corner and Daylight Creek for four days.

To-day a party of 30 men, including miners who volunteered to assist, set out from Portland. The search is under the control of Sgt. Pat McGovern, who has taken to the hills on horseback so that he can cover more territory in a shorter time.

(Found Nov 1950 CF)

9-7-1949 At the December Quarterly Meeting of the Portland Circuit, Mr. Charles Herbert Scott of Meadow Flat, after ten years in office, relinquished his position as a Circuit Steward.

Mr. Scott's association with the Methodist Church in this locality extended back to the days when Sunny Corner was a town populated by thousands, and a place of no mean importance in the mining industry of the State, days when such well known figures as the Revs. J. B. Penman and Harold Wheen laboured there and in the surrounding district,

A very active man throughout almost the whole of a long life, in recent years his energy was somewhat curtailed through failing health. During the period of increasing weakness he maintained a brave and hopeful spirit, and retained a keen interest in all his affairs. It was while returning from Sydney where business concerns had taken him, that it became necessary for him to enter hospital at Katoomba. Then within two days, on the 12th May, 1949, the call came, and the strong courageous soul left the frail body which for many weeks had been sustained by an indomitable will.

Mr. Scott's spiritual home was the little Church at Meadow Flat in which he had worshipped during almost the whole of his 76 years, and of which he was a Trustee and Church Steward for a very great part of his life. He loved his Church, but it was love inspired by a deeper love, that which he had for his Lord. He was a man tall and straight in stature, true and straight in character.



CHARLES SCOTT

20-7-1949 Sunny Corner: Four to six inches of snow on Monday night and a further two inches last night. Very high drifts, and light snow still falling.

22-7-1949 Congratulations to Mr. Neil Shumack of Sunny Corner, who celebrates his 21st birthday to morrow. Tomorrow night Neil and a number of his friends will be entertained at Raffles Cabaret by his parents, Mr. and .Mrs. J. Shumack.

17-8-1949 The policy of the Turon Shire Council is to preserve trees not destroy them. This was stressed by Councillors at the last meeting. The matter arose, when an application was received from Mr. A. J. Casey, for the purchase of seven pine trees at the Sunny Corner cemetery. Mr. Casey, who offered £10 for the trees, stated he wanted them for making bee boxes." It is impossible to get boxes from the stores and the only way is to get your own trees and have them cut up," stated Mr Casey. "I have only just started out in the bee farming and cannot go ahead too well without good boxes. Mr. Casey said that he would clean up and burn all the limbs and heads. Councillors stated that under no circumstances would they allow the sale or destruction of any trees under their control.

23-8-1949 Police offered no evidence at the Bathurst Court yesterday, when two negligent driving charges were mentioned. Police Prosecutor, Sgt. J. Kelly, requested that no action be taken on the recognisances, Mr. Dash, KM, acceded to the request. The charges concerned Henry Draper, Georges Plains, and Ewen Ernest Smith, Sunny Corner.

22-9-1949 10,000 Acres Involved. The Forestry Commission of New South Wales proposes to implement reafforestation at Yetholme, commencing in the first place at Sunny Corner State Forest. This was made known to aldermen at last nights meeting of Bathurst Council by the Commission.

28-9-1949 "The increase in the price of gold to £15 an ounce should encourage old prospectors to open up some of the small gold shows in the district again. Every grain is now worth 6 ¼ d. against 2d. a grain and £4/5/- an ounce during World War 1. No doubt some of the old prospectors would like to be here again.

11-10-1949 Mr. Alf Berry of Fernhill, Sunny Corner to the District Hospital Bathurst.

13-10-1949 The sudden death in Portland on Saturday night of Mrs. D. Woods, cast quite a gloom over the district. Mrs. Woods was the eldest daughter of Mr, and Mrs. E. Bennett of Dark Corner and to them and family and her husband and family general sympathy is extended.

Rain has delayed farm work and timber carters to in the district. The ground is so wet it is impossible to get on to it to plough. Some crops planted between showers look well and should we have a frost free spring, fruit crops should be out standing if blossom counts for anything.

Miss E. Attuell of Orange Post Office is on a short visit to her sister Miss H. Attuell of Sunny Corner Post Office.

Mr. Smith-King of Sydney spent last week end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Wright, of Sunny Corner Mine.

At a meeting of the Australian Primary Producers Union, held at Meadow Flat, the following were elected: President, Mr, Shumack (Dark Corner); vice-presidents, Messrs. G. McManus and T. Kemp (Meadow Flat); secretary, Mr. C. Wilkinson (Sunny Corner).

19-10-1949 Two men who pleaded guilty to driving the same motor vehicle on October 8, while under the influence of liquor were each fined £1 in default 10 days imprisonment, at the Bathurst Court yesterday. They were Kenneth William Shirlaw (37), a distiller of Sunny Corner and William Henry Taylor (36), a railway porter of Raglan.

21-10-1949 Reserve No. 42,393 at Dark Corner, notified 22nd January,1908, for Public Recreation:—Albert Joseph Bennett, Esq. (in the place of Mr. E. J. Bennett, retired)

27-10-1949 Fatal Accident at Cement Works Quarry. A mobile grab which swung without warning is believed to be responsible for the death of Mr. Harry Sharp, of Sunny Corner-road, Portland, on Friday afternoon last at about. 3.35 p.m. Tragic features of the accident was the presence of one of deceaseds young sons soon after it occurred and who, kept going back to see what, was wrong with daddy. Deceased was driver of a mobile grab and was removing overburden at the quarry at the foot of Williewa street. Deceased had stopped the grab near a mound of earth, and it is believed he climbed on to the mound to clean the grab when it swung, hitting him just below the ribs, knocking him to the ground and causing fatal internal injuries.

Mr. Jack Murray arrived just as the grab swung and immediately went to the assistance of Mr. Sharp. Mr. Murray usually assists with the grab but had temporarily left it to collect his pay.

Mr. Keith Martin, lorry driver, was backing his lorry at the particular moment and also just caught a glimpse of the grab swinging.

Dr. Phillips was contacted immediately and was on the spot within a couple of minutes, while Mr. Martin ran to the police station and contacted Constables Newham and Dickman, who immediately proceeded to the scene of the accident. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Sharp was dead.

Mr. Sharp leaves a widow and four young children and the sympathy of the whole town is extended to them in their tragic bereavement.

Gloom At Sunny Corner. A gloom was cast over Sunny Corner and district on Friday evening when word came through of the untimely death by accident of Mr. Harry Sharp at Portland quarries, a native of Sunny Corner and a member of one of the largest and most united families.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his bereaved wife and four small children, also to his sorrowing brothers and sisters. A sad feature of his death is that it is the first break in the family of 15. Three brothers and eleven sisters remain to mourn their loss. The funeral which took place at the Portland Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended. The many beautiful floral tributes covering the coffin showed the high esteem in which this young man was held. Rev. Mr. Pritchard conducted the service both in the church and at the graveside. Members of the family are: Meslames A: Mackie (Penrith), D. Grenfell and J. Mays (Dulwich Hill), P, Fettit (Rose Bay), W. Grabham (Port Kcmbla), A. Marsden (Portland), R. Kissell (Kirkconnell), H. Wheatley (Port Kembla), A. Bush (Meadow Flat), C. Scott and C. Grabham (Sunny Corner); also Messrs. Charles and George Sharp (Portland) and Thomas Sharp (Meadow Flat).

The cortege was headed by members of the Portland branch of the F.E.D. and F.A., under the district secretary (Mr. W. Fitzgerald), while the C.P.C. Co. was represented by Messrs. Flitton and A. F. McAskill. Pallbearers were Messrs. J. Allen, R. Fitzgerald, W. Graham and H. James. Mr. J. W. Simpkins had charge of funeral arrangements.

30-10-1949 Tennis match at Dark Corner, Palmers Oakey won by 13 games, players being J Martin, Edna Fuller, Kit Ferguson, C Munro, C Theobald, F Theobald, K Theobald, L Grabham, D T Ferguson.

06-11-1949 Tennis match at Sunny Corner, Palmers Oakey lost by 7 games, players being June Munro, Rube Bennett, Kit Ferguson, D T Ferguson, F Theobald, C Munro, C Theobald.

15-11-1949 At a pretty wedding at All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst, Beryl Elizabeth, third, daughter of Mr and Mrs. G. T. Smith, of "Albany," Dark Corner, was married to Noel Kerr, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. L. Kerr, of Yetholme.

The bride looked charming as she entered, the church on the arm of her father. Her frock was of white lace over taffeta, with an embossed tulle veil held in place with a spray of lily-of-the-valley. She carried a bouquet of lilies, lily-of-the-valley and asparagus fern. The ceremony was conducted by Cannon Winter;

Miss Malsie Smith (sister) was bridesmaid. She wore a teal blue Silk crepe frock, with tulle veil held in place with her rhododendrons. Her bouquet was also of red rhododendrons and stock. Mr. Ray Willott, a close friend of the bridegroom, who came from Queensland for the occasion, was best man. The reception was held at "Chelsia," Bathurst where the brides mother, wearing a navy and white silk frock with navy accessories and shoulder spray of red rose buds, received the guests. She was

assisted by the bridegrooms sister; Mrs. A. Bennett, of Dark Corner, who wore a navy frock with white accessories, with shoulder spray of pink sweet-peas and delphiniums. Forty guests were present and Mr. S. Collard was chairman, the usual toasts being honored. After the breakfast, dancing was indulged in for the rest of the evening.

The bride's travelling dress was of pale green silk, with white accessories and the honeymoon is being spent at Cronulla. The present to the bridesmaid was a pair of diamente ear-rings.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead (Cumnock), Mr. and Mrs, E. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Graham (Crows Nest), Mrs.C. Mc.Innes (Port Kembla) and Mr. and Mrs D. Kerr Newbridge.

18-11-1949 Tennis match at Dark Corner, Palmers Oakey lost by 32 games, players being, Phyllis Ferguson, Kit Ferguson, C Theobald, J Theobald, K Theobald, F Theobald, D Ferguson, L Grabham, T Ferguson.

18-11-1949 A most enjoyable dance and euchre party was held in Sunny Corner Hall by 2BS Radio Club, Bathurst. A special attraction was "Pedro's" Ball room Troubadour orchestra from Sydney, consisting of four players, piano, saxophone, violin, drums and double-bass-guitar; occasionally the piano-accordian was played in place of the piano. It was wonderful music.

00-00-1949 Stuart Smith ans wife Doreen arrived at Dark Corner. (See 29-5-1953)

8-12-1949 Widespread interest has been aroused in recent weeks with the news that Mr. F. N. Wade, of Meadow Flat, planted 15 tons of potatoes, with the assistance of only Mr. Laurie Wade, in the record time of five days. Generally 15 tons of potatoes if planted in five days would require the services of about six men. Farmers in the area are of the opinion that Mr. Wade's invention is a winner.

It consists of a small box frame on the side of the plough which, drops the potatoes at spaced intervals into the furrow. One Oberon potato grower who borrowed Mr. Wade's "box" stated it saved him four men per day. Interviewed in Portland this week, Mr Wade said it was his intention to patent the invention and thus make it available to potato growers generally.

23-12-1949 At the School Xmas tree and celebration for "breaking up" over 30 parents and citizens attended and the children's performance in plays and the singing of Xmas songs reflected credit on their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. James.

30-12-1949 The Back to Sunny Corner dance on Boxing Night attracted a crowd of approximately 400 people. Buses from Portland, Lithgow and Bathurst brought many old residents to the function. Both the old and young folk enjoyed the dancing and the 50 children present had a 'royal' time. Funds raised will be used for the maintenance of the hall.

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5-1-1950 The holiday dance held at Sunny Corner Hall was a big success. The hall was packed and dancing was made rather difficult owing to the crowded floor. Many old Sunny Cornerites were present and happy reunions were the order of the night. A Bathurst orchestra (Mr. Cocksheards) supplied the music which kept the merry throng moving. Supper and cool drinks were much appreciated owing to the warm night.

6-1-1950 Mr. Den Doy1e of Rankin Street Bathurst has received notice of transfer from Carlton public school to head teacher at Meadow Flat. He was a former student and captain of the Bathurst High.

9-1-1950 TENDERS are invited for the grass rights of Sunny Corner Racecourse for twelve months from 1/2/1950 to 31/1/1951. This paddock comprises 100 acres and is permanently watered. Tenders to be addressed to the Secretary, Sunny Corner Racecourse, Sunny Corner. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted: All tenders to be in Secretarys hands by 21st January, 1950.

13-1-1950 Our Dark Corner correspondent writes that Mr. J. Martin and sons, John and Ted, of that centre, together with Mr. Harry Parkes, of Lithgow, have gone on a weeks tour to Bourke and other western towns.

After many years residence in Dark Corner, where they have reared a large family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott, have decided to reside in Bathurst. Although Mr. Scott will retain his interests on the land at Dark Corner, residents will regret to learn that they are leaving the district. Mrs. Scott was postmistress at Dark Corner for 15 years. The post office has now been transferred to the residence of Mr. J. D. Martin.

Christmas and New Year brings back many visitors to the district and this year was no exception. Mrs. Cnstlesj and family, from Lakemba, were the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs: Ted Bennett, and spent a happy two weeks here.

A brother of Mrs. J. Martin, Mr. Jack Titus, of Wagga, was here for a week and had a very pleasant time renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Titus also visited Portland, where he had previously resided and was well known throughout the district. He met many friends there and had a complete change from the heat of Wagga.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas and son, of Marrickville, were also the guests, of Mrs. Martin. The Thomas family are old Sunny Cornerites and have been returning to the district every Christmas, for over thirty years.

Harvesting and potato sowing have now been completed in the district, a great number of acres of potatoes have been sown.

17-1-1950 Dr. Joseph Foreman, one of the pioneers of modern surgery in Australia, died at his home, Macquarie street, Sydney, on Saturday, at the age of 96. For the past 10 years, Dr. Foreman had the property “Kaeoo” at Meadow Flat and usually spent the summer months there.

27-1-1950 Water-Jacketed Cupola wanted for Sunny Corner Mines. N.S.W.

10-2-1950 It is hereby notified that, in accordance with the provisions of section 26 of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act, 1913, Messrs. Eric Archer Smith and George Hemsworth McDonald, who have left the district, are hereby removed from their positions as trustees of the Public Recreation Ground at Sunny Corner.

Messrs. Stephen Kissell, Lachlan James Guihot. Colin Ottley Wilkinson, John James Tattersall and John Henry Passeri are appointed (in the places of Messrs. A. Shumack, J. Sparks and L. 0. Wilkinson, deceased, E. A. Smith and G. H. McDonald, removed). Additional Trustee: Miss Rita Catherine Attwell.

17-2-1950 The engagement is announced of Gladys Olive, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bryant, of Kelso, to Leslie Phillip, only son of Mrs. J. I. McKinnon, of Meadow Flat.

21-2-1950 At Friday's meeting of the Bathurst P. P. Board 10 prosecutions for failure to destroy rabbits were sanctioned, including Alexander Gray, Dark Corner. "This is a long standing complaint regarding an area of 75 acres, said inspector Loraon.

"Adjoining landholders have done a good job." O. Thomas, Sunny Corner. The inspector said no one lived on the property. An area of 50 acres was involved. A letter from Mr. Thomas who resides in Sydney, said the properly was used solely as a camping site by his family. Work was done during a recent holiday visit.

24-2-1950 A pretty wedding of local interest was celebrated at St. Paul's Church of England, Yetholme, on Saturday last, by the Rev. Barrett when Evelyn Joyce, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Baker, of Yetholme, married Francis Ralph, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. McManus, of Meadow Flat.

2-3-1950 Over Sunny Corner way last week, a young chap shot a big lump of a brown snake, and was then amazed to see 28 young wrigglers issue from the gunshot wound.

8-3-1950 Born at Sunny Corner in 1894, Mrs. Ada May Kissell, of Lone Pine Avenue, Lithgow, passed away in hospital at three o'clock this morning, aged 56 years.

Mrs. Kissell was an extremely well-known district resident, but despite the fact that she had not enjoyed good health for the past 10 years, she maintained an active outlook and by her bright personality won many friends. To the members of the family deepest sympathy will be offered. They are sons Claude and Albert, of Lithgow; Allan, formerly of Portland and now of Sydney, and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Bonham, of Bathurst in addition to five brothers and two sisters.

11-3-1950 Turon Shire Council at its meeting yesterday was asked by Mr. S. Kissell of Sunny Corner, to inspect the nuisance created by storm water at the Sunny Corner Post Office.

20-3-1950 FOR SALE. Ford blitz done 3000 miles, 7.50 x 20 duals, ducoed with perfect appearance and first class mechanical order. Phone Sunny Corner 2.

24-3-1950 Following an illness of about a month, Mrs. Margaret Elizabeth Lawler, of Meadow Flat, passed away yesterday afternoon at the age of 73 years. Born at Yetholme, the late Mrs. Lawler had resided in the Meadow Flat and Yetholme district all her life, where her husband, Mr. Walter Lawler is a farmer.

1-4-1950 The price of £4,425 was paid for the property known as 'Claremont' on the O'Connell Road, about two and a half miles from Bathurst, at an auction sale conducted in the Walshaw Hall yesterday afternoon. The property was sold on account of Mrs. A. Reedy, to Mr. G. T. Smith, of Dark Corner.

4-4-1950 Alexander Gray, "Pine Ridge" Dark Corner, represented by Mr. R. G. L. Ballie. Area of property 395 acres. Mr. Gordon said he had inspected defendants property on June 10, 1949, and found unsatisfactory conditions on about 90 acres. He had further inspected the area on February 12 1950, and found no improvement. The area of complaint was good cultivation land. There was some evidence of burning of blackberries and hollow logs, but he did not consider that reasonable action had been taken. The adjoining properties were very satisfactory. Mr. Ballie said defendant was a man of 75 years of age and lived on the property alone. He had lived in the district all his life and had never been involved in a previous court action. The infestation on the area of complaint was admitted, but it was pointed out that the remainder of the holding was in good condition. The 95 acres complained of had since been sold to a returned soldier who was giving the eradication of rabbits and noxious weeds primary attention. Gray was fined £4, with costs 10/-, in default 9 days imprisonment.

13-4-1950 At the Bathurst Quarter Sessions yesterday, Judge Shortland dismissed an appeal by K. W. Shirlaw a distiller of Sunny Corner, represented by Mr. J. Wilson, against a conviction of driving under the influence. Evidence of the offence was given by Sergt. W. Sharkey.

14-4-1950 Sunny Corner Common.—Thomas Fitzgerald, Esq. (in the place of Mr. M. C. Ross, resigned)

18-4-1950 Sunny. Corner and Dark Corner Patriotic Fund, £21/1/2;

17-5-1950 A clearing sale was held at the Bathursi district property, 'Karoo' by Burke Bros., Bathurst, in conjunction with Pitt, Son and Badgery Ltd. yesterday. The sale, which was conducted under instructions from the executors of the will of the late Dr. J. Forman consisted of a most extensive offering of stock, plant and furniture and attracted buyers from a wide district area as well as Sydney. It was one of the most successful auctions for many years. 'Karoo' is situated at Meadow Flat and is 22 miles from Bathurst. Stock offered included 2030 sheep, 52 cattle and 12 horses. The plant sold comprised an extensive array of modern equipment and greatinterest centred around the sale of cedar and antique furniture offered in conjunction on account of Mrs. W. O. Foreman.

In the sheep section 187 mixed two tooth merinos sold to 89/, and 590 wethers to 67/6. A rotary hoe and tractor brought £800. A 1942 1 ton truck sold for £380 and a Prefect utility for £485. A cedar bedroom suite brought £183 and a carpet. 14 by 14, sold for £24. Furnishings offered included many fine pieces of cedar, American walnut and mahogany, as well as .several pictures of particularly high quality

1-6-1950 At present on the sick list is Mr. Wright of Sunny Corner, who injured his back some weeks ago.

9-6-1950 Glasses In case. Name Inside case. T. G. Scott, Dark Corner. Reward.

14-6-1950 One thing Sunny Corner has not got the electric light yet, but a big step in the advancement of the village is a bus which takes the high school children to Bathurst. This bus leaves Sunny Corner at 7.30 a.m. running through Meadow Flat, Yetholme, Walang and Raglan, picking up school children from all these places, arriving in Bathurst at 8.45.

It also takes passengers from all these centres. It is a most convenient bus service putting Sunny Corner well on the map and allows a good days shopping.

15-6-1950 2BS Notes. Pleased to see so many visitors on Saturday night at the dance from Sydney, Burwood, Blayney, Meadow Flat. Sunny Corner, Oberon and Cowra.

A welcome into the Club to Mr Sam Dibley, Meadow Flat (Darky.) Mr. Ron Scott (Goodlookin), Mr. A. W. Scott (Alexanders).

27-6-1950 The death occurred yesterday morning of Mrs. Mary Jane Dawson at her residence Rose Hill Meadow Flat. Deceased who was 79 years of age was born and lived in the Yetholme district all her life where she was widely known and respected. Her late husband John Dawson predeceased her by 15 years. One daughter, Mary (Mrs. W. Clayton) of Meadow Flat and a brother Geo. Egan (Yetholme) survive her. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock after a service in the Catholic Church Kirkconnel. Interment will be made in the adjoining churchyard.

29-6-1950 The friends of Mrs. R. M. Potter, of Mudgee, will be sorry to hear that she is a patient in Bathurst District Hospital. Mrs. Potter was holidaying at the home of her son, Mr. Jack Potter, of "Warrie" Sunny Corner when she was taken ill. She was brought into Bathurst, and admitted to hospital.

29-6-1950 Biggest local fall was at Sunny Corner, where it was reported eight inches of snow fell.

24-7-1950 A resident of Sunny Corner for 65 years, Mrs. Elizabeth Passeri, passed away at her daughters residence Brown-street, Lithgow, this morning.

Aged 83, Mrs. Passeri would have been 84 within a few days. Born at Peelwood, near Crookwell, the deceased then Elizabeth Fenton, daughter of a well known grazier, married and moved immediately to Sunny Corner 65 years ago. Her husband who predeceased her by 34 years, was well known in both the gold and coal mining industries. Incidentally, Mr. Passeri assisted to build the rail tunnel near Glenbrook; which is still used today. Particularly well known through out the district, Mrs. Passeri was a staunch member of the Church of England at Sunny Corner. Developing a sudden attack of pneumonia, Mrs. Passeri moved to her daughters residence in Brown street, where she temporarily recovered. However she had a relapse and passed away this morning.

Survived by two sons and one daughter, Mrs Passeri also leaves nine granddaughters, eight grandsons and three great-grandchildren. One son, Ernest, is deceased. The sons are Messrs, John (Sunny Corner) and Robert (Meadow Flat) and the daughter Mary (Mrs. J. Baker, Brown-street, Lithgow).

The funeral is set down for tomorrow afternoon to move from the daughters residence, Brown street. Interment will be made in the Church of England portion of Bowenfels cemetery.

29-7-1950 Red Cross. The decision by Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd. to discontinue collection of waste paper would result in a drop of £130 to £150 a year in the branchs income, the secretary said. A generous donation of £21 was received from Dark Corner and Sunny Corner War and Patriotic Fund. Some 46 fleeces were donated to Red Cross from the inter-district Show exhibit.

1-8-1950 During the last world war word was received that the Sunny Corner cemetery had been closed owing to its being on Winburndale catchment area. It is not known who issued the instructions and efforts to get authentic details of the action have so far brought no results. There are many who want the cemetery reopened. Most wish to be interned near their relations. Many have allotments bought and paid for.

4-8-1950 A quiet, but pretty wedding was celebrated at St. Alban's Church, Leura, on July 22, when Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunsire, of Katoomba, was married to James Attuell, of Katoomba, and formerly of Bathurst, the younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Attuell, of Sunny Corner.

7-8-1950 Mr. John Shumack, of Dark Corner, reported to the Bathurst police on Saturday that while his lorry was stationary on the Mitchell Highway another car struck it. The car only grazed the near side of the lorry, dislodging its door handles on the offside. The driver of the car did not stop and no damage was done to the lorry.

11-8-1950 Mr. J. Shumack, of Dark Corner, stated yesterday that he had lost about 30 per cent of his lambs. The losses comprised lambs six and seven weeks old. Mr. Shumack could not define the exact cause of the mortality. He considered wet weather, footrot and worms the main trouble. ,

A well known and popular young Bathurst couple, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Orange, last Saturday evening. The bride was Nance Edith, third daughter of Mr. J. S. Shumack, president of the Bathurst branch of the RSL, and Mrs. Shumack, of Springvale, Dark Corner, and the bridegroom, Arthur Joseph, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Cusick, of Bathurst. Eight carloads containing more than 40 Bathurstians motored to Orange for the wedding. The bride wore a lovely frock of powder blue crepe, trimmed with irridescent beads, shell pink hat and gloves and bag of the same toning. She also wore a spray of pink orchids. Bridesmaid was the bride's sister, Dorothy, whose frock was made of dusty pink crepe, trimmed with beaded buttons. She also wore a black straw hat trimmed with blue and pink velvet leaves, and carried a spray of hyacinths and daphne. Mr. Neil Shumack, brother of the bride, was the best man. The Rev. A. G. Halliday officiated at the ceremony and at the reception held in Little Paris, Summer Street.

21-8-1950 An unusual accident occurred at Dark Corner on Saturday when a woman resident slipped and fell on an axe. She was Mrs. L. Francis, who severed an artery of the little finger when her hand struck the sharp edge of the axe. Bathurst ambulance was called and after treatment Mrs. Francis was conveyed to the District Hospital for further treatment.

24-8-1950 The death took place at her niece's residence (Mrs. Geo. Stait), 13 Ridge street Portland, on Friday night of Mrs. Margaret Irvina Davison, aged 75. Deceased had been in failing health for some time and was brought to Portland for medical attention on the previous Saturday. Deceased was a native of Dark Corner. She was the last of the original family of Grabhams, whose parents were pioneer settlers in the Sunny Corner-Dark Corner area. Her father was one of the original partners, along with Charles Cook and Norman Poyitt, in the Paddy Lackey Gold Mine at Dark Corner. Deceased had resided in Capertee for 33 years where, although of a quiet disposition, she was well known and highly respected, everready to assist in cases of sickness or need. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Archibald Davison, of Capertee, there being no family. Besides Mrs. Geo. Stait, she is also survived by Mrs. S. McCarthy (niece) and Mr. Aiden Shumack (nephew), both residents of Portland. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended.

Prior to the cortege leaving St. Stephens Church of England, Portland, a short service was conducted by the Rev. Father L. P. Franklin, who subsequently officiated at the graveside, interment being made in the family plot in the Church of England portion of Dark Corner cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. A. Shumack, E. Grabham, Geo. Stait and S. McCarthy. Mr. J. W. Simpkins had charge of arrangements.

25-8-1950 Mr. William Shumack, of Dark Corner, motored to Katoomba recently. He returned home on the Sunday.

8-9-1950 Mr. Ron Scott was tendered a 21st birthday party by his parents Mr, and Mrs. T. G. Scott of 52 Lyal St. Bathurst and 'The Glen' Dark Corner at Raffles Cabaret. Sixty guests were present and were served with buffet supper, while pride of place at the family table was the birthday cake, iced in blue. The duties of chairman were carried out by Mr. Bert Poulton, who spoke highly of the Scott family. Mr. Cliff Neale acted as MC.

The guest of honor was presented with the key of the door by Mr. Mac Scott. Among the speakers were three of Rons brothers, Alf, Hilton and Herbert and sister Ida, all spoke of the high esteem in which they held their young brother. Many presents were received and the happy evening was spent in musical items and dancing, music being supplied by Mrs. Bogie. Ron is the youngest of eight to obtain his majority.

12-9-1950 'I will put you on probation by giving you a good behavior bond' Mr. Dash, S.M., said to two defendants who pleaded guilty at Bathurst Court yesterday to stealing a half bag of potatoes, valued at 15/-, the property of John Martin, of Dark Corner. They were Richard John Letby (22), and Charles William Burrell (23) described as travellers. Detr Const. MacDonald said defendant had been working for Mr. Martin. When they left they had asked him for turnips and were given some. They had taken the potatoes for their own use and not with the intention of selling them.

Mr. Martin had thought they took more than they had. Mr. Dash found the charge proved, but, without proceeding to a conviction, bound the defendants over to be of good behaviour for two years.

13-9-1950 The relatives and friends of Mrs. Ada Bennett, of Dark Corner, are kindly invited to attend the funeral of her dear beloved husband and their dear father, Edward James Bennett, which will move from S S. Michael and Johns Cathedral, after a service commencing at 1.45 o'clock, this (Wednesday) afternoon for Dark Corner, arriving at 3.30 where interment will take place

19-9-1950 Deepest regret was expressed in Sunny Corner when it became known that Mr. E. Bennett, of Dark Corner, had passed away. Mr. Bennett had many friends in the district and was most highly esteemed by all who knew him. To his wife and family general sympathy will be extended.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald returned from Sydney where Mrs. Fitzgerald was in Prince Alfred Hospital.



"Ted, Tom and Father Jim Fitzgerald", no date. The Fitzgerald family had links with Sunny Corner, NSW. Photo from Fitzgerald family, Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

14-10-1950 They are Pine Ridge Estate, Dark Corner, owned by Alexander Gray 95 acres,

At yesterdays meeting of Bathurst P. P. Board, the rabbit inspector. Mr. Gordon, reported that the rabbit position at Pine Ridge was satisfactory.

19-10-1950 Mr. James Henry Strickland (64) of Sunny Corner, who was badly injured in a motor accident near the Denison Bridge Bathurst on Tuesday afternoon died in the Bathurst District Hospital late last night. He was admitted to the hospital suffering from a probable fracture of the base of the skull and severe head injuries. Deceased was sitting on the back of a motor lorry driven by his son-in-law Thomas George Sharp, a farmer of Sunny Corner when it was involved in a collision with another truck.

02-11-1950 Search For Boys Solves 1949. Mystery Lithgow, Wednesday.

Ron Pierce, a miner helping a 1,000 man search to day for two missing boys, solved the mystery of Jack Turnbull, 60, a recluse who vanished from Dark Corner more than a year ago. Pierce, operating miles into scrub country with an advance party looking for John Ward, 8, and Albert Spiers, 7, missing since Monday, came upon Turnbulls skeleton at Williwa Creek, not far from Dark Corner. Turnbull, a pensioner, vanished without leaving a trace on June l8, 1949. Police used horses to comb the wild country for him, directing 100 searchers for three weeks. Turnbulls remains were taken to Portland for official identification.

In to-days hunt for the missing boys, searchers dragged a hot water dam and probed every waterhole in the district with long poles. The bloodhound Vengeance continued to assist the 1,000 weary searchers. Sergeant McGovern described the big area searched as "real tiger country." He said the men were doing a wonderful job. With practically all Mudgee lime mining at a standstill because of the search, coal production on the western field fell by half to day. The men have already lost huge sums in wages.



Typical of the hardy bushmen who had refused to give up the search for the two little victims, is Mr. W. Ryan, a eucalyptus cutter of Sunny Corner.

3-11-1950 A pretty wedding was celebrated at Holy Trinity Church, Kelso, recently, the contracting parties being Gladys Olive, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Bryant, Kelso, and Leslie Philip, only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. McKinnon, of Meadow Flat. Rev. Ellis officiated at the ceremony. The bride looked charming as she entered the church on the arm of her father. Her frock was of white lace and satin and featured high neckline, tight fitting bodice, full skirt which fell softly to form a long train. This was loaned by the brlde's sister in law, Mrs. Harold Bryant, who wore an embroidered tulk veil held in place by a coronet of white flowers. She carried a shower bouquet of white camellias, hyacinths and orchids. The bride was attended by Miss Ivy McKinnon, sister of the groom, and Miss Ida Scott, a fiend of the bride. They wore pale green and mauve figured organdi over taffeta and pink camellias, hyacinths and orchid curvettes, with shoulder length tulle veiling.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Doug McAlister as best man, and Mr. William Kemp as groomsman. The reception was held at Heath's Cafe where 140 guests were received by the bride's mother who wore mustard colored crepe frock, heavily beaded with hat to match; and tan accessories. Mrs. Bryant wore a shoulder spray of columbines and orchids. She was assisted by the groom's mother, who wore a green crepe frock, with brown accessories and a shoulder spray of forget me nots and orchids. The duties of chairman were carried out by Rev. Ellis, who proposed the usual toasts.

Pride of place on the table was given to the beautiful three decker cake, made by a friend of the bride's family, Mrs. A. Dennis, of Canowindra, and decorated by Mr. Ron Reece. Music was supplied by Mrs. Hutchison and several items were rendered by Mrs. Max Campbell and Mr. Gordon Hamer. The gifts of the bride and groom were travelling cases, and the bridesmaids received gold pendants. There were a large number of beautiful gifts received, including cheques and telegrams.

The couple later left for The Entrance, where the honeymoon was spent. The bride chose a green frock with tan accessories. Their future home will be at Meadow Flat.

4-11-1950 Saturday.— The two missing Portland boys, Albert Speirs, 7, and John Ward, 8, for whom thousands of men have been hunting since last Monday, were found dead in a cave in a quarry half a mile from the town about 11 am today. Both boys have wounds in the head and police suspect that they were murdered

9-11-1950 Flood rains have so damaged the roads at Palmers Oakey and Dark Corner that the mail has only got through three times since April and the wool clip cannot be transported out.

17-11-1950 Sunny Corner Common. Lachlan James Guihot (in the place of Thomas Fitzgerald, resigned).

8-12-1950 Mr. W. ('Bill') Schumack, of Dark Corner, motored to Sydney last week end. He returned on Tuesday.

11-12-1950 IN the Will of EDWARD JAMES BENNETT late of Dark Corner In the State of New South Wales Farmer and Grazier deceased Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament dated the 25th March 1949 of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to Albert Joseph Bennett the Executor named In the said Will and Ada Mary Bennett the Executrix named there.

In having duly renounced Probate thereof and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address All creditors in the Estate of the deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned McIntosh McPhillamy and co proctors William Street Bathurst 3W.

16-12-1950 Transferred from A. Gray to S. R. Smith, Dark Corner, 95 acres Parish of Coolamigal.

18-12-1950 Thompson Bros sent 3060 wethers to Lowther via Dark Corner and Rydal, Vince Morris droving.

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0-1-1951 Frank Storey appointed Teacher.

6-1-1951 When Miss Joyce Mary Smith, New Farm, marries Mr. Herbert Stanley Guihot, Sunny Corner, N.S.W., in Holy Trinity Church, Valley, late this afternoon, she will wear lace over taffetas fashioned with a nylon yoke trimmed with seed pearls. A pearl coronet will hold in place her embroidered tulle veil. Misses Hazel and Patricia Smith will be bridesmaids. The groom will be attended by Messrs. D. Hill and D. Kirby.

2-1-1951 Mr. and Mrs. John Shumack, of Dark Corner accompanied by their two children, spent Christmas in Forbes with Mrs. Shumacks parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nixon

14-2-1951 Tenders are invited for the grass right of Sunny Corner race course for a period of 12 months, commencing at end of February. Tenders close on 21/2/51, and to be addressed to Secretary of Racecourse, Sunny Corner.

16-2-1951 Appointed J. P; Wilkinson, Colin Ottley, Sunny Corner:

23-2-1951 Most farmers have been spraying blackberries with the new spray *(245-T..CF)* cleaning up harbors for rabbits, but also, spoiling a good financial industry.

Mr. J. James who has been teacher here for some eight years, has been transferred to the Cullen Bullen school. The local tennis club gave him and Mrs. James a social send off and a small gift last Sunday and also welcomed Mr. and Mrs. F. Storey, the new teacher to Sunny Corner.

The eucalyptus industry is thriving in this district. There are now some five "plants" running.

27-02-1951 Les Grabham of “Shilow” Sunny Corner, while mustering sheep at Palmers Oakey for Tom Ferguson about 100 yards east of "Nebo" woolshed suffered a heart attack and fell from his horse and died. When he did not return for lunch Tom and Duncan Ferguson went looking for him, when they found him he was laying alongside a meat ants nest and was covered in ants. Tom and Duncan moved him away from the ants and contacted the police, when the police arrived they said the body should not have been moved. This led to a near punch-up, the police saying the Fergusons could get into trouble for moving the body and the Fergusons saying they would not let the ants eat him at any price and intimating they (the police) would end up on the ant nest. The police then threw the body in the back of their ute (for which they received more abuse from the two irate brothers who thought the world of Les) and returned to Bathurst.

28-2-1951 Les Grabham was buried at Dark Corner.

2-3-1951 St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday evening last, when Shirley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wright, of Stewart Street, was married to Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shumack, of Dark Corner. Rev. A. Dougan officiated. The bride made a radiant picture as she entered the church on the arm of her father, gowned in a wedding frock of broderie anglaise, with off-the-shoulder neckline, encircled by a high bertha collar. The tightly fitting bodice was finished with a peplum, dipping low at the back. The bouffant skirt swept into a long train. The peplum and train, cut out to follow the pattern of the flowers in material, made a most effective finish. A three quarter length tulle veil was held in place by a Juliet cap of broderle anglaise over silver lame, and lightly trimmed with pearls. She carried a bouquet of gladioli, frangipanni and tuber roses. She was married with her grandmothers wedding ring.

The bride was attended by two bridesmaids, Misses Win Bennett and Audrey Shumack, wearing frocks of light lilac organza over taffeta. Their lightly fitted bodices were finished with three-tiered bertha collars. The billowy skirts featured a side drape with hand made flowers of self material, under drape at hipline. Both wore picture hats of lilac tulle.

Little Janine Shurmack acted as flower girl, wearing a gown, the replica of the bridesmaids, and completed with a picture hat of lilactulle. Beautiful bouquets, the work of Miss Ethel Jones, and comprising gladioli, cactus dahlias in mauve tonings, were carried by the bridesmaids.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Kevin Wright, brother of the bride, as best man, and Mr. Ian Shumack, as best man. During the signing of the register, Mr. James Harris (baritone, of Sydney), rendered 'O Perfect Love,' and 'My Prayer.' At the reception he sang Griegs 'I Love Thee', and 'The Sunshine of your Smile.'

A cosmetic case was chosen by the groom as a gift to the bride, whilst the bride chose a travelling case as her gift to the groom. Each bridesmaid received a hand cut crystal rose bowl, and the flower girl a pendant.

At the reception the brides mother, wearing a clematis blue crepe suit, with double flared peplum, and burgundy accessories, received the guests. She was assisted by the bridegrooms mother, wearing mauve crepe, beaded in deeper tonings, with grey accessories.

Rev. Dougan presided at the breakfast, and the following toasts were honored: "The Bride and Groom' (Mr. Arthur Bunker); response Mr. Neil Shumack, 'Bridesmaids' (Mr. Neil Shumack, Mr. K. Wright), "Bride's Parents" (Mr. C. Leary, Mr. S. Wright); 'The Groom's Parents' (Mr. R. Osborne—Mr. J. Shumack). Mr. W. Shumack proposed the toast of the chairman. Mr. Jack Morvell, of New Guinea, spoke a few words on behalf of the brides brother, Mr. Don Wright.

Pride of place on the breakfast table was occupied by a three-tiered wedding cake, made and decorated by Mrs. N. Jacobs, of Kelso. Mr. Rod. Hanson presided at the piano. Friends of the bride, Mrs. J. Franklin and Mr. Jack Coxhead, also rendered items.

For her travelling frock, the bride chose aqua crepe, heavily headed in crystal. She added a pink grosgrain hat and carried a pink suede handbag and gloves.

The couple later left by car on a honeymoon tour of the Blue Mountains, Sydney and Melbourne. Their future home will be at Palmer's Oakey.

Many beautiful and costly presents, including cheques, were received by the newlyweds. Cables of goodwill were received from Mr. Don Wright (Lae), and from an aunt of the bride, Mrs. C. Fothergill (England).

2-3-1951 Painful burns to both forearms were sustained by Mr. W. Dowler of Meadow Flat when he endeavored to extinguish a fire in his utility truck. His action prevented extensive damage being done to the vehicle.

8-3-1951 Mr. Jack Tattersall, of Sunny Corner, had a lucky escape from serious injury on Friday last when his horse shied at a seven foot diggers hole and fell into another diggers hole, also about seven feet in depth.

The accident occurred at Pipers Flat Racecourse, where Mr. Tattersall had just rounded up the Sunny Corner common bull, which had escaped earlier in the day and was driving the animal home. Mr. Tattersall, the horse and bull had stopped for a drink when the accident occurred. When the horse fell into the hole Mr. Tattersall escaped by grabbing the edge and hauling himself free. Despite efforts of nearby land owners, Mr. Jack Stait and Mr. Alec McDonald, the horse could not be freed and he died in the hole.

8-3-1951 The sudden death last week of Mr. Leslie Grabham, from a heart attack, cast a gloom over the village. Les was the eldest son of Mrs. J. Grabham, of "Shilow," Sunny Corner, and although his work was at Palmers Oakey his home was with his mother.

He was well-known and highly respected by all who knew him. To his mother and sister Mable (Mrs. Gallard), brothers Allan and Jim, deepest sympathy is extended.

14-4-1951 An offer by Mr. C. O. Wilkinson Sunny Corner, to spray blackberries near the Portland Road, in the vicinity of his property was made. In a letter he stated that Council had passed the work last year, but had failed to carry it out, possibly owing to shortage of staff. He sought a gallon of spray. Cr. Trevitt moved that the request be acceded to, adding that the cooperation of Mr. Wilkinson was appreciated.

20-4-1951 WANTED. - Subsidised teacher for eight pupils, Intermediate Certificate required, excellent conditions. Further particulars, apply MRS. CUPITT, Sunny Corner.

1-5-1951 A shocking accident occurred at the Australian Paper Manufacturers Mill at Kirkconnell yesterday morning when the Works foreman, Ronald Keith Kissell (42), of Kirkconnell, was crushed to death by a large cam wheel, while attempting to remove a log from a bin used to collect stripped bark.

Kissell, who has been working with the firm since it commenced operations at the beginning of the year had been previously employed at the Government pine forest.

He is survived by a widow and six children, one of whom is an invalid.

His son, Keith, (18), was working nearby when the accident occurred, and was not an eye-witness. Police believe that Kissell was bending over the conveyor belt which is used to carry the bark into a bin, while the machinery was stationary. The wheel which struck Kissell is one of three, each 6ft. 4in. in diameter, and of oval shape. When the cam is in an upright position there is enough room for a man to get between it and a steel upright, near the conveyor belt. The machinery was started while Kissell was still bending over the trough and had his head and shoulders between the wheel and the up right. When the machinery started the cam turned over into a horizontal position and caught him. When the cam is in that position there, is only a half inch clearance between it and the steel girder.

The machinery can only be started from one part of the mill above the belt. The workman who threw the machinery into gear did not think Kissell was near the cam. The wheel had to be turned over again to enable the body to be released.

The Coroner Mr. Dash, and the Government Medical Officer, Dr. R. D. Mulvey inspected the body, which was terribly mutilated. The Inquest will be held on May 12.

After the logs are stripped, the bark is carried along a conveyor belt to a bin and then onto trucks. Detective A. McDonald, who is in charge of investigations, said six other men were working at the mill when the accident occurred. The mill closed down immediately and will not resume work until later in the week. Kissell is a member of a Yetholme family. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Ellen Kissell and a family of four sons, Ronald, Kenneth, Allan, Leslie and two daughters, Beryl and Fay, all of Kirkconnell, his mother. Mrs. Edith Kissell, of Sunny Corner and one brother, Charles, of Clovelly, and one sister Edna (Mrs. McLachlan, of Gunning).

The family is well known and highly respected in the district being among the pioneer settlers. His father the late Mr. William Kissell, was connected with the Old Sunny Corner mine.

2-5-1951 The funeral at Meadow Flat yesterday of Mr. Ronald Keith Kissell, who was killed at Kirkconnell on Monday morning, was the largest seen in that district for a considerable period. It demonstrated the esteem with which he was held in the community. The service at the Methodist Church, Meadow Flat, and at the graveside, were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Taylor of Portland. The pallbearers were Messrs. Charles Sharp, Cecil Grabham, Harold Wheatley, Dave Grenfell, brothers-in-law of deceased.

18-5-1951 The death on Saturday of Mrs. Gertrude Ada Yates, at the age of 87 removes one of the oldest residents from the district. Mrs. Yates who was born and practically lived all her life at Sunny Corner, was a Miss Poyitt. She became school teacher and taught in the public school at Sunny Corner under several masters, the last being Mr. C. W. Chiplin.

In her time the attendance numbered some 300 pupils. Many of the old residents remember her well, as a very attractive young woman. She was an authoress and an artist, “Poppies in the Night" being her best known book. She leaves two sisters Mrs. J. Lindsay of Parkes, and Mrs. G. Barnet, of Yetholme. The late Mr. Normal Poyitt of Sydney was a brother. Interment took place on Sunday in the Sunny Corner cemetery.

25-5-1951 Common made a profit of 70 pounds for 1950.

30-5-1951 A working-bee was held at the Sunny Corner school to provide wood and cut it up for use throughout the winter. The departmental allowance is inadequate for this climate during the winter. As the modern trend of education is to warm the pupils with a fire instead of the old fashioned method of the cane, a great deal of fuel is essential.

Sunny Corner mine has so far proved a disappointment to local residents. It was thought that at the present high price of base metals it would have been a paying proposition and have assisted the village to go ahead.

We have just had another fall of snow, with gales and low temperatures. This fall makes our seventh this year, five light falls in April and two in May. Temperatures were down to 25 degrees

4-6-1951 Mr. E. Gunning met with anunfortunate accident on Wednesday afternoon while getting firewood. While passing an old tree of considerable height, it is thought the cart wheel hub struck it causing it to fall on Mr. Gunning, rendering him unconscious. He was conveyed to a doctor, where four "stitches ' were inserted in a head wound. He was then allowed to return home.

22-6-1951 The engagement is announced of Ida Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Scott, of 52 Lyal St., Bathurst, and 'The Glen,' Dark Corner, to (Constable) Norman Gilbert Neal, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. West, of 'Yandella,' 84 Springdale Road, Killara, Sydney.

5-7-1951 A ruling by the late Judge Lamaro on the requirements of the law demanding a landholder to suppress and destroy rabbits would never be accepted by him, Magistrate A. E. Stonham said yesterday. He told Mr. J. Le Fevre, solicitor, who submitted a copy of Judge Lamaro's finding in a rabbit appeal prosecution, that he would totally disregard the Judge's Quarter Sessions statement.

Mr. Lc Fevre was defending Campbell Garrett, who last year, purchased "Karoo," the home and grazing property of the late Dr. Foreman, of Meadow Flat. Garrett appeared in court to answer a charge by the inspector for the Batluirst P.P. Board that he had failed to destroy rabbits. The ease is part heard and will resume on July18. He said he had paid more than £38,000 for the Meadow Flat property known us "Karoo."

26-7-1951 A district grazier, Campbell F. Garrett, of "Karoo” Meadow Flat, was fined £2 in yesterday's court for failing to suppress rabbits, but was required to pay heavy costs as a result of the lengthy hearing.

10-8-1951 Sunny Corner, Racecourse:—Harold Charles Stait (in the place of M. Fitzgerald, removed).

11-9-1951 In loving memory of my dear Father, Edward James, who passed away on 11 9 1950.

It does not take a special day
To bring you back to mind,
E'or the days we do not think of you
Are very hard to find.

Inserted by his loving son, Bert, daughter-in-law June and grandchildren Bertie, Ray and Diane

14-9-1951 A beautiful gown of white French lace, with full Old World skirt, and tulle frills down the front, was chosen by Audrey, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Shumack, of Dark Corner, for her marriage recently to Mr. Arthur Bunker, elder son or Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bunker.

The wedding was celebrated in All Saints Cathedral, Rev. Clint, of Bathurst South officiating.

Silver beads outlining the tulle yoke in a pattern of flowers, provided an unusual effect on the wedding gown, and the bride made a radiant picture wearing a three tier fingertip length veil caught up with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of tuber roses stocks, hyacinths, and pale green orchids. Mr. J. Shumack, father of the bride, gave her away.

Bridesmaid, Miss Lois Sharp of Roseville, wore a lilac stamped silk taffeta frock with a full skirt and draped off the shoulder neckline. She carried a bouquet to match in lilac shades and her headdress, of lilac taffeta, was studded with silver beads and matching veiling. Brother of the bride, Mr. W. Shumack, acted as best man.

During the ceremony, Mr. Max Ingersole rendered appropriate music.

At the reception, held at Heaths Cafe, mother of the bride, Mrs. J. Shumack received the guests wearing a black crepe frock, elaborately beaded with eau-de-nil hat and gloves and a matching spray of orchids.

She was assisted by the groom's mother, Mrs. J. Bunker, who chose a cornflower blue gabardine suit, with black accessories and a spray of pink orchids.

Mr. Hector Lupp supplied music at the reception.

Pride of place on the festive board was occupied by a magnificent two tiered wedding cake made and decorated by Mrs. N. Jacobs.

Mr. J. Shumack acted as chairman, and the usual toasts were honored.

For her travelling dress the bride chose a mauve gabardine suit, with matching hat and black accessories. She also wore a spray of mauve orchids.

The honeymoon was spent on a motor trip to Melbourne. The happy couples future home will be at Summer Hill Creek via Orange where Mr. Bunker has taken up duties as school teacher. Many beautiful and costly presents, including cheques were received.

12-10-1951 Rita Attuell, of Sunny Corner, is at present holidaying in Sydney. Miss Attuell expects to leave on Monday aboard the luxury liner Himalaya, bound for Perth where she will spend a short holiday.

13-10-1951 On receipt of an adverse report on the state of infestation on the Sunny Corner Common, the Board decided to write seeking the assistance of the Rabbit Destruction Authority and to further contact the Minister for Lands pressing for the reduction of the area of the Common, retaining only a small portion to serve the limited requirements of the settlement and throwing the remainder open for settlement.

Mr. Stephen Kissell of Sunny Corner, brought to Councils notice the damage to peoples homes and properties caused by fires in the township. Mr. Kissell said that these fires were caused by two boys aged 9 and 11. The boys had been intruded by their father to destroy harbor in the area. Mr. Kissell pointed out that drinking water had been contaminated and ornamental trees razed by the fires. He asked Council to take action.

Mr. Humphreys in a letter to the father of the boys supposedly involved, asked that if the complaint had any foundation would he take steps to have the practice of lighting fires by his children discontinued.

26-10-1951 Though the winter is on the wane Sunny Corner is still experiencing very cold days and nights. Frosts have been plentiful lately and the last cold snap has brought sleet, hail and a fall of snow.

There has been a heavy crop of apple blossom out, but bees have not been so plentiful for an inexplicable reason.

Ploughing for potatoes and peas is in progress and some crops are already planted.

Some peas are showing good growth. There has been a light plague of Rutherglen bug on some of the young pea plants; but growers hope the cold snap will clear this.

Three men are working Sunny Corner mine and an expert has been testing it for future development.

10-11-1951 Building Permits. S Sullivan, of Marrickville, log cabin at Sunny Corner (£500).

12-11-1951 The combined schools sports day held on Sunny Corner Recreation ground last Thursday, was a great success. There were three schools represented Kirconnell, Meadow Flat, and Sunny Corner (about 79 children), with the three teachers to control them.

Mrs. Black opened the session by playing the National Anthem, which the whole audience sang, after which the children sang "Advance Australia Fair ". It was a perfect day, sunny and warm.

13-11-1951 Miss Attuell, our popular postmistress, has returned from her months holiday, which she spent in a trip to Western Australia by boat, returning per trans Australian line to Adelaide, and from there to Sydney by air.

There is still quite a lot of sickness about. Mumps, measles, German measles, with a few flu cases continue. The weather contributes to our troubles as it is very changeable 96 one day and 40, with flecks of snow, the next.

16-11-1951 A very pretty wedding was solemnised at All Saints' Cathedral, Bathurst, the contracting parties being Maisie Louise, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lowe, of 202 Stewart Street, and Charles McIlrath,(Mac) youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Scott, 'Auburn' Meadow Flat.

Escorted to the Altar by her father, the bride made a striking picture in her beautiful wedding gown of silk embossed tulle, sprigged with sprays of Lily of the Valley. Fitted lace trimmed bodice caught at neckline with a cluster of Lily of the Valley, fan shape train falling from draped waist line.

This was worn with a three-tier, finger-tip tulle veil mounted on a satin cloque trimmed with Mother of Pearl flowers. Lily of the Valley, tuber roses, white lilac and pale pink carnations were chosen by the bride for the bouquet. Miss Betty Wray of Wollahra made a charming bridesmaid, attractively attired in pale blue embossed organdie with Peter Pan collar, pearl trimmed, with matching hat worn with pink orchids, and pink nylon gloves. She carried a tulle trimmed Victorian posy of pastel toning. The two small flower girls, Dianne Davies and Jacqueline Morris were frocked alike in pale pink silver spotted organdi, with very full skirts, sweetheart necklines bustle bows, held to waist with pale pink roses, poke bonnets were chosen and lace trimmed nylon mittens. Their matching baskets were pastel tonings, trimmed with satin ribbon. Mr. Ray Willott of Yetholme, acted as best man.

Mr. Max Ingersole presided at the organ and played appropriate music. Spring blooms arranged by Miss A. Godfrey, decorated the church. Afterwards over 100 guests, including, from Trundle, Parkes, Queensland, Gosford, Blayney, Newbridge, Brerwarrina visitors assembled at the Cathedral Memorial Hall where the mother of the bride assisted by the bridegroom's mother, received the guests. Mrs. Lowe wore a becoming frock of powder blue crepe, marquisette yoke, pearl trimmed brown accessories, spray of mauve orchids. The bridegroom's mother wore a grey tailored worsted suit relieved with dusty pink, navy and pink hat, pale pink orchids was the shoulder spray chosen. A beautiful three-tiered wedding cake made by Mr. Barlow Lloyd, iced in pale pink, with pale pink hyacinths, for top was pride of place on the breakfast table. The hall and tables were tastefully decorated in pastel tonings by Miss Audrey Scott and friends of the bride. During the evening, Mrs. Bogie rendered "O Perfect Love" and "I'll Walk Beside You." For her travelling outfit, the bride chose a lavender model suit, trimmed with gold working and black suede accessories. A spray of mauve orchids was the spray chosen.

Telegrams and numerous costly presents were received by the newlyweds, including cheques.

The bouquets were made by Searls, of Sydney.

The bride's gift to the groom was a travelling rug. She received a canteen of cutlery. The bridesmaids a three-string set of blue pearls, a gold engraved locket for each flower girl.

The honeymoon was spent on a motor tour of the South Coast as far as Canberra.

The future home of the newlyweds will be at Meadow Flat.

17-11-1951 Department of Lands regarding Sunny Corner Common advising that the Boards complaint regarding rabbits on the Common had been brought under the notice of the trustees who have been asked to advise what steps they propose to take to eradicate the pest. The question of curtailment of the Common had been referred to the District Surveyor, Orange for investigation and report. Received. Mr. A. J. Casey, secretary, trustees Sunny Corner Common, advising that every time Mr. Gordon impeded the Common and reported finding rabbits the trustees had put a man on straight away to destroy them. Since Mr. Gordons last inspection they had a man on for 10 days trapping and filling in burrows and the rabbits were

pretty well cleared out. The biggest problem with the rabbits was the adjoining property which was unfenced and unattended. Some of this land belonged to people living in other districts.

25-11-1951 From Sydney papers children section. What is the difference between a car, a school and measles? — The car breaks down, the school breaks up and measles breaks out. Peter Cupltt (7), Rose Bank, Sunny Corner, via Rydal.

3-12-1951 A fire which started on the Mine Hill on Friday afternoon (November 23) though destroying some 1,000 acres of bushland and grass fortunately did no vital damage. Every available man turned out and worked through the night, and Saturday and Sunday to quell it. Kirkconnell, Palmers Oakey, Dark Corner and Portland all helped the SunnyConer workers. The dry condilions and high wind caused much anxiety at times. When rain started to fall on Monday it cheered the hearts of many, and meant "Pennies from Heaven" for the poor farmers.

So far (Friday) we have had 175 points which has given the ploughed ground a good soaking and a hope for more to follow. Pea crops are benefiting from the timely rain, also early potatoes. The unseasonable weather retarded growth in fruit crops and scattered frosts have played havoc with bean and tomato planting.

The many friends of Mr. F. E. Rawson will be sorry to hear of his sudden death from a heart attack on Saturday morning, 24th November. He was 78 years of age but looked well, having taken a daily walk. A returned soldier of first world war, he was a surveyor with the N.S.W. Government until, his retirement when he came to live with his sister, Mrs. L. O. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner. His funeral took place at the Bathurst cemetery on Sunday, being attended by the Masonic Lodge of Portland and the returned soldiers branch of Bathurst. Besides his sister, Mrs. Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, he leaves a brother and sister in Queensland.

14-12-1951 Fined for not controlling rabbits. John Sinnott Shumack, 'Springvale' Dark Corner, represented by Mr. J Braham, £7/10/-, 12/- and £3/3/-.|

19-12-1951 . A large number of firefighters battled bushfires in the Dark Corner district all yesterday. The fire began on Monday, and was got under control. Early yesterday morning it again broke out and firefighters were rushed to the spot. At one stage the fire threatened the residence of Mr. Reg Cupitt, but the house was saved. A short shower of rain at 7 p.m. helped firefighters to keep the blaze under control.

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9-1-1952 When David Thompson of Sunny Corner, parked his truck in William Street, on Monday night the hand brake slipped and the vehicle rolled down an incline and crashed into a brick fence. The truck suffered little damage but one panel of the fence and the gate were knocked down.

11-1-1952 Mr.I.C.J Thomas, who was recently appointed teacher at Kirkconnell Public School, has now received word from the Education Department that his appointment has been cancelled and that he has been appointed teacher, in charge of Meadow Flat.

18-1-1952 Carbine Winchester Repeater, 32 cal., with saddle bucket, £30. Suit kangaroo shooting. Writc Graham Darnby, Sunny Corner.

23-1-1952 Turon River, behind Dark Corner and Sunny Corner, and winding down to Sofala, was partly restocked with 6,000 fingerling. This was good news to older residents who remembered the four and five pound trout taken from the Turon during the depression period.

23-1-1952 A progressive timber miller, Mr O Leary has accomplished much in the 2 years the Hereford Street mill has been in operation. From a vacant lot, the mill site has been transformed into a hive of Industry equipped with a comprehensive plant capable of turning out cut timber for all purposes. Converting raw logs, which arrive by heavy lorry chiefly from the timber country between Mt. Lambie and Sunny Corner, into expertly finished stock.

25-1-1952 Lithgow Diggers Cricket Club Picnic Sunday 27th at Sunny Corner. Jones Br. Buses will leave Brown St.

A pretty wedding was solemnised recently, at St. Barnabas Church, South Bathurst, when Alieen Margaret elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sykes of Yetholme, was married to Cecil Mervyn, eldest son of Mrs. E. Berry of Sunny Corner, and the late Mr. A. G. Berry of Yetholme. The Rev. H. C. Barratt, of O'Connell officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of white broderie anglaise over taffeta. The draped bodice was of organza, and the bouffant skirt was caught up in front with sprays of orange blossom to reveal tiered frills of knife pleated organza. Her full length embossed tulle veil was held with a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a bouquet of gladioli, frangipanni and fine fern. Mrs. D. Pateman, cousin of the bride, was matron-of-honor and the bridesmaids were Misses Estelle Smith cousin of the bride. They were very attractively attired in bouffant gowns, with shawl collars, made of broderie anglaise over taffeta, in green, pink and lemon respectively. They each wore embossed tulle veils and mittens to match their frocks, the veils being held with coronets of flowers. Their bouquets were of gladioli, carnations and roses.

The duties of best man were performed by Mr. Alf Berry, brother of the groom, with Mr. Keith Sykes, brother of the bride, as groomsman. During the signing of the register, Mrs. R. McCullagh gave a delightful rendition of 'O Perfect Love.' The reception was held at the Chelsea Cafe, where seventy five guests were received by the brides mother, wearing a frock of teal blue crepe with black accessories, and a shoulder spray of pink carnations, frangipanni and fern.

She was assisted by the bride grooms mother, who wore a frock of navy heavy crepe trimmed with white and navy accessories. Her shoulder spray was of red roses and fern. The Rev. Barratt acted as chairman and the usual toasts were honored. The beautifully decorated, three tiered wedding cake, which held pride of place at the bridal table, was the gift of the bridegroom's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Kerr of Yetholme. Mrs. Black, of Meadow Flat, supplied the music during the evening.

Vocal items were rendered by Mrs. MacCullagh, Mr. Martin and Mr. Collard.

The bride travelled in a frock of American Beauty heavy crepe with a shoulder spray of gladioli, frangipanni and fern, and white accessories. The honeymoon will be spent touring Southern New South Wales, by car. The newly weds received many valuable gifts, cheques and telegrams.

The bridegrooms gift to the bride was a pearl and diamente necklet and bracelet to match; to the matron of honor a cut glass powder bowl, whilst the bridesmaids received gold lockets. The brides gift to the bridegroom was a travelling rug.

25-1-1952 Rydal v Dark Corner tennis. Dark Corner lost and were represented by Mesdames B. Collins, J. Bennett, J. Cuppitt and Miss G. Cuppitt, Messrs. B. Collins, B. Cuppitt, C. Hayward, R. Grabham, B. Bennett.

31-01-1952 A man who said he had not worked since 1946 told Mr. Tunchon, S.M., at Bathurst Court, that he would not accept a job if he could get one. Police charged the man. Arthur Cheerers (32), with vagrancy.

When police arrested Cheevers on Sunday at Palmers Oakey, 32 miles from Bathurst, he was eating raw rabbits.

Sergeant D. A. Curtis said Cheevers told him that because police had taken his job away he did not intend to work.

When Mr. Tunchon asked him what he meant, Cheevers said Victorian police had taken his A grade motor mechanic's certificate.

Mr. Tunchon asked Cheevers whether he would take a job if he could get one. "No thanks," . replied Cheevers.

Mr. Tunchon sentenced Cheevers to a month's hard labor. He recommended a medical examination of Cheevers.

7-2-1952 All members and friends Pride of Portland Buffalo Lodge are advised that a picnic will be held this Sunday at Sunny Corner. Buses will leave 9. a.m. at usual bus stops. W. Smith, Sec.

15-2-1952 Sunny Corner Vacant Land. Lots 1, 4, 5 and 7, Section 9, Bathurst Street. Land, each 66ft. x 165ft. Title, Torrens. Lots 5/6; Section 2, Newton Street. Land 66ft. x 165ft. Torrens.

20-2-1952 The last few weeks heat has passed for the present. Never before do old residents remember day after day and night after night such intense heat at Sunny Corner. Some days it ran to 104 on verandahs well sheltered. Now we are back to our normal temperature. It was 68 yesterday and was 45 two mornings ago, but is still very dry.

Bush fires have been right around Sunny Corner, but since the serious outbreak about the end of November, when Mr. R. Cupit nearly lost his house, it has been very lucky.

23-3-1952 From Sydney papers children section. Jack, does your dog chase cows and sheep? Jack. No, he's a bulldog. Author. I've been trying to think of a word for two weeks Publisher: What about fortnight? Gwen Cuppitt. (14), Box 7, Rose Bank, Sunny Corner, via Rydal.

24-3-1952 Four more district landholders were to be prosecuted by Bathurst P.P. Board for alleged failure to destroy rabbits on their properties. One is J. S. Shumack and Sons, of "Springvale," Dark Corner.

28-3-1952 Common made a loss of 70 pounds for 1951.

19-4-1952 Small Grazing Propebty, Dark Corner about 28 miles from Bathturst. Comprising an area of 240 Acres Freehold. Sound grazing country, well watered and fenced; 2 roomed Hut, shed, etc. ALSO —Farm Implements, tools, etc. amongst which are included: 2 single furrow ploughs, set harrows and bar, hand chaff cutter; cultivator; good 4in. Flex hose: Hn. galvanised piping: 3 rifles; harness; large quantity of useful farm tools and mining equipment, and numerous sundries. Under Instructions from the Exccutors of the late Alexander Gray, the above property and plant will be Sold By Auction On The Ground Saturday, 3rd May next at 2 o'clock. Further information From Clements & McCarthy Licensed Auctioneers. Solicitors to the Vendors: Messrs. Mcintosh, McPhillamy & Co.,

29--04-1952 B Thompson drove 1730 wethers to Lowther via Sunny Corner Meadow Flat.

2-5-1952 St. Johns Church, Rockdale, was the scene of a quiet, but pretty wedding recently when Wilma Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kennerson, of Keppel Street, Bathurst, was married to Raymond Henry, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Willott, of Yetholme. Rev. Knox officiated. The contracting parties are both well known members of Bathurst Younger Set.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, who gave her away, the bride made an exquisite picture, gowned in magnificent lace allover satin, with pearl trimmings, and featuring a square neckline, full skirt and train. She wore a Juliet cap, studded with pearls, which held in place a three tiered veil. She carried a trail bouquet of tuberroses, white roses, and maidenhair fern, and also a satin horseshoe, a gift of Mrs. C. Mannix, of Kogarah, a friend of the family.

For 'something borrowed,' the bride wore a string of pearls, loaned for the occasion by her sister, Mrs. A. Taylor, of Bathurst. Mrs. A. Taylor, sister of the bride, acted as matron of honor, attired in a striking gown of gold lace over satin, which featured an off-the-shoulder effect, with extended neckline. She carried a bouquet of red roses and maidenhair fern.

A friend of the bridegroom, Mr. Mac Scott, of Sunny Corner, carried out the duties of best man. During the ceremony and the signing of the register, Mr. Merrick beautifully rendered 'Because,' and 'O Promise Me,' with organ accompaniment.

The bridegrooms gift to the bride was a string of cultured pearls, whilst he received a travelling case. A cutglass water set was selected as a gift to the matron of honor.

At the reception held at the Little Flowers Hall, Arncliffe, the mother of the bride received 70 guests. She wore a frock of contrasting blue tonings, with fawn accessories, and an autumn toned shoulder spray. Mother of the bridegroom, assisted, wearing a navy frock, and carrying a bouquet of pink roses.

A beautiful two tiered wedding cake, a gift of the brides mother, and decorated by Mr. Barlow Lloyd, of Bathurst, occupied pride of place on the festive board.

When leaving on a honeymoon tour of the North Coast, the bride wore a turquoise model frock, with an unusual skirt effect, and black accessories, future home of the newly weds will be in Queensland. The happy couple received numerous gifts including cheques, and an ivory and burgundy portable radio, a present from Mr. and Mrs. Kennerson.

3-5-1952 Grazing Property Brings £9/5/ Per Acre A small grazing property of 240 acres, two miles from Dark Corner was sold for £9/5/- an acre on Saturday. Buyer was Mr. Eric Smith who lives near the locality. Bidding, which opened

at £5, moved to £8/10/in 10/- bids, with two calls of 5/ and 2/6, making the sale. A number of farming and mining implements were also sold.

14-5-1952 A combination of Kirkconnel, Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner schoolchildren recently met in the Sunny Corner hall for an evenings sport, conducted by the teachers of the three schools.

9-6-1952 Hilton Thomas Scott, of Dark Corner, was driving his lorry along the Great Western Highway near Walang late on Saturday afternoon when the steering gear failed to respond. The lorry struck a culvert post continued on and overturned on an embankment. Scott was taken to the home of his parents, where he received treatment for probable fractured ribs. The lorry was considerably damaged

23-6-1952 Already this month the Sunny Coiner area, has experienced 749 points of rain, with the result the ground has had sufficient soaking to carry it through well into the spring.

However, the continued wet weather is becoming a problem in respect to the digging of potatoes. There has been no marked effect on cattle as the free-from-frost mornings have enabled the grass to continue growing. Timber carters are finding it increasingly difficult to haul supplies from the bush. Recent high winds have caused some anxiety in relation to roofs, while a number of large trees have fallen dangerously near to roadways. Sunny Corner hall has lost several sheets of iron.

Distinguished visitor staying with Mr. and, Mrs Wilkinson recently were Mr. and Mrs; Jamieson, of Malabar, and Dr. Sophia Connal, a distinguished visitor, from Aberdeen Scotland. Dr, Connal was awarded her Doctor of Science degree at the University of Aberdeen for her research work on West African mosquitoes while she worked in conjunction with her husband the late Dr. Andrew Connal, O.B., who was a director of the Medical Research Institute, Lagos, Nigeria, for 18 years. She was made an honorary members of the British Red Cross, for her work during the last world war.

28-6-1952 Dont be surprised if there is a revival of gold mining in the old mining centre of Sunny Corner. It is reported from the village that a syndicate has been formed of Bathurst professional and commercial men to reopen one of the mines which in days gone by was a good paying proposition and yielded many ounces of the precious metal. The syndicate comprises a doctor, and several of Bathursts best known business men.

7-7-1952 Heavy snow, claimed to be the most for over 50 years.

Stock model cars left Sydney at 2 p.m. on Saturday to cover what is claimed to be the toughest reliability test of the year. Cars had to follow a route that included Sunny Corner.

A rabbit prosecution against Thomas George Sharp, of The Pines, Sunny Corner, was for the second time adjourned at Bathurst Court yesterday.

19-7-1952 The Board authorised the prosecution of one landholder— Mr. Stuart R. Smith, of 'Pine Ridge,' Dark Corner, on the recommendation of Rabbit Inspector J. E. Gordon.

11-8-1952 Tradesman- wanted for roof repairs Sunny Corner Hall. 2-3 days work. Apply Storey, Sunny Corner.

12-8-1952 In reference to a prosecution against Stewart R. Smith, of “Pine Ridge” Dark Corner, Mr. Baillie explained that defendant had made an application which was to be dealt with by the P.P. Board at a meeting next week. The matter was adjourned until August 26.

16-8-1952 Bathurst P P Board yesterday withdrew a rabbit prosecution endorsed at the meeting in July. The revision followed an inspection of the subject property by two of the Directors, accompanied by Rabbit Inspector J. E. Gordon.

The landholder involved was Stewart Smith, whose Dark Corner property, 'Pine Ridge', comprises 95 acres.

There was a clash of opinions at Friday's meeting of Bathurst .P. P Board during a strong discussion, on a proposal to withdraw a summons, against a landholder for alleged failure to destroy rabbits on his property. The Board agreed to withdraw the summons, provided the man concerned, Mr. Stewart Smith, of "Pine Ridge," Dark Corner, paid the costs of court.

22-8-1952 Colin Ottley Wilkinson, Lachlan James Guiliot, Harold Charles Stait, George Thomas Sharp and John Tattersall as trustees of the Sunny Corner Common, to hold office until the next general election of trustees.

5-9-1952 Police have found the owner of the mystery horse which galloped into Sunny Corner on Wednesday with a broken bridle and one stirrup and iron snapped from the saddle. The owner is Mr. Scott, of Sunny Corner. Police feared the horse might have thrown its rider, and left him lying unconscious in a ditch.

A wide search, of the Lithgow, Portland and Bathurst districts on Wednesday failed to find the owner or the rider until Mr. Scott contacted the Bathurst police. Police were told that the horse escaped from a paddock early on Wednesday, breaking the bridle and snapping the stirrup and iron in its escape. The horse has been returned to Mr. Scott.



Jack Berry had the shop at Yetholme, and had various mail runs, delivering groceries and bread.
Doris was Jacks sister. She was married to Ernie Keer the baker (next to her)



Penny-farthing bicycle and man, could be Reg Campbell, at Sunny Corner, NSW, recreation ground. Photo from Trevor Parmenter, Sydney, NSW. Date would be 1960s. Collection Vicki Powys.



Group at Sunny Corner, NSW, 1952. Note sandshoes, glasses of beer, could be a work bee or picnic. Photo from Mrs. F Wilkinson. Collection Vicki Powys. IDs from Frank and Norma Storey and Colleen nee Ross. Left to right, back row: Helen Bone (child); Doreen Bone; Phyl Wilkinson; Marj Ross nee Wilkinson with Maxine Ross; Norma Storey; Ella Fitzge 'Mater' mother of Col Wilkinson. Front row: Cyril Bone; Barry Bone; Col Wilkinson; Frank Storey; Dell Storey; Sue Wilkins Kerry Wilkinson; Colleen Ross; Heather Ross. Photo probably taken by Roy Fitzgerald.

12-9-1952 'I am satisfied that this defendant did not do all that he might reasonably have been expected to do to clear his property of rabbits Mr. McNamara, S.M. commented at Bathurst Court yester day, when convicting a district landholder on a Bathurst P.P. Board proscesution. The defendant, Thomas George Sharp, of 'The Pines,' Sunny Corner, was fined £10 with 12/- court costs and £10/10/ professional costs. It was his second conviction, the first being recorded in 1950. Sharp, represented by Mr. R. H. Browning, had pleaded not guilty.

The prosecution, on the information of Rabbit Inspector J. E. Gordon, referred to an area of 200 acres owned by defendant and known as 'Rough Camp' Sunny Corner.

The case had been adjourned part heard, by Mr. Dash, S.M., and concluding evidence was taken by Mr. McNamara yesterday.

Arthur Thomas Franks military pensioner of Sunny Corner said that in the spring of last year, he and Sharp went dogging on 'Rough Camp'. The property was in very fair condition and there were no warrens under the fallen timber. The extent of the fallen timber was not great and did not prevent the efficient working of dogs witness said. He was on 'Rough Camp' in November and January.

To Mr. Baillie: In November approximately 50 per cent of the burrows on 'Rough Camp' were working burrows. The burrows dug out in November had not been reworked on reinspection in January. This concluded the evidence for defence.

Inspector Gordon told the bench that he had not seen Mr. Frew (defence witness) on the property on February 20. While Frew said he had seen only four or five rabbits on 'Rough Camp' he (witness) had seen large numbers. Defendant was convicted.

26-9-1952 A meeting of considerable interest was held at Sunny Corner last week to discuss the proposed electricity installation to the "Sunny Corner"-"Dark Corner" area.

Miss Elsie Attwell recently retired from her post office duties and is spending a long holiday with her sister, Miss Rita Attwell, at the Sunny Corner Post Office.

Telephone Box Blitzed by Storm. A vivid electrical storm last week threw all the local telephones out of action. One box was blown to pieces with a very vivid flash. The storm yielded 51 points of rain. There have been several very heavy frosts and low temperatures during the night.

21-10-1952 The engagement is announced of Freda Elizabeth, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, of 'Coolamigal,' Sunny Corner, to Henry George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Caulfield, of Wollongong.

21-11-1952 Mr. and Mrs. J. Shumack, of Dark Corner, returned to Bathurst by plane yesterday after several days in Sydney.

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15-1-1953 There was a time when the art of copperplate writing was much more common than today, but a very outstanding example, may be seen in a shop window near the post office. Done by one of our New Australians, it is a reminder that talent such as that is world wide. Since writing the above a friend informs me that Mr. Jack Martin, of Dark Corner, is a very fine exponent of the same style of writing also. Well, it looks good, and it is good.

25-1-1953 The death occurred at Bathurst District Hospital last night of Mervyn John, two years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Martin Stott, of Dark Corner. Deceased had been ill for only a few days and his death came as a great shock to his relatives. Chief mourners were his parents, brothers Thomas and Raymond, and sister Margaret, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Scott, and numerous uncles and aunts. He was buried at Meadow Flat.

29-1-1953 Show time represents "a street where old friends meet" and last Saturday was no exception. The Australian States number six, but the Portland "Staits", who can number them? Yes, they were there, and so were all the other Portland clans. In they came from the Williwa and Limestone Creeks, from Pipers and Briar Flats, from Meadow Flat too, Dark Corner and Sunny Corner, The Dog Trap and Garlands and the back road to Cullen, Lidsdale, Blackmans Flat and Wallerawang. For they have married and multiplied and spread out over the land. But they joined the parent stock for the show. The Bennetts, Taylors, Sharps, Kearns, Dowlers, Fitzgeralds, Lowes, Seymours, McDiarmids; Scotts, Nugents, Davis, Williams, Walshes and Toyers.

30-1-1953 Common made a profit of 40 pounds for 1952.

3-2-1953 The annual meetingof the Voluntary Bush Fire Brigade at Meadow Flat was well attended. The election of officers resulted as follows: President: Mr. J. C. Sykes. Vice-president Mr. A. Lawler; Secretary-treasurer, Mr. I. C. Thomas. Captain, Mr. M. Scott. Deputy Captain, Mr. W.Dowler.

12-3-1953 A 35-year-old Sunny Corner woman pleaded guilty at Bathurst Court to three charges of stealing. The defendant, Mary Strickland, was charged with stealing goods valued at £4/5/- on February 15; stealing goods valued at £1 on February 27; stealing goods valued at 15/- on March 2. All the property belonged to a New Australian, Ludor Masic, residing a short distance from the defendants residence. Detective-Sergeant W. N. Hansen said defendant lived in a small dwelling at Sunny Corner and on the days mentioned in the charges she, with a young person (who was similarly charged) went to the hut during the absence of the owner and stole the articles mentioned. On the last visit complainant kept watch on his hut and saw the defendant and her companion steal the articles. .

To Mr. Dash, S.M., witness said defendant could give no reason why she stole the articles. Her husband, received £25 a fortnight, "Silly Act". Defendant was fined £3 on each charge and ordered, to pay £4/8/- compensation to the complainant. She was allowed a week to pay. A 17-year-old girl, charged in the Childrens Court on the same three counts, to which she pleaded guilty, was released on probation for 12 months under certain conditions.

19-2-1953 "Working-bees" on all manner of projects are a frequent feature of our community life, and they usually follow a set pattern with a very small hive operating, but on Saturday last, 14th March, a real "swarm" of working-bees settled on a block of land at West Mitchell and, in the short space of a few hours, completely demolished a church and transported it to Portland.

The circumstances surrounding this particular working bee have a significance of more than passing local interest, for such events make up the pattern of our history and as such are worthy of recording.The boom days of Sunny Corner have been officially written into our N.S.W. history, and as the proportions of the once famous mining town gradually diminished in the removal of dwelling houses to neighboring towns, so also in the same way went the banks, shops and public buildings, including the churches of the various denominations. But on the outer fringe approximately 1½ miles away at West Mitchell there was still standing until March 14 1953, a Union church, and this was the one which the working bee so effectively dismantled. But though removed from its original site it is “not lost but gone before," and in due course will be re-erected as a school hall adjoining Portland Methodist church. The negotiations which finally resulted in making effective use of the old church commenced some five or six years ago, but as it was a Union church and as such had an interest for several denominations, the utmost care was taken to safeguard the ecclesiastical equilibrium even to the point of securing legal advice. It was ascertained that the original trustees had long since passed on, and with the willing consent and good wishes of the faithful few who could no longer maintain it, the long negotiations were finalised and the actual dismantling of the church, loading, transporting 10½ miles and unloading was accomplished in just under 8½ hours.

This was done by a party of 20 and led by Pastor D. Taylor and comprising representatives from Portland (10), Wang (5), Meadow Flat (4) and Cullen (2). The advance brigade of eight from Portland descended on West Mitchfell at 7 a.m. and before even the heavy mist had lifted the preliminary work had commenced. Shortly afterwards followed the other workers and the dismantling went on quickly to completion. Where all worked so effectively it would be quite wrong to individualise and the summing up a good job well done.

Churchs History. To those who are historically minded the following brief facts will be of interest. This particular building was opened for worship on May 24, 1897, thus it was almost 56 years old, but it was a successor of a former building

erected nearly a century ago as records of minutes of meetings held in 1872 give proof. These will be entered up for future reference and may be verified by contacting Mr. H. Holland, Portland.

A memorial tablet to the memory of Mary Pratt (1910) was carefully removed from the church wall and is in the safe keeping of Pastor David Taylor. No doubt those who attended the opening services away back in 1897 were fortified by high endeavor, but who was to visualise the swift and drastic changes which marked the following years of industrial decline.

The ministers who officiated at the services on May 24, 1897 were: Morning, Rev. Mr. Dudgeon; afternoon, Rev. Mr, Wheen; evening, Rev. Mr. Worboys.

The original trustees were: Messrs. D. M. McLachlan, J. Cook, J. Schumack, C. McLachlan and R. F. Lean. Old and interesting memories revived.

21-3-1953 The Sunny Corner Common was inspected for rabbits and required attention, the Inspector reported.

30-3-1953 Kirkconncll and Sunny Corner schools, had a combined games evening held in Sunny Corner hall.

30-3-1953 A well-known and highly respected citizen of Portland, Mrs. Bertha Ethel Larkin, passed away at Lithgow hospital this morning, aged 65. Deceased had not been well, her passing was sudden and will be mourned by a large circle of friends,

She was born in Sunny Corner and lived at that centre up to three years ago, when she moved to Portland, with her family. Although she was resident in Portland for only three years, she was particularly well known there and popular throughout the district. She was a keen gardener and on numerous occasions exhibited and won prizes in district shows.

The late Mrs. Larkin is survived by her husband, Mr. George Larkin, two sons, four daughters, 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. To them our sympathy.

The sons are Reg and Alec, both of Ben Bullen, and the daughters Dorothy (Mrs. Roberts Parramatta), Marjorie (Mrs. E. Hansel Bathurst), Phyllis (Mrs. Col. Wilkinson Sunny Corner) and Ellen (Mrs. J. McManus Portland).

9-4-1953 The death took place in Nyngan District Hospital recently of Mr. Charles Edward Strickland, aged 51 years. Deceased had been in ill health for a number of years.

A native of Sunny Corner, he followed various occupations in the district as a youth and settled in Portland about 25 years ago, he was employed by the C.P.C. Co., up to his compulsory retirement through ill health about six years ago. Some 15 months ago he moved to Scarborough (South- Coast) where he spent 12 months in hospital. Going to Nyngan for a holiday with his sister, he suffered a relapse and was admitted to hospital where he failed to recover. Deceased was married, his wife preceeding him by some years, there being no family.

He is survived by two brothers, Mr. John Strickland (Sunny Corner) and Mr. H. G. ("Mick") Strickland (Corneytown) and two sisters, one at Nyngan and the other at Sofala.

10-4-1953 In direct contrast was an apparent lack of enthusiasm for a proposed Mt.-Lambie-Sunny Corner rural extension project. The Shire Clerk (Mr. Chas Brown), reminded Council that Sunny Corner-Dark Corner residents had been invited to indicate interest in a proposed project into that area. A "fairly full" response came from the Mt. Lambie-Sunny Corner residents, practically no interest from the Sunny Corner village and about half the residents of the area from Sunny Corner to Dark Corner expressed themselves favorable to the scheme. Mr. Brown said he had accordingly suggested to the electrical engineer that fresh proposals to provide electricity to residents this side of the Sunny Corner village only, be made and these were in hand.

11-4-1953 Thelma May Theobald, 3, of Palmer's Oakey, near Bathurst, was fatally injured in a road accident at Yetholme on Saturday. She died later in Bathurst District Hospital. She was in a truck driven by her father. Charles Theobald, 35, when it collided head-on with a car on the Great Western Highway. Thelma's sister, Barbara, aged 9, and her grandmother. Mrs. Ollie Theobald, 60, were slightly injured.

13-4-1953 The relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Charles Theobald and family, of Sunny Corner, are kindly invited to attend the funeral of their dearly loved daughter and sister, Thelma May Theobald, to leave the private chapel of Godfrey Smith, today (Monday) at 2 p.m., arriving at Palmers Oakey at 3.30 p.m., for interment in the Church of England portion of the Palmers Oakey Cemetery.

16-4-1953 Sunny Corner Common— I have to inform you that the matter has been taken up with the Trustees about the prevalence of rabbits. If necessary, an isvestisation will be carried out by the District Surveyor at Orange. I will advise you further on receipt of a reply from the Trustees.

24-4-1953 The inquest on Thelma May Theobald (3), of Sunny Corner, who was killed in a road accident near Yetholme on April 12, will be held on May 1.

9-5-1953 Kirkconnell Pty. Ltd., Matravllle has agreed to sell five acres of land adjacent to Kirkronnell Public School to the Education Department. A plan of the subdivision was forwarded Turon Shire Council yesterday, for approval.

25-5-1953 The death occurred yesterday at her residence, 72 Morrissett Street, of a well known and highly respected resident, Mrs. Agnes Annie Casey. Mrs. Casey had suffered only a short illness. She was born at Mudgee 60 years ago. She is survived by her husband; three sons, Jack (Dubbo), Alan (Sunny Corner), and Cliff (Bathurst), and one daughter Josie (Mrs. O'Sullivan, of Bathurst).

29-5-1953 Our Dark Corner correspondent reports that a property belonging to Stuart. R. Smith was sold privately at £17 per acre, a record for the district. The property, "Pine Ridge," comprises 95 acres. The land cultivated totals 30 acres. It was bought by a neighbor, Mr. A. (Bert) Bennett. Dark Corner is of course, an excellent potato growing district.

The Stuart Smith mentioned above was born in England 21-9-1923, served in the Australian Armys Z Force Special

For 30 years members of Australia’s World War II commando Z Special Unit were sworn to secrecy and their heroism unacknowledged.

After the war Stuart returned to England, where he married Doreen.

In 1949 Stuart and Doreen were sponsored by the R S L to return to Australia. After a few weeks in Sydney with relatives they moved to Dark Corner.

The following are some of the notes Doreen made about Dark Corner.

"Arriving in Dark Corner in November 1949 meant that I had no electricity, no running water, no inside toilets until we went to Alice Springs some eleven years later. We had to catch the train to Wallerawang, near Lithgow and I suppose one of the Shumack boys met us.

I do not remember my reaction to the accommodation provided, it was a house consisting of two rooms. No cooking stove just an open fire, no bathroom, I was told that, John (one of the Shumack boys) and his wife would share their bathroom with us, when we wanted a bath. To do my washing I was provided with an empty kerosene tin that had the top cut out and a wire handle inserted across it, water had to be collected from the stream running close by. Stuart was employed I suppose as a farm hand of some kind. The Shumacks were considered wealthy I would think in those days, as they ran a large number of sheep and the price of wool was good. Somewhere along this journey I had been told that all accommodation supplied to "sponsored migrates" was inspected and approved by the RSL, so much for this approved site. Terms and Conditions were that Stuart had to stay in their employment for two years, we receive a house and they would pay for groceries and supply the meat.

Mr. Shumack was President of the Bathurst RSL, so Stuart was taken into town for the election of committee members, firstly to join up and secondly was told who to vote for. I do not know Stuarts reaction to the instructions but I do know he did not like all the questions that were asked about his army service and him having to avoid any details. This was really the first time since being demobbed that he had been in such a position. A six foot-four inch English man claiming to have been in the Australian Army and very sketchy service details, next time it happened he should have been a bit better prepared.

What I really must say here is that my husband had told me that the Australians spoke English, let me tell you that is not so. I struggled many times. Uncle Harry gave me a book to read on arrival, C J Dennis, Songs of a Sentimental Bloke, Her names Doreen, and every line was a challenge. But one of the biggest challenges was, I had joined the Saturday afternoon tennis club, and on departing I was told. "to bring a plate". When I arrived home I asked Stuart, "Why do I have to take a plate?" he could not tell me. I understood taking a cup as they might be short of them, but a plate? I don't know how I found out that really they meant bring a plate with food on it for afternoon tea, I know I would not have been the first person with this query and I doubt that I was the last.

I became friendly with June and Bert Bennett who lived just down the road (just down the road 10-15 miles away by road), but by going over paddocks and fences you could reach their pea crop after a three, four mile walk so I went picking peas. When I made the arrangements I must have forgotten about being teased about snakes in every tussock of grass and how terrified I was of them. I do know that I arrived at Bennets in record time, I think I should have entered the Olympics I certainly flew. It seems that pea picking was not for me, I struggled all day, certainly would not have earnt enough for a cuppa, so that was the first and last time I did that. There was an experienced pea picker in the group that day and they are pretty to watch, they somehow pick with both hands and organise the peas to travel up there forearms and then they just drop off into the buckets.

My first few months in Dark Corner were a challenge in many ways, one thing that happened often was, I would be asked a question about my past, and I would answer with "back home" which often caused anger from the person I was talking to, unfortunately "back home" was my only yard stick, and I was often told, "to bugger off to where I came from if it was such a good place", but I was not saying that, I had no other comparison.

I guess we had only been in Dark Corner 8 or 9 months and Stuart had this idea about buying some land of his own, fine, but we did not have any money. He did apply for War Service Re-Settlement Blocks but was not "lucky", reading results years later I think we were very lucky not getting one; very few settlers did any good, eventually he found out about 95 acres of arable land that a Mr Alex Gray owned, a very eccentric old man, he did not trust his neighbours at all, they all wanted to buy this land, and I think the locals knew how Stuart would be met. Alex always carried a rifle, I do not think he had ever taken aim at any one, but Stuart arrived at his front gate and it was locked and whilst he was working out just where he was going to tie up his horse, he heard a noise (Can't think of the term at the moment, releasing the lock on the barrel) he recognised the noise as he had heard it many times during the war, so he introduces himself, and shakes Alex's hand, both of them staring at each other neither wanting to be the first to look away, eventually he was invited in, asked how good he was at cutting hair, so Stuart cut his hair for him, then he told him why the visit and Alex said "Yes being an Englishman was fine with him and they were to be trusted." Well Stuart had to get busy and see if he could get a loan, which he did, I did not think it would amount to anything, we did not have transport, phone, and no collateral nothing like what is on hand today. Well once the locals knew that Alex was selling his second property to Stuart, if relationships were ever very good they certainly deteriorated.

I think I should start this with our first inspection of Pine Ridge, There were four buildings on the place. A very old barn, wooden, I think it had saplings on the walls and wood shingles on the roof, it was a very, very old building only for the fact that it was protected from the wind by the hill alongside and being cut into the hill was the only reason it was still standing. A two room cottage made from mud and adobe, known as the bottom house and the top house that stood overlooking the barn and I do not remember what it was made from with a concrete block building more or less joining it .It was an oblong shaped building with a big window and a door in one end. Do not know what it was built for but it had been added many years after the original buildings. When we first visited this building, it had two single beds in it and on one bed were two butter boxes with hessian bags covering them. Alex said "If you take a look in those boxes Missus you will see the toys I had as a kid". I went to do as I was told and remove the bags, Stuart yelled "No" and he nearly broke his neck getting to me, could not understand what was going on, when the bags were removed there were two big snakes curled up together, just as well Stuart

dropped the bag very quickly and we were able to get out before the snakes. The whole place was like that though, because the property had not been worked for a number of years the rabbits had taken over, so then the snakes came in after the rabbits, the rabbits caused us many problems later on but that is another story.

Moved to Pine Ridge, still only two rooms no mod cons etc., still no stove but I did inherit two camp ovens, but what would I know about cooking with camp ovens, when I ask Alex about them the answer was, "It's easy Mrs any silly bugger can do it" Well I must have been a very silly bugger things did not always work out as they should have. One camp oven was quite small which was good for stews etc. but the other weighed 50lbs and to lift it over the open fire and hook it on the chain was not always easy. I remember being given some apples and going and picking blackberries, still terrified of snakes in the brambles, going home and making a blackberry and apple pie in the big camp oven, do not remember much about the pie now, but when it was served to Mr. Smith, made the comment "That it was not like his Mother made" well before he realised just what was happening his suitcase was by his side and he was told to "bugger of' to his Mother".

The house we were living in was of a mud and adobe construction with a cement floor, the bedroom floor was interesting, trees felled and cut into two by axe, which was very rough, do not think I swept it the whole time I was there as it was so rough. Any dust or dirt that I could have swept of the slabs would have fallen in the cracks and disappeared. The best part though was the ceiling area, we had a tin roof, maybe I should say corrugated iron, the rain on it was always so noisy and it was lined with hessian, probably very acceptable when first done but by the time we arrived holes had appeared around the edges and I could always imagine a snake crawling through. We did not have a toilet here but Stuart built one, he did dig a pit, put a structure around it, managed a roof but no door, do not know how long it was like that, but as it was between the front gate and the house I was not happy, I know he was busy BUT, well it snowed at some stage and there was Mr Smith sitting there in all his glory, so I had a heap of snowballs out of his sight and when I thought the time was right he copped the lot. I did have a door erected within a very short time.

We were going to grow Brussels sprouts and potatoes these·being planted, Stuart had to look for other work. Eventually he found a job at the Portland Cement Co at Kandos he used to go on his motor bike and side car, I know he needed the side car, if the roads were bad it helped him stay on the bike because the dirt roads became so muddy and slippery. He operated the plant of a night time; he worked from midnight till six am. Also in this time he cut pit props do not know how all this came about but he used to go into Kirk Connell Forest. At this time we did have transport, he had bought an ex-Army Blitz 1945(Ford) but when pit props were to be transported he used to hire a vehicle from a friend a few miles away who had a Canadian Walkesa that had a long table top, but he had to buy a crane to lift the props onto the tray top, this was always breaking down so I was often on the end of a tow rope in the crane being towed into Bathurst, which was not a pleasant experience, do not remember the coming home part, would have been an easier trip as it was an uphill journey making it easier to keep the strain on the tow rope tighter. In NSW at that time you had to hold a car driving license before being able to apply for a commercial license. During the time at time Pine Ridge Stuart spent time in hospital twice, once for appendix removal, once when he slipped and broke bones in his hand whilst cranking the truck up to start it, but the real reason that he went into hospital was that he had trouble with haemorrhoids and the Dr had wanted him to go into hospital earlier and he would not find the time, so as he was handicapped with bones broken he decided to put the two things together. People were amazed to find that someone would be hospitalised for a broken hand. I did drive into Bathurst and home license or not, but only because Stuart had broken bones in his hand and needed medical attention.

As I said earlier we had plenty of snakes and rabbits on the property, I learnt 999 ways to cook a rabbit, probably would not have survived without them ,(heard on the radio recently Rabbits being advertised at $15.00 each could have made a fortune), anyway whilst the locals were all awaiting Alex’s demise they were happy enough to live with the "vermin" on Pine Ridge, but once we moved in we were reported to the Pasture Protection Board eventually being given notice to remove them and probably a date to have it done by, well Stuart came home from hospital with his plaster on his right hand and the inspectors arrived, he had on an old army overcoat with big pockets and the right hand and plaster camouflaged in the pocket, this was not intentionally it was just that the pocket supported the plastered hand, cannot tell you anything about the conversation as I had to stay inside, place was inspected again and I think the inspectors were savage that their orders had been disobeyed and Stuart was informed that he would be summonsed. When they did see his hand I do not think they were impressed, nor offered any delay in proceedings. When we went into town next time Stuart went to see his Lawyer, who offered to get in touch with who-ever, as it was said there was a lot of corruption, graft what-ever and he would do it all for free. The Lawyer was true to his word and eventually Stuarts case was won and there was quite a write up in the local Bathurst paper. The locals were not impressed he had been given extra time and the next time the inspectors arrived it was certainly a pleasanter meeting.

Stuart did also get a lime burn on the back of the leg and heel when they were cleaning the kiln at the cement works, a dressing had to be changed daily, so I went to Sydney to Aunty Dollys. Stuart met me at the railway station after he was discharged from hospital, we went home, only to find that the fence wires were cut and Martins cattle were enjoying our potatoes that were about ready to dig

The time of the appendix though was just before Susan was born and Val & Ted Porter came and picked me up, the Cow, the chickens and the dog and took me to their place at Yetholme for two weeks, and then took us all home again later. The Porter family were good Church going people and I had never heard Ted swear, when I heard him carrying on trying to get our cow into the bail one morning I was surprised so later in the day when I confronted him he assured me that he did not swear he was just yelling at the cow saying "do not go past it". It was a joke for quite a while.

Neighbours at Pine Ridge were Bennetts one side with the Martins on the other side. The Martins had the Post Office, so twice week I had to go over there and collect the mail, bread and whatever the mailman had delivered, did not have far to go especially when we moved into the top house as our house was one side of the hill and they were on the other side

I think the last straw for me was coming home from Bathurst one night after picking up "spud bags" and having a young baby aboard we broke down on the Great Western Highway, edge of the Blue Mountains, Susan was born in June so winter was very evident, strong winds, snow, rain were always on the cards, having an ex-Army Blitz certainly did not offer any mod cons, "I would be surprised if any of the modern cars of those days had much in the way of heating". I do not remember for sure but it could have been a canvas cover over the occupants, we did have glass windows in the doors, but to enable you to open the doors was a flap a triangle shape so that you could put your hand through, the air conditioning was very good. Stuart had to find help, maybe someone stopped and offered help, do not remember but Susan was on the floor with spud bags surrounding her, I sat there bawling my eyes out telling my husband" If this is the sun and the moon and the stars, I will settle for anything less". This is what he had always promised me when I agreed to marry me him and come to Australia.

What I had forgotten. When Susan was born we were to move up to the top house all that was wrong with this house was the fire place. We had bought a new "Meter's stove, so that when the new alcove was built it would all fit in neat and tidy. Well I had often told my husband that there was an easy way to do things and a Smiths way. Stuart always worked hard but often left things until later rather than sooner, by this I mean, we had the corrugated iron as the back of the fire place, but a wall had to be built between the stove and iron and this he was going to do this with cement and rocks, but he did not do it in stages, so the cement would dry out gradually. Stuart did it all one effort, so when he went back the next morning, it had all collapsed so he had to start all over again, but only after he had moved a large quantity of cement and rocks.

Eventually the place was put up for sale, but only advertised just between the Martins and the Bennetts, I think they made an offer through the solicitor and there was about a 5 pound difference.

I did pick Brussels Sprouts when they were ready, did a lot better job than picking Peas, in fact I picked Brussels Sprouts quicker than Stuart did. I picked Brussels Sprouts until just a few days before Susan was born. Had no problems with picking up Potatoes either had done that before during the war years whilst at school. I also learnt to milk the cow, a major achievement especially as I would not go into a field with one in before I left England. Milking the cow was not a difficult operation if you did all the correct moves, but when you do not follow the routine anything can happen and does. One morning I put the cow in the yard, then in the bail, tied her leg down so she could not kick and started milking, then you allowed the calf to feed from her so she released more milk, fine, but although the cow was in the bail I had forgotten to secure her head, this allowed her to turn around and endeavour to jump over the gate with her leg still tied to the post, poor cow rocking backwards and forward over the gate and me screaming and yelling for help from Stuart. I do not suppose I was the first to do it and probably not the last, but not a nice experience for any of us.

One of my early days in Dark Corner was spent making a cake.

One day I managed to make a cake which was always known in our house as a "plain cake with currants in". During the war, we six kids were very grateful for what we had, we were never starved but never hard to please either, with all the rationing you ate what was offered, if you did not there were always some-one that would. As it was Alex's birthday I decided that I would take the cake to him, mind you I had a three mile walk, but that would keep me busy, I did not have any radio to listen to, no TV, certainly no computer nor a mobile phone, did not even have a book, no mobile libraries and the local library would have been Bathurst some 30 miles away. Off I went on my journey often wondering why I had made such a decision as I was so terrified of snakes and had been teased when first arrived in Dark Corner about the number of snakes under each tussock of grass, and it seemed that everyone endorsed the stories. I really think my feet barely touch the ground I was so scared.

Arrived at Alex's, wished him "Happy Birthday" gave him the cake and he looked at it and said, "Currants, they are no bloody good for you Missus, come out the same way as they go in", Broke the cake up and fed it to his twenty odd cats, I was not offered any, then I had to walk home again.

In early 2020 Doreen was still doing well in a retirement village in Adelaide and Stuart had died about 4 years earlier.CF.

6-6-1953 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Theobald, of Sunny Corner, sincerely wish to thank all kind friends and relatives for beautiful floral tributes and kind expressions of sympathy received in their recent sad bereavement. Please accept this as our personal thanks.

15-6-1953 One of the fast disappearing band of last century mineral miners and fossickers who had worked in nearly every field in N.S.W., Mr. Llewelyn Morgan Davies died suddenly in Lithgow hospital on Saturday morning aged 77 years. He was for many years a resident of Gulgong and was one of that towns most prominent and respected citizens. The late Mr. Davies was the son of Welsh migrants, who came to Australia aboard a windjammer to join the gold rushes which gave Australia some of the most thrilling and romantic chapters in the Commonweaths history. The family were among the original residents of Nymagee and a surviving brother of deceaseds Mr. Nymagee Davies was the first child born there. Mr. Davies, better known as "Dave," was born at Currawong, near Goulburn, about 1876 and for a short time lived in Lithgow as a child. When he was 15 months old his parents moved to Cobar and then Broken Hill, later settling at Sunny Corner, where deceased obtained his first job in a gold assayers office at the age of nine years.

Sixty-five years ago he was employed in the Sunny Corner post office checking mails consigned with gold aboard the police escorted Cobb and Co. coaches running between Rydal, then a flourishing centre, and Bathurst.

18-6-1953 Wanted to sell or exchange 42 Chev. 3 ton truck for 42 Chev. or Ford ute. Phone 4 Dark Corner.

20-6-1953 The relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Clive Scott, of Dark Corner, are kindly invited to attend the funeral of their infant daughter, Kathleen May Scott, to move from McDonald and Moloneys funeral parlors this Saturday, at 2 p.m. for the Methodist portion of the Meadow Flat cemetery.

24-6-1953 A representative meeting of the district residents was held at the Sunny Corner school rercently to discuss the possibility of the Council bringing the electricity line through Sunny Corner. The meeting expressed the opinion of residents generally that they were keenly interested in having this service put through Sunny Corner and Dark Corner areas.

Potatoes are still being harvested in the district, some very fair yields being obtained.

Mild winter weather has been experienced allowing stock to remain in fair condition, but at the weekend a cold change brought a fall of snow which covered the ground to a depth of three to four inches.

Rabbit control is being carried out on the common with very good effect. Myxomatosis also has had a damaging effect on the rabbit population.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Clive Scott on the death of their baby daughter, this being their second bereavement within six months.

Austins bus run is still rendering invaluable service to the community. Apart from affording the children of the district an opportunity of a higher education, it gives residents generally a chance of daily contact with Bathurst.

There is now also a daily mail service, run by Mr. Jack Patterson, who deserves the popular esteem in which he is held.

10-7-1953 Council agreed that the augmented subsidy would now permit the construction of the last approved short project towards Sunny Corner project without the necessity for capital contribution and, that the change might justify a re-examination of the original Sunny Corner-Dark Corner project. The proposal was consequently thrown back into the "melting pot', for future consideration.

10-7-1953 Reserve No. 75,481 at Dark Corner, notified 5th December, 1952, for Public Recreation:—Albert Joseph Bennett, James Dudley Grabham, Richard William Grabham and Charles Smith.

10-7-1953 All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst, was the scene of a pretty wedding recently, when Bobby, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Kable, of "Montana", Orton Park, was married to William (Bill), second son of Mr. and Mrs J. S .Shumack, of "Springvale", Dark Corner. The ceremony was performed by Canon Copp. Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride made a charming picture and looked radiant in a gown of stiffened French cobweb lace over satin. Seed pearls, over 100 years old, were embroidered on the scalloped edge of the high revered neckline and sleeves of the frock, and featured a tiny fitted bodice and a bouffant skirt falling into a lovely train. Orange blossoms formed a coronet which held the very fine tulle veil, edged delicately with a satin thread. Wearing long white kid gloves the bride carried a small bouquet of white gardenias, carnations and hyacinths.

Twin sister Joy as bridesmaid, wore a frock of pale pink nylon over taffeta, designed with portrait collar and scalloped waistline. Pink carnations and blue forget me nots comprised her bouquet. A diamente tiara, gift of the bridegroom, was also worn. Best man was Mr Len Fry, a close friend of the bridegroom. During the signing of the register, Miss Dorothy Hill rendered 'O Perfect Love,' and as the happy couple were leaving the Cathedral, the bells were pealed by Mr. Walter Crofts.

Afterwards at the Bowling Club over 80 guests were received by the brides mother, who chose a frock of shot Italian organza in tonings of royal blue and cerise over taffeta with royal blue accessories, she was assisted by the grooms mother, who wore a black moire faille frock with accessories of black and white. Both Mrs. Kable and Mrs. Shumack wore fur capes to which were pinned matching floral sprays.

The warmer climate of the north was chosen by the newlyweds who left by car for their honeymoon tour. A spray of orchids was pinned to the brides suit of imported cherry velveteen, with which she wore a winter white felt hat, kid gloves, other accessories of black suede and a Canadian silver fox cape. Their future home will be at "Kimberley" Palmers Oakey.

11-7-1953 Red Cross. During Nov., Mr. and Mrs. Reg Campbell, of Sunny Corner, held art exhibition in the Chelsea Cafe the proceeds being donated to the branch. Profit was £41.

25-7-1953 The large number of blackberries on the Sunny Corner Common was due in a great measure to the neglect of adjoining absentee owners the Department of Lands charged in a letter to Bathurst P. P. Board yesterday. The Department suggested that the matter be taken up with the landholders concerned. Mr. C. O. Wilkinson, chairman of the Common Trustees, reported that rabbit destruction on the area had been carried out with considerable success. It was expected, that the position would be better than before the war.

Mr. Wilkinson claimed that there were few blackberries on the common. There are a great number in the locality but nearly all are on privately owned land.

30-7-1953 All stray stock on Sunny Corner Common will be impounded at Wallerawang seven days after the publication of this advertissmcnt. C. O. Wilkinson, Sec. S. C. Common trustees.

31-7-1953 Charles Theobald of Sunny Corner, was fined £2 with 12/ - costs for negligent driving. J. Braham pleaded guilty on be half of defendant. Sgt; Murray said on April 11 defendant was driving on the Great Western Highway at about 25 mph. Defendant collided with another car approachig from the oppsite direction while overtaking a vehicle on a slight curve. As a result of the impact a passenger in the utility, the defendants child was killed.

Constable West said the driver of the car overtaken by defendant, was arrested later that day at Wallerawang, and charged with driving under the influence. Sgt. Murray said the occupants of the car were charged with drunkenness.

Mr. Braham said defendant had been following the old model car for some distance and commenced to overtake it when he reached a section of the road marked with an unbroken centre line. Defendant had been driving for 14 years without any convictions.

27-8-1953 21st birthday of Alfred John Berry, of Sunny Corner road, Meadow Flat, was honored at a recent party tendered by his mother in the Majestic Hall. Dancing, was a feature of the evening, music being by Mrs. Black (piano) and Mr. Jack Kearns (drums). Relatives and friends from Bathurst Yetholme, Dark Corner, Sunny Corner, Meadow Flat and Portland attended. Mr. Ken Collard of Yetholme, acted as M.C. and at the reception congratulated Alf on his coming of age. Mr. Max Scott, on behalf of Meadow Flat residents said Alf and his family were always willing to give any assistance in anything for the benefit of the district. Mr. Bill Stait, on behalf of the Portland people wished Alf health, wealth and prosperity. Mr. Col Wilkinson for the Sunny Corner residents offered congratulations, other speakers being Mr. Jack Berry (uncle), of Yetholme, Mr, Bill Martin, of Bathurst, Mr. Jack Kearns and Mr. M. Berry.

Mrs. Berry handed Alf the traditional key. Alf in turn thanked his mother for the wonderful party and all others for their attendance and gifts. Then followed the cutting of the cake, made by Alf's aunt.

2-9-1953 The P P Board Inspector recommended that a warning letter be forwarded to the following: J. S. Shumack and Sons, 'Springvale.' Dark Corner.

A blow-out led a car to overturn on the Great Western Highway late on Monday night. The driver, Ronald Scott, of Dark Corner, who was the only occupant, escaped injury.

12-9-1953 Messrs. John L. Donovan & Co. will offer a property the Estate of the late Herbert John Neal 'Bonny Blink', Sunny Corner, for sale by auction on the site at 2.30 this afternoon. The property, which is 22 miles from Bathurst comprises 80 acres freehold. It is seven miles from Yetholme on the Sunny Corner-Lower West Mitchell Road. *(was sold for £18/17/ per acre, and a total clearance of plant was affected. CF.)*

25-9-1953 A man was sitting quietly yesterday afternoon at the intersection of William and Russell Streets. Leaning towards the lamp post in the very centre of the road he attracted some attention from drivers and pedestrians. The man, a well known Bathurst, or rather Sunny Corner artist, Mr. Reg Campbell, had good reason for occupying that conspicuous though uncomfortabe seat, he was busily painting the building of the Council Chambers.

Mr. Campbell, at the request of the Mayor (Ald. Morse) made a hurried trip back from Alice Springs to paint an oil picture of the Queen and a water-color of Council Chambers. Both will be reduced with elaborate printing methods to a smaller size and will be parts of the Souvenir Book published for the occasion of the Queen's visit next year. The artist, who has been residing in Alice Springs for some time, said that in eight weeks he had sold 35 pictures there, a respectable number even in a metropolis. He will return to Alice Springs today and spend most of his time in preparations for an exhibition which will be held on October 3.

30-9-1953 Attention is invited to the notification of resumption, published in the Government. Gazette No. 152 dated 4.9.53, resuming land on behalf of Forestry Commission of N.S.W. for the purposes of Sunny Corner, State Forest No. 806. J. B. Renshaw, Minister for Public Works.

4-10-1953 First explorer: "It was so cold where we were that the candle flame froze and we couldnt blow it out."

Second explorer: "That's nothing. Where we were the words came out of our mouths like pieces of ice and we had to fry them to see what we were saying." Gwen Cupitt (15), Box 7, Rosebank, Sunny Corner, 2W, via Rydal, NSW.

15-10-1953 A dance will be held at Sunny Corner on Friday October 23. It is a Boys Band effort and no doubt will be well patronised.

17-10-1953 Regarding Sunny Corner, the District Surveyor of the Land Board Office Orange, advised a Land Board inquiry may be necessary to decide the final disposal of the Common. He said that a reafforestation proposal by the Forestry Commission is involved.

2-11-1953 The funeral of the late William Henry Berry took place at Yetholme on Saturday afternoon after a service, at which the Rev. H. C. Barratt officiated. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the Yetholme district for a considerable time. Representatives from Turon Shire (President, Cr. Trevitt and Cr. Locke) attending. The chief mourners were his sons, daughters, sisters and brothers, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Many beautiful floral tributes were received, some noted being from Yetholme Fire Brigade. Yetholme Red Cross, Walang and Yetholme Cricket Club, the staff of Wright Heaton and Co., and Kirkconnell P. & C. Association. Interment took place in the Church of England cemetery at Yetholme. Godfrey Smith had charge of funeral arrangements.

12-11-1953 Many familiar names in Portland today belong to families who were in Sunny Corner in its most flourishing days, such was the McDonald family, though now Alex, who farms his land along Back Creek some 31 miles from Portland seems to be the only representative, but his family connections in Sunny Corner were responsible for the discovery of the Nevada Mine, these were, his grandfather on his mother's side, George Hemsworth, his brother Jack and their brother-in-law Tom Deacon. For their discovery they each received £1,000, a rather large sum of money in those days, but the mine justified every penny of it during its working for its heavy lode of copper proved a very paying proposition until the gradual entry of water caused an abandonment. Alex's mother was employed by the Company on the weigh bridge checking the teams in and out (the only woman on the pay roll) and both in Sunny Corner and Portland proved herself adaptable to conditions, for after coming to Portland she conducted a business in a small shop which stood in Williwa-street. Some businesses are called mixed, this one conducted by Mrs. McDonald certainly answered that description, combining, dressmaking, toys and in addition she was a photographer of more than average ability.

17-11-1953 Nomadic artist Reginald Campbell, from Sunny Corner, near Bathurst, NSW, and his wife, sculptor and painter too, have arrived at Levi Park, Walkerville, by caravan from Alice Springs. They have travelled thousands of miles in their caravan in three and a half years, and have painted NT station people, cattlemen, and aboriginal girls and men for more than four months. Mr. Campbell has brought with him a portrait of painter Albert Namatjira (Painted in Mrs. H. Paterson Daviss garden at Alice Springs), which he will enter for the Archibald Prize.

He will also put in a NT landscape for the Wynne Prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell plan a short visit to Adelaide. They will return soon to Bathurst to arrange an exhibition of their work in February during the Royal Visit.

27-11-1953 The engagement is announced of Ivy May, elder daughter of Mrs. J. McKinnon and the late Mr. E. McKinnon, of Meadow Flat, to Leslie, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Haywood of Lower Hutt, Wellington, New Zealand.

3-12-1953 A verdict for the plaintiff Ludovic Svac, a timberworker, of Sunny Corner, was brought in by Judge McKillop, in the District Court at Bathurst on Tuesday. The claim was against Otaker Brejsa and another, over the formation of a company to transact eucalyptus oils distilling. There was a verdict for plaintiff for £270. The action dealt with non-payment of partnership money. Mr. J. Tuckfield, of Bathurst, appeared for plaintiff. Brejsa did not appear.

Dance Saturday, 26th December At Sunny Corner Hall.

17-12-1953 Blaxland Council was assembled for the first meeting of the new triennial term, with one newcomer, Cr. J. Shumack, of Dark Corner, who defeated Cr. T G. O'Farrell (Ben Bullen), as the representative for "A" Riding.



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1-1-1954 Hawkesbury Diploma in Agriculture at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College final examinations for 1953. Eleven students passed with honors. One being our local lad, David Fraser Thompson, “Warrie” Palmers Oakey.

14-1-1954 Residents in the Dark Corner, Sunny Corner and Palmers Oakey areas were anxious to obtain rural electricity, and he intended to ask that their need be again considered, Cr. J. Shumack said at yesterday's Blaxland Shire Council meeting. Cr. Shumack, a Dark Corner resident who was elected to Council at the last elections, said he intended to raise the problem of electricity extensions with the ratepayers in his area.

22-1-1954 Good prices are being secured for peas, some growers getting up to 80/- a bushel. Pickers also have done well, as a quarter of the wholesale price goes to the picker.

Snakes have been very minicrous this season, the wealth of grass and weed growth through the wet season affording cover and also the many insects and grasshoppers provide good food for them. One lady pea-picker was bitten on the upper

arm by a "copperhead." Fortunately, prompt action in tying a ligature and transport to the Portland hospital and a doctor saved a near tragedy.



25-1-1954 W. Ryan of Sunny Corner dog The Mighty Pete, returned to the winning list at the greyhound races at Bathurst.

26-1-1954 'The Poplars,' a 36 acre property Meadow Flat was sold yesterday,for £3775, to Mrs. M. N. Clayton, of |Meadow Flat.

28-1-1954 Leslie Edward Stait: Grazier, Lime-street, Portland, is a district native, born at Sunny Corner, and if he graces the Council table he will be the youngest councillor ever to be elected to Blaxland Shire. He is a partner of J. O. Stait and Sons, haulage contractors.

12-2-1954 Cr. Shumack pointed out that the Dark Corner School which had been established for years, had been shifted last week to Jenolan Caves because only 10 scholars were available instead of the necessary 14. However, he had no doubt that it would not have been long before the required number would have been in attendance as the Parents and Citizens Association had been working to that aim. The speaker went on to say that the school had been removed to Jenolan Caves which was purely a tourist centre and not like Dark Corner, a rural centre. He deplored the fact that the rural schools were fast disappearing and Dark Corner was the only school left in the Blaxland Shire outside the limits of a railway and a main highway road.

19-2-1954 The engagement is announced of Delma Florence, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pearce, River Road, Kelso, to John Robert, youngest son of Mrs. Guihot and the late Mr. H. Guihot of Sunny Corner.

26-2-1954 Although three small schools have been closed in the Blaxland Shire, the Minister for Education (Mr. Heffron) has agreed to erect a single timber unit at Meadow Flat, following representations by the local P. and C. Association for a new building at Meadow Flat Public School.

25-3-1954 The death took place in tho Portland Hospital last week, of Mr. George Larkin, of 15 William-street, Portland, but formerly of Ben Bullen.

Deceased who was 80 years of age, had not enjoyed the best of health for some time and had been an inmate of the institution for a week prior to death.

A native of Ben Bullen, he had resided there all his life, until three years ago, when he moved to Portland. He was the fourth son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Larkin, his father being a son of the original Thomas Larkin who with the Corlis' family, were the first settlers at Ben Bullen. Of a quiet disposition, he was a man whose word was his bond, being ever ready to assist any move for the welfare of the district. He followed farming and grazing pursuits.

He married Miss Bertha Stait, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Stait, direct descendants of the original Stait family, who were the first settlers in the Sunny Corner (then called Mitchell) district.

Through the years the late Mr. Larkin worked hard to improve his property, and what was once practically, virgin bushland, is now one of the show places of the district. His wife predeceased him by 12 months and he is survived by four daughters and two sons, members of the family being Mrs. H. Roberts (Parramatta), Mrs. E. Hansel (Bathurst), Mrs. Col. Wilkinson (Sunny Corner), Mrs. J McManus (Portland), Reginald and Alexander, both of Ben Bullen.

The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and was largely attended, particularly by Ben Bullen residents. Prior to the cortege leaving St. Stephens Church of England, Portland, a short service was conducted by the Rev. Fr. A. Lloyd, who subsequently officiated at the graveside, interment being made beside the remains of his late wife in the Church of England

portion of Cullen Bullen cemetery. There was an exceptionally large number of floral tributes. Pallbearers were Messrs. Reginald and Alexander Larkin (sons), Col. Wilkinson and E. Hansel (sons-in-laws). John W. Simpkins had charge of the funeral arrangements.

23-4-1954 The Bathurst P P Board yesterday agreed to proceed with a prosecution against Hilton Scott, of Dark Corner.

13-5-1954 The death took place recently at St. Leonards of Mr. John Thomas Hemsworth at the age of 94. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Hemsworth, pioneer settlers of Sunny Corner. "Johnny," as he was favorably known, was a native of the "Corner" and his death closes another chapter of the fast vanishing identities of the famous old mining town.

His father, the late George Hemsworth, used to put in a lump sum tender for the right of the sale of admission tickets to Randwick racecourse and he used to engage his staff locally from Sunny Corner. Your correspondents father was often engaged as a gate hand. This would be around 70 years ago and we presume that the race meetings were few and far between.

When H.H. wrote up some 1889 news of the "Corner," he recalled that Johnny was riding the leading horse in a Melbourne Cup when a dog ran across the track and brought him and his mount down.

4-6-1954 Appeals are being made by the residents of Sunny Corner to the Bishop of Bathurst, the Parish Priest of Portland and Blaxland Shire Council to prevent a group of pine trees in the Catholic Church property at the old gold mining village from being turned into bee boxes. However, two of the trees have already been cut down, and if weather permits, more will come down today. The trees are said to be 60 years old.

When they saw a local bee farmer, Mr. Allan Casey, preparing to cut down two of them yesterday several local residents immediately protested. Mr. Casey told them he had bought the trees l8 months ago, and needed them to make bee boxes.

The residents then communicated with the Bishop of Bathurst Dr. John Norton, who referred them to Fr. Masterson at Portland. A deputation set off to interview Fr. Masterson, who told them: "The trees, belong to Mr. Casey. He has every right to remove them if he wants to. I cannot do anything about them".

The residents also contacted, Cr. J. Shumack a member of Blaxland Shire Council, and he telephoned the church authorities. He received the same answer. He said last night he would make further efforts today to save the trees. "I don't know whether I can do anything, as the trees belong to Mr. Casey. Fr. Masterson said, last night: "It is a private affair. Mr. Casey owns the trees, and he is entitled to cut them down."

Mr. Casey could not be contacted by telephone last night. However, his wife, Mrs. Daphne Casey, said, if the rain then falling, had ceased, he intended to cut down other trees today. "We bought the trees 18 months ago because we need the timber for bee boxes," she said. "We did not know there would be any fuss about them'. In fact it was a great surprise to us today when the people protested. " "We certainly do not want to create any ill feeling, but the timber is needed for bee boxes." Mrs. Casey said she 'thought her husband might leave some of the trees standing. She said she did not know whether he would be prepared to sell the trees to the people of Sunny Corner if they offered to buy them to save them from destruction.

19-6-1954 The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham) will be asked to declare wombats noxious in the Bathurst PP Board area. This was decided at yesterdays Bathurst meeting, following the reception of a letter from Mr. C. Smith, "Coolamigal" Sunny Corner.

Mr. Smith said that his approached the Board followed a suggestion to this effect by Mr. C. A. Kelly, MLA. Though he was aware that the animals were not 'protected', Mr. Smith said that he considered that they should be declared 'noxious'. He said the animals were coming from outside his property, and were doing considerable damage to wire netting fences.

He pointed out that owners are not responsible for the damage that they do unless they are declared noxious.

26-6-1954 Sunny Corner Bushfire Brigade has been reformed and its officers have been appointed. This advice was received at yesterdays Turon Shire Council meeting, when it was decided to have the brigade recognised in terms of governmental requirements.

2-7-1954 Common made a loss of 78 pounds for 1953. 97 pounds spent on rabbits.

8-7-1954 A lorry and a bus collided at the intersection of Keppel and Stewart Streets, Bathurst yesterday. The bus was being driven by John Robert Guihot of Sunny Corner and the lorry by Alexander George Walker of Punchbowl. Slight damage was caused to both vehicles.

9-7-1954 7/7/54 from Sunny Corner Road, 1 bay baldy draught mare, 1 white hind foot, no visible brands. If not released will be sold by Public Auction at this pound at noon on Saturday, 17th July, 1954.

16-7-1954 Reserve No. 42,393 at Dark Corner, notified 22nd January, 1908, for Public Recreation:—John Edward Scott and Clive Martin Scott (in the places of J. D. Martin and T. G. Scott, resigned).

27-7-1954 Mr. C. Hayward, of Dark Corner was conveyed to the District Hospital by Bathurst Ambulance yesterday for medical treatments

21-8-1954 Bathurst P.P. Board permit officers. The following appointments were made: Mr. T. C. Sharp, of The Pines Sunny Corner.

3-9-1954 John Martin, of 'Sunset', Dark Corner, has produced a crop of potatoes which certainly take some beating. It yielded 230 bags to the acre, The tubers average from 2 lbs to 4 lbs in weight, the quality being first class. It is claimed that the crop is about the best in the Bathurst district.

11-9-1954 Bennett: In loving memory of my dearly loved husband, Edward James, passed away September 11th, 1950.

Many a lonely heartache
Often a silent tear;
But always a beautiful memory
Of one I loved so dear.

— Inserted by his loving wife, Ada Mary Bennett.Bennett: In loving memory of my dear father, Edward James Bennett, who fell asleep September 11, 1950 at Dark Corner.
There are sorrows that are never spoken
Within the heart concealed;
There are hearts that are broken.
And wounds too deep to ever heal.
Sadly missed by his loving daughter Eileen, son-in-law Ted and grandchildren, Lakemba

13-9-1954 A rural electricity service charge increase of 5d. per month to all existing consumers with 10/- per month payable by all new consumers on the proposed Sunny Corner/Dark Corner spur line, was approved at Wednesday's Blaxland Shire Council meeting.

20-9-1954 Members of A Platoon, 25 Company R.A.A.S.C. held a two-day exercise at Sunny Corner during the weekend. The convoy was under the supervision of Sergt. Ron Roach (Platoon commander) and Sergt. Ray Leggatt (platoon sergeant) of the C.M.F.

Soldiers taking part received special training in the handling of motor cycles as despatch riders and orderlies, advanced driver training, operations of the winches and auxiliary drive on the heavy convoy vehicles. Saturday night was very cold in the gold field and some snow fell in the district, but the troops had plenty of warm clothes and a large supply of blankets.

22-9-1954 Bathurst ambulance yesterday transported Mr. George Wright of Sunny Corner Vincents Hospital for medical treatment.

27-9-1954 The funeral of the late George Wright, of Sunny Corner, moved from the parlors of Godfrey Smith yesterday afternoon for the Church of England portion of the Bathurst cemetery, where interment took place after a service officiated by the Rev. J. Sherlock. The late Mr. Wright is survived by a widow and one daughter. Many friends attended the funeral and several floral tributes were placed on the grave.

1-10-1954 A marriage will take place at 4 p.m. tomorrow (October 2) at the Methodist Church, William Street, of Pamela Fay, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Bonham, of Sunny Corner, and William Wallace, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitzgerald, of Portland. The reception is at the Chelsea Café.

11-10-1954 The death took place at St. Vincents Hospital last Thursday of a well known and highly respected citizen of Bathurst, Mr. Edward Grabham, at the age of 64 years. His death followed a long illness. Born at Dark Corner, he lived in the Bathurst district all his life.

15-11-1954 Sunny Corner was the venue for the triangular sports this year between Kirkconnell, Meadow Flat and Sunny Corner Schools, where 110 children from the three schools had a most enjoyable days competition. Parents from the three centres, attended and were keenly interested. Included in the programme were foot races, novelty events and ball games for children and the star attraction was the inter district tug-o-war.

25-11-1954 The death took place in the Portland Hospital on Tuesday morning of Mr Michael Mandak, at the age of 56 years. Deceased, who had had a stroke some time ago, had been an inmate of the institution for about two months. A native Czechoslovakia, he had been a resident of the district for about 25 years. He was first engaged in the extraction of eucalyptus at Sunny Corner, with a fellow country man, Mr. Jan Ulincy, and the two were inseparable friends. They worked on Blaxland Shire together, moved to Portland and took up employment with the C.P.C. Company in the big quarry, where Jan was killed in January 1951.

Being heartbroken at the loss of his mate, Mike as he was popularly known, transferred from the quarry to the works. Of a quiet disposition, he was well known and highly respected. He has a brother, Mr. John. Mandak in Sydney.

1-12-1954 A novel and varied programme of events for both children and adults ensured an enjoyable days outing for all those who attended Wimpeys open cut fifth annual picnic.

This was held at Sunny Corner on Sunday, amid beautiful sunshine, after it had to be abandoned the previous Sunday, due to bad weather. A happy crowd of picnickers from Ben Bullen and surrounding districts gathered to watch and participate in the various events, following which came the distribution of many valuable prizes.

9-12-1954 A year or two ago, when H. H. was the Mercury correspondent, he wrote a report of how the trustees of the Methodist Church, through the activities of their minister, the Rev. Taylor, discovered that, as all the trustees gazetted for the union church at West Mitchell (about one mile west of Sunny Corner), were deceased, no one really owned or had any authority to the building. The Trustees of the circuit as a result decided to demolish the building and re-erect it at Portland as a Methodist Church hall. According to the report (writing from memory) "An energetic working bee of parishioners and the loan of motor lorries from district farmers was quickly organised, and at daybreak one Saturday morning, the party arrived at the site, and by night fall the building was pulled down and transported to Portland, and stacked on the site of the old Methodist Tennis Court."

Due to the weather, the material has since somewhat deteriorated and when submitted by auction by Kremer Bros, on Saturday afternoon realised very small prices compared with present day timber values. There was a poor attendance of buyers, and H.H. consoled himself by making the first purchase of a miscellaneous lot, whilst as there was no competitive bidding, after a consultation with the Rev. Hoy, several lots were withdrawn to be used in renewing the parsonage fence. In a personal interview with H.H., when asked why, the original plan of building the hall was dropped, he said expert advice was that the material was of little use to them, and it would be advisable to buy new when the project was proceeded. Thus ends the chapter of the Union Church West Mitchell.

If there were a revival of activities on the Sunny Corner fields, residents would have no place for worship; Portland did not get its church hall and the materials will go into various uses from garages to farm sheds.

A marble tablet, which was erected in the church by an early Pioneer in memory of his daughter, will be in safe keeping and hung in the Methodist church buildings at Portland.

10-12-1954 Bush Fire Officers. Palmers Oakey: Captain, Mr. D. L. Ferguson; deputy captain, Mr. E. J. Bennett, secretary, Mr. P. Manning.

Sunny Corner: Captain, Mr. L. Guihot; deputy, captain; Mr. H. Stait; secretary, Mr, F. Storey.

10-12-1954 Appointed J. P. Attuell, Rita Catherine, Sunny Corner;

16-12-1954 Be with, the crowd at Sunny Corner, Mon., December 27.
Lithgow orchestra, tasty supper provided. Bus leaves Portland at 7.30 p.m.

20-12-1954 Vehicles driven by John Edward Scott of Dark Corner, and Leslie Long, of 42 Rankin Street, colided at the corner of Russell and Bentinck Street Bathurst on Saturday night. Though no one was injured, both vehicles were damaged.

21-12-1954 A station overseer, of Dark Corner, was yesterday fined £10 after Mr. Dash had found him guilty of driving his car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, he was John Edward Scott (30), married, and the father of three children.

Constable Arnold Bull, of Bathurst Police said Scott had been charged following an accident at a Bathurst intersection on Saturday.

Defendant had admitted having seven or eight middies since lunch time. Witness said he considered defendant moderately under the influence. Witness told Mr. V. W, Hawker (for defendant) that defendant had been quite frank in admitting he had had several drinks.

The Constable said defendants condition at the time had caused the accident. He said he had seen Scott in hotels, but never previously under the influence. The Court was told defendant had no previous convictions.

Dr. Ralph George Brian Cameron, of Bathurst, said he had examined Scott soon after his arrest. This was at the Police Station. He told Mr. Dash, SM, that he could smell liquor on defendants breath, but a slowness of speech was a natural condition. He had formed an opinion that defendant was to a detectable degree under the influence, but that this influence was slight.

Mr. Hawker asked Mr. Dash for the benefit of Section 556A.

He said his client had held his licence for 12 years. Defendant was a returned service man and had served with the AIF for 3½ years. He was married and had three children. War injuries had brought about a nervous condition in his client.

Mr. Dash fined defendant £10 and gave him a fortnight to pay. On a charge of negligent driving, defendant was remanded to appear in Court on March 7.

30-12-1954 The death took place at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ron Smith, of 16 Park-Street Portland early on Thursday morning of Mrs. Bridget Jane McCulla, aged 82 years. Deceased only two weeks ago had returned from Sydney, where she had undergone an operation for her eyes. She suddenly took ill on the morning of her death and her end was entirely unexpected. A native of Sunny Corner, deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Sparkes, pioneering settlers of Tindalls Flat, and Sunny Corner. Deceased witnessed the rise, boom days and fall of Sunny Corner, was an authority on early district history, and enjoyed relating early day incidents. Well known and highly respected and ever ready to assist anyone in sickness or need, she was a staunch supporter of the Catholic Church.

Her husband the late Mr. Joseph McCulla, predeceased her by 41 years. Mrs. McCulla came to Portland 31 years ago, at first conducting a boarding house for many years, but since she had lived privately and subsequently had resided with her daughter. She is survived by a family of four daughters and two sons, members of the family being Mrs. W. Jones (Coogee), Mrs. C. Smith (Dark Corner), Mrs. R. Smith (Portland), Mrs. T. Leeson (Albury), Messrs. Joseph McCulla (Sydney) and Alfred McCulla (secretary Portland District Hospital).



SUNNY CORNER RACES 1950.s



School 1954



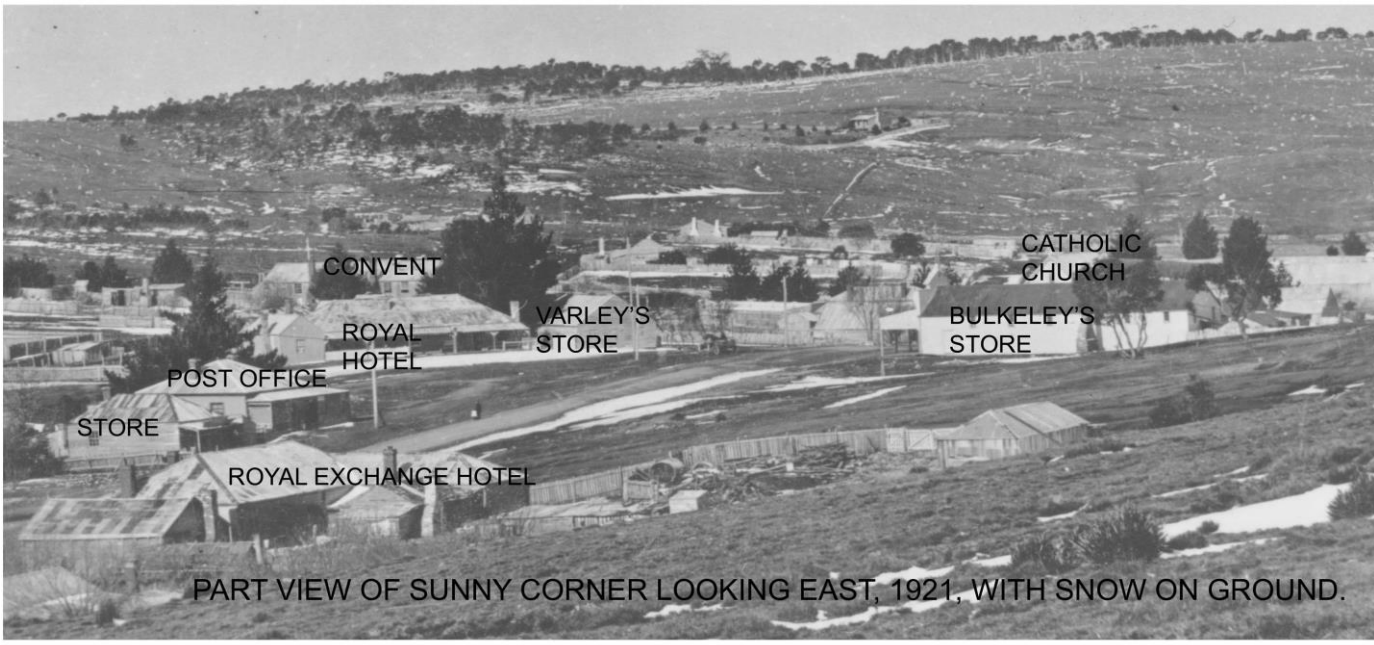
Lessons in building a snowman. (Only 3 attended this day). c1954 (Frank Storey Teacher)Sophia Kostrzewa, Jan Kostrzewa, Norma Storey, Irana Kostrz Dell and Ross Storey



Public School pupils, Sunny Corner, NSW, February 1954. Photo from Frank Storey, Woy Woy, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.
Back row, l to r: Irana Kostrzewa, Dorothy Ryan, Beryl Scott, Kathleen Ryan, Sophia Kostrzewa, Ray Scott, Kerry Wilkinson.
2nd row: Barbara Theobald, Denis Sharp, Rodney Theobald, Jan Kostrzewa, Peter Howarth.
3rd row: Keith Payne, Margaret Scott, Dorothy (Doffy) Sharp, Judy Stait, Hilton Scott, Sue Wilkinson.
Front row: June Ryan, Lindsay Payne, Betty Payne.



View of township, Sunny Corner, NSW, February 1954. Note similar angle to the 1921 postcard. Buildings are Post Office and Royal Hotel (red roofs), and large iron building on right would be old Victoria Hall. From a slide scanned by Frank Storey, Woy Woy, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.



View of Sunny Corner, NSW, township, known buildings are labelled. From Empire brand postcard, 1921. Collection Vicki Powys.



KIRKCONNELL CHURCH.

As part of the 1956 restoration these beautiful altar rails were donated by Kathleen Lund's parents Walter and Lucy Dowler.

1955

11-2-1955 Sunny Corner Common. John Henry Passeri (in the place of Colin Ottley Wilkinson, resigned)

1-7-1955 Common made a profit of 35 pounds for 1954.

1956

9-3-1956 Common made a profit of 35 pounds for 1955.

1957

0-1-1957 Trevor Parmenter appointed Teacher.

24-02-1957 Bush fire at back of Coolamigal Cr. on Bert Bennetts Lease , it was started by 3 men on horses that had rode through stealing sheep.

26-02-1957 Fire on Bennetts out.

25-03-1957 Electricity being connected to houses in Palmers Oakey area.

31-03-1957 Tennis at Dark Corner, Palmers Oakey lost by 10 games.

8-5-1957 The women, Mrs. Isabel Wright and her daughter Mary, say a fortune in lead, zinc, copper, silver, and gold waits to be extracted from the steep hills which slope down to Daylight Creek, a few miles from the township where they have lived for seven years.

With 80 year old miner John Bevan, who shares their home, they have formed a Company and have laid plans for the future which embodies open cut mining, a flotation plant for ore treatment, and prefabricated barracks for workers on the site.

We pin our faith on the mine says Mary Wright, and we want to see Sunny Corner as it was in its heyday.

11-4-1958 Sunny Corner Racecourse: Trevor Reginald Parmenter (in the place of T. Fitzgerald, retired).

21-6-1957 The portion of the General Cemetery at Dark Corner, parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh, dedicated 22nd November, 1870, set apart for Presbyterian Burial Ground:—John Drysdale Martin and Gordon Kenneth Smith (in the places of T. G. Scott, deceased, and L. McLachlan, resigned).

01-09-1957 Tennis match at Dark Corner.

00-00-1957 Bill (Pop) Austin and family started to build "Timber Ridge Café" at Cr.Hwy and Wambool Road.

1958

24-1-1958 The story of a wild melee at the end of a Turon Shire Council meeting when the Shire President was allegedly kicked and punched by another councillor was told in Bathurst Court on Monday. The Turon Shire President, Cr. Mervyn Henry Locke, alleged that Cr. Leonard Black (54), of "Winsleight," Meadow Flat, had punched and kicked him on the body at Kelso on November 22;

Black, who is a grazier, has been charged with assaulting and occasional actual bodily harm to Locke. Seven witnesses gave evidence on Monday, when the hearing was adjourned to January 31.

08 06 1958 Tennis, Sunny Corner at Palmers Oakey. SC 56. PO 86.

17-10-1958 The portion of the General Cemetery at Dark Corner, parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh, dedicated 22nd November, 1870, set apart for Methodist Burial Grounds:—Arthur John Wesley Oakes (in the place of A. Scott, removed).

21-11-1958 Sunny Corner Public Recreation:—Phyllis Annie Wilkinson (in the place of S. Kissell, retired).

28-11-1958 Lieutenant-General Sir Eric Winslow Woodward, Governor of the State of New South Wales, with the advice of the Executive Council in pursuance of the provisions of section 5 (1) of the Prisons Act, 1952-1957, declare the area comprised within the boundaries specified hereunder (together with all buildings or premises which are now or may hereafter be erected thereon) to be a Prison and to be known as the Kirkconnell Afforestation Camp.

5-12-1958 Dark Corner Public Recreation:—Ian Keith Shumack (in the place of John. E. Scott, removed).

1959

29-5-1959 Appointment of Honorary Fire Patrol Officers Under The Bush Fires Act, 1949 Duncan Latham Ferguson, Kelvin, Palmers Oakey, via Sunny Corner, for Turon Shire.

5-6-1959 Parish Castleton, county Roxburgh, Turon Goldfield. Improvement Purchase 1953-1, portion 94 of 1 acre 3 roods 1 perch. Applicant, Reginald Earl Campbell, of Sunny Corner, via Rydal; price of land, £27; costs incurred, £1; ad valorem stamp duty, 12s. 6d.; survey fee, £6 10s.; deed fee, £5; fixed stamp duty, 7s. 6d.; less amount lodged with application, £1; amount called for, £39 10s.

11-6-1959 Polio clinic held at Dark Corner Post Office.

1960

30-08-1960 Mrs Eric Smith of Dark Corner passed away.

18-11-1960 By this notice, appoint Colin Ottley Wilkinson, Harold Charles Stait, Donald William Berry, William Charles Ryan and Thomas Abraham Stait as trustees of Sunny Corner Common.

Ray Bennett. Ted Martin Ron Kissell





The old hall at Sunny Corner, NSW, known originally as the Victoria Hall. It stood next to Weinert's Hotel. This photo was taken shortly before the hall was demolished, then rebuilt, about 1960. Photo from Trevor Parmenter, Sydney, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.



Community hall, Sunny Corner, NSW, newly rebuilt c1960. Photo from Trevor Parmenter, Sydney, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.

1961

12-03-1961 Tennis at Dark Corner.

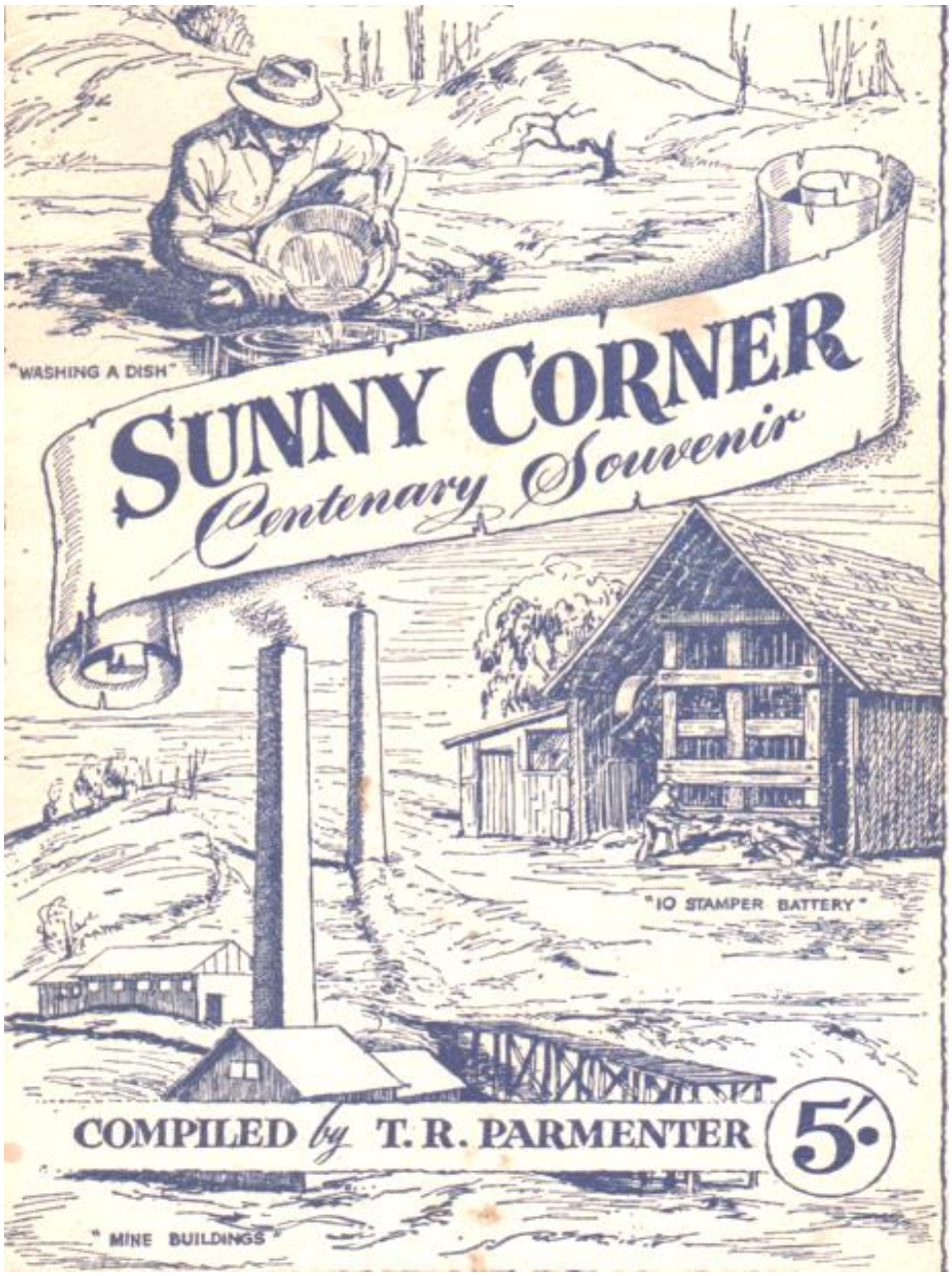
22-06-1961 Tennis at Dark Corner.

21-7-1961 The N.S.W. State Governor, Sir Eric Woodward, to-day opened a "new-style" prison farm near Bathurst. Prisoners will be accommodated in a series of huts constructed along the lines of a modern motel. The prison farm is 24 miles

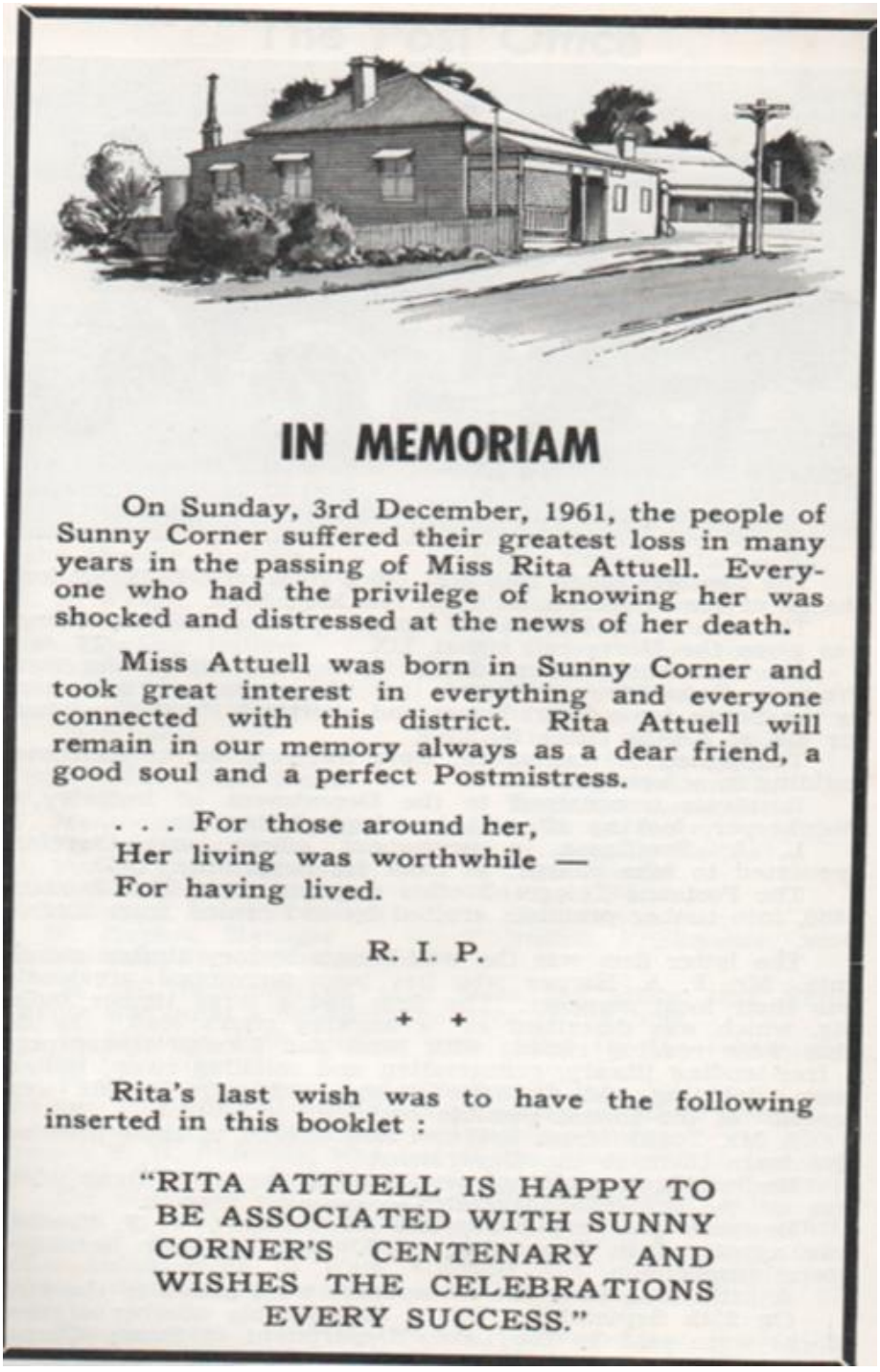
outside Bathurst in a State forest, where historic Kirkconnell House has been modernised to accommodate the new gaol officials.

27-10-1961 Reserves Nos. 42,393 and 75,481 at Dark Corner, parish of Coolamigal, county of Roxburgh, notified 22nd January, 1908, and 5th December, 1952, respectively, for Public Recreation:—Edward Martin (in the place of C. Smith, retired).

8-11-1961 A "ghost" town will celebrate its centenary on December 26. It has a history every bit as romantic as the old mining towns of the American "wild west." It is Sunny Corner, via Bathurst, a gold mining town in the 1860s which 20 years later developed into a thriving silver town. More than £1 million worth of the precious metal was taken from the workings before the lode, and the town, came to an end in 1890.



This 50 page bocklet was produced in 1961 for the Centenary Celebarations at Sunny Corner.



IN MEMORIAM

On Sunday, 3rd December, 1961, the people of Sunny Corner suffered their greatest loss in many years in the passing of Miss Rita Attuell. Everyone who had the privilege of knowing her was shocked and distressed at the news of her death.

Miss Attuell was born in Sunny Corner and took great interest in everything and everyone connected with this district. Rita Attuell will remain in our memory always as a dear friend, a good soul and a perfect Postmistress.

. . . For those around her,
Her living was worthwhile —
For having lived.

R. I. P.

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Rita's last wish was to have the following inserted in this booklet :

"RITA ATTUELL IS HAPPY TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SUNNY CORNER'S CENTENARY AND WISHES THE CELEBRATIONS EVERY SUCCESS."

04-12-1961 R. M. Atteull Post Mistress at Sunny Corner buried.

17-11-1961 In the notice in the Government Gazette of 27th October, 1961 (page 3378) appointing trustees of Reserve No. 82,124 at Sunny Corner, for James Dudley Grabbam, read James Dudly Grabham.

1962

22-6-1962 Racecourse at Sunny Corner:—Donald William Berry, Thomas Abraham Stait and Edward Malcolm Martin (in the places of J. H. Passeri, retired, G. T. Smith, removed, and R. Kissell, deceased).

6-7-1962 Reserve No. 83,124 at Sunny Corner, parish of Castleton, county of Roxburgh, notified 14th April, 1961, for Public Hall Site:—(Mrs.) Emmaline Martin (additional trustee).



Public school pupils, Sunny Corner, NSW. Photo from Trevor Parmenter, Sydney, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.
Back row l to r: Chris Guihot, Trevor Parmenter (teacher), Andrew Shumack, Brian Elms, Geoff Munro, Ronald Theobald, Ted Stait, David Theobald.
2nd row: Jimmy Sharp, Judith Shumack, Lia Rheinder, Nancy Payne, Heather Elms, Lorraine Scott, Mavis Kissell, Pam Shumack, Helen Ryan, Kevin Guihot.
3rd row: Trish Shumack, Margaret Howarth, Elaine Kissell, Marianne Rheinder, Helen Howarth.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF SUNNY CORNER P & C ASSOCIATION
FOR YEAR ENDED 28th February, 1963.

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
Bank Balance 1962	37	14	9	Stationery	5	17	0
Bank Interest		8	1	Milk Cartage	6	16	0
M'ship & Monthly donations	26	13	0	Petty Cash (Teacher)	7	0	0
Commissions		9	6	Petty Cash (Sec)	1	4	8
Sale of goods, sports materials etc	6	0	8	'Phone Rental	8	17	2
Sale of wood	9	0	0	Rent	2	11	0
Library Subsidy	7	1	2	Fete goods (1961)	3	3	5
Donation-Centenary Circle	97	0	0	Lost library book		3	6
Xmas Tree donations	18	18	0	Sports material	3	14	2
Text book sales	5	2	0	Fertilizer, seed	2	10	8
Printing	5	0	0	Xmas toys, books	24	1	6
Donation for Town Sign	7	2	0	Tape Recorder	47	14	0
				Reading Laboratory	23	0	6
				Atlas	7	4	6
				Affiliation fees	2	9	3
				Engraving	1	10	6
				Text & Library books	37	4	3
				Bank credit balance	35	7	1
	£ 220	9	2		£ 220	9	2

28-09-1963 Bob McKinnon disappeared from "Oaks" at Palmers Oakey, and was never found. Police and locals searched for months.

00-00-1963 Lockie and Nola Guihot left Sunny Corner.

1964

17-7-1964 Appointed J. P. Benson, Bryan Henry, Public School, Sunny Corner;

25-9-1964 Reserve No. 83,124 at Sunny Corner, parish Castleton, county Roxburgh, notified 14th April, 1961, for Public Hall Site:— Bryan Geoffrey Benson (in the place of T. R. Parmenter, resigned).
13-11-1964 Public Recreation:—Donald William Berry and Bryan Geoffrey Benson (in the places of T. R. Parmenter, resigned, and Lachlan James Guihot, removed).

1966

12-8-1966 Reserve No. 83,124 at Sunny Corner, parish of Castleton, county of Roxburgh, notified 14th April, 1961, for Public Hall Site: Ian Keith Shumack, Denis George Sharp, Donald William Berry, Henry Charles Theobald (in the places of E. Martin, retired, and Clive Martin Scott and James Dudley Grabham, removed, and as an additional trustee).

1967

12-5-1967 Sunny Corner Common.—Donald William Berry, Bryan Geoffrey Benson, Colin Ottley Wilkinson, Edward Malcolm Martin, John James Tattersall.

2-9-1967 The inaugural meeting of the Sunny Corner branch of the Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia, held at the home of Mr. Peter Gregory, was attended by new members from Palmers Oakey, Dark Corner and Sunny Corner.
Mr. Jim Rook, the State Laison officer of the Association, travelled from Sydney to assist in the formation of the branch.

Officers of the Sunny Corner branch are

Col Ferguson, of Palmers Oakey, president,
Col Wilkinson, of Sunny Corner, vice-president,
Peter Gregory, of Sunny Corner, secretary- treasurer,
Ted Martin, of Sunny Corner, conservation officer who will be assisted by his brother John.
Laurie Moon of Palmers Oakey, range officer and hunter safety officer.
Roy Martin, of Sydney, liaison officer,
Ted Martin, auditor John Martin, co-auditor.
Mr. Jack Martin of "Sunset", Dark Corner is the branch patron.

Mr. Nick Harvey, well known hunting author travelled from Hill End to become a foundation member of the branch.

Conservation is the main theme for this new branch and members are confident that the three major projects to be launched will succeed. The Sunny Corner branch will go ahead and construct a shooting range where occasional events will be staged, but in the main, the branch consists of field hunters who will no doubt, forsake the field for the shooting range during the off-season only.

Persons genuinely interested in joining this Association may contact the secretary, Senior Constable Peter Gregory at the Bathurst Police Station or contact him by mail at “Bambra” Sunny Corner 2795. This branch will cover an area with a radius of about 50 miles.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF SOME MENBERS OF THE SUNNY CORNER S.S.A.A.1967

Colin Ferguson	Palmers Oakey	Col Wilkinson	Sunny Corner
Peter Gregory	Sunny Corner	Ted Martin	Sunny Corner
John Martin	Dark Corner	Jack Martin	Dark Corner
Roy Martin	Dolls Point	Laurie Moon	Palmers Oakey
Jack Tattersall	Sunny Corner	Bill Foran	Cronulla
Peter Hayman	Portland	Alex Blackadder	Lithgow
Nick Harvey	Hill End	Norm Campbell	Orange
Harry McDiarmid	Portland	William Bryant	Palmers Oakey
James Bryant	Palmers Oakey	Mervyn Bryant	Palmers Oakey
Peter Lever-Narlor	Berala	Graham Gregory	Orange
Kevin Laughton	Orange	Jim McGregor	Molong
Max Gregory .,	Borenor	Alex Cousins	Clovelly
Thomas Francis	Castlecraigh	Stanley Hunt	Burraneer Pt.
Clifford Berry	Bathurst	Donald Berry	Meadow Flat
Bryan Bromfield	Yetholme	Alex Deutscher	Meadow Flat
Gordon Roberts	Lithgow	Donald Haines	Hornsby
Brian Bennett	Meadow Flat	Kath Martin	Sunny Corner
Richard Turnbull.,	Lithgow	James Martin	Lithgow
Robert Wilson	Wollongong	Richard Dolling	Carlton
Baden Gleeson.,	Greenwitch		

The branch later built a Clay Target Range and shelter shed opposite the Sunny Corner Cemetery, and held regular events, including the NSW State Championship, at which two members won, 1st in the single and 1st and 2nd in double barrel.

20-11-1967 Mrs Jack Shumack (Dark Corner) passed away

SUNNY CORNER METEORITE

The year was about 1970 and the Hall Committee decided that the toilet needed fixing and a new septic installed. There were several people involved in this but, Brian Thompson, Bill Shumack, and Col. Ferguson were the Meteorite makers.
So we had a working-bee, got the septic hole down about 2 feet, rock. It was decided to come back next weekend and Brian would bring his compressor, drill and explosive.

Week 2, we drilled 12 holes 5 feet deep and added the nitroprill. Bill went up to the old pub, Col went to the rec. ground to block traffic and Brian lit the charge. Big Bang, Bill came back reporting "some rocks went over me down to about the post office". Brian was more than pleased, as the hole was big enough and almost empty of rock. Then someone said "look at the roof". There they were, about a dozen small holes and one big one. All inside to look and there it was, the meteorite about the size of a football. It hade came through the iron roof, through the ceiling, took out a trestle and into the floor. (Note the scars). It was decided to come back next weekend and fix the roof. Bill would bring soldering iron, Col ladder and iron.
Week 3, a crew went to work on the toilet, Bill and Col up on the hall roof. Col cut and shaped patches of iron and Bill soldered them on. All was going well till smoke started to come out the unpatched holes. Fire!. Col pulled a sheet of iron up, bad move, what they found was the ceiling full of bird nests, and the fire took off as the air got to it. They slammed the iron back down and called for water. The battle raged for about 5 minutes, the buckets came up, the iron up, water in, iron down, and on it went.
When it was out, all was very quiet for some time as we stood there and realised just how close to losing the hall we went.

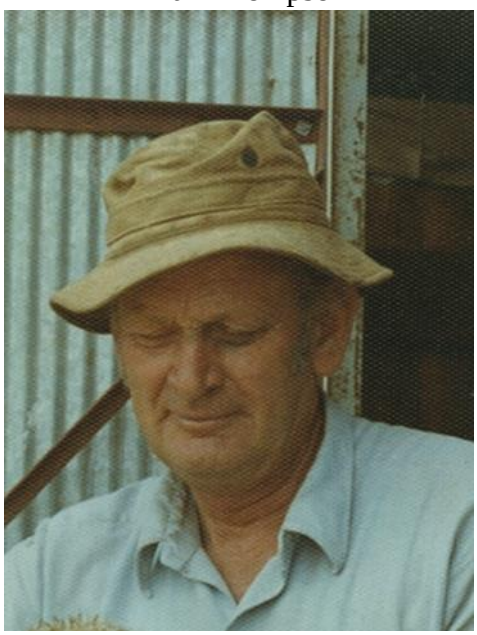


Col Ferguson.



Bill Shumack

Brian Thompson



1968

18-10-1968 Reserve No. 83124 at Sunny Corner, Parish Castleton, County Roxburgh, notified 14th April, 1961, for Public Hall Site: Gerald Arthur Attuell (in the place of Bryon Geoffrey Benson, left the district)

1970



1972

09--05-1972 Jack Shumack of "Springvale" Dark Corner died.

1974

18-9-1974 Petition being circulated to move part of the Sunny Corner district from the Blaxland Shire to the Turon Shire. There was overwhelming support from the residents involved but when it went to Government, it was rejected.



Peter Martin Philip Ingham Glen Martin Dennis Martin Steve Hobbs Geoff Howarth Ian Case
Rodney Hobbs Diane Sharp Greg Bennett Deb Shumack Vicki Thompson Narelle Martin Jenny Shumack
Colin Martin Sybil Payton Sally Ferguson Tracy Black Charles Ingham Tim Bennett Duncan Ferguson

1975

01-06-1975 Jack Martin from "Sunset" Dark Corner died.



Memorial to Poinereers built by Jack Martin on "Sunset" Dark Corner.

1976

10-07-1976 Jack Berry died. Jack ran the mail in the Yetholme area and from Sunny Corner to Palmers Oakey for many years, also delivered groceries and bread from his shop at Yetholme. Jack was almost unstoppable, he would have a go no matter what. If he was late we would go looking for him, knowing he would be stuck in a bog or creek crossing.

1976.



1977



Duncan Ferguson Paul Martin Peter Martin Greg Bennett Tim Bennett Grahem Ingham

Colin Martin Sally Ferguson Mr Robson Tracy Black Sybil Payton

Charles Ingham Stuart Ferguson Brian Martin

SUNNY CORNER SCHOOL

List of Head Teachers.

Name	Date Appointed.	
No record	1864	1874
William Medcalf	Sept	1874
Ebenezer Watts	May	1879
Charles Thomson	October	1881
James Cooke	April	1832
Francis McPhail	January	1884
Michael Moran	August	1892
Christopher Chiplin	January	1902
Edward Ryan	July	1918
James Farrelly ·	April	1924
Albert Calderbank	Sept	1925
David Jollie	January	1929
William Cresswell	January	1932
John James	January	1943
Frank Storey	January	1951
Trevor Parmenter	January	1957
Bryan Benson	January	1964
Gerald Attuell	June	1967
Ian Case		1974
Robson		1977
Don Gordon		1979

DARK CORNER SCHOOL (Opened 1872)

Things improved when the "Paddy Lackey" gold mine gave work to many miners and the school enrolment was 45 in 1899.
An example of the tough time teachers, especially women teachers, had in those days is shown when one of the teachers, Miss Purcell, applied to have the celling lined as the frost was settling on the desks. The Inspector commented:
"The building is not ceiled, but it has a large fire place, and there Is a good supply of firewood around the building."
When the enrolment rose substantially in 1899 a new building, measuring 24' x 18' was erected for £129/8/6 by Cook and Stmpkins of Sunny Corner.
The first male teacher at Dark Corner, John Kennedy was appointed in 1901.
In 1910, Mr. Charles Stewart, who had succeeded Mr. Kennedy in 1905, married. He obtained a cottage three miles from the school and was granted £30 rent allowance. In the same year the Inspector recommended that the school grounds be cleared as a precaution against bushfires and snakes. A local man would do the Job for £3. but the Chief Inspector suggested the children do it. Mr. Stewart was authorised to buy an axe and a mattock. The axe cost 4/6 and the mattock cost 4/9.
One of the boys, Eric Smith, remembers the clearing operations for Mr. Stewart accidentally felled a tree on him, and he sustained a broken leg,
Other teachers who followed Mr. Stewart were: Alfred Nichols, Margaret Kilfoyle, Mabel Naylor, Robert Walker. Hector Bell and Edwin Perry.
The school was closed in August. 1941, but re-opened in March 1947 with Miss Mavis Saunders as teacher.
Arthur Bunker was appointed to the school in 1948 and it finally closed in 1951.
The building was subsequently removed to Jenolan Caves.

1979



Royal Hotel, Sunny Corner, NSW, accidentally burned down March 1979. Photo from Judy Black, Sunny Corner. Collection Vicki Powys



HOW MANY OF THESE PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW ?



Re-opening of tennis court, Sunny Corner, NSW, March 1984, group photo by Vicki Powys.



Bobs Creek Bridge, February 1951

SUNNY CORNER SCHOOL **R I P**

In the late 1970s the number of children was falling but a strong P & C was helping people with children move into the area, but the Department had its agenda and in June 1979 the following came to pass.

New South Wales Government
Department of Education
WESTERN REGION
140 William Street Bathurst
Box 143 P.O.Bathurst, N.S.W. 2795

Mr C L Ferguson, President
Sunny Corner Public School P and C Association
"Kelvin," Hereford Stud
PALMERS OAKEY 2795

Dear Mr Ferguson

I refer to recent discussions held with Mr S Harvey Inspector of Schools concerning the future of the Sunny Corner Public School.

Because of' the decline in numbers of pupils enrolled at the school and the fact that enrolments in the immediate future are not likely to increase it has been determined that the Teacher in Charge will be withdrawn from the school effective 8 June 1979.

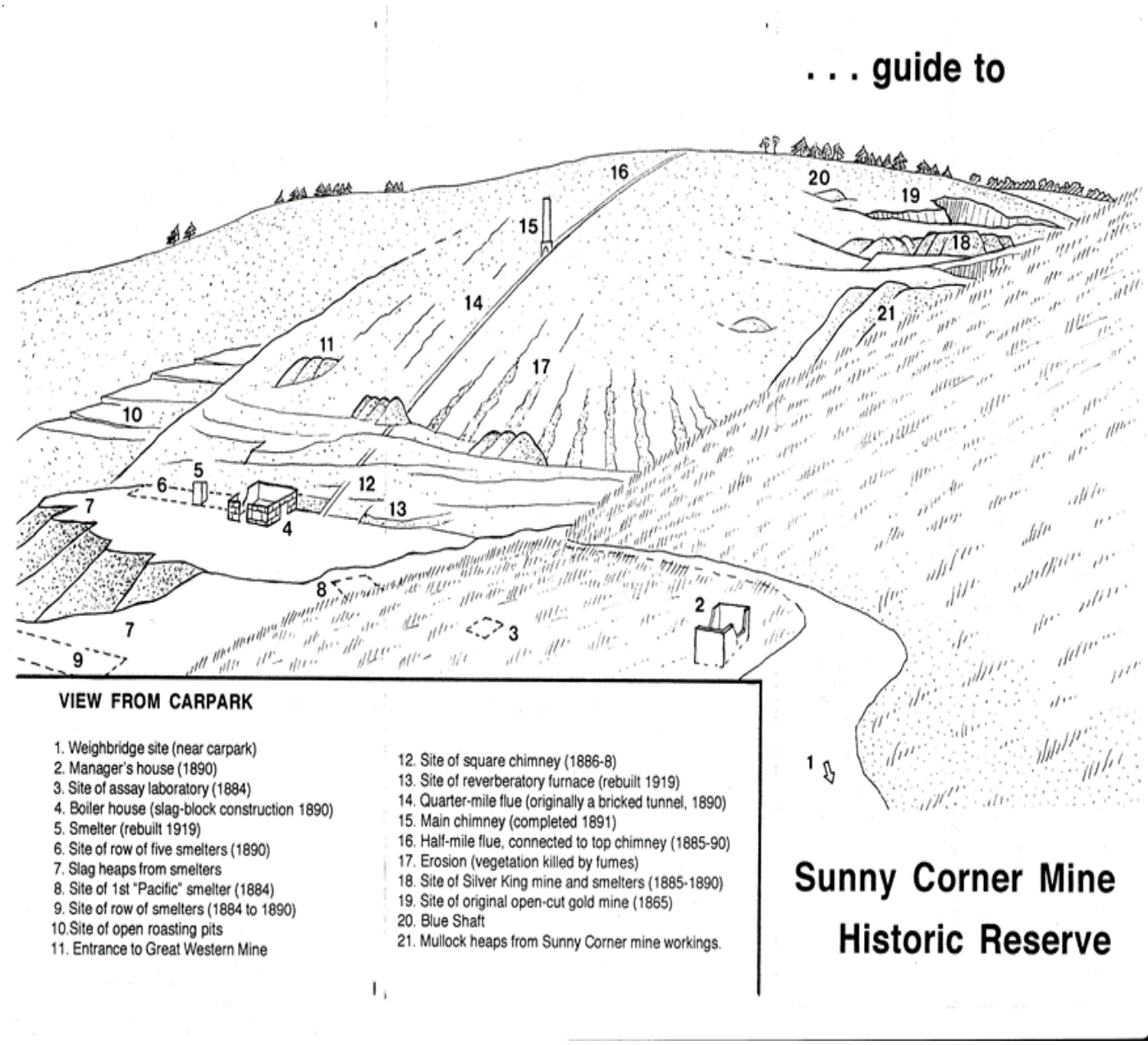
Also satisfactory arrangements have been made for the pupils to attend the Meadow Flat Public School and in this regard appropriate arrangements have been made for the conveyance of pupils by charter bus service.

I wish to convey to members of your Association my appreciation of their efforts over the years in relation to the welfare of students who have attended the Sunny Corner Public School.

Yours sincerely
D E Rickard
D. E. RICKARD Regional Director 7 June 1979

So the children and some of the equipment went to Meadow Flat School.

***The school closing was seen by most people as the last nail in the coffin of the old Sunny* Corner.**



SUNNY CORNER RAINFALL 1903---1985 AVERAGE MM

	JAN	FEB	MAY	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
RAIN	90	78	69	61	68	82	81	76	72	90	74	77	918	3672 INS
DAYS	8	8	7	7	9	11	10	10	9	9	8	7	103	

At the 2016 census, Sunny Corner had a population of 92 people, down from 626 people ten years earlier at the 2006 census, from an estimated 6000 in it's heyday.

Ode to Sunny Corner

I've been here forever you know
I saw the blackman come here long ago
Then a new man came to my creek
His fame and fortune to seek

I was a boom town in my day
The best ever, they say
Fortunes were made, and lost
But, Oh, at what cost

They worked hard and tried to earn a crust
But my rock gave new meaning to, dust to dust
As many young men, too young to die
Went to the big mine in the sky

Now as the bird songs die
And the sun leaves my sky
I lay here beneath a blanket of stars
And quietly, heal my scars.

So here I will end this story of the tenatious people that passed through the

"Old Silver Lady on the Mountain".

R.I.P.



The Following Have Supplied Informatiom and Photos for Which I am More Than Greatful.

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Vicki Powyes

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CONVERSION OF IMPERIAL TO METRIC TABLE

1 Penny	1d	= 0.83c
1 Threepence	3d	= 3c
1 Sixpence	6d	= 5c
1 Shilling	1/-	= 10c
1 Pound	£1	= $2
1 Sovereign	£1	= $2
1 Guinea	£1-1	= $2.10
1 inch		= 25.4mm
1 Foot	12 inches	= 30.5cm
1 Yard	3 feet	= 91.5cm
1 Chain	22 yards	= 20m (approx)
1 Mile	80 chains	= 1.61km
1 Kilometre		= 0.621 miles
1 Pennyweight (dwt)		= 24 grains
20 Pennyweights		= 1 ounce (oz) Troy
1 Pound (weight)		= 454 gm
1 Ton		= 1.02 t
1 Pint		= 568 mls or .57 litres
1 Gallon		= 4.55 litres
1 Acre		= 0.405 hectares
1 Acre		= 4840 sq.yds.
1 Square Mile		= 640 acres
50° Fahrenheit		= 10° Celsius
69° Fahrenheit		= 20° Celsius
86° Fahrenheit		= 30° Celsius
1 point (rainfall)		= .25 mm

THE FAMILY TREES and CONNECTIONS

ARCHER.	Parr Smith
ARMOUR.	Attwell Poyitt
ATTWELL.	Armour Grabham Murray
BAKER.	Banning Berry Dibley Smith
BARRY.	Ferguson Montgomery Murray Smith Sparks
BANNING	Baker McKinnon Stait
BENNETT.	Guihot
BERRY	Guihot Grabham Montgomery Mara
BRADLEY	Bolton Dibley Lawler McManus Stait
BOLTON	McManus
CURNOW.	Grabham
CASE	Nichols Sparks
DIBLEY	Baker Lawler Sharp
FERGUSON.	Archer Barry Larkin McKinnon McCulla Montgomery Smith Sparks Thomas
GANT	Strickland Montgomery Mara
GRABHAM.	Attwell Curnow Guihot Sharp Sparks Shumack
GUIHOT.	Berry Bennett Grabham Sharp Scott
HAMPTON	Sharp
HEMSWORTH.	Lawler McCarthy Montgomery Stait
LARKIN.	Ferguson Stait Wilkinson
LAWLER	Bolton Dibley Hemsworth Montgomery McKinnon Strickland
MARA	Berry Gant Sparks
MARTIN	Scott Titus Ryan
McCARTHY	Hemsworth
McCULLA.	Smith Sparks
McKINNON	Banning Ferguson Lawler Montgomery Parr Shumack
MONTGOMERY.	Barry Hemsworth Lawler Martin McKinnon Smith Stait Titus
MURRAY	Attwell Barry Shumack Sparks
NICHOLS	Case
PARR.	Archer McKinnon Smith
POYITT.	Armour Williams
RYAN	Martin
SCOTT	Berry Bennett Guihot Martin Sharp Shumack Titus
SHARP.	Bennett Dibley Grabham Guihot Hampton Scott Stait Strickland
SMITH.	Archer Barry Ferguson McCulla Montgomery
SPARKS	Barry Case Grabham Ferguson Mara McCulla Murry Shumack Smith Stait
SHUMACK.	Attwell Grabham McKinnon Murray Scott Stait
STAIT	Banning Bradley Larkin Sharp Sparks Shumack Titus Wilkinson
STRICKLAND	Dibley Gant Sharp
THOMAS.	Ferguson
THOMPSON.	
TITUS.	Martin Montgomery Stait
WILKINSON	Larkin
WILLIAMS.	Poyitt

ARCHER

1. **David Archer** b. 1819, Swindon Wil England, occupation Goldminer/ Farmer, m. 02-09-1839, in Caerleon WIs England, **Elizabeth Ann Andrews.** David died 23-01-1911, Bathurst, buried: Bathurst. Arrived Aust, 06-01-1853 per *"Rattler"*

Children:

2.	i	James Archer	b. 00-00-1834.	
3.	ii	John Archer	b. 17-11-1840.	
	iii	William Archer	b. 00-00-1843,	Stratton Wil England.
	iv	Thomas Archer	b. 00-00-1846,	Mdx England.
	v	Samuel Archer	b. 00-00-1849.	
4.	vi	Sarah (Sis) Archer	b. 00-00-1852.	
	vii	Joseph Archer	b. 00-00-1854,	Wattle Flat, occupation Gold miner on Turon, d. 09-08-1943, Molong, buried Molong (methodist). Land owner and lay preacher
5.	vii	Elizabeth Archer	b.02-04-1856.	

Second Generation

2. **James Archer** b. 1834, Marlbrough Wil England, m. 1858, in Vittoria, **Sarah Atkins.** James died 15-11-1915, Reedy Creek, buried: Reedy Creek.

Children:

	i	Charles Mason Archer	b. 25-07-1860.

3. **John Archer** b. 17-11-1840, Manmouth Mon Wis England, m. 16-02-1868, in Mudgee, **Sarah Ann Slapp.** John died 08-08-1916, Murga, buried: Murga.

Children:

6.	i	David John Archer	b. 17-01-1869.
7.	ii	Rebecca Sarah Archer	b. 28-09-1871.
8.	iii	Edith Archer	b. 07-10-1873.
9.	iv	Evalyn Jessy Archer	b. 10-07-1878.
10.	v	William Archer	b. 24-01-1882.
11.	vi	Frances May Archer	b. 15-08-1885.
12.	vii	Alice Lillian Archer	b. 04-02-1889.
13.	viii	Grace Ann Archer	b. 19-08-1892.

4. **Sarah (Sis) Archer** b. 1852, Hampstead Mdx England, m. 13-09-1879, in Reedy Creek, **Edward Maher.** Sarah died 11-03-1887, Reedy Creek, buried: Reedy Creek.

Children:

	i	David Bryce Maher	b. 19-03-1881, Orange.
	ii	Alice Louisa Maher	b. 22-05-1883, Reedy Creek.
	iii	Mary Anne Maher	b. 03-11-1886, Murga.

5. **Elizabeth Archer** b. 02-04-1856, Wattle Flat, m. (**1**) 1875, in Hartley, **William Parr,** m. (**2**) 1889, in Bathurst, **Robert McLeonard Smith**. Elizabeth died 18-10-1934, Dark Corner, buried: Dark Corner. William: **See Parr Tree** Robert: **See Smith Tree**

Children by William Parr:

	i	William Parr	b. 00-00-1876.
	ii	George Parr	b. 00-00-1878.
	iii	William Parr	b. 02-10-1880.
	iv	Ernest Edwin Parr	b. 00-00-1883.

Children by Robert McLeonard Smith:

v	Amy Alice Smith	b. 16-08-1889, Dark Corner, d. 23-10-1973, Port Kembla, buried: Wollongong (ashes).
vi	Robert Charles Smith	b. 06-05-1891, Dark Corner, d. 01-04-1964, Dark Corner, b. D C ashes
vii	Elsie McLeonard Smith	b. 06-09-1893, Dark Corner.
vii	Ada Ettie Smith	b. 04-08-1896, Dark Corner.
ix	Eric Archer Smith	b. 22-03-1899, Dark Corner, d. 18-10-1977, Bathurst, b Dark Corner.
x	Gordon Thomas Smith	b. 15-02-1902, Dark Corner, d. 00-00-1985, Bathurst.

Third Generation

6. **David John Archer** b. 17-01-1869, Orange, m. 18-09-1910, in Murga, **Mary Elizabeth Birch (Smith).** David died 14-02-1955, Eugowra, buried: Eugowra.

Children:

i	Sarah Eliza (Birdie) Archer.
ii	Zealer May Archer.
Iii	Mary Grace Archer.
iv	Ernest James Robert (Bob) Archer.
v	Jean Isobel Archer.
vi	Charles Edward Archer.

7. **Rebecca Sarah Archer** b. 28-09-1871, Rylstone, m. 10-04-1898, in Rylstone, **Robert Henry Milton**. Rebecca died 11-05-1954, Mudgee, buried: Mudgee.

Children:

i	Clyde Henry Milton	b. 04-01-1899, Mudgee.
ii	Harry Oliver Milton	b. 02-04-1904, Mudgee.
iii	Harvey Willis Milton	b. 02-04-1904, Mudgee.

8. **Edith Archer** b. 07-10-1873, Bathurst, m. 21-09-1899, in Mudgee, **Frederick John Wilton.** Edith d. 09-02-1965, Kogarah, b. Kogarah.

Children:

i	Freda M Wilton	b. 00-00-1900, Mudgee.
Ii	Frederick (John) Wilton	b. 23-12-1901, Mudgee.
iii	Daphne H Wilton	b. 22-02-1905, Mudgee.

9. **Evalyn Jessy Archer** b. 10-07-1878, Sunny Corner, m. 26-12-1898, in Hargraves, **Thomas James Milton**. Evalyn died 24-03-1899, Rylstone, buried: Mudgee.

Children:

i	Evalyn Milton	b. 19-03-1899, Mudgee.
ii	Jessy Milton	b. 19-03-1899, Mudgee.

10. **William Archer** b. 24-01-1882, Dark Corner, m. 24-02-1923, in Redfern, **Gladys Muriel Smith**. William died 27-07-1 955, Forbes, buried: Eugowra.

Children:

i	Gladys Archer.
ii	Edward John Archer.
iii	Betty Joan Archer.

11. **Frances May Archer** b. 15-08-1885, Sandy Creek, m. (**1**) 14-12-1905, in Orange, **Walter William Genge**, m. (**2)**17-03-1911, in Canowindra, **John Ingram (Jack) Genge**. Frances died 30-08-1986, Canowindra.

Children by Walter William Genge:

i	Herbert William Genge	b. 15-07-1907, Parkes.

Children by John Ingram (Jack) Genge:

ii Helene Grace Genge.
iii Doris May Genge.
iv Leslie John Genge.
v Alexander (Alex) Albert Genge.

12. **Alice Lillian Archer** b. 04-02-1889, Rylstone, m. 08-09-1909, in Parkes, **William John Bentley.**
Alice died 31-10-1975, Springwood, buried: Eastern Creek.

Children:

i Violet Daisy Lily Bentley b. 07-06-1910.
ii Alma Hope Bentley.
iii Stanley John Bentley.
iv Alvin Earnest Bentley.
v Thelma Jean Bentley.
vi Nellie Irene Bentley.
vii Edna Joyce Bentley.

13. **Grace Ann Archer** b. 19-08-1892, Rylstone, m. 02-08-1924, in Cudal, **William Alfred Chatman**.
Grace died 30-07-1976, Parkes.

Children:

i William John Chatman.
ii Leonard James Chatman.
iii Delma Ada Chatman.

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ARMOUR

I. **Samuel Armour** He married **Agnes Ann Peel**

Children:

2. i. Samuel Armour b. 15-04-1833.
3. ii. Mary Jane Armour b. 02-11-1834.
iii. Elizabeth Armour b. 00-00-1840 in Wisemans Ferry. She married David Gould Poyitt , 05-06-1862 in Bathurst. Elizabeth died 07-11-1907 in Leichardt. **See Poyitt Tree**
4. iv. Isabella Armour b. 00-00-1842.
5. v. Sarah Ann Armour b. 00-00-1848.

Generation Two

2. **Samuel Armour** b. 15-04-1833 in Dow Ireland. He married **Harriet (Fanny) Taylor** 01-10-18?? in Sofala. Samuel died 14-03-1904 in Nt Sydney.

Children:

6. i. Harriet Agnes Armour b. 07-04-1860.
ii. Samuel Armour, b. 00-00-1862 in Bathurst. He married Thirza Mellor 1921 in St Leonards. Samuel died 03-01- I93I in Limekilns.
iii. William Edwin Armour. b. 00-00-1864 in Orange.
iv. AlfredArmour b. 26-06-1867 in Orange.
v. James Baynes Armour , b. 00-00-1869 in Orange.
vi. Charles Edgar Armour b. 00-00-1871 in Orange.
vii. Ada Beatrice Armour, b. 12-11-1874 in Limekilns.
viii. Arthur R Armour , b. 00-00-1877 in Windsor.
ix. FannyLouisaArrnour, b. 00-00-1879 in Windsor.

3. **Mary Jane Armour** b. 02-11-1834 in Ireland. She married (**1**) **James McGrath** , 26-01-1853 in Windsor, b. 1824 in Windsor, d. I859 in Mc Graths Hill. She m (**2**) **Robert Drew** , 15-05-1862 in Bathurst, b. 18-10-1839 in Chatham Kent England, d. 12-09-1897 in Sydney. Mary died 13-04-1910 in Nt Sydney.

Children by James McGralh:

i.	JamesArmourMcGrath	b.14-12-1854 in Windsor.
ii.	William George Mc Grath	b. 00-00-1856 in Windsor.
iii.	Angus Elizabeth McGrath,	b. 00-00-1856 in Windsor.

Children by Robert Drew:

iv.	Amelia J Drew ,	b. 00-00-1863 in Bathurst.
v.	Isabella Drew	b. 00-00-1865 in Bathurst.
vi.	John A Drew	b. 00-00-1868 in Windsor.
vii.	Maud M Drew,	b. 00-00-1870 in Windsor.
viii.	Mary A Drew	b. 00-00-1872 in Bathurst.
ix.	Minnie Louisa Drew	b. 00-00-1874 in Bathurst.
x.	Robert B Drew ,	b. 00-00-1877 in Windsor.
xi.	Orwell Augustus McGrath Drew	b. 04-05-1879 in McGraths Hill.

4. Isabella Armour , b. 1842 in Windsor. She married **Ebenezer Davis** , 20-04-1865 in Sofala,
b. 31-10-1841 in Bathurst (son of Ebenezer Davis and Louisa Vailce Brairley,
d. 11-11-1917 in Bathurst. Isabella died 16-09-1912 in Mosman.

Children:

i.	Agnes Maud Mary Davis	b. 23-02-1866 in Bathurst.
ii.	Ebenezer Bathurst Davis	b. 04-09-1867 in Bathurst.
iii.	Louisa Rosalind Davis ,	b. 15-07-1869 in Bathurst.
iv.	Walter George Davis ,	b. 04-11-187I in Kings Plains.
v.	Harold Ernest Davis	b. 12-08-1873 in Kings Plains.
vi.	Arthur Wentworth Davis ,	b. 09-04-1875 in Fitzgerald Mount.
vii.	Miriam May Davis ,	b. 06-04-1877 in Kings Plains.
viii.	Olando Bede Davis	b. 30-08-1879 in Kings Plains.
ix.	Oswald Armour Davis	b. 30-09-1881 in Kings Plains.
x.	Percy Bates Davis	b. 10-08-1882 in Kings Plains.

5. Sarah Ann Armour , b. 1848. She married **James Lewis Attwell** , 1868 in Sydney. Sarah died 1930 in Redfern. **See Attwell Tree**

Children:

i.	Arthur J Attwell	b. 00-00-1869 in Windsor.
ii.	George A Attwell	b. 00-00-1871 in Bathurst.
iii.	Leonard Attwell	b. 00-00-1872 in Bathurst.
iv,	Sarah Edith Attwell	b. 00-00-1875 in Bathurst.
v.	James Attwell	b. 00-00-1877 in Bathurst.
vi.	Agnes Peel Attwell	b. 00-00-1880 in Bathurst.
vii.	Amy I Attwell	b. 00-00-1883 in East Macquarie.
viii.	Mary E Attwell	b. 00-00-1888 in Sunny Corner.
ix.	Samuel A Attwell	b. 00-00-1891 in Sunny Corner.

Generation Three

6. **Harriet Agnes Armour** b. 07-04-1860 in Sofala. married **Henry Green** 1882 in Windsor.

Children:

i.	Harry Green	b. 01-11-1883 in Windsor.
ii.	Annie Green	b. 26-02-1885.
iii.	Alfred Green	b. 00-00-1887 in St Leonards.
iv.	Charles C Green	b. 07-11-1888 in St Leonards.
v.	Arthur I Green	b. 17-08-1890 in St Leonards.
vi.	Frederick B Green	b. 00-00-1892 in St Leonards.
vii.	Harriett Green	b. 31-08-1894 in Mosman.
viii.	Bertie Green	b. 10-05-1897.
ix.	John Green	b. 00-00-1903 in St Leonards.

ATTWELL

I. **Abraham Attwell** He married **Sarah**

Children:

2. i. James Louis Attwell b. 1838.

Generation Two

2. James Louis Attwell, b. 1838 in England, d. 02-06-1920 in Sunny Corner, buried in Sunny Corner. He married **Sarah Ann Armour** 1868, b. 1848, d. 20-09-1934 in Woollahra, b; -09-1934 in Sunny Corner. **see Armour Tree**

Children:

3. i. Arthur J Attwell b. 1869.
4. ii. GeorgeAAttwell b. 1871.
iii. Leonard J Attwell, b. 1871 in Bathurst, d. 14-08-1916 in KIA France.
5. iv. Sarah Edith Attwell b. 1875.
v. James Attwell, b. 1877 in Bathurst.
vi. Agnes Peel Attwell b. 1880 in Bathurst. She married Isaac W Foggatt 1904
vii. Amy I Attwell b. 1883 in East Macquarie. She m Alfred Knight 1904
viii. Mary E Attwell, b. 1888 in Mitchell.
ix. Samuel A Attwell, b. 1891 in Sunny Corner, d. 03-02-1892 in Sunny Corner,
x. Gertrude Attwell.

Generation Three

3. **Arthur J Attwell** b. 1869 in Windsor, d. 07-07-1919 in Sunny Corner. Sept 1913 became Post Master@ West Mitchell. After his death the West Mitchell P.O. closed. He married **Bridget. E. Murray**1903, b. 1879, d. 01-03-1919 in Sunny Corner, buried in Kirkconnell. Bridget: Daug of John Murray owner Tattersalls Hotel S C.

Children:

i. Doris M Attwell, d. 15-08-1935 in Lithgow, buried in Kirkconnell.
ii. Elsie. V. M. Attwell, b. 1903. Post Mistress at Sunny Corner 19-04-1923 to 1940. Then done relief at Lithgow, Orange and other P.Os.
iii. John. (Jack). M. Attwell, b. 1905. Started as mailman on Sunny Corner to Palmers Oakey, very young, then others, plus bus run. He married Mary L Ray 1931 in Lithgow.
iv. Rita, C, Attwell, b. 1907, d. 00-12-1961 in Sunny Corner. Postmistress at Sunny Corner 1940 till her death Dec 1961.
v. Margaret A Attwell, b. 1911, d. 07-01-1922 in Lithgow Hospital from burns, at Newens, buried in Kirkconnell.
vi. Florence S Attwell, b. 1914. She married John J Schmidt 1933 in Bathurst.
vii. James Lewis.Attuell, b. 04-01-1917 in Sunny Corner. Went to WW2, Joined in Q. NX150055. On return became mailman in Sunny Corner area.

4. George A Attwell, b. 1871 in West Mitchell, d. 14-06-1917 in Sunny Corner. He m **Minnie Symons** 1900, d. 24-04-1937 in Ryde. Minnie: Father John Walter. Mother Mary Ann.

Children:

i. Maude A Attwell, b. 1906. She married Neville J Goldstein 1929.
ii. George Walter Attwell, b. 03-12-1912 in Sunny Corner. Went to WW2, Joined in WA.NX156772.

5. **Sarah Edith Attwell**, b. 1875 in West Mitchell, d. 1955. She married **John (Jack) Grabham** 1897 in Bathurst, b. 1868, d. 29-04-1922, buried in Dark Corner. John: Engine driver. **see Grabham Tree**

Children:

i. Leslie Jack Grabham, b. 1898, d. 195l in Palmers Oakey.
ii. Mabel E Grabharn, b. 1901.
iii. Allan Keith Grabham, b. 1908.
iv. James Dudley Grabham, d. aged 72.

BARRY

Simon Barry was born in New Brunswick, Canada in 1821. **Bridget Kelly** was born in Clifden, County Galway,Ireland in 1821. In 1842 Simon Barry m Bridget Kelly in Clifden, their first child Catherine was born there in 1842. Simon his wife Bridget and their seven year old daughter Catherine arrived in Australia in 23-5-1849 aboard the "Agenoria". Also on board was Bridgets sister Catherine who married John Sparks. Simon purchased and farmed 240 acres of land at Tyndals Flat near Sunny Corner. **see Sparks Tree**
In Australia they had six more children:-

	i	Patrick	1850	
	ii	Thomas	1851	
	iii	Simon	1853	
2	iv	Margaret	1854	
3	v	Simon Joseph	1856	Windburndale Creek
	vi	Bridget	1862	

Bridget died in 1881, aged 60. Simon died in 1896 aged 75. They were both buried at Kirkconnell

2 Margaret Barry born 1854. Margaret married **John Murray** in 1876 at St Mary's Kirkconnell. John Murray was born 1849 the son of James and Mary Ann (Farmer) Murray who had donated the land for St Mary's church and churchyard. In 1877 Margaret and Charles Murray were the witnesses from the marriage of Mary Ann Murray and John Wade. Margaret and John had five children:

i	Mary Ann	b 1877	
ii	Margaret Therese	b 1881	
iii	Catherine L	b 1881	
iv	James	b 1882	died 1882
v	John C	b 1885	

John Murray died at Newnes in 1923 and Margaret (77) died in 1932 at her son's residence in Neubeck Street Lidsdale. John and Margaret are both buried at St Mary's.

3. Simon Joseph Barry, b.1856, d. 26-08-1931. m. **Annie Ferguson** b. 22-05-1860, Palmers Oakey, m. 21-05-1883, in Bathurst, Annie died 23-07-1908, buried Kirkconnell. Simon Joseph: Called himself Samuel Berry, children reg as Berry**.** Annie **See Ferguson Tree**

Children:

	i	Bridget E Barry	b. 13-11-1883,	d. 00-00-1890.
	ii	Samuel John Barry	b. 26-04-1885,	d. 24-01-1886.
4	iii	Emily Jane Barry	b. 10-04-1886.	
5	iv	Samuel Joseph Barry	b. 22-11-1887.	
	v	Walter C Barry	b. 00-00-1889, Tuena.	
6	vi	Margaret Mary Barry	b. 20-05-1890.	
7.	vii	Olive D Barry	b. 00-00-1890	

4. Emily Jane Barry b. 10-04-1886, m. 1905, in Wallerawang, **Thomas James Carter**, b. 25-06-1885, d.11-09-1957. Emily died 26-04-1943, Portland.

Children:

160.	i	Thomas John Carter	b. 21-09-1906.	
161.	ii	William Carter	b. 00-00-1908,	d. 1958.
162.	iii	Harold Carter	b. 00-00-1909,	d. 1983.

5 Samuel Joseph Barry, b. 22-11-1887,Bobs Creek m **Isabella Mary Smith** b. 19-08-1889, Mitchells Creek, m. 1916, in Portland, Isabella **see Smith Tree**

Children:

8.	i	Alan Samuel Barry	b. 02-02-1923.

6. Margaret Mary Barry b. 20-05-1890, Tuena, m. 09-08-1912, in Sydney, **William Edward Montgomery**, b. 1889, Parramatta, d. 15-06-1961. Margaret died 1927. **See Montgomery Tree**

Children:

i	William F Montgomery	b. 20-02-1912.
ii	James Henry Montgomery	b. 10-05-1913.
iii	Walter Charles Montgomery.	

iv	Victor Albert Montgomery	b. 00-00-1916,	d. 1973.
v	Walter Ernest Montgomery	b. 01-05-1922.	
vi	Gloria Margaret Montgomery	b. 17-03-1925.	
vii	Harold Francis Montgomery	b. 00-00-1927,	d. 1927.

7. **Olive D Barry** b. 1890, Rockdale, m. 1911, in Rockdale, **Hercules G Latham**.

Children:

i	Olive E Latham	b. 1912, Broken Hill.

8 **Alan Samuel Barry** b. 02-02-1923, m. (1) **Shirley Veronica Lambert**, m. (2) **Ivy Teong**.

Children by Shirley Veronica Lambert:

i Margaret Maree Barry
ii Glen Samuel Barry



BENNETT

I. **Samuel Bennett** He married **Mary**

Children:

2. i. Charles Bennett

Generation Two

2. **Charles Bennett**, baptized 04-08-1802 in Bristol, England, occ. Dairyman. He married **Margaret Gannon**, 13-09-1830 in St Peters Campbelltown. Charles died 23-10-1839 in Dapto, buried: in Dapto C of E. Convict, arrived on the "*Mary*" 23-02-1822. 7 years for larceny at Wiltshire Assizes. He was 5 feet 3¼ ins tall, pock marked, brown hair, hazel eyes, occupation "cowboy" from Somersetshire. Ticket of leave 27/384 on 27-07-1827. Cert. of freedom 18-07-1828. Margaret: Convict, arrived on the "*Asia*" 13-02-1830. 7 years (2 former convictions) for robbing her employer. From County Meath, Ireland, 5 feet 1¼ ins tall, ruddy & freckled complexion.

Children:

	i.	John Bennett	b. 09-11-1832.	
	ii.	Ann Bennett	b. 00-00-1834.	She m. William Crisp 1851.
3.	iii.	James Bennett	b. 10-04-1836.	
4.	iv.	William Bennett	b. 03-04-1837.	

Generation Three

3. James Bennett b. 10-04-1836. He married **Elizabeth Foley** 1859 in Berrima.

Children:

	i.	Margaret Bennett,	b. 00-00-1861 in Wollongong.
	ii.	Charles J Bennett	b. 00-00-1863 in Berrima.
	iii.	Mary A Bennett	b. 00-00-1865 in Berrima.
	iv.	Elizabeth Bennett	b. 00-00-1868 in Berrima.

4. William Bennett, b. 03-04-1837 in Wollongong. He married **Charlotte Madaline Paton**, 1862 in Berrima R.C., b. 1842 in Parramatta (daughter of John William Paton), d. 22-08-1897 in Dark Corner. William died 22-08-1897 in Dark Corner.

Children:

	i.	William Charles Bennett	b. 00-00-1863 in Throsby Park Bong Bong, d. 08-04-1941
	ii.	James Bennett	b. 00-00-1865.
5.	iii.	Isabella Mary (Bella) Bennett	b. 00-00-1867.
6.	iv.	Charlotte Victoria Bennett	b. 03-03-1869.
	v.	George Bennett	b. 00-00-1873.
7.	vi.	John Thomas Bennett	b. 10-02-1873.
	vii.	Margaret Bennett	b. 00-00-1877, d. 1890 in Dark Corner. Unmarried.
8.	viii.	Edward James (Ted) Bennett	b. 04-04-1879.
9.	ix.	Sidney Percy (Sam) Bennett	b. 06-03-1881.
I0.	x.	Ellen E (Nell) Bennett	b. 00-00-1883.
11.	xi.	Wilhelmina Bridget (Winnie) Bennett	b. 00-00-1886.
12.	xii.	Amelia Violet (Milly) Bennett	b. 00-00-1888.
13.	xiii.	Ida Ethel (Doll) Bennett	b. 00-00-1892.

5. Isabella Mary (Bella) Bennett, b. 1867. m **William Dunn** 1886 (son of Martin Dunn and Margaret Shumack). **see Shumack Tree**

Children:

	i.	Alice Elizabeth Dunn	b. 15-07-1886, baptized 15-02-1887.

6. Charlotte Victoria Bennett b. 03-03-1869 in Moss Vale. She married **Charles Edwards** 26-05-1887 in St Michael & John Bathurst, b. 08-05-1853 in O'Connell, d. 03-11-1938 in Bathurst. Charlotte died 19-07-1963 in Bathurst.

Children:

14.	i.	Charles William Edwards	b. 27-05-1888.
	ii.	Eva May Edwards	b. 01-12-1890 in Brown's Hill. She married Gordon Mason d. 21-10-1957. Eva died 1l-08-1987 in Bathurst.
15.	iii.	Victor Charles Edwards	b. 20-02-1893.
	iv.	Hannah Edwards	b. 00-00-1895, d. 00-00-1895.
16.	v.	Harold John Edwards	b. 24-04-1897.
	vi.	Charlotte Amelia (Tip) Edwards	b. 29-08-1900 in Napoleon Reef. She married Lawrence Charles Wray, 27-07-1940.

7. John Thomas Bennett b. 10-02-1873, occupation Farmer. He married **Mary Stoddart** John died I0-09-192l

Children:

	i.	Charlotte Bennet.
	ii,	Jack Bennett
	iii,	Allan Bennett
	iv.	Jessie Bennett
	v.	Kath Bennett
	vi.	Margaret Bennett
	vii.	Molly Bennett

8. **Edward James (Ted) Bennett** b. 04-04-1879 in Dark Corner, occ. Farmer. m.**Ada Mary Ellen Knight**, 1902, b. 1882 in Hill End (daughter of John Knight and Mary A J Hodge), d. 27-05-1962 in Dark Corner. Edward d. 11-09-1950 in Dark Corner, b. in Dark Corner.

Children:

	i.	Dorothy Bennett	b. 00-00-1905 in Dark Corner. She married Arthur Wood-1927 in Lithgow.
17.	ii.	William J Bennett	b. 00-00-1907.
	iii.	Trine M Bennett	b. 00-00-1909 in Dark Corner.
18.	iv.	James Edward (Ned) Bennett	b. 03-10-1911.
	v.	Henry G (Harry) Bennett	b. 00-00-1914 in Dark Corner. m. Ettie Agnes Wade, 1939
	vi.	Edwin Bennett	b. 00-00-1916 in Paddington.
19.	vii.	Albert Joseph (Bert) Bennett.	

9. **Sidney Percy (Sam) Bennett** b. 06-03-1881. m **Kathleen Mary Connerly** 1905. died 30-09-1944 in Cobar.

Children:

i.	Kathleen Bennett	b. 00-00-1909.
ii.	William Bennett	b. 00-00-1911.
iii.	Camillas Bennett	b. 00-00-1917.

10. **Ellen E (Nell) Bennett**, b. 1883. She married **John R McLeay** 1909 in Cobar.

Children:

20.	i.	Bruce P McLeay	b. 00-00-1906.
	ii.	John S McLeay,	b. 00-00-1909 in Cobar.
	iii.	Douglas Charles (Dud) McLeay	b. 00-00-1912 in Cobar. He married Rita Guihot 1937 in Portland. **see Guihot Tree**
	iv.	Harold Thomas McLeay	b. 00-00-1913 in Cobar.

11. **Wilhelmina Bridget (Winnie) Bennett** b. 1886. She married **James Shanahan** Wilhelmina died 29-09-1973 in Brisbane.

Children:

i.	Mary Shanahan
ii.	William Shanahan

12. **Amelia Violet (Milly) Bennett**, b. 1888. She married **Thomas Fitzgerald** b. 01-11-1887, d. 12-11-1958. Amelia died 29-12-1965.

Children:

i.	Patrick Fitzgerald	
ii.	Daphne Fitzgerald	She married Alan Casey, d 1987.
iii.	Elizabeth (Betty) Fitzgerald	

13. **Ida Ethel (Doll) Bennett** b. 1892. She married **John Patrick (Boxer Jack) Tobin** 10-01-1910 in Bathurst, b. 04-12-1886 in Limekilns (son of James Patrick Tobin and Martha Agnes Kearney), d. 28-07-1963 in Bathurst, buried: 30-07-1963 in Bathurst. Ida died 03-01-1962.

Children:

21.	i.	Ida Lillian Tobin	b. 00-00-1910.
22.	ii.	William J Tobin	b. 00-00-1912.
23.	iii.	Leslie John Tobin	b. 08-08-1914.
	iv.	Mavis I Tobin	b. 00-00-1916 in Chatswood M. Athol Alan Grayson1942.
24.	v.	Edward Charles Tobin	b. 00-00-1918.
25.	vi.	Ronald Ivan Tobin	b. 00-00-1920.
	vii.	Mervyn Douglas Tobin.	He m. (**1**) **Bessie Crowley**. He m. (**2**) **Peggy**
26.	viii.	Audrey Ethel Tobin .	

Generation Five

14. **Charles William Edwards** b. 27-05-1888 in Glanmire. He married **Ruby Paterson** b. 09-04-1891, d. 15-07-1979. Charles died 26-06-1963 in Bathurst.

Children:

27.	i.	Marjorie Ruby Edwards	b. 08-09-1916.
28.	ii.	RonaldCharlesEdwards	b. 13-05-1918.

15. **Victor Charles Edwards** b. 20-02-1893 in Brown's Hill. He married **Myra Ellen Howard** 28-03-1917
Children:

i. Gwen Victoria Edwards b. 11-01-1918 in Bathurst. She married John Brisbane Bedwell, 23-12-1939 in All Saints Bathurst.
ii. Eunice Betty Edwards b. 11-08-1920 in Bathurst. She married Robert Ashton Taylor 07-10-1946 in All Saints Bathurst.
iii. Nola May Edwards b. 14-02-1922 in Bathurst. She married Ronald Keith Wood 01-03-1946 in All Saints Bathurst.
iv. Victor James (Jim) Edwards, b. 24-02-1925. He married Jean Sinclair Smith 07-01-1950 in Epping, b. 1925, d. 1983.

16. **Harold John Edwards**, b. 24-04-1897 in Napoleon Reef He m. **Isabella Doris Fitzpatrick** 06-09-1917, b. 08-09-1900, d. 10-09-1962. Harold died 12-10-1982 in Bathurst.
Children:

29. i. Vivian John Edwards b. 11-09-1919.
30. ii. Patricia Doris Edwards

17. William J Bennett b. 1907 in Dark Corner. He m. **Frances E Wade** , 1928 in Portland.
Children:

i. Laurie Bennett
ii. Iris Bennett. She married ? Polkinholm

18. James Edward (Ned) Bennett b. 03-10-1911 in Dark Corner, occ Farm hand. mailman, farmer. He married **Ruby Stella Hyde** 1937 in Portland, b. 19-01-1917 in Redfern, d. 19-05-1997 in Portland, buried: 21-05-1997 in Capertee. James died 24-05-1981 in Capertee, buried: in Capertee.
Children:

31. i. Terry Bennett
32. ii. Arthur Thomas (Jim) Bennett

19. **Albert Joseph (Bert) Bennett** occupation Farmer. He married **June Kerr**, 1939
Children:

i. Bert Bennett
33. ii. Raymond John Bennett
iii. Diane Bennett

20. Bruce P Mc Leay b 1906 in Nyngan, m **Rube Hunter**18-06-1930 in Portland, b. 1908. Bruce died 29- l0-1993
Children:

i. Beryl McLeay
ii. Bruce Jr. McLeay
iii. Ronald McLeay

21. **Ida Lillian Tobin** b. 1910 in Bathurst. m. **Roy Joseph Glazebrook**, 1928 b. 1900.
Children:

i. Maxwell Roy Glazebrook d. 00-00-1936 in Bathurst.

22. William J Tobin b. 1912 in St Marys. M (**I**) **Vera Whalan**. He married (**2**) **Quinnie**
Children by Vera Whalan:

34. i. Kevin Tobin

23. **Leslie John Tobin** b. 08-08-1914 m **Joan Elizabeth Ahearn**, 23-01-1937. Leslie died 1999.
Children:

i. Leo Patrick Tobin d. 31-03-1941.
ii. Anthony John Tobin He married Faye Gaynor O'Connor Anthony died 26-12-1980.
iii. Barry James Tobin ,. He married Patricia Ann Alderson
iv. Brian Maxwell Tobin He married June Rose Kellahan .
v. Ian Leslie Tobin . He married Valerie Carr

24. **Edward Charles Tobin**, b. 1918 in Penrith. He married **Alice Ester Jones** 1939
Children:

i.	Faye Tobin.	She married Malcolm Gherkin
ii.	Jeanette Tobin.	Died at birth.
iii.	Maureen Tobin	She married Geoffery Clark
iv.	Edward Tobin	He married Doreen Kellahan

25. **Ronald Ivan Tobin** b. -1920. M.(**1**) **Edna Jean Sargent**, 1939 in Bathurst. m. (**2**) **Fay Johnson**
Children by Edna Jean Sargent:

i.	Wayne Tobin	He married Pam Mooney

26. Audrey Ethel Tobin She married **Keith Sargent**
Children:

i.	Robert Sargent.	He married Vicki Kable
ii.	John Sargent	He married Ann Whalan
iii.	Michael Sargent	He married Maree Pymie
iv.	Patricia Sargent	She married Alfred Baldock
v.	Kay Sargent	She married Paul Richards

Generation Six

27. Majorie Ruby Edwards, b. 08-09-1916. She Married **Henry Smith** , 13-9-1947
Children:

i.	Raymond Henry Smith
ii.	Paul Charles Smith

28. **Ronald Charles Edwards** b. 13-05-1918. M. (**1**) **Bernice Dunne** d. 1968. (**2**) **Grezel Harrison Mathie**
Children by Bernice Dunne:

i.	Roslyn Bernice Edwards
ii.	Geoffery Ronald Edwards
iii.	Judith Muriel Edwards
iv.	Harler Paterson Edwards

29. Vivian John Edwards b. 11-09-1919. He married **Wilma Eagleson**, 19-09-1941.Vivian died 28-08-1962.
Children:

	i.	David John Edwards
35.	ii.	Garry Edwards

30. **Patricia Doris Edward** She married **Wal Ezzy**
Children:

i.	Jennifer Ann Ezzy
ii.	John Michael Ezzy

31. Terry Bennett He married **Carol Ryan** Terry died 01-12-2003
Children:

i.	Jaemie Bennett

32. Arthur Thomas (Jim) Bennett He married **Elizabeth Kay Ford** 28-08-1965
Children:

36.	i.	PatrickArthurBennett
37.	ii.	Dallas James Bennett

33. Raymond John Bennett He married **Margaret Rose Scott**
Children:

i.	Gregory Bennett
ii.	Timothy Bennett
iii.	Trevor Bennett

34. Kevin Tobin He married **Enid**
Children:

i.	Kristen Tobin
ii.	Shevaun Tobin.
iii.	Mark Tobin
iv.	Elizabeth Tobin

Generation Seven

35. Garry Edwards He married **Barbara Zoric**
Children:

i.	David Edwards

36. Patrick Arthur Bennett He married **Narelle Gai Toyer**, 26-01-1994
Children:

i. Emily Grace Bennett
ii. Lucy Elizabeth Bennett

37. Dallas James Bennett He married **Susan Donna Dixon** 15-02-1997
Children:

i. Hayley Elizabeth Bennett
ii. Ryan James Bennett

CASE



Frederick John (Jack Case) and Virginia Ellen (Nell) Sparks wedding photo 1907

Fredrick John Case

Born 20 January 1882 at Thorps Pinch near Lithgow. John was the 3rd child of John Case and Martha Louise (nee Knight) Case who had a farm at Thorps Pinch (Mt Lambie) near Lithgow. There were 6 boys and 4 girls in the family.

As a boy Jack travelled the countryside with his father to operate a thrashing machine for wheat and oats. Together they carted grain to Bathurst for milling and as was the custom at the time frequently received payment in flour and bran.

By the age of 10 he was driving a team between the Sunny Corner Goldfield and the railhead at Rydal and became well known to many of the families living in the district.

About 1901, when he was about 18, John moved into Lithgow to work when the town still had many whitewashed shacks and or houses, dirt roads intersected by numerous tracks, plenty of trees and large areas of scrub which are now thickly populated residential areas. He worked in the smelting sheds at the ironworks until about 1910.

At the time of his marriage to Virginia Ellen Sparks 30 April 1907 John was 25 and a Fireman in Lithgow.

In about 1910 John set up as a general carrier of goods, coal, bricks and sand. He was probably the last operative teamster in Lithgow and for years was a familiar figure with horses and drays.

During his time in Lithgow John was an early member of the Lithgow Cooperative Society, the Workman's Club, and the Druids' Lodge.

In 1930-32 when the great depression damaged all types of businesses he left Lithgow and moved to the farm on the Portland Road Meadow Flat which was later called "Gatleigh Park". He cultivated and improved the farm and the sheep flocks. During the time farming John suffered ill health. In the school holidays his son Jack, a school teacher would visit the farm with his family and help with the farm work. Toward the end of Jack and Ellen's time at Meadow Flat Jack would also travel to the farm on weekends to help. In the late forties John asked his son Jack to take over the farm.
This request caused a lot of sleepless nights for Jack and Dolcie as Jack's teaching career was progressing very well and they had made their life in Sydney. Jack decided to remain in the teaching service. The wool sold in 1951 brought high prices and provided money to move to Sydney closer to health care.
In 1951 John and Ellen transferred the farm to their son Alister Case and moved to the house on five acres in Jasper Road Baulkham Hills.
John died 19 December 1956 aged 74 years at his home in Baulkham Hills shortly after an operation for liver cancer at Famenorth Hospital, Kengington. John is buried at Mt Lambie Church of England cemetery.

Virginia Ellen Sparks **see Sparks Tree.**

Born 13 August 1881 at Palmers Oakey where she lived with her parents John Benjamin Sparks and Mary (nee Ferguson) Sparks. Her father John was a farmer and had been born at 'Winburndale' nearPeel. Mary had been born at Palmers Oakey. Family history says the family was wealthy but John lost his money gambling on horses. The family moved initially to Hartley then Airly. To help the family Ellen became a seamstress.
In her teens Ellen lived at Airly where her father probably mined for gold or worked in the recovery of kerosene (oil) shale or *torbanite*. Transport of the shale to the nearby railway was initially handled by a system of roads and horse tramways, but with increased production and the establishment of an oil works at Torbane, some spectacular cable haulage inclines were employed to cross Airly Mountain.
On Ellen's marriage certificate her father is listed as a miner at Airly.
Ellen was married to John Fredrick Case on the 30 April 1907 at St Pauls Church Lithgow. This was the old Church of England in Naomi Street which is now offices. Ellen's occupation is shown as home duties. At the time she was living with her parents at Airly near Capertee where her father was a miner. The witnesses were John Sparks (Ellen's father) and Martha Case (John's mother)

Children

1 Frederick John Case b. 25-10-1907 d. 9-2-1977
2 Allister George Case b. 1909 d. 9-12-1994

1 Frederick John Case b. 25-10-1907 d. 9-2-1977 m. 19-12-1935
Dolcie Linda May Nichols. b. 1-8-1902 d. 5-4-1978. **see Nichols Tree**

children:

1 Robin Case
2 Jillian Francis Case

1 Robin Case married Laurance Bishop

children:

3 John Barnard Bishop
4 Linda Roslyn Bishop
5 Margaret Robin Bishop

3 John Barnard Bishop married Anne Elizabeth Bollard. John and Anne divorced

children:

Stephen Robert Bishop
Denial Laurence Bishop

4 Linda Roslyn Bishop married Michael Edward O'Neill

children

Joshua Matthew O'Neill
Kate Ashleigh Robin O'Neill

5 Margaret Robin Bishop married David Robert Withers. Margaret and David divorced

Robert Laurence Withers
Mark Geoffrey Withers

2 Jillian Francis Case married Charles Hastings Martin

children

6 Elisabeth Anne Louise Martin
7 Andrew Gordon Martin

6 Elisabeth Anne Louise Martin married John Nadalutti

children:

Isabella Emily Nadalutti b. 17 March 2000
James Dorio Nadalutti b. 1 June 2002

7 Andrew Gordon Martin married Leonie Walter
children:
Hugh Martin
Brigitte Martin

Fredrick John Case (Jack)

Born 25.10.07, at 36 Laidley Street Morts Estate Lithgow - mother Virginia Ellen Sparks 26 years of Sunny Corner, father John Fredrick Case Fireman (Smelting Works) 25 years.
Parents married 30 April 1907 in Lithgow
Jack attended Oakey park Public School then went to the town school where he won a bursary and completed his formal education at Petersham.
At the age of 17½ on 31 May 1924 Jack was offered scholarship for 12 months training at the Sydney Training College for Small School Teachers 16 June 1924 - May 1924. The scholarship included £30 per annum with a grant for text books and an additional £20 for students who had to board away.

Dolcie Linda May Nichols married to Fredrick John Case on 19.12.1936 at Petersham by Rev. CE Adams. **See Nichols Tree**.
On the 23.2.1937 Jack and Dolcie went to Sofala Public School as teacher. Salary £288 from 1.1.1944
The average attendance at the school in 1940 was 20 from 25 enrolments. Jack would have the boys attending their garden plots each day. Dolcie taught the girls sewing once a week.

In the late forties Jack took over the farm, Gatleigh Park. As Jack's teaching career was progressing very well and they had made their life in Sydney. Jack decided to remain in the teaching service. The wool sold in 1951 brought high prices and provided money to move to Sydney closer to health care.



Jack and Dolcie.

2 Alister George Case was born 1909. Alister was a carpenter and spent many years in Lithgow and the Mt Lambie area as a carrier. In 1955 Alister married **Mirrie Florence May Smith** in Bathurst and they lived on the farm Gatleigh Park at Meadow Flat. Mirrie was born 14 April 1913.
After selling the farm Alister and Mirrie lived at 1 Rickard Street The Entrance where he worked as a labourer in the building industry for eight years till he retired.
Alister died 9 December 1994 aged 85 years.

CURNOW

I. **Thomas Curnow** d. 1643 in Towednack, Cornwell.
Children:
2 i. Robert Curnow

Generation Two

2. **Robert Curnow** d. 1885. He married **Catherine**
Children:
3 i. Robert Curnow

Generation Three

3. **Robert Curnow** He married **Wilmot Rosewall,** 1693 in Towednack.
Children:
4 i. Robert Curnow

Generation Four

4. **Robert Curnow** He married **Margaret Limbery** 1745.
Children:
5 i. Stephen Curnow b. 1755.

Generation Five

5. **Stephen Curnow** b. 1755, d. 1837. m **Margaret Tyacke** 1793 in Towednack, b. in St. Ives, d. 1857
Children:

6	i.	Stephen Curnow	b. 1793,	d. 1847.
7	ii.	Wilmot Curnow,	b. 1796.	
8	iii.	MargaretCurnow	b. 1798.	
9	iv.	Elizabeth Curnow	b. 1802.	
IO	v.	Robert Curnow	b. 1805.	
11	vi.	Andrew Curnow	b. 1808,	d. 1853.
12	vii.	Mary Curnow	b. 1809.	
13	viii. .	John Curnow	b. 1813;	d. 1844.

Generation Six

I0. **Robert Curnow** b. 1805, d. 1856. m. **Elizabeth (Betsy) Quick,** 1829 Crippleseasе,b. 1801 St. Just, d.1884. ·
Children:

14	i.	Elizabeth Curnow	b. 1829.	
15	ii.	Robert Curnow	b. 1831.	
16	iii.	Stephen Curnow	b. 1833.	
17	iv.	John Curnow,	b. 1834,	d. 1898.
18	v.	Wilmont Quick Curnow	b. 1836.	
19	vi.	Andrew Curnow	b. 1838,	d. 1897, buried in Waverley. He married (**I**) **Mary Jane Shumack** 1877 in Sunny Corner, d. 1879. He married (**2**) **Laura Ellen Eve** 1891 in Vic., b. 1850, d.1925.
20 :	vii.	Mary Ann Curnow	b .1841.	
21	viii.	Alice Quick Curnow,	b. 1844.	

Generation Seven

14. **Elizabeth Curnow** b. 1829. She married **Mitchell**
Children:
22 i. Stephen Mitchell
23 ii. Emma Mitchell
24 iii. Lizzie Mitchell

15. **Robert Curnow** b.1831, d. 1916. He married **Jane Richards** 1857.
Children:

25	i.	Robert Curnow
26	ii.	Jane Curnow
27	iii.	Stephen Curnow
28	iv.	John Curnow
29	v.	Andrew Curnow
30	vi.	Samuel Curnow
31	vii.	Andrew Curnow
32	viii.	Mary Jane Curnow
33	ix.	Richard Curnow
34	x.	Ellen Curnow

16. **Stephen Curnow,** b. 1833 Chellew, d. 1888 in Pipers Flat, b Dark Corner. m **Margaret Cross**
Children:

35	i.	Robert James Curnow	b. 1858 in Smythes Cr. Vic., d.1904 in Sunny Corner.	
36	ii.	John Curnow		d. 1861.
37	iii.	John Curnow	b. 1862.	
38	iv.	Alice May Curnow	b. 1864.	
39	v.	Mary E Curnow	b. 1866.	
4O	vi.	Wilmot Curnow,	b. 1868,	d.1962. m Abraham Grabham 1888 in Wallerawang. **See Grabham Tree**
41	vii.	Trace Curnow	b. 1870,	d. 1919.
42	viii.	Louise Curnow,	b. 1873.	
43	ix.	Stephen Curnow,	b. 1875 in Dark Corner,	d. 1883 in Dark Corner.

Generation Eight

38. **Alice May Curnow** b. 1864. She married **Richard Prout**, b. in Truro Cornwall.
Children:

44	i.	Stephen J Prout	b. 1886.
45	ii.	Arthur David Prout	b. 1887.
46	iii.	Alice A Prout	b. 1890.
47	iv.	Ida Mary Prout	b. 1893.
48	v.	Bessie M Prout	b. 1897.

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FERGUSON

1. **Duncan Ferguson** b. 05-12-1788, Scotland, (son of John Ferguson and Isabel Imrie) occupation Shepherd/grazier, m.(**1**) 23-04-1816, in Scotland, **Isabella Cameron**, b. Scotland, d. 1836, Lochbroom Scotland, m. **(2)** 1837, in Scotland, **Mary Carmichael,** b. 1795, d. 21-03-1884, Palmers Oakey, buried: Palmers Oakey. Duncan died 05-02-1860, Piper St Bathurst, buried: Bathurst.

Children by Isabella Cameron:

2. i John Ferguson b. 1819. Scotland.

3. ii **Jannet Ferguson** b. 1821, Isle of Skye Scotland, m. 20-05-1841, in "Yarras" Bathurst, **Peter Leonard McKinnon,** b. 12-11-1808, Inverness Scotland, occ. Shepherd, Manager, Farmer, d. 31-08-1886, Warrie Palmers Oakey, buried: 02-09-1886, Palmers Oakey. Jannet d. 25-11-1902, Palmers Oakey b: 27-11-1902 Palmers Oakey.

4. iii Agnes Ferguson b. 1824, Scotland, d. 05-05-1855, Coolamigal.

5. iv **Catherine Ferguson** b. 1826, Scotland, m. 1855, in Bathurst, **John McKinnon,** b. 04-01-1826, Inverness Shire Scotland, occupation Farmer & Grazier, d. 18-09-1907, Limekilns, b, 20-09-1907, Bathurst Presbyterian. Catherine d. 31-05-1920, Limekilns, b: Bathurst.

6. v **Mary Ferguson** b. 1828, Scotland, m. 24-06-1861, in Bathurst, **Archibald McKinnon**, b. 17-10-1830, Scotland. Mary died 16-09-1907, Bathurst, buried: Bathurst.

7. vi **Isabella Ferguson** b. 1830.

8. vii **Alexandria Ferguson** b. 1832, Scotland, m. 1863, in Blackmans Flat, **Stephen Larkin**. Alexandria died 04-11-1873, Black Springs near Sofala, b: 05-11-1873, Running Stream. **Stephen: See Larkin Tree**

9. viii **Jessie Ferguson** b. 1836, Scotland, m. 23-09-1862, in Mitchells Creek, **Thomas Southall.** Jessie died 10-07-1899, Sydney Hospital.

Children by Mary Carmichael:

10. ix Duncan Ferguson b. 15-03-1838. Scotland.

Second Generation

2. **John Ferguson** b. 1819, Scotland, occ. Farmer, m. 09-06-1872, in Thomas Larkins house Jews Cr., **Susannah Haines,**b. 26-02-1851, Castlereigh NSW, occupation Assistant, d. 08-04-1878, Palmers Oakey, buried Dark Corner. John died 01-06-1908, Palmers Oakey, buried: Dark Corner. Susannah: Father George Haines, mother Catherine Dale. George died 22-03-1877 buried Dark Corner, age 79, son of William.

Children:

11. i Janet Mary Ferguson b. 08-04-1873.
12. ii Duncan George Ferguson b. 15-02-1878.

7. **Isabella Ferguson** b. 1830, Scotland, m. 1862, at Warrie Palmers Oakey, **John Smith,** b. 1831, Kenyon, County Glengarry, Canada, (son of David Smith and Jane Mc Lennon) occupation Miner, d. 09-11-1898, Dark Corner, buried: Dark Corner. Isabella died 26-01-1884, Dark Corner, b: Dark Corner. John: Came to Aust; 1854 **John See Smith Tree**

Children:

13. i Duncan Ferguson Smith b. 11-09-1862.
14. ii Robert M Smith b. 00-00-1864, d. 1864.
15. iii Robert McLennon Smith b. 02-09-1865.
16. iv William Smith b. 20-11-1869.
17. v Donalina Isabella Smith b. 15-02-1872.
18. vi John McLennon Smith b. 00-00-1874. Dark Corner, d. 11-12-1885, Mitchells Creek, buried: Dark Corner. Drowned in dam

10. **Duncan Ferguson** b. 15-03-1838, Scotland, occupation Grazier/ Inn Keeper, m. 22-08-1859, at 'Warrie' Palmers Oakey, **Jane Virginia Peet**, b. 11-02-1842, Manchester England, occ. Inn Keeper, Grazier, d. 06-02-1905, Sofala Hospital, b: 07-02-1905, Palmers Oakey. Duncan died 15-08-1895, "Oaks" Palmers Oakey, b: 17-08-1895, Palmers Oakey. Jane: Arrived Australia 1857.

Children:

19. i Annie Ferguson b. 22-05-1860.
20. ii Mary Ferguson b. 28-08-1861, Palmers Oakey, m. 1880, in Bathurst, **John Benjamin Sparks,** b. 1858. Mary died 01-01-1915. **see Sparks Tree**
21. iii Duncan Ferguson b. 31-03-1863.
22. iv Charles Feet Ferguson b. 05-07-1864.
23. v Willina Ferguson b. 22-04-1867.
24. vi Alice Ferguson b. 21-07-1876.

25. vii **Ewen McColI Ferguson** b. 18-04-1878, Palmers Oakey, m 1913, **Elisabeth Janet McKinnon**, b.15-01-1880, Palmers Oakey d. 13-07-1948, b: Palmers Oakey. Ewen d. 22-04-1943, P O b: P.O.

Third Generation

11. **Janet Mary Ferguson** b. 08-04-1873, Palmers Oakey, m. 1901, in Raymond Terrace, **Jabez Keasey**, Children:

26. i Gladys Miriam Keasey b. 00-00-1902.
27. ii Pearlie M Keasey b. 00-00-1908, Maitland West.

12. **Duncan George Ferguson** b. 15-02-1878, Palmers Oakey, occ Miner/soldier, m. 25-12-1902, **Edith Chudley,** b. 24-09-1882, Yorkshire, d. 21-04-1946. Duncan died 10-09-1933, Sydney, buried: 12-09-1933, Rookwood. Served in WW l, miner under Hill 60.(Hill 60 of book and movie fame)

Children:

28.	i	Ada Ferguson	b. 04-12-1904, Lithgow,	d. 1904, Lithgow.
29.	ii	William George Ferguson	b. 04-12-1902.	
30.	iii	Duncan Mervyn Hugh Ferguson	b. 28-02-1906.	
31.	iv	Alena May Ferguson	b. 01-10-1911.	
32.	v	Joyce Edith Ferguson	b. 03-10-1919.	
33.	vi	Florence Nance Ferguson	b. 18-06-1928.	

13. **Duncan Ferguson Smith** b. 11-09-1862, m. 19-01-1885, in Sydney, **Elizabeth Ann Montgomery,** b. 04-05-1863, Bobs Creek Sunny Corner, (daughter of William Edward York Montgomery and Mary Ann Abigail Hemsworth). Duncan d 1922, buried: Dark Corner. **see Montgomery Tree**

Children:

34.	i	Percival Duncan Smith	b. 12-10-1885.
35.	ii	William John Smith	b. 14-08-1887.
36.	iii	Isabella Mary Smith	b. 19-08-1889.
37.	iv	Edward Smith	b. 18-07-1892.
38.	v	Elizabeth Ann Smith	b. 25-03-1896.

15. **Robert McLennon Smith** b. 02-09-1865, m. 1889, in Bathurst, **Elizabeth Archer** (nee Parr), b. 02-04-1856, Wattle Flat, d. 18-10-1934, b: Dark Corner. Robert d. 18-09-1930, b: Dark Corner. **Elizabeth: See Archer Tree**

Children:

39.	i	Amy Alice Smith	b. 16-08-1889, Dark Corner, m. (**1**) **Richard Davies**, m. (**2**) **Stanley Charles Mc Innes**. Amy died 23-10-1973, Port Kembla,
40.	ii	Robert Charles Smith	b. 06-05-1891.
41.	iii	Elsie McLennon Smith	b. 06-09-1893.
42.	iv	Ada Ettie Smith	b. 04-08-1896.
43.	v	Eric Archer Smith	b. 22-03-1899.
44.	vi	Gordon Thomas Smith	b. 15-02-1902.

16. **William Smith** b. 20-11-1869, m. 15-04-1890, in Bathurst, **Alice Ferguson,** b. 21-07-1876, Palmers Oakey, d. 30-01-1905, Palmers Oakey, buried: Palmers Oakey. William died 17-03-1905, Palmers Oakey, buried: Palmers Oakey. **William See Smith Tree**

Children:

45.	i	William John McLennon Smith	b. 03-11-1890, Palmers Oakey, d. 07-08-1915, Gallipoli, buried: 07-08-1915, At Sea. Enlisted in the AIF 4th Bat on 22 Jan 1915. Died on board hospital ship "Dunluce Castle" from wounds received at Lone Pine Gallipoli.
46.	ii	Virginia Isabella Smith	b. 27-07-1893.
47.	iii	Elsie Minna Smith	b. 00-00-1895, Palmers Oakey.
48.	iv	Ewen Ernest Smith	b. 29-11-1897.

17. **Donalina Isabella Smith** b. 15-02-1872, Dark Corner, m. -1891, in Sunny Corner, **William Dunn**, b. 28-04-1858, Dark Corner, d. 23-11-1916, Coffs Harbour, buried: 24-11-1916, Coffs Harbour RC. Donalina died 21-07-1959, Port Macquarie, b 23-07-1959, Port Macquarie. William: Son of Martin Dunn & Margaret Shumack, see Shumack Tree

Children:

49	i	William John Dunn	b. 13-09-1892.
50.	ii	Thomas Hilton Dunn	b. 15-04-1894.
51.	iii	George Joseph Dunn	b. 21-07-1895.
52.	iv	Edward Martin Dunn	b. 13-03-1897.
53.	v	James Arthur Dunn	b. 10-03-1899.
54.	vi	Charles Dunn	b. 23-11-1901.
55.	vii	Margaret Dunn	b. 25-02-1902.
56.	viii	Anne Dunn	b. 25-02-1902.
57.	ix	Victor Ernest Dunn	b. 12-10-1904.
58.	x	Alma Margaret Dunn	b. 10-01-1906.
59.	xi	Dorothy Mae Dunn	b. 26-05-1909.
60.	xii	John Harold Dunn	b. 23-03-1911.
61.	xiii	Walter James Dunn	b. 11-09-1912.
62.	xiv	Albert Robert Dunn	b. 03-01-1914.

63. xv Marie Maud Dunn b. 03-03-1916.

19. **Annie Ferguson** b. 22-05-1860, Palmers Oakey, m. 21-05-1883, in Bathurst, **Simon Joseph Barry,** b.1856, Winburndale, d. 26-08-1931. Annie d. 23-07-1908, b: Kirkconnel. See **Barry Tree.**

Children:

64. i Bridget E Barry b. 13-11-1883, d. 00-00-1890.
65. ii Samuel John Barry b. 26-04-1885, d. 24-01-1886.
66. iii Emily Jane Barry b. 10-04-1886.
67. iv Samuel Joseph Barry b. 22-11-1887.
68. v Walter C Barry b. 00-00-1889, Tuena.
69. vi Margaret Mary Barry b. 20-05-1890.
70. vii Olive D Barry b. 00-00-1890

21. **Duncan Ferguson** b. 31-03-1863, Palmers Oakey, occ. Bullock driver, grazier, m. 28-09-1904, in Rockdale, **Matilda Josephine Deasey**, b. 09-07-1875, Kenmare County Kerry Ireland, occupation Teacher, d. 22-02-1959, "Kelvin" Palmers Oakey, buried: Palmers Oakey. Duncan d 01-06-1931, Palmers Oakey, buried: Palmers Oakey.

Children:

71. i Donald Thomas Ferguson b. 12-08-1905.
72. ii Charlotte Flora Ferguson b. 18-08-1907.
73. iii Duncan Latham Ferguson b. 02-03-1911.

22. **Charles Peet Ferguson** b. 05-07-1864, Palmers Oakey, m. **Mary Elizabeth Thomas,** b. 1869, Tambaroora, d. 13-05-1955, 27 Hope St Rosehill, buried: 16-05-1955, Bowenfels. Charles died 23-07-1942, "Martins" Palmers Oakey, b: Palmers Oakey. **See Thomas**

Children:

74. i Charles William Ferguson b. 01-08-1891.
75. ii Duncan Roy Ferguson b. 18-05-1893.
76. iii Willina Lousia Ferguson b. 18-01-1895.
77. iv Violet Mable Ferguson b. 01-03-1897, Palmers Oakey, d. 05-11-1964.
78. v Ronald Stewart Ferguson b. 25-02-1899.
79. vi Edith M Ferguson b. 28-10-1903.

23. **Willina Ferguson** b. 22-04-1867, Palmers Oakey, m 1890, **Peter McKinnon**, b. 1855. Willina d 1925.

Children:

80. i Jock Ferguson.
81. ii Virginia McKinnon b. 00-00-1891.
82. iii Alan Peter McKinnon b. 02-05-1892.
83. iv Jennie V McKinnon b. 00-00-1895, m. 1935, **William McDonell.**
84. v Dorothy I McKinnon b. 00-00-1895.
85. vi Beryl McKinnon b. 00-00-1897, d. 1899, Burwood.
86. vii Mable McKinnon b. 00-00-1901 m. 1924, **John C Thew.**

24. **Alice Ferguson** (See marriage to **William Smith**

Fourth Generation

26. **Gladys Miriam Keasey** b. 1902, Wickham, m. 1942, in Paterson, **Essex Eveleigh**.

Children:

87. i Cyril R Keasey b. 1918, Wickham.
88. ii Ellis Allen Keasey d. 1940, Paterson.

29. **William George Ferguson** b. 04-12-1902, Lithgow, m. (**1**) 02-01-1926, in St Albans Belmore, **Agnes Bradley,** m. **(2)** 1931, in Canterbury, **Olive Fantom**, b. 22-07-1907, Sutton in Ashfield UK, d. 27-02-1977. William died 27-11-1963.

Children by Agnes Bradley:

89. i Margaret Rose Ferguson d. 1934, Moulamein.

Children by Olive Fantom:

90. ii Trevor Ferguson
91. iii Kathleen Ferguson d. 00-09-1938.

92. iv Yvonne Ferguson
93. v Valerie Ferguson b. Sydney, m. **Alan Grant.**
94. vi Vivian Lorraine Ferguson b., Sydney, m. **William Martin.**

30. **Duncan Mervyn Hugh Ferguson** b. 28-02-1906, Helensburgh, m. 31-01-1925, in Port Kembla, **Hannah Myra Jones** b. 16-06-1909, Lithgow. Duncan died 18-07-1978.

Children:
95. i Mervyn Albert Ferguson
96. ii Leonard Ferguson
97. iii Paul Ferguson

31. **Alena May Ferguson** b. 01-10-1911, Stanmore Sydney, m. 25-12-1936, in Methodist Church Port Kembla, **Francis Puckeridge,** b. 03-12-1907, d. 08-01-1980. Alena died 12-11-1990.

Children:
98. i Fay Puckeridge
99. ii Lance Puckeridge
100. iii Joseph Puckeridge
101. iv Norman Puckeridge

32. **Joyce Edith Ferguson** b. 03-10-1919, Newtown, m. **William Alexander Stewart**, b. 13-01-1915.

Children:
102. i Maureen Stewart
103. ii Alex James Stewart

33. **Florence Nance Ferguson** b Belmore Sydney, m. **Airoy Armstrong**,

Children:
104. i Debra Armstrong
105. ii Michael Armstrong

34. **Percival Duncan Smith** b. 12-10-1885, m. **Bertha Perry**, d. 1972, b Portland. Percival d 1930, Portland, Children:
106. i Mavis Lillian Smith b. 01-11-1912.
107. ii Evelyn Smith b. 00-00-1914, m. **Thomas Gardiner**, d. 00-01-2004,
108. iii Melva Smith b. 00-00-1918.
109. iv Lesley Raymond Smith b. 00-00-1920, m. **Cecila P Sheppard**, b 1920 d. 11-06-1990 buried: Baradine. Lesley died 06-12-1996, buried: Baradine.
110. v Rita May Smith b. 00-00-1923, d. 29-08-1992, buried: Portland.
111. vi Valerie Smith b. 00-00-1924, m. **George Stewart.**
112. vii Arthur Hilton Smith d. 19-12-1958, Portland, buried: Portland.
113. viii Norman Smith m. **Edna Newgent.** Norman died 2000,
114. ix Mervyn Smith.

35. **William John Smith** b. 14-08-1887, Bobs Creek Sunny Corner, m. 17-08-1917, in Portland C of E, **Ivy Gladys Gardiner**, d. 26-12-1960, buried: Dark Corner. William died 11-11-1959, b. Dark Corner.

Children:
115. i **William J McLennon Smith** b. 02-10-1917, m. in Lithgow, **Lorraine Rowlandson**. William died 12-10-1985, buried: Ashes Dark Corner.
116. ii Roy Smith. died at 18 months
117. iii Tommy Smith. Died infant
118. iv Athol Keith Smith b. 07-07-1923.
119. v Iris May Smith b. 02-04-1929.

36. **Isabella Mary Smith** b. 19-08-1889, Mitchells Creek, m. 1916, in Portland, **Samuel Joseph Barry**, b. 22-11-1887,Bobs Creek Sunny Corner, (son of Simon Joseph Barry and Annie Ferguson) d. 1950. Isabella died 1942. **See Barry Tree**

Children:
120. i Alan Samuel Barry b. 02-02-1923.

37. **Edward Smith** b. 18-07-1892, Mitchells Creek, m. **Vera Williams.**

Children:

121.	i	Clifford Smith.			
122.	ii	Ces Smith.			
123.	iii	Kenneth Smith.			
124.	iv	Merle Smith.			

38. **Elizabeth Ann Smith** b. 25-03-1896, Sunny Corner, m. 1916, **Louis George Kremer.** Elizabeth b Portland.

Children.'

125.	i	William F Kremer	b. 00-00-1916, Sunny Corner.		
126.	ii	Netta May Kremer	b. 18-06-1917.		
127.	iii	John Louis Kremer	b. 05-07-1919.		
128.	iv	Donald Lawrence Kremer	b. 03-12-1921,	m.	**Ivy Gardiner.**
129.	v	Jean Mary Kremer	b. 24-02-1924.		
130.	vi	Arnold Clemence Kremer	b. 09-10-1926.		
131.	vii	Betty June Kremer			
132.	viii	Sheila Kremer			

40. **Robert Charles Smith** b. 06-05-1891, Dark Corner, m. 19-06-1916, Bishops House Keppel St Bathurst, **Dulcie May Mc Culla,** b. 01-03-1900, d. 20-12-1986, Warilla, buried: Dark Corner. Robert died 01-04-1964, Dark Corner, buried: Dark Corner ashes. **See Smith Tree / McCulla Tree**

Children:

133.	i	Jean Smith	b. 20-10-1917.	
134.	ii	Loma Mary Smith	b. 16-09-1919.	
135.	iii	Arnold Smith	b. 01-11-1921, Coolamigal, m. in Pokataroo, **Rona Procter.**	
136.	iv	Neville Charles Smith	b. 15-03-1924, Bathurst,	d. 18-03-1997, Bathurst,
137.	v	Trevor Joseph Smith	b. 14-07-1926, Bathurst,	d. 04-10-2001, Bathurst,
138.	vi	Freda Elizabeth Smith		
139.	vii	Male Smith		d. 26-03-1931,
140.	viii	Keith Smith		d. 09-02-1933,
141.	ix	Valerie Florence Smith		
142.	x	Juliet Smith		m**, Kevin Cutts**

41. **Elsie McLennon Smith** b. 06-09-1893, Dark Corner.

Children:

143.	i	Daphne.	

42. **Ada Ettie Smith** b. 04-08-1896, Dark Corner m.1916, in Bathurst, **Arthur J Whitehead**.

Children:

144.	i	Zena E Whitehead	b. 1916.	
145.	ii	Lyel George Whitehead	b. 1918, Molong, m. 1942,	**Gladys Mabel Badham.**
146.	ii	Della Whitehead		**m. Greg Barrett.**

43. **Eric Archer Smith** b. 22-03-1899, Dark Corner m **Maude Ellen Gates** b. 1906, d. 28-08-1960
Eric d, 18-10-1977

Children:

147.	i	`Graham Smith.	

44. **Gordon Thomas Smith** b. 15-02-1902, Dark Corner, occ. Grazier, m. 1924, in Bathurst, **Linda Kearns,** b. 1903, (dau. George Thomas Kearns and Harriet Baker) d. 1989. Gordon d 1985, Bathurst, b Dark Corner.

Children:

148.	i	Linda Marie Smith (Masie)	m.	**Ted Allman.**
149.	ii	Nita Irene Smith	m. 1947,	**Robert Wailer Magill**150.
	iii	Beryl E Smith	m.	**Noel Kerr.**
151.	iv	Gordon Kenneth Smith	m,	**Daphne M Schoefield (Hill**), d. 27-04-2008,
152.	v	Estelle Mary Smith		d. 00-00-195?.

153. vi~ Thelma Fay Smith m. **Bernard Ovington.**
154. vii Beverley R Smith m. **Mc Clymont.**

46. **Virginia Isabella Smith** b. 27-07-1893, Palmers Oakey, m. 1911, in Redfern, **Charles E Boulden,** b. 1889, Rockdale. Virginia died 1975. Charles: Father John Mother Mary

Children:

155. i John R Boulden b. 00-00-1912, Burwood.
156. ii Leonard E Boulden b. 00-00-1914, Burwood, d.1935,
157. iii Ernest C Boulden b. 00-00-1918, Burwood.
158. iv Gordon T Bouldon d. 00-00-1920, Burwood.

48. **Ewen Ernest Smith (Barney)** b. 29-1 1-1897, Palmers Oakey, m. **Charlotte Flora Ferguson,** b. 18-08-1907, Sydney (daughter of Duncan Ferguson and Matilda Josephine Deasey) d. 27-10-1989, Rockhampton Q. Ewen died 26-11-1956, Rockdale

Children:

159. i Ewen Maxwell Smith b. 26-01-1926, m. 11-12-1965, **Cheryl Pamala Vaughan,**

66. **Emily Jane Barry** b. 10-04-1886, m. 1905, in Wallerawang, **Thomas James Carter**, b. 25-06-1885, d. 11-09-1957. Emily died 26-04-1943, Portland.

Children:

160. i Thomas John Carter b. 21-09-1906.
161. ii William Carter b. 00-00-1908, d. 1958.
162. iii Harold Carter b. 00-00-1909, d. 1983.

67. **Samuel Joseph Barry (See marriage to number 36.)**

69. **Margaret Mary Barry** b. 20-05-1890, Tuena, m. 09-08-1912, **William Edward Montgomery**,b. 1889, Parramatta, d. 15-06-1961. Margaret died 1927. **See Montgomery Tree**

Children:

163. i William F Montgomery b. 20-02-1912.
164. ii James Henry Montgomery b. 10-05-1913.
165. iii Walter Charles Montgomery.
166. iv Victor Albert Montgomery b. 00-00-1916, d. 1973.
167. v Walter Ernest Montgomery b. 01-05-1922.
168. vi Gloria Margaret Montgomery b. 17-03-1925.
169. vii Harold Francis Montgomery b. 00-00-1927, d. 1927.

70. **Olive D Barry** b. 1890, Rockdale, m. 1911, in Rockdale, **Hercules G Latham**.

Children:

170. i Olive E Latham b. 00-00-1912, Broken Hill.

71. **Donald Thomas Ferguson** b. 12-08-1905, Sydney, occupation Grazier, m. 1926, in Portland, **Phyllis Sophia Papworth,** b. 1905, Rylstone. Donald died 14-01-1957, Bathurst, buried: Bathurst

Children:

171. i Ruth Ferguson
172. ii Kathleen Ferguson .
173. iii John Ferguson

72. **Charlotte Flora Ferguson (See marriage to number 48.)**

73. **Duncan Latham Ferguson** b. 02-03-1911, "Kelvin" Palmers Oakey, occ. Grazier, m. 14-11-1934, in Portland, **Winifred Tottie Elbourn**, b. 16-10-1915, Sofala, d. 07-07-2001, Bathurst, buried: 12-07-2001, Palmers Oakey. Duncan died 30-03-1966, Bathurst, buried: Palmers Oakey.

Children:

174. i Colin Latham Ferguson b. 12-09-1936.

74. **Charles William Ferguson** b. 01-08-1891, Palmers Oakey, m. 1923, in Lithgow, **Laura May Renshall**, b. 1905, Cobar, **(**daughter of John Renshall and Isabella Brown). Charles died 07-05-1973.

Children:

175. i Edward Alfred Ferguson b. 23-03-1924.
176. ii Yvonne Edna Ferguson b. 16-06-1926.
177. iii Douglas Charles Ferguson b. 21-03-1937, d. 21-03-1937.

75 **Duncan Roy Ferguson** b. 18-05-1893, Palmers Oakey, m. **Dorothy Hampden Ismay,** b. 1897, d. 1967. Duncan d 21-10-1948.

Children:

178. i Audrey Ismay Ferguson
179. ii Roy Joshua Ismay Ferguson

76. **Willina Lousia Ferguson** b. 18-01-1895, Palmers Oakey, m. 1931, in Portland, **Harold William Fitzgerald**, b.1897, Riverstone, (son of William Fitzgerald and Mary Quinn) d. 27-12-1955. Willina d-1977

Children:

180. i Colin Fitzgerald b. 00-00-1936, occupation Miner, d. 08-10-2009, Lithgow.

78. **Ronald Stewart Ferguson** b. 25-02-1899, Palmers Oakey, m. **Ellen Josephine,** b.1915.Ronald d1956.

Children:

181. i Sheila Josephine Ferguson
182. ii Ron Richard Ferguson

79. **Edith M Ferguson** b. 28-10-1903, Palmers Oakey, m. 1927, in Lithgow, **Charles A Squance,** b. 1902, (son of William G Squance and Martha A Beever). Edith died 04-06-1973.

Children:

183. i Oriel Squance.

82. **Alan Peter McKinnon** b. 02-05-1892, m. **Elsie Jensen**. Alan died 27-08-1947, Flemington.

Children:

184. i Valerie McKinnon

Fifth Generation

90. **Trevor Ferguson** b Port Kembla, m. **Brenda M Miller,** b Middlesbrough UK.

Children:

185. i Julie Ferguson
186. ii Paul Ferguson

92. **Yvonne Ferguson**, Sydney, m. **Kevin Mungovan**. Yvonne died 19-06-1982.

Children:

187. i Simone Mungovan

95. **Mervyn Albert Ferguson** b. 30-05-1925, 22 Darcy Rd Port Kembla, m. 24-11-1951, in St Michaels Anglican Cathedral, **Nadine J Cowan,** b. 07-06-1929, Port Kembla.

Children:

188. i Lloyd M Ferguson
189. ii Kris S Ferguson m. 14-04-1985, **Marcia B Roa,** b Santiago Chile.

96. **Leonard Ferguson** b. Port Kembla, m. 21-12-1951, , **Agnes Mell,** Leonard died 16-04-1992.

Children:

190. i Stephen Ferguson
191. ii Diane Ferguson m. **Brett Foster**.

97. **Paul Ferguson** b. Port Kembla, m. 30-10-1965, Woolongong, **Beatrice M Palmer,** b Hilltop Bulli.

Children:

192. i Justin Ferguson
193. ii Grant Ferguson

98. **Fay Puckeridge** m. **Robert Ruddock**

Children:

194. i Wendy Ruddock
195. ii Scott Ruddock m. **Karen Edwards**.
196. iii Samantha Ruddock

99. **Lance Puckeridge** m. **Merle E Kohn**,

Children:

197. i Gary Puckeridge
198. ii Jane Puckeridge m. **Malcolm Anderson**.
199. iii Karen Puckeridge
200. iv Lisa Puckeridge.
201. v Andrew Puckeridge.

100. **Joseph Puckeridge** m. **Josephine Cownley**,

Children:

202. i Kevin Puckeridge m. **Ancelina Cala?,**
203. ii Keith Puckeridge
204. iii Nola Puckeridge m. **Gregory Myers,**

102. **Maureen Stewart** m. **Raymond Knowles**,

Children:

205. i Cheryl Knowles m. **Michael Evans**.
206. ii Glen Knowles m**. Stacy Myers**,
207. iii Terence Knowles m. **Michele Haynes**.

103. **Alex James Stewart** m. **Pamela?**.

Children:

208. i Deborah Stewart.
209. ii John Stewart.
210. iii Christine Stewart.
211. iv Michelle Stewart.
212. v Marissa Stewart.

104. **Debra Armstrong** m. **Dennis Brown**

Children:

213. i Garth Brown
214. ii Courtney Brown

106. **Mavis Lillian Smith** b. 01-11-1912, Cobar, m. (1) 1936, in Woollahra, **Thomas Arthur Francis,** b. 1907, d. 1942 Portland, buried: Portland, m. (2) 1947, in Portland, **Albert William Jeffree**, d. 1972, Portland, buried: Portland. Mavis died 09-10-2003, Unanderra, buried: Lakeside Dapto.

Children by Thomas Arthur Francis:

215. i Norman Thomas Francis
216. ii Gwendoline Joyce Francis
217. iii William James Max Francis

108. **Melva Smith** b. 1918, m. **Stan Twadell**.

Children:

218. i Cecil Twadell.
219. ii Beryl Twadell.
220 iii Joan Twadell.

118. **Athol Keith Smith** b. 07-07-1923, m. 1946, in Coogee, **Norma Simpson**.

Children:

221. i Janice Blanch Smith
222. ii Brian Keith Smith

119. **Iris May Smith** b. 02-04-1929, Portland, m. 25-02-1950, in Lithgow, **Bernard Thomas Collins**,

d. 07-10-1975, Dark Corner. Iris died 31-08-2010, Lithgow, buried: 02-09-2010, Dark Corner.
Children:
223. i Kenneth John Collins
224. ii Richard Alan Collins
225. iii Mark Bernard Collins

120. **Alan Samuel Barry** b. 02-02-1923, m (**1**) **Shirley Veronica Lambert**, m. (**2**) **Ivy Teong**.
Children by Shirley Veronica Lambert:
226. i Margaret Maree Barry
227. ii Glen Samuel Barry

126. **Netta May Kremer** b. 18-06-1917, Portland, m. 1940, Portland, **Francis John Halloran**.
Children:
228. i Joy Annette Halloran
229. ii John Francis Halloran
230. iii June Elizabeth Halloran
231. iv Maureen Therese Halloran

127. **John Louis Kremer** b. 05-07-1919, m. **Stella Kathleen Mackaway**.
Children:
232. i Roy Louis Kremer.

130. **Arnold Clemence Kremer** , m. **Fay Kelly.**
Children:
233. i Colleen Kremer

131. **Betty June Kremer** m. **Raydon Robert Park.**
Children:
234. i Wayne Robert Park
235. ii Heather Joy Park m. **Leslie Kirk.**
236. iii Shirley June Park m. **Brian Dennis Taylor**.

133. **Jean Smith** b. 20-10-1917, Bathurst, m. 1936, in Bathurst, **Reginald Cupitt**, b. 14-07-1908,
d. 08-09-1980, Yeoval, buried: Crem Orange. Jean died 31-08-2002, Yeoval, buried: Crem Orange.
Children:
237. i Gwenneth Lucy Elizabeth Cupitt
238. ii Brian Reginald Charles Cupitt d. 05-11-1956.
239. iii Pamela Dulcie Jean Cupitt
240. iv Peter James Joseph Cupitt d. 07-07-1967.

134. **Loma Mary Smith** b. 16-09-1919, Limekilns, m. (**1**) in Bathurst, **William Whittaker,** m.
(2) **Cecil Bede Goodman,** b.31-10-1923,Mudgee, d. 07-04-1992, buried: Apple Tree Flat.
Loma died 21-01-1976, Ilford, buried: Capertee. Cecil:Served \WW II
Children by William Whittaker:
241. i JohnAnthonyWhittaker
Children by Cecil Bede Goodman:
242. ii Joycelyn Edith Goodman
243. iii Shirley Ann Goodman , m. **Mick Beasley**.

138. **Freda Elizabeth Smith** , Bathurst, m. **Henry George Cauldfield,**
Children:
244. i Rosemary Ellen Cauldfield
245. ii Deborah Gail Cauldfield m. **Henry Karbowiak**.
246. iii Janelle Freda Cauldfield m. **Roger.**

141. **Valerie Florence Smith**, Bathurst, m. (**1**) **Kevin Cutts**, Narromine, m. **(2**) **Brian Webb.**
Children by Kevin Cutts:
247. i Adam Cutts.
248. ii John Cutts.

249. iii Pat Cutts.
250. iv Christine Cutts.
251. v June Cutts.
252. vi Kevin Cutts.
253. vii Graham Cutts.
254. viii Gregory Cutts.

143. Daphne m. **James C Howard.**
Children:
255. i Yvonne Howard.
256. ii James Howard.
257. iii Charles Howard.

144. Zena E Whitehead b. 1916, Molong, m. **Raymond Blondel.**
Children:
258. i Pierre Blondel.

160. Thomas John Carter b. 21-09-1906, m. 1928, **Nora Winifred King**, b. 11-11-1903, d. 28-11-1986. Thomas died 06-11-1979.
Children:
259. i Shirley Elaine Carter
260. ii Patricia Florence Carter , m. **Fegus Lake.**
261. iii Robert Desmond Carter

163. William F Montgomery b. 20-02-1912, Sydney, m. 06-05-1942, in Dungog, **Ivy Marion Richardson**.
Children:
262. i Marea Anne Montgomery
263. ii Nancye Montgomery

164. James Henry Montgomery b. 10-05-1913, m. 22-12-1937, **Katherine Vidal**. James died 05-07-1972.
Children:
264. i Leong Mary Montgomery
265. ii James Henry Haverlock Montgomery

167. Walter Ernest Montgomery m. 18-10-1947, in Lidcombe, **Lola Elizabeth Norster**.
Children:
266. i Dianne Carol Montgomery
267. ii Paul Robert Montgomery

168. Gloria Margaret Montgomery m. 16-12-1944, **Henry Wardrope**.
Children:
268. i David Wardrope

171. **Ruth Ferguson**, m. **Arthur Agar Hansard**, b. 13-06-1918, occ Painter.
Children:
269. i Margaret Hansard
270. ii Graham Charles Hansard
271. iii Kenneth Arthur Hansard
272. iv Allan William Hansard

172. Kathleen Ferguson m. **Ray Gumbleton**.
Children:
273. i David John Gumbleton.

173. John Ferguson Bathurst, m. **(1) Robyn**, m. **(2) Dorothy.**
Children by Robyn:
274. I Peter Ferguson
275. ii Kevin Ferguson

Children by Dorothy:

276. iii Catherene Ferguson
277. iv Joshua Donald Thomas Ferguson
278. v Sarah Elizabeth Ferguson

174. **Colin Latham Ferguson** Bathurst, Grazier, m. 29-01-1966, in Kelso, **Joy Patricia Silva,**
Children:

406. i Louis Alan de Silva m **Penolope Starr**.
279. ii Duncan Latham Ferguson
280. iii Sarah Jane Ferguson
281. iv James Stuart Ferguson

175. **Edward Alfred Ferguson** b. 23-03-1924, m. **Margaret Elizabeth**,
Children:

282. i Michelle Ferguson

176. **Yvonne Edna Ferguson** b. 16-06-1926, m. 10-09-1949 **Alex Bush**, d. 17-07-1 997.
Children:

283. i Nicole Bush
284. ii Glenn Bush

178. **Audrey Ismay Ferguson** m. **Jessie Joseph Griffiths**.
Children:

285. i Joanne Griffiths
286. ii Donna Griffiths
287. iii David Roy Griffiths d. 1952.

179. **Roy Joshua Ismay Ferguson** m. **Ruth Margaret Johnson**,
Children:

288. i Robyn Jane Ferguson
289. ii Susan Joy Ferguson
290. iii Kathryn Heather Ferguson

181. **Sheila Josephine Ferguson** m. **Frederick Wilhian Mullens**, b. 1930. Sheila d 19-10-2007.
Children:

291. I Sheila Anne Mullens
292. ii Jennifer Mae Mullens
293. iii Michael Frederick Mullens
294. iv Christopher John Mullens
295. v Linden Mary Mullens

GRABHAM

1 Edward Abraham Grabham b. 1839 d. 1892 m.1864 Taunton Somerset **Joan Fegin or Graham** b.1843 d.1925

Edward was a blacksmith from Buckland St. Marys Somerset, could read & write. Joan was from Otterford Somerset, could read & write. Both C of E. 1864 they arrived in Sydney per "*Sandringham"* stating that he had a brother Abraham at Mitchells Creek.

Children

2	i	Abraham Grabham	00-00-1865	
3	ii	Edward Grabham	00-00-1866	
4	iii	John Grabham	00-00-1868	
5	iv	Mary Lydia Grabham	00-00-1870	
	v	Thomas Grabham	00-00-1872	d. 1885 drowned
	vi	Margaret Grabham	00-00-1875	m. Arch. Davidson
	vii	Elizabeth Caroline Grabham	00-00-1878	d. 1881
6	viii	Robert Grabham	00-00-1881	d. 1929
	ix	James Grabham	00-00-1884	d. 1911
	x	William Thomas Grabham	00-00-1887	m. Helena Sinclair

Second Generation

2 **Abraham Grabham** b. 1865 miner d. 1926 m.**Willmot Curnow** b. 1868 d.1962 both buried D.C. **see Curnow Tree.**

Children

	i	Edward Grabham	00-00-1889	m. Irene Sparks **see Sparks Tree**
	ii	Harold Grabham	00-00-1892	KIA WW1 Engaged to Hannah Strickland
	iii	Abraham Grabham	00-00-1894	Vet. WW 1
	iv	Robert J Grabham	00-00-1896	m. Evelyn Hunter 3 children
	v	John Eric Grabham	00-00-1899	m. Juanita Ashe 3 children
	vi	Arthur Grabham	00-00-1901	m. Mavis Crawford
	vii	Richard W Grabham	00-00-1907	d. 1967 m. Hazel Gardiner
	viii	Hilda May Grabham	00-00-1912	d. 1970 m George Stait
	ix	Margaret Joan Grabham	00-00-1909	m. Silas Potts
	x	Stanley Grabham	00-00-1914	m. Ruby Joan Berry 4 children

3 **Edward Grabham (Wed) b. 1892** Grazier m**. Elanor Wilson** of Limekilns

Children

	i	Jessie Joan Grabham	00-00-1914	d. 1921

4 **John Grabham** 1868 engine driver m. **Sarah E Attuell** b. 1875 d. 1955. **See Attuell Tree**

Children

	i	Leslie Jack Grabham	00-00-1898	d. 1951 Palmers Oakey b; Dark Corner
	ii	Mabel Grabham	00-00-1901	m (1) J. Elfield (2) Gallard
	iii	Allan Keith Grabham	00-00-1908	
	iv	James Dudley Grabham		d. aged 72

5 **Mary Lydia Grabham** b. 1870 d. 1936 m.1891 **Aiden Shumack** b. 1866 **see Shumack Tree**

Children

i	Joan Shumack
ii	Alice Shumack
iii	Elizabeth Shumack
iv	Aiden Shumack

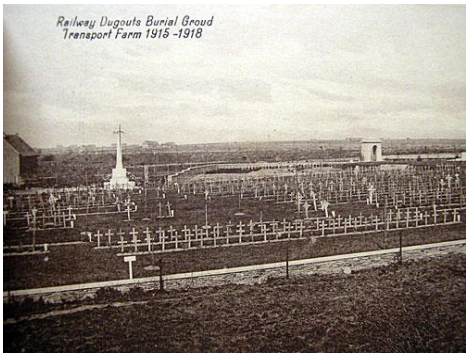
6 **Robert Grabham** b. 1881 d. 1929 m. **Mary Dixon Young**

Children

	i	Sylvia Grabham	00-00-1901	m. Edward Randell 10 children
	ii	Ida Mary Grabham	00-00-1904	m. Harold Guihot **see Guihot Tree**
	iii	Roy Ernest Grabham		m. Ella Thompson 4 children
	iv	William Henry Grabham		m. Eliza Sharp 2 children. **see Sharp**
	v	Alfred Norman Grabham		d.1946
	vi	Cecil Charles Grabham		d. 1991 m. Elaine Sharp **see Sharp Tree**
	vii	May Lillian Grabham		m. Harold Pescud 4 children
	viii	Joan Margaret Grabham		m. Victoe Pescud 9 children
	ix	Robert Edward Grabham		m. Betty Bird 3 children



"Tennis, Dark Corner, NSW, 25 November, 1908", Smith and Grabham families. Photo from Iris Collins, Sunny Corner, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys. Names suggested are: Boy seated left with racquet Ned Smith, far top right with racquet William Smith, Standing Lizzie Smith, Woman holding baby is Mrs. Abe Grabham, on her right Mrs. Elizabeth Smith.







RAILWAY DUG-OUT CEMETERY AT ZILLEBEKE, NEAR YPRES
HAROLD GRABHAM 1892-1916

GUIHOT

I. **Malo Guillaume Guihot** b. 1824. m. Harriet **Elizabeth Laverder (Lowe)** 17-1-1860 2-1-1936 Malo died 1919 in Forbes.
Children:

2.	i.	Francis Guihot	b. 00-00-1858.
	ii.	Lachlan Guihot	d. 00-00-1936 in Condobolin.

Generation Two

2. **Francis Guihot**, b. 1858 in Binda. m **Elizabeth Ann Smith**, 1885 in Macquarie, b. 1864 in Mitchells Creek, d. 1924 in Forbes. Francis died 1933 in Lithgow.
Children:

	i.	Victor Robert Archibald Guihot	b. 1886 in Carcora,	d. 1887, b. in Dark Corner.
	ii.	Elouise Guihot,	b. 00-00-1887 in Forbes.	
	iii.	Ellen M Guihot	b. 00-00-1887 in Forbes.	
	iv.	Olive Guihot	b. 00-00-1890 in Forbes.	m. Charles G Rampling
3.	v.	Harold Malo Guihot	b. 00-00-1891.	
	vi	Irene Guihot	b. 00-00-1893 in Forbes.	m. Hector J Robinson
4.	vii.	Walter Stanley Guihot	b. 00-00-1894.	
	viii.	Eulalie Guihot	b. 00-00-1896 in Forbes.	
	ix.	Francis Harriet Guihot	b. 00-00-1898 in Sunny Corner.	
	x.	Charles Francis Guihot	b. 00-00-1900 in Sunny Corner. m. Leila D Jones	
	xi.	Eugene Guihot,	b. 00-00-1905 in Sunny Corner.	

Generation Three

3. **Harold Malo Guihot**, b. 1891 in Forbes. m **Ida M Grabham** 1921 in Lithgow, b.1904. Harold d 1935 . **see Grabham**
Children:

	i.	Rita Guihot		m. Douglas Charles McLeay 1937 in Portland. 5 kids
	ii.	Elma Mary Guihot	b. 29-10-1922.	m. Henry Charles Theobald 1939 in Bathurst, b. 1917 in Palmers Oakey, d. 27-09-1974 in Palmers Oakey. Elma died 26-08-2003, buried 29-08-2003 in Bathurst. 5 kids
5.	iii.	Louise Guihot	b. 14-07-1925.	
	iv.	Olive Guihot.	b. 3-07-1927	m. Thomas John Sharp 1943 in Bathurst, b. 1911, d. 21-04-1971, b. in Meadow Flat. 8 kids **see SHARP**
	v.	Lachlan James Guihot.		m. Nola Austin 6 kids
	vi.	John Guihot		m. Jacqie Larkin. 4 kids
	vii.	Harry Guihot.		m. Joan Berry, 1955. 3 kids **see BERRY**

4. **Walter Stanley Guihot**, b. 1894 in Forbes. m.**Mary Ellen McIntyre** 1924. Walter died 19-09-1981, b. in Palmers Oakey.
Children:

6.	i.	Herbert (Bert) Guihot

Generation Four

5. **Louise Guihot** b. 14-07-1925. m. **Hilton Thomas Drysdale Scott** 1941. Louise d. 02-11-2015 **see Scott Tree**
Children:

7.	i.	Beryl Scott.
8.	ii.	Harold Scott
	iii.	Maree Scott

6. **Herbert (Bert) Guihot**
Children:

	i.	Ross Guihot.
	ii.	? Guihot
	iii.	?? Guihot
	iv.	??? Guihot

Generation Five

7. **Beryl Scott** She married **Donald Berry**. **See BERRY TREE**
Children:

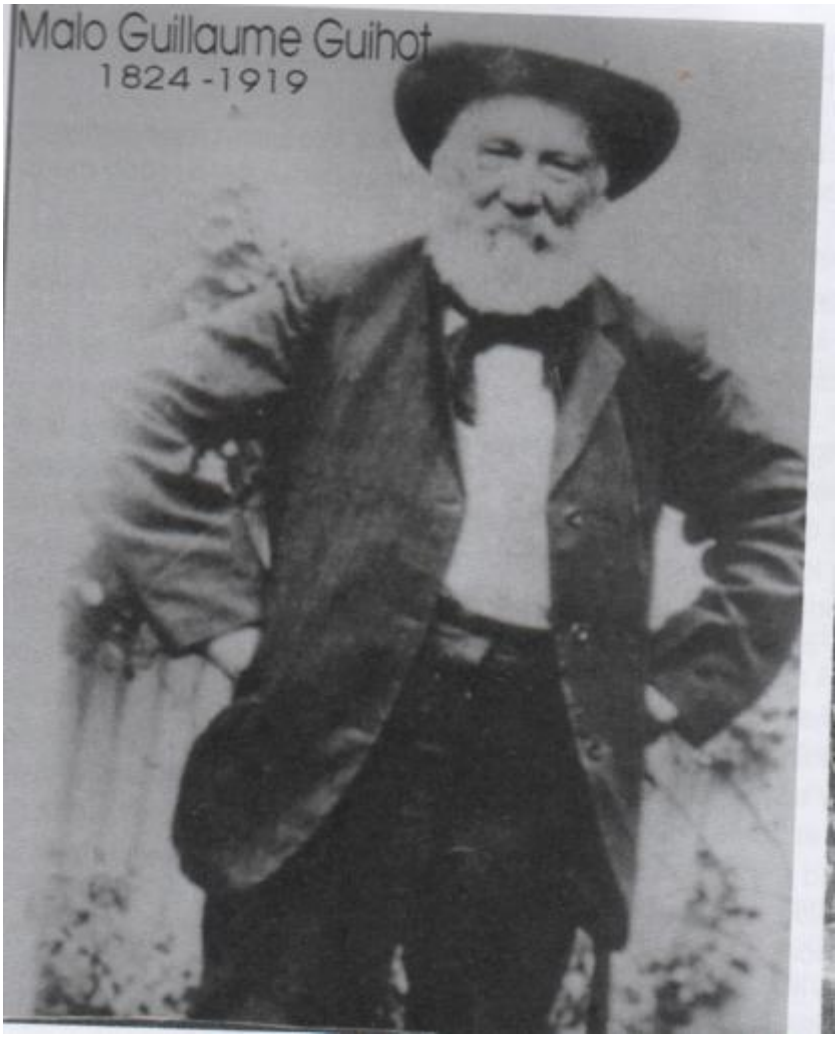
9.	i.	Carol Berry

8. **Harold Scott**. He married **Diana Hewson**
Children:

10.	i.	Sandra Scott
	ii.	Ian Scott



ELMA GUIHOT (Theobald)




Rita, Ida, Louie, Olly, Joan, Elma, Lachie and Harry

The following was written and read at Olives funeral by Colin Sharp 11/4/2022

Olive Sharp

This is a potted history of Ollie's life – a life of purpose, a life of meaning and a life of quiet and consistent achievement – often against the odds.

Ollie was born **Olive Guihot** in *West Mitchell* (what we now know as *Sunny Corner*) to **Harold Malo** and **Ida Mary Guihot** on 3 July 1927 – the 4th of 7 children – the others being **Rita**, **Elma, Lachlan** (Lachie), **Harrold**, **Louise**, and **John** – all passed away, but a number are represented here today by family members.

The **Guihot** family can be traced back to the beautiful French walled city of *St Malo* – with the descendants arriving in *Sunny Corner* via *Forbes* after it seems one **Loui Guihot** deserted ship and absconded to *Binda* (between *Cowra* and *Crookwell*) where it seems he set up with two other absconders - together they became known as the "three Loui's". Ida, Ollie's mother, was one of the **Grabham** family from the *West Michell/Portland* areas. The Guihot family lived in meagre circumstances, even for that time – and the remnants of their home can still be found amongst pine trees about 50 metres up the road signposted *Guihot's Lane* on the *West Mitchell* road at *Sunny Corner*.

Ollie's memories of her father were vague – it seems he was chronically unwell from an early age with heart disease and Ollie had spent much of her early life away with relatives. As a small child she had developed an issue with her right leg that made walking difficult. She had lived with her father's sister Ella in *Lithgow* – and during that time she recalls the terrible pain, her legs being measured with string (to compare their length) and the application of hot formants as treatment. At one time her Aunt Ella carried her from *The Gap* to Lithgow hospital for X-rays – and she distinctly recalled the cold X-ray plate on her backside. Later Ollie was sent to spend time with Ida's mother (and her sister May) in *Tumbi Umbi* on the Central Coast. It was while in *Tumbi Umbi*, in July 1935 that Ollie heard of her father's death. A short time later Ollie returned home to *Sunny Corner* to live with her family – in even more difficult circumstances. Although still a boy, her elder brother **Lachie** had left school and taken up providing for the family – cutting pit props (for the mines), trapping rabbits, picking peas, digging potatoes – anything to help feed and clothe the family – something Ollie appreciated and admired Lachie for.

At that time Ollie attended *Sunny Corner School* – a **Mr Ray Cresswell** was her only teacher – and she recalls **Mrs Cresswell** teaching the girls to sew. Ollie's sister Elma and Cousin Josie Rampling would carry her to school – on a stretcher made from a chaff bag with a stick up either side. Later she would travel by sulky and still later she would travel with Jack Berry's mail run. Ollie limped badly until she was about 13 – and wore her shoes unevenly thereafter. The issue was never diagnosed. **Ollie's schooling finished with one year of high school by correspondence.**

It was through pea picking that Ollie and her husband to be – **Tom Sharp**, met. Apparently Dad would take his phonograph out to the Guihot's and they would listen to the music of the times – we still have some of the records – like *Casey at the Dentist* and *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*. Tom and Ollie married on 27th March 1943 – in *St Barnabas Church* in *South Bathurst* – with the only other attendees being mother **Ida,** and her then companion **Arthur Franks**. Tom and Ollie took up residence in the front two rooms of Tom's family house – on his 186 acre property called *Rosevilla*, at *Meadow Flat*. Tom's sister **Elaine** and her husband **Cess Grabham** lived in the back of the house. In Ollie's own words – *"It wasn't easy fitting into the house already occupied by his (*that is, Tom's*) sister and brother-in-law – who in fact was my uncle. We had two rooms at the front of the house and I cooked on the open fire"*. **"Wasn't easy"** was probably an understatement. In time Elaine, Cess and family moved out – and Ollie had the run of the full house. It still can't have been an easy life. Ollie wrote: *"We only had kerosene lamps and candles* (for lighting) *at that time and the big open fire-place and wood store. Dad's brother Charlie and Edie* (Charlie's wife) *used to travel up from Portland and found it hard to see (inside the house).*

We had the copper out the back and all hot water had to be carried in from there for baths. Washing was done by hand and scrubbed on a board in the copper and hung up on the lines up on the hill. Later I got a wringer that clamped on the side of the tub"

To be clear – the copper was a big tub made of copper that had to be filled and emptied by bucket and positioned over a wood fire that had to be lit and sustained until the water boiled.

The house was progressively improved over the years by sectioning off a pantry and bathroom, installing a bath (with rudimentary plumbing), connection to the electricity grid (in 1956 we think) – later still a kitchen sink, and in time a telephone connection. Although rudimentary, the house was always cleaned to within an inch of its life. As were the Sharp kids – Ollie said: *"Dad was a great father to his kids. I would bathe them and he would dress them. He never raised a hand to them."*

Ollie hadn't had a doctor throughout her first pregnancy – and when the time came travelled to *Bathurst* to be admitted to a clinic or sorts. The call was made that she would not deliver until morning – but as luck would have, near midnight she gave birth to her first child - alone and unassisted. That child of 1943 was **Thomas John Sharp – junior**. In Ollies words *"I was there a week before going home to start from scratch being a new mum and coping on my own"*. Other children were to follow:

- Elaine [Elaine Mary] in 1946, after 2 miscarriages;
- Marg [Olive Margaret] (1948);
- Jen [Janet Alice] (1950);
- Peter [Peter Charles] (1952); who some will know as Charlie;
- Lyn [Lynnette May] (1954);
- Dan [Daniel Malo] (on 3rd July 1956 – Ollie's own birthday, a coincidence both enjoyed greatly)
- and finally after another miscarriage, Colin James (in 1958).

I mention each separately because Ollie had a unique bond with each of her children. That bond saw Ollie welcome our friends into her home – and as we have paired off she committed to love and care for our respective partners. This extended to a healthy interest in the wellbeing of the "in-law" families. Ollie celebrated the birth of each grandchild, great-grandchild and great-great-grandchild. She had seen the cycle of life play out so many times and in so many ways - and with her own declining health was simply overjoyed at the recent births of Rachel's daughter Mackenzie (a grand-daughter) and Brittany's son Harry (a great-great grandson).

Ollie had found breast feeding to be a good (but time limited) contraceptive – but thankfully she had experienced good health through all her pregnancies, until Dan – when she was hospitalised for three weeks with Toxaemia. I was a mistake - and it was too risky for her to have any more children – which was probably a blessing because Tom Sharp (one of 15 children) had hoped to prove himself (as he put it) *"a better man than his father"*.

As mentioned, Ollie's early life at *Rosevilla* must have been seriously hard. In her words: *"It was pretty hard making ends meet in the early years. Aunty Edie (Jack Sharp's mum) taught me to cook and she used to give me used clothes to cut up. I made boys trousers out of the backs of old pants and the girl's dresses out of ladies clothes. For Christmas I would layby one new outfit or material to make up (for each of the kids) and they did for Sunday School and the Portland show."* Ollie did learn to cook – in fact she was a great cook – as many here today will attest. Her pastry for apple pies and pasties was something truly special – a recipe she willingly credited to Edie Sharp. Along with this Ollie learned to preserve fruit and make jam from melons and berries. Her hands were sometimes stained purple and her legs scratched from the long hours of picking blackberries all over the valleys and creeks of *Meadow Flat* and *Sunny Corner*.

Along with washing and ironing cloths (all hard work those days) - Ollie learned to sew, knit and darn – and anything else that was required to do the best she could for her family. If nothing else the Sharp kids were clean, well fed and very much loved – and teachers at *Meadow Flat* school over the years have commented on the strong interest Mum and Dad had in our education. **I know that Ollie had an enduring regret that they simply could not afford for the older children to continue on at school – particularly the girls.**

And she learned to drive, in her words: *Nola (Lachie's wife) taught me to drive. I got in the car and she told me what to do. The children (hers and ours) were playing over near the garage and I took off and froze with my foot on the accelerator. I went down through the kids – a wonder some weren't killed. Got to the bottom of the hill and told Nola I couldn't do it – but she just said "Get in the bloody thing and do it" so I learnt to drive and got my licence with no trouble in Portland*".

It's hard to overstate the importance of this event – driving gave Ollie the independence to do what she needed to do throughout her later life – and it was so sad to see the impact of her decision to "hand in" her license relatively recently. In hindsight the correct decision – considering the number of bumps and scrapes on her little white Nissan Pulsar – but there was an immediate and real impact on her satisfaction in life – despite all the assistance provided by family.

Mum wrote: *Between washing, ironing, cleaning there wasn't much free time.* But over those early years Ollie found time to read – often crouched in an open fireplace with its residual warmth in the evening, and with lighting from a kerosene lamp or candle. **Ollie had good reason to the thankful to her teacher Ray Cresswell** – reading was one of her lifetime joys. She loved a good romance - and crosswords – but equally read with interest on local, national and international affairs – and with a surprisingly open mind given her meagre education. Even in later years she would ask about some of the big issues of today – like *Globalisation, Climate Change* and *Marriage Equality.* Ollie was genuinely concerned for the world and the society that future children will be born into – so it doesn't surprise that she exercised daily, ate frugally (with the exception of chocolate/sweets), could not abide waste and was a committed recycler. She disliked alcohol and gambling and simply could not understand violence – particularly against women and children.

The labour was different in those early days – as was the division of labour. Men were largely reserved for brute strength or dangerous activities or those that required sustained heavy physical exertion – and women did everything else. As an example, the men would kill a sheep and hang it overnight. In the morning they would cut the carcass down the middle and then each half into three slabs. Job done – apparently!!! Ollie would then use a meat saw, various knives, meat cleaver and hand mincer to dissect the six pieces of beast into the cuts of meat we recognise. And in times of hardship – like a heavy snow-storm during lambing - and in the early years after Dad died - there <u>was no</u> division of labour. I can still see Ollie loading bales of hay onto a carry-all at the back of a tractor, carrying a large backlog from the wood heap to the open fire, chasing down a ewe having trouble lambing in the snow, then helping to lift the sheep onto and off a trailer. Leaving feminism aside for a moment – <u>this wasn't work for a small and slightly built woman</u> – and she paid a high price for her efforts over the course of her life – through back operations, limited range of movement and constant pain.

Ollie's life changed abruptly on 21 April 1972 – with the sudden death of Tom. At the age of 44 she found herself a widow, with two small land holdings to manage and with 2 youngsters still at home. We lived for a few years at *Rosevilla* and then the sale of the Sunny Corner property (*Hilltop*) allowed Ollie to buy her first house in *Bathurst* – 8 Edgell St – a modest 3-bedroom home – but with all the mod cons of the time – running water (hot and cold), carpet, an oil heater and an inside toilet. At this time Ollie worked various jobs – like house cleaning for a number of well-known families in and around Bathurst and catering for functions (mainly balls) and the Bathurst Trots – along with attending to affairs at *Rosevilla*. The major activities (like drenching and fencing) were led by Peter each weekend. This continued until 1982, when the hard decision was made to sell *Rosevilla* – relieving Ollie of a great deal of travel and work that with age she was increasingly unsuited to - or would likely have caused serious injury. In time Ollie used the proceeds from the sale for her current home, *7 Thomas Close* – co-designed by (son in laws) Bruce Morgan and Kevin Miller, with Kev the certified builder and the rest of the family chipping in where possible – and with Ollie contributing to building and (of course) cleaning up the site each day as building progressed. This home has been a meeting point for the Sharp clan ever since.

Ollie's life in Bathurst – with less travel, a modern home and the conveniences we know today – gave her time that she had not had previously. She would rise early and walk with a friend or two each morning – prior to doing whatever was needed to make life easier for her family. **Ollie's life was about the practical and the possible** - routinely doing the rounds of family who lived locally to do their washing and ironing, to vacuum, in fact anything that was of help – and she would re-double the effort in times of greater need - when children were young or someone was sick or injured. **Ollie had no thought of self** – you could be dying with something that was clearly contagious - the flu or some gastric bug - and she would still be there – vacuuming around your "body", picking up the washing or changing the sheets. During this time Ollie also enjoyed staying with family who lived away from Bathurst for a week or two at a time – she particularly enjoyed visiting Elaine & Joe in Cessnock and Toronto. She also enjoyed some travel – a round-Australia bus trip, a visit to Western Australia with Marg & Kev and an inland caravan adventure with Jen & Bob.

Ollie also found time for friends – nursing and caring for an old *Meadow Flat* friend **Bub Smith** until her passing – then doing the same in turn for **Bub's sister** and again for Bub's brother-in-law **Alf Galvin**.

Ollie was community minded – donating time to deliver "meals on wheels" in the Bathurst area - for about 35 years. She served on the *Bathurst Base Hospital Auxiliary* for a similar period of time - in the canteen and on the roving sweets trolley. For Ollie, these were also a social activity - where she enjoyed time interacting with other likeminded people in an easy and informal atmosphere. **Over and above this she gave regular and meaningful amounts to her chosen charities.**

Ollie spoke often of her three wishes in life.

Her first wish was "not to suffer" – as a number of those she had nursed had. Unfortunately, over recent years Ollie had become increasingly frail. She was in continual pain – despite medication and Marg's daily application of creams and lotions. Most will know that Ollie lived next door to Marg & Kev – a situation that saw Marg become Ollie's personal physician and guardian for many years – an extended commitment that others in our family greatly appreciate.

Her second wish was not to be a burden to her family – to which I would say that the assistance she has received has been willingly given. Over the years the four "Sharp" girls – have all supported Ollie to the extent their location and individual circumstances have permitted. And more recently with all four living in Bathurst and Ollie's greater need they have been absolutely amazing – without doubt Ollie had the very best of care when she needed it most. She knew this, and she appreciated this. The Sharp "boys" have always chimed in as needed – and all the sons and daughters in law have similarly loved and supported Ollie. And Ollie's interest in and concern for her grand, great grand and great-great-grand-children has been reciprocated, to the extent that time, proximity and age permit.

While on this, I would particularly like to thank my wife Kim and our children Thomas and Caitlin for their love and care for Ollie – and I am sure each of my brothers and sisters give similar thanks to those close to them.

Ollie's only other wish was for her family to continue to live in harmony in her absence – which is in our hands now.

And now to go full circle – we give thanks again for Ollie's life – a life of purpose, a life of meaning and a life of quiet and consistent achievement – often against the odds.

Col Sharp (11/4/2022)

HEMSWORTH

I. **James Hemsworth**. He married **Elenor**.
Children:
2. i. Richard Hemsworth b. 19-01-1783.

Generation Two

2. **Richard Hemsworth** b. I 9-01-1783 in Yorkshire. He married **Hannah**
Children:
3. i. James Hemsworth b. 17-10- I 802.

Generation Three

3. **James Hemsworth**, b. 17-10-1802 in Leeds, occ. Whitesmith/goldminer. m. **Mary Taylor** 24-07-1826 in Leeds, b. 1807 in Wakefield, d. 12-01-1878 in Trunkey Creek, buried: in Trunkey Creek. Arrived Sydney 04-

12-1841 ex Liverpool per "*Columbine"*. Held land @ Kelso 1869-75. Mary: Father John (canvas weaver) Mother Abeley

Children:

	i.	Richard Hemsworth	b. 00-00- I827 in Leeds.
	ii.	Emma Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1829 in Leeds.
4.	iii.	James Edwin Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1831.
	iv.	John Hemsworth	b. 28-01-1835 in Leeds. He married Blanche McCarthy, 19-03-1901. John d. 21-07-1901 Sunny Corner.
5.	v.	George Hemsworth	b. 12-08-1840.
	vi.	Mary Ann Abigail Hemsworth	b. 08-03-1843 in Sydney. She married William Edward York Montgomery, 00-07-1862 in Meadow Flat, b. 00-09-184I. At Sea (*"New York Packet"),* occupation Butcher, d. 12-02-1914 in Bathurst Hospital, buried: in Sunny Corner. Mary died 08-03-1920 in West Mitchell, buried: in Sunny Corner. William: **see Montgomery Tree**
	vii.	Edwin Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1846 in Sydney, occupation Publican/Grazier. He m. Emma M E Young 1881 in Orange, b. 1855 in Trunkey Creek, d. I924 in Parkes. Edwin d. 1932. Emmas daughter Eliza I872 m. as Hemsworth 1897 Henry J Roberts. l son & 5 dau.
	viii.	Betsy Eliza Hemsworth,	b. 00-00-1848 in Sydney. m.Thomas Deacon 1869, b. 1845.
	ix.	Ann Eliza Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1852 in Tambaroora. m Thomas Lawler 1872, b. 25-05-1851 in Meadow Flat, d. 16-01-1896 in Victoria Hotel Adelaide. Thomas**: see Lawler Tree**

Generation Four

4. **James Edwin Hemsworth** b. 183I in Leeds, occupation Farmer@ Mitchells Cr. He married **Ann Hayes** 1862 in Bathurst, b. 1844 in Sydney. Ann Father James (butcher) & Anne Dunsmore

Children:

6.	i.	James Hayes Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1863.
7.	ii.	Robert George Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1866.
	iii.	John Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1868 in Bathurst, d. 1869
	iv.	Gertrude Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1870.
	v.	David Ethelbert Hemsworth	b. 00-00- I870 in Bathurst.
9.	vi.	Edward Herbert Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1873.
	vii.	Sydney W L Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1875 in Wellington, d. 1898 in Bourke.
	viii.	William Thomas Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1878 in Bathurst, occupation Butcher@ Bourke. He married Mary Revelly, 1905.
	ix.	Leopold Theodore Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1881 in Bathurst. He m (**I**) **Lilian Burton** 1907 in Bathurst. m. (**2**) **Leila A Sherman** 191I
	x,	Maud Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1885 in Bathurst, d. 1885
	xi.	Elsie FM Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1886 in Kelso, d. 1908.
	xii.	Florence Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1889. She married Rowland A K Thome 1907

5. **George Hemsworth** b. 12-08-1840 in Sydney. He married **Ellen Prosser** 09-01-1865. George died 1921, buried: in Portland. Ellen: Father Thomas, Mother Ellen Haly

Children:

10.	i.	Thomas John Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1865.
	ii.	James Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1866 in Bathurst, d, 1879
	iii.	George Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1868 in Bathurst, d. 1879
11.	iv.	Ellen Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1870.
	v.	Mary Ann Hemsworth,	b. 00-00-1872 in Carcora, d.1876 in Carcora.

Generation Five

6. James Hayes Hemsworth, b. 1863 in Bathurst He married **Anabella Marion**, 1894. James died

Children:

	i.	Phillis Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1895.

7. Robert George Hemsworth b. 1866 in Kelso, occupation Jockey. He married **Jane Charlton** 1890 in Bathurst. Robert died 1934 in Burwood.

Children:

i.	Florence Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1889,	d. 00-00-1889.
ii.	Robert Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1890,	d. 00-00-1890.
iii	Cardinal Moran Hemsworth	b. 00.00-1892.	
iv,	Alfreda Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1893.	
v	Violet Hemsworth,	b. 00-00-1898.	
vi.	Cecil Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1900.	
vii.	Roy Hemsworth,	b. 00.00-1901	
viii.	Harold Kenmore Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1903,	d, 00.00-1967.

8. Gertrude Hemsworth, b. 1870 in Bathurst. She married **John J Matherson** 1891.

Children:

i,	Valerie E Matherson	b. 00.00-1892.
ii.	Elizabeth E Matherson	b. 00.00-1894.

9. **Edward Herbert Hemsworth** b. 1873 in Bathurst. He married **Helena Carrol**, 1900. Edward died 1900.

Children:

i.	Norman Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1900 in Orange,	d. 1900 in Orange.
ii.	John E Hemsworth	b. 00-00-190I. m. Philomena	died 1975.

10. Thomas John Hemsworth b, 1865 in Bathurst He married **Amelia A McKay** 1865 in Forbes, b. 1861. Thomas died 04-03-1954 in Crows Nest

Children:

i.	May Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1885,	d. 00-00-1889.
ii.	John Hemsworth	b. 00-00-1888,	d. 00-00-1971.

11. Ellen Hemsworth b. 1870. She married **Alex Edward McDonald** 1892, b. 1862, occ. Smelter/Fanner, d. 1914. Ellen died 1932.

Children:

i.	Alex W H McDonald	b. 00-00-1892.	
ii.	Ellen Jane McDonald	b. 00-00-1896 m.John Oscar Stait b.1893,d.1964. Ellen.d1975.	
iii.	George Hemsworth McDonald	b. 00-00-1900.	He married Ivy E Butfield b.1900.
iv.	Isabella W McDonald	b. 00-00-1905.	She married Tom Sheerin

LARKIN

I. **Thomas Larkin** He married **Ann Walton**

Children:

2.	i.	Thomas Larkin	b. 00-00-1838.
3.	ii.	Stephen Larkin	
	iii.	Henry Larkin	b. in England
	iv.	John Larkin	b. in England.

Generation Two

2. **Thomas Larkin**, b. 1838 in Ightham Kent England. He married **Sophia Oliver**, b1846, d. 23-10-1922 in Ben Bullen, b: in Round Swamp. Thomas died 17-07-1904 in Ben Bullen.

Children:

	i.	Thomas Larkin,	b. 00-00-1864 in Hartley, d. 08-07-1941, b: Cullen
	ii.	(male) Larkin	b. 00-00-1865 in Hartley, d. 1865 in Hartley.
4.	iii.	William John Larkin	b. 00-00-1866.
5.	iv.	Eliza Larkin	b. 00-00-1868.
6.	v.	James Larkin	b. 31-05-1870.
	vi.	Mary Elizabeth Larkin	b. 00-00-1872 in Hartley, d. 02-09-1957, b Cullen
7.	vii.	George Larkin	b. 00-10-1873.
8.	viii.	Jane Larkin	b. 00-00-1875.
9.	ix.	Emma Larkin	b. 00-00-1877.
10.	x.	Louise Larkin	b. 00-00-1879.
	xi.	Annie Maria Larkin	b. 00-00-1881 in Hartley, d. 24-12-1965, b. Cullen
11.	xii.	Sophie Larkin	b. 00-00-1883.
	xiii.	Charles Larkin	b. 00-00-1885 in Lithgow. He married (**1**) **Eva**. He married (**2**) **Alice May** b. 1881, d. 31-10-1936, b: in Cullen Bullen. He m (**3**) **Ester**, b. 1888, d. 12-06-1964 in Lithgow, b: in Lithgow. Charles d 13-06-1964 in Lithgow, b: in Lithgow.
	xiv.	Alice May Larkin	b. 00-00-1887 in Hartley. She m James King Freestone b. 1887, d. 18-06-1938. Alice d 04-06-1944, b: in Capertee.
	xv.	Rachel Larkin	b. 00-00-1889 in Lithgow, d. 23-05-1975,b.Lithgow.

3. **Stephen Larkin**, b. in England. He married **Alexandrina Ferguson** 1863 in Blackmans Flat, b. 1832 in Scotland, d. 04-11-1873 in Black Springs nr Sofala, b: 05-11-1873 in Running Stream. Alexandrina: **See Ferguson Tree**. died 5 days after daughters birth.

Children:

	i.	Stephen Larkin	b. 15-01-1864 in Hartley.
12.	ii.	Emma Larkin	b. 15-06-1869.
	iii.	Duncan Ferguson Larkin,	b. 00-00-1871 in Hartley, d. in Lithgow.
13.	iv.	Alexandria Larkin	b. 30-10-1873.

Generation Three

4. William John Larkin b. 1866 in Hartley. He married **Emma Larkin** 1891 in Wattle Flat, b. 15-06-1869 (daughter of Stephen Larkin and Alexandrina Ferguson), d. 1912. William died 20-06-1945, buried: in Cullen Bullen.

Children:

	i.	Thomas Stephen Larkin	b. 00-00-1892 in Lithgow. m. Essie E R Bates 1922 in Manly, b. 1887, d. 17-09-1953, buried: in Portland. Thomas died 22-03-1952, buried: in Portland.
	ii.	William Duncan Ferguson Larkin,	b. 00-00-1894 in Lithgow.
	iii.	Lillian Larkin	b. 00-00-1895 in Lithgow.
	iv.	Elsie Evelyn Larkin	b. 00-00-1898 in Lithgow.
14.	v.	Eliza Grace Larkin	b. 00-00-1902.
	vi.	Florence Annie Larkin	b. 00-00-1904 in Lithgow, d. 17-04-1979,
15.	vii.	Edward Larkin	b. 13-04-1907.
	viii.	Albert Larkin	b. 27-12-1910 in W-wang, d. 21-03-1983

5. **Eliza Larkin** b. 1868 in Hartley. She married **Charles George Jamieson** 1886 in Bathurst, b. 1857 in Bathurst (son of John Matthew Jamieson and Margaret O'Rielly), d. 1939 in Lithgow. Eliza died 02-02-1953, buried: in Lithgow.

Children:

	i.	Ernest C H Jamieson	b. 00-00-1888 in Bathurst.
	ii.	Alfred H Jamieson	b. 00-00-1890 in Bathurst, d. 1917
	iii.	Ethel M Jamieson	b. 00-00-1892 in Bathurst.

iv.	Edith O Jamieson	b. 00-00-1895 in Parkes.	
v.	Hilda G Jamieson	b. 00-00-1896 in Parkes.	
vi.	Harold Jamieson	b. 00-00-1900 in Wallerawang.	
vii.	Vera A Jamieson	b. 00-00-1902 in Lithgow	
viii.	Linda M Jamieson	b. 00-00-1905 in Wallerawang.	
ix.	Jessie Jamieson	b. 00-00-1908 in Wallerawang.	
x.	Victor J Jamieson	b. 00-00-1909 in Wallerawang.	
xi.	William H Jamieson	b. 00-00-1913 in Dubbo.	

6. **James Larkin** b. 31-05-1870 in Hartley. m. **Frances E Franks**, 16-01-1906, b.16-01-1883, d. 01-01-1954, buried: in Woronora Sydney. James died 25-09-1944, buried: in Round Swamp.

Children:

16.	i.	Russell James Larkin	b. 27-07-1914.

7. **George Larkin** #14, b. 10-1873 in Hartley. m **Bertha Ethel Stait** 18-01-1905 in Meadow Flat, b. 16-09-1888 in Sunny Corner, d. 30-03-1953, buried: in Cullen Bullen. George died 15-03-1954, buried: in Cullen Bullen.

Children:

17.	i.	Dorothy Larkin	b. 21-08-1905.	
18.	ii.	Marjory Larkin	b. 06-05-1908.	
19.	iii.	Reginald George Alexander Larkin	b. 20-06-1909.	
	iv.	Alexander Larkin	b. 26-11-1916,	d. 07-01-1986.
20.	v.	Phyllis Annie Larkin	b. 03-06-1920.	
21.	vi.	Ellen Louise Larkin	b. 31-01-192?.	

8. **Jane Larkin** b. 1875 in Hartley. m Edward **W H Browne** Jane d 28-08-1961, b: in Pipers Flat.

Children:

i.	Edward Browne
ii.	Cecil Browne
iii.	Douglas Browne
iv.	Evelyn Browne

9. **Emma Larkin**, b. 1877 in Hartley. m **George Kirby** Emma died 05-11-1956 in Bulli,

Children:

i.	Perce Kirby
ii.	Alan Kirby
iii.	Trevor Kirby
iv.	Grace Kirby
v.	Rita Kirby

10. **Louise Larkin** b. 1879 in Hartley. m **Jack Taylor**. Louise died 03-11-1927.

Children:

i.	Arthur Taylor
ii.	Miriam Taylor
iii.	Les Taylor

11. **Sophie Larkin**, b. 1883 in Hartley. m **George Palmer**

Children:

i.	Palmer
ii.	Palmer

12. Emma Larkin (See marriage to number 4.)

13. **Alexandria Larkin** b. 30-10-1873 in Sofala. m **Herbert A Jamieson** in Petersham, b. 1876 in Tambaroora (son of John Matthew Jamieson and Margaret O' Rielly). Mother died 5 days after birth. Breastfed by Aunt Sophie who had gave birth to George a week earlier. Reared by Sophie & Thomas.

Children:

i. Eva A Jameison
ii. Herbert A Jameison

Generation Four

14. **Eliza Grace Larkin** b. 1902 in Lithgow. m **Joseph Murray** Eliza died 06-04-1980, b; Portland.
Children:
i. Iris Murray

15. **Edward Larkin** b. 13-04-1907. m **Mrs John Coleman** Edward d.17-01-1985 b: in Cullen Bullen.
Children:
i. Joseph
ii. John
iii. James
iv. Wendy

16. Russell James Larkin b. 27-07-1914. m **Elizabeth May Tompsett** 05-06-1954, b. 04-05-1919. d 2006.
Children:
i. Joanne Larkin

17. **Dorothy Larkin** b. 21-08-1905. m **Harry Roberts**. Dorothy d.09-03-1984.
Children:
i. Bruce Roberts
ii. Eric Roberts , d. 17-01-1932.
iii. Nea Roberts
iv. Jean Roberts
v. Suzanne Roberts
vi. Judith Roberts
vii. Phyllis Roberts

18. Marjory Larkin b. 06-05-1908. m. (**I**) **Norman Pike**. M.(**2**) **Ted Hensell**
Children by Norman Pike:
i. Don Pike
ii. June Pike

19. **Reginald George Alexander Larkin** b. 20-06-1909. m **Merle Rogers** Reginald died 10-12-1977.
Children:
i. Janice Larkin
ii. Reg Larkin
iii. Jeffery Larkin

20. **Phyllis Annie Larkin** b. 03-06-1920. m **Colin Wilkinson** **see Wilkinson**
Children:
22. i. Kerry George Wilkinson
23. ii. Sue Wilkinson

21. **Ellen Louise Larkin** b. 31-01-1928. m **Joe McManus** . Ellen died 27-09-2006.
Children:
i. Joan McManus
ii. Alan McManus
iii. Stephen McManus
iv. Tracey McManus

Generation Five

22. Kerry George Wilkinson m **Lorraine Stephens**
Children:
i. Kylie Wilkinson
ii. Chad Wilkinson

23. **Sue Wilkinson** m **James Willis**. Sue died 07-09-1985.

Children:

i. Jamie Willis
ii. Bindi Willis

MARTIN

James Thomas Martin b. 1862 in Sunny Corner. d. 18-02-1905 in Dark Corner m. **Jessie Scott** 1888, b. 1863, Jessie d. 23-04-1935. **See SCOTT TREE**

Children:

1	i.	James (Jim) Martin	b. 00-00-1887.	
2.	ii.	John (Jack) Drysdale Martin	b. 00-00-1888.	d. 1975
	iii.	Edward Malcolm Martin	b. 00-01-1890 in Dark Corner, d. 21-02-1890 in Dark Corner.	
3.	iv.	Elsie Eleanor Martin	b. 00-00-1893.	

Second Generation

1 James (Jim) Martin b. 1887. m **Beatrice Titus,.** 1909 in Cobar. (cousin to Emmaline)

Children.

i	Ernest J Martin	b. 1910	Bathurst
ii	Ivy J Martin	b. 1911	Bathurst
iii	Dudley W Martin	b. 1912	Portland
iv	Thomas R Martin	b. 1915	Bathurst
v	Sydney H Martin	b. 1916	Sunny Corner

2 John (Jack) Drysdale Martin b. 1888 in Emmaville. m. **Emmaline Titus** 1931 in Annandale, b. 1896, d. 08-08-1987, b: Dark Corner. John d. 01-06-1975 Dark Corner, b: in Dark Corner **see TITUS TREE**

Children:

i. John Martin **see RYAN TREE**
ii. Edward Martin **see RYAN TREE**

3 Elsie Eleanor Martin b. 1893 in Sunny Corner. m. **Thomas R C H Francis**, 1911

Children:

i. Elsie L Francis b. 1911 in Sunny Corner.
ii. Thomas J Francis b. 1917 in Sunny Corner.
iii. Doris Francis
iv. Cecily Francis
v. Melva Lynda Francis m. Alfred G Scott 1939 in Bathurst, b. 1916 in Portland (son of Thomas George Scott and Victoria Ida M Kissell) **see SCOTT TREE**



JAMES THOMAS MARTIN & JESSIE SCOTT



JIM & BEATRICE MARTIN



JACK MARTIN



JACK & EMMALINE MARTIN



JOHN MARTIN, DOROTHY RYAN==TED MARTIN, KATHLEEN RYAN

The following is a copy of notes written by Jack Martin in the 1970,s

A little late in life to commence writing things down but will try.

Born at Emmaville. New South Wales 13/9/1888
My Father. James Martin. Born at Sunny Corner N. S. W
Grand Father Martin Born at Cornwall England
Grand Mother Martin Born at Wales England
My Mother's Maiden name Jessie Scott Born at Sunny Corner
Grand Father Scott Born at Glasgow Scotland
Grand Mother Scott Born at Wales England
On the Martin side they were always miners. Grand Father Scott a draper by trade
Our Family came from Emmaville to Sunny Corner when I was two years old
Grand Ma Scott kept a boarding house at Sunny Corner and it was there we were for twelve months
Then moved to Dark Corner, which has been home ever since
Dark Corner at the time was a gold mineing centre
There were several mines working here
Paddy Larkey. Deep Level. Homeward Bound.
Silver Hill and Lady Mary
Quite a number of Alluvial Diggers in the creeks about.
Dark Corner had its own Brass Band. Store. Boarding House. School and Cricket ground
To day only three Families remain, but many memories
Bennetts. Shumacks and Martins all Graziers, stock is Cattle and Veales, at the present time very good
Ewes and fat Lambs, Lambs very good, Wool could not be worse, many sheep men in the drier areas of N. S. Wales and Queensland, walking off their properties, the drought and poor wool prices have lasted too long
At the present time on the land Cattle is the only thing worth while. Farming. Fruit growing. Dairying. Poultry Farming, You are lucky if you can mark time, many are not. In the mineing line here at the present time Coal. Copper. Iron. Nickel all booming
Well this page is a little from my start and near end

School Days

The old school when I commenced was a slab building with iron roof. A new school was built about 1896, this school remained open until 1952. Years after it was shifted to Jenolan Caves, where it only remained open for about two years and is now used as a junk room at the Caves House
In my time I was under five different Teachers
Mr.s Marten. Mr.s Purcell. Mr.s Mc Manus. Mr.s Dolan and Mr. Kennerday
Mr.s Dolan, talk about a wild Irish Lass from Cork, she landed here with six new canes, those canes only lasted six weeks, we got them down the back on the back side and dont forget the desks came in for their share. When she had us cutting wild guince suckers on the banks of Dark Corner creek, so as she could carry on the good work. I must admit I learnt more the six months I was under her, than I learnt in twelve months under any of the other teachers
One home work lesson she gave us, and a week to learn it, was name every Coastal Town and each River that emptied into the sea right around Australia. Fifteen of us had that Home work, only two of us got the possible. Bill Smith and my self, how I could do with a slice of that memory now. To day I would not remember it was dinner time, only for getting hungary
Sunny Corner Mine was working all through my school days, and as all the bullock teams carting lime stone to the furnaces at Sunny Corner, passed by our school, giving us plenty excitement I can remember six teams, they used to cart the lime stone about eleven miles, it was an all dirt road and in wet weather, talk about teams getting bogged, and when that happened, they would hook another team on to the bogged team, and then Hell was let loose, The Drivers cracked their whips and fight from one end of the team to the other, mud flew and so did language. A free lesson for all we boys. Some of the Teamsters were as proud of their teams, as are car owners to day. One Teamster would want a team all Hereford Breed, that is all red with white face, another

would want all black, so they would change bullocks with each other until the team was complete

I often think Banjo Patterson was with the Teamsters when he wrote

Bill the Bullocky

As I was coming down Conroy's Gap
I heard a maiden cry
"There goes Bill the Bullocky
"He's bound for Gundagai
A better poor old B——k
Never cracked an honest crust
A tougher poor old B——d
Never drug a whip through dust

"His team got bogged at the five mile creek
Bill lashed and swore and cried
If Nobby dont get me out of this
I'll tattoo his B——y hide
But Nobby strained and broke the yoke
And poked out the leaders eye
"Then the dog sat-on the tucker box
"Five miles from Gundagai

In the Teamsters days, when the mine whistles blew at knock off time, and the teams were turned loose, then the din started. No fences in these days, so each team would have several bullocks carrying a big pot Bell each Now with about twenty of these bells tinning, joined at twilight with the mournful cry of hundreds of Curlews Night Owls with their Mopoke cry, and the pounding of the mine batteries
Made Dark corner anything but
O. Silent Night

But I would like to hear it all over again.

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While we were going to school, this district was being troubled with one of Australia's last Bushrangers, known as Slippery Jack We school kiddies used to be very excited when Sargent Wright rode past our school, with his mounted Troopers, armed with Carbines, searching for the Bushranger. Slippery Jack was captured near Esperie, a small town on the Mudgee line, only about ten miles from here, over the range. Slippery Jack turned out to be an escaped Convict from New Caledonia, and of course sent back there. Little did I know then, that in 1903 at the age of fifteen I would be working underground in New Caledonia myself. That came about by my Father going over there in 1898 to manage a Chrome Mine, for an Austrian Company. He held that position for six years, and then had to resign on account of ill health I had one Brother. Jim was fifteen months older than me, so he was in New Caledonia two years, where I was only there for twelve months

I had better finish the school days, and get on to Caledonia later

The native animals about here in my school days, were Gray Kangaroo. Wallaroo. Swamp Wallabies. Scrub Wallaby. Rock Wallaby Kangaroo Rat. Bandicoot. Tiger Cat. Native Cat. Possum and Native Bear. In 1897 I shot the first rabbit ever seen in Dark Corner. Foxes follow the spread of the rabbit, so in twelve or eighteen months time, Foxes were noticed around. From then on the the Curlews disappeared, because nested on the ground, and the foxes got all the eggs. The Foxes have cleaned everything up, from the Rock Wallaby down

In those days the fastest thing on the road here, was the plough mare Bonnie in the spring cart, apart from the saddle horse

My Dad used to play in the Sunny Corner Band, and Frank Havenhand who kept the Court House Hotel was a Bandsman too, and a great friend of Dads, now at this time Havenhand had just bought the first Edison Phonograph to ever come to Sunny Corner. Havenhand

asked Dad to bring the Boys next saturday to hear the Phonograph. Now we Boys would only see Sunny Corner once in twelve months and excitement was running high, as we were not told what we were going to see. Bonnie harnessed in the spring cart took us in, in great style

When we went in to the Hotel, the bar was full of Miners. They sat we two boys on a stool against the wall opposite the bar, then from behind the bar, they lifted this thing onto the bar, with the funnell pointing straight at us, all of a sudden a gurgling sound started. I shouted look out Jim they are going to spurt water on us, I sprang to right and Jim sprang to the left, by the time we landed on the floor, the music had started, needless to say no body heard that record, while the laughter was going on, I glanced across to see how Dad was taking it, he was not even smiling, I had a good idea what was coming later

Well this was not the end of my troubles on this Sunny Corner trip. After tea the Band lined up to play in front of Francis's Hotel. The Band had played a March, and a little later had commenced a Waltz, when three or four town boys picked me out as a Scrubber from the bush, and one of them wanted to fight me, he was a tall thin boy, with a long neck. Well I was frightened, I told him I did not want to fight, and backing away, backed into Dad, and knocked his music stand over. Dad spun around and said what the hell are you doing. I said that boy wants to fight me, thinking Dad would hunt him away, instead of that he said well fight him, and if you dont belt him I'll B— well belt you. The accident caused the Band to stop, and when Dad ordered me to fight, the excitement was on

They formed a ring, and used the Band lights. The boy I was to fight, was a real Cassius Clay for limelight, he was beating me it all, on the other hand I could see two beatings coming my way. I was strong and tough, caused by hard work on the farm. I stood in the ring with the right foot back a little, and turned slightly back and

waited for him to come to me. Well I was scared, he pranced up to me, with both fists bobbing up and down, to me they looked like Battery stampers. When I thought he was close enough, I let drive left and right on those two stampers. The punch landed on adam's apple, the first thing that hit the ground was the back of his head, he was struggling on the ground choking. In a few seconds, two or three women were doing what they could for him, while about fifteen others, abused all the men within hearing. The Band finished its program, Bonnie was harnessed, and we were on our way home, in silence, every second we were expecting Dad to let loose, when all at once to our surprise and relief.

Dad turned to me and said, Jack I'm glad you felled that gander mocked B——s. Any little praise coming from Dad, was like pennies from Heaven

17/10/71 I'm inclined to crow, to day at Bathurst Gun Club I shot down 48 out of 50 clays, the prize was a supply of Black currant Wine from Poland

The next thing on Dad's program was to teach us to swim, ride a horse, and play Brass Band Instruments

Now Dad had a very forceful way when teaching, he would explain, just how a thing was done, and You were supposed to do it. He took the two of us up to the mine dam, and on to the staging which was about three feet above water. Every thing was explained again, it all seemed so easy, You could just lie on Your back with your ears under water and move Your hands and You would not sink

Dad grabbed Jim fired him into twelve feet of water and then me, in a split second the theory was gone. We did panic, We splashed and spluttered, until we were exhausted He pulled us out then, let us have a quarter of an hour to recover. Then said I'm throwing You in again, this time You will get out Yourselves or stop there, the bank was only three feet away and we both made it

My next lesson was horse riding. I might mention Dad used to wear a beautiful belt, it was made of heavy leather, about two

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inches wide, had strawberry vines and strawberries stamped into the leather, a silver snake for a buckle. Thats all I have to say in its favour. My first lesson was how to spring or balance to a trot. Now Jim sadled on Tilby the trotter and Dad is on Morgue the race mare, we rode down to the main road where it was level and straight for a few hundred yards
I received my instructions again and we are off, but Oh what a pounding my backside got on that saddle. I thought nothing in the world can be worse than this, we had gone a couple of hundred yards when Dad said pull up, and after giving me a lecture, we turned for home. It was then I could see worse was to come. Dad was unbuckling this dam belt, he rode up along side of me and said right. We took off, he galloped along side of me and each time I was to rise in the saddle Dad called out spring and at the same time brought the belt across my bottom. To my relief before we reached the end of the straight, needless to say I was springing at the right time without the aid of the belt
Now we are about to start in the music world. Dad used to play a baritone and Uncle Jack Marten a trombone. Uncle Jack bought Jim a cornet and me a tenor horn. Jim had a wonderful voice, he and Mabel Lathby the Deep Level Mine manager's daughter used to sing together at different concerts held at Sidney corner. It was while we were learning to play these instruments that Dad left for New Caledonia, that was the end of the music lessons.
In the music world I could not see which way Jim went, he was outstanding, but never bothered about it again. Years after in early 1906 at the age of seventeen I took it up again in Cobar, paid for my tuition, and was with them until 1912. My old Euphonium still hangs in the T.V room

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The last two years that Dad was home, he was a share holder together with two of the Paddy Lacky owners in a new mine. they paid Dad eight shilling a day and he would put back into the mine, as much of his wages as he could spare For those two years our family of five lived on 1/5 a week, the balance of Dads £2-8 a week went back into the mine. We never went short of food, because on our little place we were able to run a couple of dozen sheep for mutton and two milking cows. Dad was a hard worker, and a good gardener, so we were never short of vegetables. Well at the end of two years they had to give the mine up, they had found the reef, it turned out poor, so had to close down. Leaving Dad apart from the bulk of his wages going back into the mine, £300 in debt to the Paddy Lacky owners. This came about when more money was wanted for the mine and Dad would not have it, the Lacky men would loan him money as they did not want to lose him, he was such a capable miner. It was shortly after this failure that Dad had had this position offered him in New Caledonia. He accepted it as he thought it was his only chance of ever getting out of debt

We boys had a wonderful time when Dad was gone, our Mother was as easy with us as Dad was hard. Well it didnt seem long before Jim was fourteen and off to Caledonia

Fifteen months seen went by, and Jim on my way there also. It was a big programme for me, getting from Dark corner to Caledonia off my own bat. Of course I had everything on paper. Coach from Gunny corner to Rydal. Train from Rydal to Central. Tram to Hotel. Boat next day. The Boat was a small Boat, only 2.500 tons called the Pacific. It was a very rough trip over, took four days instead of three. I was sea sick right from the time we got through the Heads. Im told for the four days, never ate a mouthful. When the Boat anchored out in the bay at Noumea every body had to line up on deck and be examined by a Doctor. I was so weak I had to be carried on deck and held up on my feet. It was no trouble for me to make my mind up I'll never be a Sailor

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Well a new world had opened up for me here, every thing was so strange so different. At the time New Caledonia was a Convict settlement. I liked Noumea, the town had several acres of ground set aside for a market square. This ground had a large number of ornamental trees. In the morning the business houses would have their goods there for sale, and of evening and into night it was used as a Park or play ground.
This was a great play ground for the Kanaka's until eight o'clock. Then at eight, a Cannon stationed on a hill at the back of the Town was fired. This was a signal for all Blacks to be off the streets in ten minutes, when that Cannon boomed you would see the Blacks hurrying on all directions
The mine I was to work at was only twenty eight miles out from Noumea along the coast, and about four miles inland. The mine was a Chrome mine, and a tunnel went into a very steep mountain. The Chrome was in huge loads similar to Copper loads, but the treatment was quite different, Copper Ore is smelted and Chrome Ore is crushed and put through a Concentrating Plant, the finished article looks like black sand and very heavy. It was taken to Scotland by Sailing Ships I understand it was used in paint and for hardening steel
The mountain the mine was in, was so steep they had a zig zag track about four feet wide cut from the foot of the mountain up to the mine, it was cut all the way, and the old bull rushes grew right to the top of the mountain. This would be because of the mighty rain fall, the old bull rush must have water and plenty of it
The ore was let down to the foot of the mountain from the mine in V shaped hulk ten tipping trucks, with two treaded front wheels. These trucks ran on a heavy wire rope and were filled out of a chute at mine head. To these loaded trucks a lighter rope was connected, and the other end of this rope would be at the foot of the mountain hooked on to the empty trucks which had a lighter rope to travel on. The full trucks going down pulled the empty ones up. A man at the top controlling the brakes
14/11/31 Rowing again. To day won the Trophy at Swing boats Sun Club

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The crushing plant was at the foot of the mountain, and about a mile and a half from the Wharf. The country had a slight fall all the way to the Wharf, about twenty five trucks would be linked together, on the end of every fifth truck a Kanaka rode to attend to the brake. The empty trucks were pulled back to the Plant with a horse team. The work force at the Mine and Works were Japanese. Chinese. Kanakas and Convicts who have served their term of imprisonment, set free, but must never leave Caledonia, they are then called Liberies. Apart from Dad and we two boys there were four Australians.
George Williams. Mick Scott. Jack Coleman and Ted Brown. Williams and Scott were the shift bosses. Dad used to work with these two men before he went to Caledonia and got them over later. I took a dislike to Caledonia, landed there late in 1903 when the wet season was on, and for a couple of months it was rain. flies. frogs and mosquitoes
Mick Daley had a store. hotel. Poultry Farm. Race horse and Horses not far from the Wharf. Daley had been in Caledonia over fourty years. Mrs Daley was dead, and left two Sons and a Daughter, they were all grown up, the Girl and the youngest Son lived in Noumea, Jack the eldest Son helped the Father. Every friday Jack would take half a dozen Kanakas his rifle a pack of Bragle Hounds and shoot two or three Deer, the Deer was cut up and sold to the mine workers.
Fish by the tons, the fish were not caught with hooks but killed by Dynamite, the idea was to have a plug of dynamite with only a few inches of fuse, locate a shoal of fish, light the fuse and quickly throw the plug of dynamite among the fish, the shock of the explosion would kill them by the hundreds. The wild game on our end of the Island was wild cattle. pigs. deer and flying foxes
Talking about pigs, one of the most amusing things that happened at the mine camp was, the Chinamen working at the mine had caught a couple of very young pigs out in the hills brought them home, put them in a stye fed and looked after them until they were very quiet and able to look

about for feed them selves, they had the run of the whole of the mine camp, and did very well. They had grown to a size that they would dress about 140 lbs each. About this time Daley's poultery farm was raided one night and a number of his fowls were stolen, a few days after a Kanaka Boy told Daley he saw a lot of fowl feathers in a bit of dense undergrowth not far from the Chinese camp. Daley asked Dad if the pigs came around our house, yes they are here nearly every evening when we get home from work, they are a darn pest, You can't leave your soap or anything around. Daley asked Dad to loan him one of the half ton mine trucks that had a foot brake on it. The little truck line passed quite close to our house, the next evening when we got home from work, the pigs were there, so were four of Daley's Kanaka's planted in the undergrowth close by with about 10 or 12 lbs of pollard mixed up with rum not milk.

Well what followed was the funniest sight I ever saw, the pollard was placed on a log and needless to say the pigs did not need a divineing rod to find it, they commenced to eat it with a look on their faces, well we never expected to find any thing like this The pollard is all gone and the pigs are still on their feet, we began to think, is it going to take effect

Then they decided they would eat the bag, it was while this ~~the~~ was going on a fight started and while it lasted they kept getting more helpless until they both fell asleep side by side on what was left of the bag. Daley said they were both still asleep when they slaughtered them. So to this day neither of the poor old buggars would know who won the fight

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I had to be told I broke the clay, because for seconds after I fired there was in front of me nothing but smoke

Well back to the Deer drive, We turned up by the score, what a happy crowd. We were White. Black. Brown. Brindle. Yellow and a hell of a lot of between colours.

Jack Daley was in charge, he placed us in pairs on the outer side of the course facing each Deer tunnels coming out of the jungle inside the course. Jack then let the pack of Beagles go, the dogs were only in there about two minutes when the roars of them commenced, followed by four or five gun shots. Two Stags and one Doe were shot, thats all that was in the course, nothing got away

Jack Daley's Father handed out drinks to every one of us at the Pub, had the Deers skinned. cleaned. Cut up the following day and given to the mine camp

I have known the Beagles to keep on the trail for three days. After two or three days of it, and the Deer could not shake the dogs off they would plunge into the sea and swim across Plume Bay a distance of three miles from one point to the other.

The mine camp could always do with more meat, fish was too plentiful You do get sick of them, I remember one day when the heavy working horses after being stable feed all the week was let but on sunday to have a run. They were like a lot of school kids, they galloped, bucked and kicked up and in the middle of all the fun one big horse lost his footing went over the bank of the creek, a drop of about fifteen feet the fall broke his back, and had to be shot.

For several days at the mine at the camp and at the crushing plant smoke rising from horse flesh, they were cooking it on old shovel blades, bits of flat iron, wire. and anything they could get hold of. Jim and me after knocking off work on the tuesday evening went to have a look at where the horse fell over the bank, there were only a few of the big bones left and they were scraped clean.

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Well this page tells of all the sadness in our camp George Williams one of our shift bosses was killed by a fall of earth in the mine. Over there the shift bosses being experienced miners always had to attend to the baring down of any dangerous ground after shots had been fired, It was while George was attending to this work that he was caught with a fall of rock. We who had been working on day shift had only been home from work about an hour when the Phone rang telling us what had happened The Cemetery was at Noumea twenty eight miles away over the mountains. The only road leading from Noumea in the direction of the mine, was a road to La-Coolie a big Convict Camp fourteen miles out of Noumea, so we had to carry George in his Coffin fourteen miles over the mountains and wade across two rivers to reach La-Coolie where a Frenchman with a horse and spring cart took over. We had sixteen Japanese, workers from the mine carrying the Coffin, what wonderful little men they were and tough as steel.
We were all able to get a meal at the Convict Camp, and what a difference that meal made to us, we were now able to make our fourteen miles back home, the sixteen Japanese, and five Australians. Scott. Brown. Coleman and we two boys Dad's health not being good he was unable to take the trip on Williams Wife was teaching school at Sunny Corner, she caught the first boat from Sydney to Noumea, and Dad was in Noumea to meet her and have everything seen to. The Austrian Company that owned the mine paid all her expences and spent £200 on the grave. I for one missed George, I remember when I was a school boy and Dad and George were working together at the Ruddy Lackey I used to follow George around like a big pup. One day when I had just turned nine, George had just bought himself a new double barrelled hammerless gun, and he said to Dad, if You dont mind Jim Id like to give Jack my old gun, what a proud lad I was. Thirty five years after George was killed I bought the hammerless gun off Mrs Williams. It still hangs on the wall together with Dad's old Winchester 73

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Coleman took over Williams job as shift boss and work went on, but things did not seem the same
Later on the mine closed down for a couple of weeks while some alteration work was being carried out on the crushing plant. Only the two shift bosses, Jim and myself were kept on at the mine. In the mine two prospecting shafts had been put down one hundred feet, each had a well hole eight feet deep to catch any water that was caught in the tunnel that ran from one shaft to the other.
I was to work mates with Coleman, and Jim mate with Scott We were driving two more prospecting tunnels, and while blasting we would walk down the tunnel leading to the other shaft for safety. When the first shot went off the concussion put all the candles out. On this occasion when we were making for safety and the shot put the candles out, me not thinking we were so close to the well hole, I took one step in the dark and went head first in this eight foot well hole in four feet of water. Lucky for me there was to be only the one shot, the well hole was pretty small at the bottom and I could not turn end for end, a match was struck and I heard some one say where is Jack, my boots were above water so I was fished out in no time. I would say I was under water less than a minute, but just at the time if any one told me I was under water for six weeks I would have believed him It was knock off time, we walked out of the mine and I made for Dads office to tell him what had happened thinking how overjoyed he would have been at them saving me
Dad said You b—y ape all the same had it been eighty feet instead of eight. I'll teach you a lesson, You go home change your clothes and come back, I'll wait here till you get back. We started for home, it was pouring rain. Coleman and Scott were going very crook about Dads lesson too stiff 6 miles walk. I was doing a bit of heavy thinking too, and it was raining like hell, we had only walked about three hundred yards and I said hold on. I had never tried to

on top of the fright I had under water. I thought was the last straw. I'll sit behind that patch of scrub for a quarter of an hour after the five o'clock whistle blows and then put in an appearance. Scott said he will know you have not changed I said my wardrobe consists of a blue dungaree jumper three pair of dungaree trousers three grey flannel shirts and a pair of blucher boots, when they are wet each suit looks the same and in this down pour they are sure going to be wet. I walked back to the mine when the time was up. Jim had saddled Dad's horse before he left. I assisted Dad into the saddle as he did not have wind enough to make the effort himself. He started for home, no doubt feeling satisfied with himself that the lesson would teach me to be more careful in the future. I walked behind feeling satisfied with myself I put it over him with four miles of walking (and life went on)

In a couple of months time Dads health began to deteriate very rapidly. He felt he had not too long to go, said he preferred to die over there, but was anxious to get we two boys safely home. Many times since I have thought how sane his decision was. We boys aged sixteen and seventeen having always been under Dad's guidance and know how, let loose over there among such a large percentage of desperate men who had served their five years as a convict, but must never leave New Caledonia

One could not guess how or where we would wind up Dad handed in his notice and resignation, shortly we would be leaving Caledonia, the time came and we were to be in Noumea the day before the boat would leave for Sydney When we arrived at Noumea, to our joy we learned the boat would not be leaving for a week, had to have some repair work done Next day Jim was handed the first money he had in his hand for two years work, five franks 4/2 in Australian money I fared better I got five franks for one years work, guess he thought well if they have not the money they can't get into

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Well staying at a Hotel in Noumea for a week was pretty good, we had no trouble putting the time in, we wandered every where. Dad met a Frenchman who had married one of our Sunny Corner Girls. A man by the name of Brassie, he was managing a Sundial Factory, and lived at a very pretty little place not far out of Noumea called Valley De Tare He told Dad there was an English battle ship and a French battle ship in Noumea harbour and they were going to have a foot ball match at Valley De Tare, see the match and have tea with him, which we did. Jim and I had never saw a foot ball match, and never dreamt of the excitement there was to be before the game was over. They started off a smiling cheerful lot of boys, as the game went on the excitement increased, half way through the game it was no longer foot ball, it was a B—y ~~field~~ battle field. They kicked. punched. wrestled and swore The Police had to rush in and stop the match. Any foot ball I have ever seen since seemed rather dull

Well time went by only too quick, it was good bye Caledonia We are on the boat and making for Sydney. Two calm days I was a born sailor, two rough days a rot case

A couple of days in Sydney and then on to Dark Corner with Mum. My Sister, the old blue cattle dog Thilby the old mare I learned to spring to a trot on. HA-HA

The old slab house, with the Jasamine vine climing over it and a wonderful flower garden. No Mansion could have claimed more in the word home

We took Dad to Bathurst to see Dr Mc'battie, the Dr explained that the dust from rock mineing is altogether different from coal mineing, coal dust is a vegetable dust which covers or paints the lungs, where as rock dust is more like powered glass and you just cough up and cough until there is no lungs left the rock dust just grinds or cuts the lungs away

Dad bought a couple of plough horses. Jim got a job which [illegible] works I took to working on the little farm

Home

After a couple of weeks Dad began to slip back very rapidly. The last few weeks it was hell watching him struggling for breath He only lasted five weeks after we landed home. Thats the end of mining for me, or rather I thought it was.
After we came home from Dads funeral, and there were a lot of Neighbours at the house talking with Mum, I heard her say, if I have to live on a crust of bread I,ll never let the boys go underground. Two weeks after Dad was buried, Charlie Cook the owner of the Paddy Lackey mine sent word to Mum to send the boys down he would give us both a job underground five shilling a day. This was the very mine that put Dad in an early grave. It dusted every man who worked in it any length of time, The four share holders who sold out to Charlie Cook only a couple of years before the mine closed down, all went to an early grave, leaving their wealth behind. Mum told us of the jobs at Paddy Lacky. Jim said he would take the job, I refused to go said I would take any surface job that crops up and work the farm between jobs. Mum did not like the idea said if the job was gold enough for Jim it was good enough for me. I was stunned at Mum's right about turn I felt like saying a lot, but said nothing, although in the near distant future I had quite a lot to say. Well I was on the farm and many short jobs with the plough team was to be had, between jobs I would be clearing ground for potatoes Well about nine months went by, plenty of work but no excitement. Then something happened that caused more than excitement before it was all over. I was ploughing twenty acres of ground for a man at Palmers Oakey, one of the old gold fields that was booming, the same time as the rush was on, on the Huron river. The Palmers Oakey creek empties into the Huron I can remember when there were five hundred Chinese digging on the Oakey creek, apart from the White's
The Wife and I now and again take a drive down that way and have a look around, not much to look at now. You might come

away back, with mixed feelings pleasure mingled with sadness
Well I'm wandering about a bit, better get back to that plough
I had a 32 winchester rifle, it was part of me, and when I was
camped out on any of the jobs I would always have the old
winchester with me. On this occasion when I turned the horses
at the end of the field, I saw a rabbit sitting on a burrow about
three hundred yards away, I picked up the rifle and shot the
rabbit. I went over picked up the rabbit and when I got back to
the horses. Sargent McCoy of the Sunny Corner Police Force was
sitting on his horse waiting for me. I thought what the hell is
he after. Well it was good day, then he said I was riding down
the road and saw you fire that shot, and when I saw the distance
you walked to pick it up, I could not believe my eyes, thought
you may have wounded it and it ran that far before it fell.
I said no it was sitting on the burrow where I picked it up,
you could easy find the bullet in that red soil. He said I dont
doubt you. I've never in my life saw a shot to equal that one
in paddock or bush shooting. He then said we have a wonderful
rifle Club in Sunny Corner, and at the present time we
are getting a team of five men ready to shoot in Sydney
in ten or twelve days time. A team of men who have not
shot in prize shootong. I would like you to come in on
saturday, join the Club and let us See what You can do.
I said I dont know anything about shooting with a 303
windage would have me tied up to start with. He said
in this match Captain Palmer attends to all that, he picks
a man out of the team of five who groups his shots and the rest
was like reading a book to Captain Palmer. I said I'll come in
on saturday. He said good, You will only have three days
practise before the team leaves for Sydney
I landed home friday evening instead of saturday evening, I
told Mum what was doing and O hell was let loose, me playing
around the country and Jim working in the mine. I said well
I have reached that stubbon stage. Jim and me all our lives
have just been a cog in a wheel, not even been allowed to
even do a little thinking for our selves. That had been Dad's

I said I think it will fall through and told him what had happened, he put his hand in his pocket and handed me a five pound note, Jack he said say nothing to nobody.
It was my lucky day, when Jim came home from work I was working in the shed, he came across to me and said on my way home I called in at Grand Ma Scotts and told her what had happened, she went into her room, came out and handed me this for You saying dont tell Your Mum, it was another five pound note. I was set mob for my Sydney exes ~~whether~~ whether we won any prize money or not. I got accommodation with a Family I used to know at Sunny Corner. When I was ready to leave home I thought Ill try Mum out just to see if she is only bluffing to the last minute, but the answer was no.
One thing that happened while I was in Sydney, the man I had ploughed the 20 acres for at ten shilling an acre sent the ten pounds home, Mum collected that, I did not mind because after having two weeks in Sydney I landed home with money in every pocket. There were 105 teams of 5 men in a team in our match. Sunny Corner won the fifth prize. I cant remember just what amount the prize money gave each of us.
Captain Palmer was so carried away with my shooting under his guidence. He said Im going to put You in every sweep and shoot I can get You into. Ill pay the nomination fees and we will go fifty. fifty. With Your eye sight and steady hand and me attending to the wind and elevation we must collect Well the eye sight is still pretty good, even at the age of 83 four months ago I shot a black wallaroo at 600 yards with a 303 over open sights. Well back to Sydney, we did pretty good, I had a couple of weeks in Sydney, one Girl of the Family I was staying with knew Sydney, I had the money, we saw everything. I came home paid Grandma and Gray the fiver each of them let me have, and still had ten pounds left.
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of goosberry jame. This was the last straw, I was always too
fond of my food and still am to take a blow there
My next day was taken up preparing for the road. We two boys
never knew one of our Parents busines, but strange as it seems
the two or three weeks of Dad's time that he felt well enough he
would be out where I was working, talking and yarning with me
more like a mate than the iron leader he had been. One day he
was sitting in the sun with his note book, and he said well
Jack six years on Caledonia wasnt easy to take, but I was able
to pay the Lackey share holders what I owed them, and had six
hundred pounds when we finished work at Caledonia. I just
figured out, we have spent one hundred pounds, that includes
fares home, horses etc. Well that left them with a nest egg of
£500 but she did not know that I knew any thing about it
My day of preparing for the road soon went by, the swag was
rolled. Next morning when saying good bye to Mum I said
look, there was no need to push Jim into the Pride Lackey mine.
He will wind up just the same as Dad. Which he did years ago
I lifted the swag onto my back, leaving behind on the farm
fourteen acreas of a beautiful oat crop, just about ready to
harvest, and two acres of potatoes I had recently planted in new
ground which I had cleared. I had a letter from Jim six month
later, telling me they had cleared ninety pounds off the oats and
potatoes after harvesting exes had been taken out. Jim said
fifteen pounds above what he will get for twelve months work.
Well my first day with a swag up was 29 miles to Bathurst
railway station, the walk on a mettle road, that distance was not
as hard to take as the pain in my shins. for a couple of days
I took a train to Narrowmine at 2 o'clock in the morning, wheat
harvesting was going on in that area. Landed in Narrowmine went
down to the Macquarie River, where about thirty 30 Swagmen were
camped, supposed to all looking for work, pitched my 6x8 tent and
was there for a week before getting a job. The idea was the wheat growers
would ring Musgroves Office up in Narrowmine and tell them
when they wanted men and how many. It was surprising how
few of us would make for Musgroves Office first thing each morning

Narrowmine

While looking for work here, I had any amount of time to compare my living condition with the couple of weeks I had in Sydney One at the top of the pole, the other right at the bottom.
9/1/72 Evening time, won double rise at Sunny corner Gun Club.
Another visit to Musgroves office, the man in the office said Your luck is in to day, bread and fat Smith has only gone a little while ago, he wants eight men, the place is seven miles out facing the road. I went down to river, pulled the tent down, rolled the swag and was on the road again, the heat was unbearable, had walked about four miles when I noticed dust rising on the road back behind me, it turned out to be a horse and sulkey, so when the driver caught up with me. I stopped him and asked him for a lift, he said how far are You going, I said Im going to bread and fat Smiths place, he said have you got a job to go to, I said yes, he said where did You get it. I told him I had been at Musgroves office every morning for a week waiting for him to open. This morning he said Your luck is in to day, bread and fat Smith was in and he wants eight men, so Im on my way. Well the next few seconds I hoped the ground would swallow me. He said Im bread and fat Smith. I looked every where except at him, and when I looked up at him, he had a big grin on his face, he got a bigger kick out of what happened than I did He said I'll take You swag, but Im sure the wheels would not carry you too. My Children had the sulkey to drive to school I had to get into Narrowmine for men, so I took a risk with this I'll leave Your swag on the verandah, pick it up and follow the road over the hill back of the house and You will find the work camp, this I did, got quite a surprise at the size of the camp, with four big horse teams, an Overseer who rode around on a beautiful brown pony, giving orders and seeing things were done right. The job five shilling a day six days a week and tucker! A Cook and his off sider attended to all the food which was good. Well Im on my sixth days work and its dinner time The Cooks off sider used to bring the hot dinners out to us with a horse and spring cart. I was working with two teams the other two teams were further up the paddock. The chap with

came to our teams first and commenced to unload the dinners
The Overseer was with the two teams further up the paddock, he called
out and told the Chap to bring the dinners up there, because apart
from the shafters and the leaders all the body of both teams were
young horses just being broke in and You had to be near them
Well the men I was working with would not listen to what the boss
had to say about the young horses, so they all put their coats on
and of course I had to do the same or be a scab. We all had a weeks
pay to draw and every one made for the Pubs in Narrowmine bar me
I made my mind up to go to Eobar, so washed my working
clothes, You could not swim in the station dam but there were Several
big tubs, so I made use of one of those. I did not get up early
next morning, the men who were working with the young teams
had gone to work. I went over to have breakfast with the Cook
and who should ride up but the Overseer. He said hello You
didnt get to the Pubs, I said no I dont drink, he said now
look you are a young chap just starting out in the world, take
my advice and dont be led by B—y loose artists and
bagmen, I felt a bit guilty just then I was the latter
He said Im pleased with Your work go back to Your job.
I thanked him and said no I would be branded a B—y
scab if I lived to be a hundred. He turned to the Cook and
said give him a good hand out. The Cook put in my tucker
bag. Half a leg of mutton, half a pound butter. tea. large
piece of Damper and a piece of cake, his own cooking and very
good. Well it was good bye to Brend and fat Smiths place.
I dont know how he got that name, I found conditions good.
The swag is shouldered and I am on my way, this time to a
railway siding between Narrowmine and Trangie where I hoped
to catch the train to Eobar. When I arrived at the siding, there
was a notice saying any one wanting the train to stop, one had
to wave a flag that was there for that purpose. The bagman stopped
the train and was about to dive into a carriage, when the Guard
called out, hey where are You going, I said Eobar, have You got
a ticket. I said no. Get in here with me and when we get
to Trangie get Your ticket and go where You like

Colar

Arrived at Colar, was amazed at the size of it. Mines every where Great Colar, Post Burke, Chestney, Occidental. The Peak. East Colar. C. S. A. about seven miles out and the Queen Bee. twelve miles out. I struck Colar at a very slack time, many men out of work I tried every where for almost a week, got to know a few men at and near where I was staying. I decided to try the Queen Bee mine as I had learnt, an old friend of Dads was the boss of the furnaces A Sunny corner man Bill Viper. The swag is hoisted again and I had only about gone hundred yards and was passing the home of a man who I had been talking with a couple of days before Bill Richard a man six foot four and hard and rough looking but turned out to be one of Natures Gentlemen. He said where are you going, I said out to the Queen Bee. Have you got a job there. The answer was no just looking for work. He said can you ride a bike. yes. Look he said you could carry that swag out there to ~~and~~ day and find yourself carrying it back tomorrow have it here and take my bike, if you get a job bring the bike back tomorrow and take the swag then. Oh riding that bike, how different from staggering beneath that swag, it didnt take long to cover the twelve miles out to the mine. I made to the furnaces and made myself know to Bill Viper. He said I knew Your Dad so well, He is dead isnt he. I said yes died eight months ago. Viper said I'm putting men off here, but go up to the shaft, the boss there is a Cousin Jack meaning a Cornish man, I know things are slack there also, but his a very fine old Chap and I know will help you if he can, tell him I sent you up. I went up to the shaft saw the boss and asked for a job. He shook his head, damme son putten men off. I turned to walk away. He then said will give thee two or three days work help thee a little further long track. I thanked him and said I'm along the track as far as I want to go. Was leading the bike away from the mine and as I was walking past the weigh bridge a chap put his head out the window and said are you looking for work. Yes. can you cut wood. Yes. so he pointed out a house to me and said thats the wood Contractors home see him. I rode down to the house and Davis said all the wood is

is drawn in with horse and tip cart. I'll pay you a pound a week and tucker or you can pick the horse and cart up each morning and have half wheat you make, you have to do two load a day and be in with your second load before four o'clock so as it can be weighed I said I'll pick the horse and cart up each day contract, I'll have to take this man's bike back to Cobar to day and bring my swag out tomorrow. So back to Cobar and Bill Richards that wonderful man, he said have the swag rolled, have tea and breakfast with us and there is a spare bed here. So after breakfast next morning the swag was hoisted again, but that trip wasn't the joy ride the bike was. Early next morning Davis put the horse in the cart and had a new 4 ft 6 axe ground and ready for me, I bought the axe off him as I was going contract. I waided into that first day got two good loads in to time, my hands blistered badly as I had not been on axe work for quite some time, went just as well the second day, only the blisters broke or burst the second day, but apart from the hands I was feeling very fit. Over night the skin on the broke blisters dried, with the result when I was working on the third day the axe handle caused the dry blister skin to tear into the flesh causing the hands to bleed, got home with a good load in the morning, feed the horse and had dinner, just then an old Chinaman with two baskets on a pole, he had fruit and vegetables I got some oranges and a couple of lettuce off him, put some water in a small dish I had, placed the lettuce in the water thinking I would have something cool to eat at tea time. Off to work again had the cart three parts loaded, the axe handle was smeared with blood, my hands were in such a state I could scarcely hold the axe let alone swing it, had to accept defeat, it was damned hard to take, feeling so well otherwise. Was home an hour early weighed the wood, took the horse and cart home, handed my weights in to Davis. He added it up and said you went at it too savage with tender hands, you have earnt 19/- a day, your share is 9/6 a day 1/- a day more than the miners get. He wanted me to have a couple of days off and take it a bit steady, but no, so he paid me and I was walking up to the camp with the axe on my shoulder My camp was only about 200 yards up the flat from the Pub

As I got near the camp I noticed a lot of goats feeding close about they didnt take any notice of me, but when I looked in the tent there was a b—y old nanny goat just chewing up the last leaf of my lettuce and when she saw me she went through the end of my tent tearing it from top to bottom. I stoped a one side and hurled the axe after her with every ounce of strength I had, the axe whirled through the air and the blade plunged into the small of her back nearly cutting her in half. She was screeching and dragging her hind quarters along the ground. The next thing I saw was a big active looking man coming up from a house near the wood contractor's home, I was not feeling too comfortable especially so when he got closer and I could see he was carrying a darn big butcher's knife, I just stood there and waited, but how relieved I was when he got up closer and said Sim after the goat I thought if she is badly injured I would have to cut her throat, which he didnt. I'll tell you more about this man later in Cobar. Well I pulled the tent down rooled the swag and carried it down to the Pub where a cab was waiting to take passengers to Cobar. It was one of those old cabs where the driver sat on a single seat at the front of the cab and spoke through a window to the passengers in the back who would be seated on two seats one on each side of the cab There were four passengers in the cab when I arrived and the cab was just about ready to take off. I noticed the Driver was an elderly man with a billy goat beard. I pushed my swag into the cab, climed in after it, the driver said Cobar. Yes. He said its half a crown. Yes. He waited about half a minute looked through the window again and said I say its half a crown. I heard You. The reply I got was B—y well give it to me I get caught too often with B—ds like You, when You are a quarter of a mile out of Cobar You disappear out the back of the cab. I gave one of the passengers a pound note to hand up to him, which he did and also said to the driver, You are an old man, but if I was that young fellow I would pull Your B—y wishers. You have no right to speak to any one like that. Back to Cobar and in three days time I had got a job at the Fort

Bourke mine, underground. From then on it turned out I only lost seven working days in six years. Well looking back my rifle club would only lasted about a month, but how wonderful to remember
Followed by about four weeks with that dam swag, hard to forget
27/2/72 Broking again Wang gun club, 3rd in the Trophy, broke 45 out of 50
12/3 - " Sunny corner gun club 2nd in Trophy
14/3 - Said to say have just returned from a funeral at Portland of the first Girl I was ever introduced to in Cobar in December 1905
Mrs Berther Smith aged 82
Every thing going well on the new job. I joined the miners union, the secretary of the miners union Ray Richards was also an Insurance Agent, when I signed a paper for him he said what wounderful writing, are You in any Lodge. No.
He himself belonged to the Grand United Order of Oddfellows
The Lodge meeting was on in a couple of weeks time, he asked me to come to that meeting and join the Lodge which I did
At their last meeting their minute secretary asked them to be on the look out for another minute secretary as he was wanting to get out of it, so at this meeting where I joined the Lodge to my surprise I was asked if I would take the job of minute secretary on, it was made clear to me it was an honorary position and the only position any member could hold without being in the Lodge six months. I accepted the position and was never sorry But at the back of my mind I felt Ray had passed the word around
The job at Fort Bourke mine lasted four months and every thing went well. During that time I joined the Cobar Band and also paid for private lessons. Mrs Ray Richards used to teach old time dancing, lessons one night a week, Richards had a large room in their home 24x24 their own piano and one of the Daughters played. Mrs Richards picked 24 men dancers to help put the learners around. The miners nearly all worked three shifts so that meant there would nearly always be 7 or 8 men each dance night. I was one of the 24 was not surprised at that because it told Dark Corner as soon as You mastered walking dancing was on the next leaf. Well with the mine, the Lodge the Band and the dancing in those few months I thought Id

never meet and know so many people. Things were getting slack at the Fort Bourke mine, fourty men were to be put off. the rule was last on first off so I was one of them, finished at Fort Bourke this evening, lined up with about 20 men looking for work at the big copper mine early next morning. I did not like my chance as they all looked big & and better Stamps of men than I. but my luck was in, the shift boss Charlie Lewis came along glanced over us walked over to me said you will do I want some one young and active. My work was trucking from the brace to the cracker it was fast and heavy, at knock off time I was clemmed knocked up so I sat on a log near the shaft for twenty minutes to get enough energy to walk home. It was while I was sitting there the boss came along and said I knew you would make it. I said I was never so knocked up in my life. He said in a couple of days time you will be O.K

Showing time again 18/3 Bathurst Double rise. best front marker Sunny Corner 9/4/72 3rd on shoot off for Trophy

Was on the trucking job for three months, when the shift boss said to me the braceman Hughie Smith has given a couple of weeks notice he is going back to Western Australia. Lewis said I want you to learn every thing a braceman has to know about bell cords. mine levels. loading of men. machenery. explosives and timber. Tally keeping of all contract parties trucks of ore which have a leather tag number of the party it comes from, all parties count made up at end of shift and handed into the office

A braceman must be a sober man a man who does not loose time, because if you do not turn up to work, the braceman on the other shift has to work a double shift

I got the braceman job and was on it for five and a half years

McCULLA

I. **Matthew McCulla**. married **Jane Watson,** 1866 in Sydney.
Children:

2	i.	Jane McCulla,	b. 1868 in Sydney,	d. 1868 in Sydney.
3	ii.	Edward McCulla	b. 1868.	
4	iii.	William McCulla	b. 1871.	
5	iv.	Jane McCulla,	b. 1873 in Sydney,	d. 1875 in Sydney.
6	v.	Ann McCulla,	b. 1876 in Sydney.	
7	vi.	Matthew McCulla,	b. 1876 in Sydney,	d. 1877 in Sydney.
8	vii.	Joseph McCulla,	b. 1877 in Sydney,	d. 1919 in Rockdale. m. Bridget Jane Sparks, 25-01-1897, b. 11-01-1872, d. 00-12-1954. **See Sparks & Smith Trees**
9	viii.	Henry McCulla,	b. 1882 in Sydney.	
10	ix.	Jane McCulla,	b. 1885 in Sydney.	m Arthur Brown, 191l

Generation Two

3. **Edward McCulla,** b. 1868 in Sydney, d. 1938 in Newtown. m **Ada A Bollard**, I893 in Sydney.
Children:

11	i.	William A E McCulla	b. 1893.
12	ii.	Claude R McCulla,	b. 1901 in Sydney.
13	iii.	Doris I McCulla,	b. 1906 in Sydney.

4. **William McCulla**, b. 1871 in Sydney, d. 1942 in Kingsford. m **Ethel M Sproule**, 1906 in Sydney.
Children:

14	i.	Annie A McCulla,	b. 1907 in Sydney.

Generation Three

11. **William A E McCulla,** b. 1893 in Sydney. He married **Alinda D Billett**, 1919 in Sydney.
Children:

15	i.	William T McCulla,	b. 1914 in Glebe.
16	ii.	Henry McCulla,	b. 1916 in Petersham.

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MONTGOMERY

I. **George Montgomery** b. 1813 in Londonderry Ireland. He married **Rose Anne McLachlan**, b. 1816 in Londonderry Ireland. Arrived Oct 1841 with wife & 3 children per "*New York Packet*" father was Alexander.
Children:

	i.	Alexander Montgomery	b. 16-04-1836. m. Charlotte Wilson I6-04-1858. Alexander d 1889
	ii.	Rose Ann Montgomery	b. 05-02-1838. She married Joseph Wicker 1865.
2	iii.	William Edward York Montgomery	b. 00-09- I84I.
	iv.	Mary Montgomery	b. 00-00- 1844.
	v.	Sarah Jane Montgomery	b. 00-00-1844.
	vi.	George Montgomery	b. 00-00-1848.
	vii.	Elizabeth Montgomery	b. 00..00-1851.

Generation Two

2. **William Edward York Montgomery** b. 00-09-1841 in At Sea (*New York Packet*). He married **Mary Ann Abigail Hemsworth**, 00-07-1862 in Meadow Flat, b. 08-03-1843 in Sydney, d. 08-03-1920 in West Mitchell. William died 12-02-1914 . Mary: Daughter of James & Mary (Taylor) one of 19 children. **see Hemsworth Tree**

Children:

	i.	William Edward York Montgomery	b. 21-01-1862 in Sunny Corner. d. Young.
3.	ii.	Elizabeth Ann Montgomery	b. 04-05-1863.
4.	iii.	George Joseph Montgomery	b. 19-12-1864.
5.	iv.	Mary Ann Abigail Montgomery	b. 29-09-1866.
6.	v.	Rose Ann Montgomery	b. 02-03-1870.
7.	vi.	Sarah Jane Montgomery	b. 24-04-1872.
8.	vii.	Emma Charlotte Montgomery	b. 27-06-1874.
9.	viii.	William Edwin Montgomery	b. 05-03-1877.
10.	ix.	Eleanor Agnes Montgomery	b. 04-06-1880.
11.	x.	Florence Grace Montgomery	b. 02-04-1882.
12.	xi.	Louisa Ellen Montgomery	b. 02-04-1886.

Generation Three

3. Elizabeth Ann Montgomery, b. 04-05-1863 in Bobs Creek Sunny Corner. She married **Duncan Ferguson Smith** 19-01-1885 in Sydney, b. 11-09-1862 (John Smith and Isabella Ferguson), d. 1922. **See Smith Tree**

Children:

13.	i.	Percival Duncan Smith	b. 12-10-1885.
14.	ii.	William John Smith	b. 14-08-1887.
15.	iii.	Isabella Mary Smith	b. 19-08-1889.
16.	iv.	Edward Smith	b. 18-07-1892.
17.	v.	Elizabeth Ann Smith	b. 25-03-1896.

4. George Joseph Montgomery , b. 19-12-1864 in Mitchells Creek. He married **Maria Lawer** 05-12-1888 in Meadow Flat, b. 08-06-1869 in Meadow Flat (daughter of Patrick F Lawler and Mary Ann Bolton), d. 1943.

Children:

i.	Eveline Beatrice Montgomery	b. 18-01-1890 in Sunny Corner.
ii.	Amy Elizabeth Montgomery	b. 05-04-1891 in Sunny Corner.
iii.	George Albert Montgomery	b. 14-05-1892 in Sunny Corner.
iv.	Ethel Mary Montgomery	b. 04-09-1893 in Sunny Corner.
v.	Thomas Edwin Montgomery	b. 01-07-1896 in Sunny Corner.
vi.	Fanny Marcia Montgomery	b. 28-02-1899 in Sunny Corner.

5. **Mary Ann Abigail Montgomery** b. 29-09-1866 in Mitchells Creek. She married **William Edwards**, 09-11-1886 in Mitchells Creek, b. 1858 in Prospect, d. 17-06-1923. Mary d 29-09-1945.

Children:

i.	William C Edwards	b. 00-00-1887. married Lillian Gibson
ii.	Edward Thomas Edwards	b. 24-07-1888 in Sunny Corner. He married Marion Gibson 1912, b. 1891 in Hartley Vale. Edward died 1957 in Rylstone.
iii.	Alice Florence Edwards	b. 16-09-1890 in Sunny Corner. She married (**1**) **R E Penrose** She married (**2**) **John Redman**
iv.	John Alfred Edwards	b. 28-07-1892 in Sunny Corner. He married May Honeysett, 1916. John died 1972.
v.	Elsie May Edwards	b. 21-03-1898 in Sunny Corner.

6. **Rose Ann Montgomery** b. 02-03-1870 in Mitchells Creek. She married **John Titus** 15-05-1889 in West Mitchell, b. 1860 in Tarrnugulla Vic. Rose died 02-01-1903 in Cobar.
John Father John, mother Mary Wiggins, married Tarrnugulla Vic **See Titus Tree**

Children:

18.	i.	William Titus	b. 04-04-1890.	
19.	ii.	John Henry Titus	b. 00-00-1892.	
	iii.	Thomas Titus	b. 07-12-1893	in Sunny Corner, d. 21-01-1894
20.	iv.	Emmaline Titus	b. 28-12-1895.	
	v.	Florence Adeline Titus	b. 10-03-1895	in Sunny Corner. She married James H O'Brien 1917 in Portland. Florence died 1981.
	vi.	Mary A Titus	b. 00-00-1900	in Wellington. She married Archibald H Stait 1922 in Portland. Mary died 1990.
	vii,	Rose A Titus	b. 00-00-1903	in Cobar, d. 1903 in Rylstone.

7. **Sarah Jane Montgomery** b. 24-04-1872 in West Mitchell. She married (**I**) **Frederick Joseph McKinnon** 28-05-1888 in West Mitchell, b. 1862 in Limekilns. She married (**2**) **Jack MacCauley**

Children by Frederick Joseph McKinnon:

i. Eliza G C McKinnon b. 00-00-1888 in Sunny Corner. m. Horace A McKenzie 1915
ii. Mary Ann Janet McKinnon b. 18-01-1891 in West Mitchell. m. Charles J W Mitchell 1911
iii. Frederick George Joseph McKinnon b. 13-05-1893 in West Mitchell. m. Ivy C Robinson 1929
iv. Alexander William Edwin McKinnon b. 22-09-1895 in West Mitchell.
v. John Donald McKinnon, b. 12-09-1897 in West Mitchell, d. 08-05-1899 in West Mitchell.
vi. Irene Sarah McKinnon b. 05-05-1900 in Sunny Corner, d. 28-11-1901 in Sunny Corner.
vii. Kathleen M M McKinnon b. 00-00-1903 in Rylstone. m. Albert E H A Nicholls -1917
viii. Duncan E C McKinnon b. 00-00-1905 in Rylstone. m. Queenie L Griffiths 1928
ix. Dulcie E V McKinnon b. 00-00-1908 in Rylstone. m. Thomas M Carmody 1928
x. Doris E E McKinnon b. 00-00-1909 in Rylstone.

8. **Emma Charlotte Montgomery**, b. 27-06-1874 in West Mitchell. m. **Christopher Rothschild Bottrell**, 06-05-1896 in West Mitchell, b. 1867 in West Mitchell.

Children:

i. John William Bottrell b. 25-12-1896 in West Mitchell.
ii. Ray Harold Bottrell b. 18-06-1901 in West Mitchell.

9. **William Edwin Montgomery** b. 05-03-1877 in West Mitchell. m. **Frances Hanna Lawler**, 02-01-1901 in Meadow Flat, b. 08-11-1876 in Meadow Flat (daughter of Patrick F Lawler / Mary Ann Bolton), d. 1927 in Rylstone. William d. 27-12-1937 in Sydney..

Children:

21. i. Catherine Mary Montgomery b. 03-11-1901.
22. ii. Edwin Albert Montgomery b. 00-00-1903.
iii. George Lawer Montgomery b. 00-00-1905, d. 1983.
iv. John Montgomery b. 00-00-1913.

10. **Eleanor Agnes Montgomery** b. 04-06-1880 in West Mitchell. m **John William Smith**, 26-12-1900 in West Mitchell, b. 31-03-1870 in Sydney, d. 16-03-1930. Eleanor died 12-06-1955.

Children:

i. John William Smith b. 12-11-1901 in West Mitchell.
ii. Harold Edward Smith
iii. Thomas George Smith.
iv. Alfred Arnold Smith, b. 00-00-1913, d. -1991 in Sunny Corner.
v. Mary Ann Martha Smith. She married Ford.

11. **Florence Grace Montgomery** b. 02-04-1882. m. **Jack Redman** 1903. Florence died 31-08-1951.

Children:

i. ? Redman

12. **Louisa Ellen Montgomery** b. 02-04-1886. She married (**1**) **William Henry Turner** 1905 in Sunny Corner, b. -1878, d. -1921. She married (**2**) **James Walsh** in Kandos, b. 1877, d. 1944. Louisa died 1973. William: Father James, mother Charlotte Gant.

Children by William Henry Turner:

i. Allan James Turner b. 00-00-1906. m Ruth Walker 1945. Allan died 1967
ii. Mabel Enid Turner b. 00-00-1907. m Arnold Lloyd 1943.
iii. Elsie May Turner b. 00-00-1910. m H J Thompson 1935.
iv. John Charles Turner b. 00-00-1916. m Sheila Cronin 1940.

Children by James Walsh:

v. Betty June Walsh b. 00-00-1928, d. 1937 in Rylstone.

Generation Four

13. **Percival Duncan Smith** b. 12-10-1885. He married **Bertha Perry** d. -1972. Percival died 1930 in Portland.
Children:

23.	i.	Mavis Lillian Smith	b. 01-11-1912.	
	ii.	Evelyn Smith	b. 00-00-1914. She m Thomas Gardiner.	
24.	iii.	Melva Smith	b. 00-00-1918.	
	iv.	Lesley Raymond Smith	b. 00-00-1920. m. Cecila Phillis Sheppard b. 1920, d. 11-06-1990. Lesley died 06-12-1996.	
	v.	Rita May Smith	b. 00-00-1923,	d. 29-08-1992.
	vi.	Valerie Smith	b. 00-00-1924.	She married George Stewart
	vii.	Arthur Hilton Smith	b. 00-00-1926,	d. 19-12-1958 in Portland.
	viii.	Norman Smith	b. 00-00-1928.	He m. Edna Newgent.He d 2000.
	ix.	Mervyn Smith		

14. **William John Smith** b. 14-08-1887 in Bobs Creek Sunny Corner. m. **Ivy Gladys Gardiner** 17-08-1917 in Portland C of E, d. 26-12-1960. William died 11-11-1959.
Children:

	i.	William J McLennon Smith	b. 02-10-1917. He m Lorraine Rowlandson in Lithgow. William died 12-10-1985.
	ii.	Roy Smith	died at 18 months.
	iii.	Tommy Smith .	Died infant
25.	iv.	Athol Keith Smith	b. 07-07-1923.
26.	v.	Iris May Smith	b. 02-04-1929.

15. Isabella Mary Smith b. 19-08-1889 in Mitchells Creek. m. Samuel **Joseph Barry** 1916 in Portland, b. 22-11-1887 in Bobs Creek Sunny Corner d. 1950. Isabella died 1942. Samuel: **see Barry Tree**
Children:

27.	i.	Alan Samuel Barry	b. 02-02-1923.

16. Edward Smith b. 18-07-1892 in Mitchells Creek. He married **Vera Williams**
Children:

	i.	Clifford Smith
	ii.	Ces Smith
	iii.	Kenneth Smith
	iv.	Merle Smith

17. **Elizabeth Ann Smith** b. 25-03-1896 in Sunny Corner. She married **Louis George Kremer** 1916.
Children:

	i.	William F Kremer	b. 00-00-1916 in Sunny Corner.	
28.	ii.	Netta May Kremer	b. 18-06-1917.	
29.	iii.	John Louis Kremer	b. 05-07-1919.	
	iv.	Donald Lawrence Kremer,	b. 03-12-1921.	m. Ivy Gardiner.
	v.	Jean Mary Kremer	b. 24-02-1924.	
30.	vi.	Arnold Clemence Kremer	b. 09-10-1926.	
31.	vii.	Betty June Kremer	b. 01-12-1928.	
	viii.	Sheila Kremer		

18. **William Titus** b. 04-04-1890 in Sunny Corner. He married **Caroline Ensor** 1909 in Mudgee. William died 1956. Caroline: Daughter of George Ensor & Mary Jane Doyle
Children:

	i.	Beatrice May Titus	b. 00-00-1910 in Cobar. m. Anthony Sylvester Luchetti, 1939 in Lithgow. Anthony, Member of Parliament
	ii.	Agnes Josephine Titus	b. 00-00-1912 in Crookwell.m. Henry Edward Parks 1936
	iii.	Florence E Titus	b. 00-00-1915 in Portland. m. William L Dow 1935 in Lithgow.
	iv,	Rose M Titus	b. 00-00-1917 in Portland, d. 1919 in Portland.

19. John Henry Titus b. 1892 in Sunny Corner. He married Alice M Jackson 1919, John died 1965.
Children:

i. John Radnell Titus b. 26-02-1926 in Cullen Bullen. Joined Army 6-6-1943.

20. **Emmaline Titus** b. 28-12-1895 in Sunny Corner. m. (**1**) **Robert Mann** 1914 in Portland. m. (**2**) **John (Jack) Drysdale Martin** 1931 in Annandale, b. 1889. Emmaline died 08-08-1987.
Children by Robert Mann:

i. Vera E Mann b. 00-00-1915 in Bathurst.
ii. Robert J Mann b. 00-00- 1917 in Rockdale.

Children by John (Jack) Drysdale Martin:

iii. Edward Martin
iv. John Martin

21. Catherine Mary Montgomery b. 03-11-1901 in Meadow Flat. m. **James Roy George** 11-04-1925 in Kandos, b. 30-10-1889 in Rylstone, d. 19-02-1978 in Sydney
Children:

i. Montgomery George b. in Kandos.
ii. Royce Montgomery George b. in Kandos.
32. iii. Frances Montgomery George
iv. Janette Montgomery George b. in Kandos.

22. Edwin Albert Montgomery b. 1903. m **Elvina Maud Viles** 03-11-1923. Edwin d 1983.
Children:

i. Elaine Montgomery
ii. Lorraine Isabel Montgomery

Generation Five

23. **Mavis Lillian Smith** b. 01-11-1912 in Cobar. m. (**I**) **Thomas Arthur Francis** 1936 in Woollahra, b. 1907, d. 1942 in Portland. m. (**2**) **Albert William Jeffree** 1947 in Portland, d. 1972 in Portland. Mavis died 09-10-2003 in Unanderra.
Children by Thomas Arthur Francis:

33. i. Norman Thomas Francis
34. ii. Gwendoline Joyce Francis
35. iii. William James Max Francis

24. Melva Smith b. 1918. She married **Stan Twadell**
Children:

i. Cecil Twadell
ii. Beryl Twadell
iii. Joan Twadell

25. Athol Keith Smith b. 07-07-1923. He married **Norma Simpson** 1946 in Coogee,
Children:

36. i. Janice Blanch Smith
37. ii. Brian Keith Smith

26. **Iris May Smith** b. 02-04-1929 in Portland. She married **Bernard Thomas Collins** 25-02-1950 in Lithgow, d. 07-10-1975 in Dark Corner. Iris died 31-08-2010 in Lithgow.
Children:

38. i. Kenneth John Collins
ii. Richard Alan Collins
39. iii. Mark Bernard Collins

27. Alan Samuel Barry , b. 02-02-1923 .m. (**I**) **Shirley Veronica Lambert** m. (**2**) **Ivy Teong**
Children by Shirley Veronica Lambert:

40. i. Margaret Maree Barry
41. ii. Glen Samuel Barry

28. Netta May Kremer b. 18-06-1917 in Portland. m. **Francis John Halloran** 1940
Children:

	i.	Joy Annette Halloran
42.	ii.	John Francis Halloran
43.	iii.	June Elizabeth Halloran
44.	iv.	Maureen Therese Halloran

29 John Louis Kremer , b. 05-07-1919. He married **Stella Kathleen Mackaway**
Children:

	i.	Roy Louis Kremer

30. Arnold Clemence Kremer b. 09-10-1926. He married **Fay Kelly**
Children:

	i.	Colleen Kremer

31 Betty June Kremer She married **Raydon Robert Park**
Children:

45.	i.	Wayne Robert Park	
	ii.	Heather Joy Park.	She married Leslie Kirk
	iii.	Shirley June Park,.	She married Brian Dennis Taylor

32 Frances Montgomery George in Kandos. m. **Clement Stanley Ferguson**, 1948 in Rylstone, b. in Rylstone.
Children:

46.	i.	Catherine Ferguson

Generation Six

33. **Norman Thomas Francis** b. in Portland. m **Frances Paul**, 21-11-1959 in St Michaels Wollongong. Norman died 15-02-2004 in Berkley.
Children:

	i.	Tom Francis . m. Liane
	ii.	Sue Francis . . m. Ken
	iii.	Garry Francis . m. Karen

34.**Gwendoline Joyce Francis** b. in 30 Wolgan St Portland. m. (**I**) **Vincent Davies** 27-12-1958 in Wollongong, m. (**2**) **Terence John Sheldon** 14-04-1990, b. in Nottingham UK.
Children by Vincent Davies:

	i.	Peter Wayne Davies
	ii.	Steven John Davies m. Rhonda Purcell, 24-05-1992.

35. **William James Max Francis** m. **Janice Strachan**
Children:

	i.	Wendy Francis
	ii.	Douglas Francis

36. **Janice Blanch Smith** m. **Kevin Morris** 1965 in Lithgow RC.
Children:

	i.	Cherie Morris m. Brett Palmer 1989 in Lithgow RC.
	ii.	David Morris b. in Lithgow.

37. Brian Keith Smith . m. **Jenny Harris** in Wallerawang.
Children:

	i.	Jillian Lee Smith b. in Lithgow.
	ii.	Alanna Joy Smith b. in Lithgow.
	iii.	Jessica Eve Smith b. in Lithgow.

38. **Kenneth John Collins** . m. **Pauline Barton** 1976
Children:
i. Julia Collins
ii. Belinda Collins

39. **Mark Bernard Collins** . m. **Lee Hazel Clark**.
Children:
i. Thomas Mark Collins

40. **Margaret Maree Barry** m. **Austin Robert Millott** 14-10-1961
Children:
i. Julie Maree Millott. M. Noel Whiteman
ii. Michael Glenn Millott
iii. Rodney Alan Millott
iv. Deborah Jane Millott

41. **Glen Samuel Barry** m. **Lynette Barbara Fitzgerald**
Children
i. Todd Samuel Barry
ii. Drew Norman Barry
iii. Sasha Barbara Barry

42. John Francis Halloran . m. **Suzanne Joyce Champion**
Children:
i. Nicole Suzanne Halloran
ii. Benjamin John Halloran

43. **June Elizabeth Halloran**, m. **Arthur Bruce Rogers**
Children:
i. Kathryn Anne Rogers
ii. Philip Rogers
iii. Timothy Rogers

44. **Maureen Therese Halloran** m. **Ivan Fidanza**
Children:
i. Adam Fidanza
ii. Ethena Fidanza
iii. Jacinta Fidanza

45. **Wayne Robert Park** m. **Wendy Elizabeth Williams**
Children:
i. Haley Park
ii. Hayden Robert Park
iii. Alistair Ryan Park
iv. Ashley Park

46. Catherine Ferguson b. in Rylstone. m. (**I) Terry**??, 1967 in Sydney, d. 00-05-1970 in Sydney.
m. (**2**) **Allan Stephen Hill** 26-01-1974 in Camden,
Children by Terry??:
i. Brett . m. Helena 1999.
Children by Allan Stephen Hill:
ii. Daniell Hill
iii. Chris Hill

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MURRAY

James Murray m Alice Dwyer

Children

1 **James Murray** b.1880 Enniskillen Co. Fermanagh Ireland. Gave land for Kirkconnell Church 1864. Farmer, Publican. d. 25-1-1878 Browns Hill Sydney, fell from his cart. m. in St Michaels Bathurst **Mary Ann Farmer** b. 1820 Mallow Co. Cork Ireland, arrived 31-1-1841per *"Conrad"* d. 23-2-1902 Sunny Corner. Both b. Kirkconnell.

Children

2	i	James Murray	b.14-6-1842		
3	ii	Charles Dolphus Murray	b.23-7-1847	Kirkconnell d.20-7-1917	
4	iii	John Joseph Murray	b.00-00-1849		d.18-5-1923
5	iv	Thomas Joseph Murray	b.00-00-1851		
6	v	Mary Ann Murray	b.00-00-1853		d.4-7-1942
7	vi	Catherine Murray	b.00-00-1857	m Henry Mann	
8	vii	Sarah Jane Murray	b.00-00-1859	m John O'Neill	

Third Generation

2 **James Murray** b. 14-6-1842 farmer m. 1869 **Mary Ann Wade** b.1847. d.6-12-1910

Children

9	i	James Joseph Murray	b.01-08-1870	d.0-11-1941
10	ii	Sarah Ann Murray	b.06-11-1871	
11	iii	Alice Murray	b.25-11-1877	
12	iv	Mary Jane Murray	b.30-06-1874	
13	v	Catherine Julia Murray	b.13-12-1875	
14	vi	Elizabeth Francis Murray	b.26-02-1877	
15	vii	Ellen Agnes Murray	b.29-03-1886	
16	viii	Victor Murray	b.07-11-1892	

3 **Charles Dolphus Murray** b.14-6-1842 Kirkconnell hotel keeper d.20-7-1917 m 1878 **Mary Bridget Sparks** b.1855 d.20-8-1935 see Sparks Tree

Children

	i	Charles Alfred Murray	b.00-00-1879	d.1913
	ii	John Sparks Murray	b.00-00-1881	d.1936 engine driver
	iii	Catherine Jane Murray	b.00-00-1883	m. William Francis hotel keeper
17	iv	Helena Eliza Murray	b.00-00-1885	d.26-9-1961
	v	James Thomas Murray	b.00-00-1887	d.30-6-1892
	vi	William Lewis Murray	b.	
	vii	Phillip Murray	b.30-10-1892	d.30-10-1892
18	viii	Lalla May Murray	b.00-00-1895	d.16-10-1977

4 **John Joseph Murray** b.1849 d.18-5-1923 hotel keeper. m 18-6-1876 **Margaret Berry** b 1854 d12-5-1932. Both b Kirkconnell**. See Barry Tree**

Children

19	i	Mary Ann Murray	b.5-3-1877	
20	ii	Bridget Eliz Murray	b.00-00-1879	d.1919
	iii	Catherine Lou Murray	b.00-00-1880	m Alfred Small policeman
	iv	James Murray	b.16-07-1882	d.20-7-1882
	v	John Charles Murray	b.00-00-1884	d. 28-8-1937 m Esme Jean

5 **Thomas Joseph Murray** b.1851 m 10-10-1877 **Ellen Frances Dobson** b.1854. d.1918

Children

	i	Charles James Murray	b.03-08-1878	d.24-1-1906
21	ii	Nellie Francis Murray	b.22-10-1880	
	iii	Spencer Thomas Murray	b.03-06-1883	d.17-5-1914 Portland
	iv	Florence Mary Murray	b.30-07-1885	d.3-12-1902

6 **Mary Ann Murray** b. 1853 m Kirkconnell **John Wade**

Children

i James Wade
ii Charles Wade
iii Thomas Wade
iv Mary Wade
v Sarah Jane Wade
vi Elizabeth Wade

Forth Generation

9 **James Joseph Murray** b.01-08-1870 d.0-11-1941 m 1-3-1905 **Margaret Mary O'Leary**

Children

	i	Bede James Murray	b.16-08-1906	m Doris Condon
	ii	John Patrick Murray	b.04-02-1908	m Mary Lennox
	iii	Catherine May Murray	b.28-07-1914	
	iv	James Augustine Murray	b28-02-1916	m Coral d.7-6-1984
22	v	Alice Therese Murray	b.22-06-1920	m Norman Dowling b. Sunny Corner

17 **Helena Elizabeth Murray** (Nell) b1885 d.26-9-1961 m 1904 **George Francis Shumack** b.1875- d.1932 **See Shumack Tree**

Children

	i	John Shumack	m Florence Case
	ii	Clarice	m Stockley
	iii	Ena Shumack	m Nichols
	iv	Nell Shumack	m Dolbel
	v	Len Shumack	m Maude Pope
	vi	Ralph Shumack	m Vera Jenner
	vii	Raymond Shumack	m Shireley Whiteman
	viii	Rita Shumack	m Elliott
	ix	George Shumack	m Pat McGregor

18 **Lalla May Murray** b.1895 d.16-10-1977 m **John Joseph Fitzgerald** butcher 1884-1960

Children

	i	Mary Cecila Fitzgerald	m William Fitzgerald
	ii	Lalla Margaret Fitzgerald	m Larry Martin
	iii	Clare Teresa Fitzgerald	m David Lindsay
	iv	Bridget Catherine Fitzgerald	m Colin Morrison
	v	Cecily Benedicta Fitzgerald	m John Chifley

19 **Mary Ann Murray** (Polly) b.5-3-1877 m 1900 **Richard Shumack see Shumack Tree**

Children

i Vera Shumack
ii James Shumack
iii Kathleen Shumack
iv Mable Shumack
v Wilton Shumack
vi Mary Shumack
vii Vincent Shumack

20 **Bridget Eliz Murray** b.1879 d.1919 m 24-2-1903 **Arthur J Attuell** b.1870 d.1919 **see Attuell Tree**

Children

	i	Doris May Attuell	b.00-00-1909	d.1935
	ii	Margaret Attuell	b.00-00-1911	d.1922
	iii	Elsie Violet Attuell	b.	
	iv	John Murray Attuell		
	v	Florence Attuell		
	vi	James Attuell		

21 **Nellie Francis Murray** b.22-10-1880 m 22-4-1912 **John McCann** b.27-11-1969

Children

	i	Mary Florence McCann	b.27-12-1913
	ii	Charles Joseph McCann	b.06-03-1915
	iii	Bernard John McCann	b.06-06-1917
	iv	Joan Elizabeth McCann	

NICHOLS

Alfred Harvey Nichols was born to William (30) and Martha (25) 3 April 1856 at Picnic Point, Brighton Victoria. His father is shown as a General dealer on his birth certificate.


ALFRED HARVEY NICHOLS


ALFRED, MARIA AND DOLCIE WHO MARRIED JACK CASE

Little is known about Alfred's early childhood, where he went to school. Alfred had 3 brothers, a sister who died young and 4 half brothers and sisters.

Alfred did 3 months teacher training at Yass Public School ending the 10 May 1879 when he was 23, he was immediately appointed to Markdale Public School (8 May 1879), which was a new Provisional School. He was granted £2.9.6 to travel to Markdale. Although he was awarded a IIIC classification it was withheld as he partially failed music at the inspection for the completion of the training period in December 1880.

On 28 April 1881 Alfred Harvey Nichols (25) married Maria Clements (24), the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Retford) Clements, at Slyvia Vale near Binda.
Alfred and Maria's first child, a daughter Clarice was born in January 1883 while they were at 'Geweroo'. Later that year Alfred, Maria and Clarice returned to Sydney, where Alfred undertook another period of teacher training, completed in December 1883.

Four more children were born during the years Maria and Alfred were at Bowan Park: Cecil (1885); Reginald (1888); Vena (1890 born at Canowindra); and Lillian (1892). Sadly, in 1885 their eldest child, Clarice was drowned in the school tank.
An inspection on the 25 October 1893 requested he act as a teacher at Spring Mount Public School.
Springmount is about 7 miles almost due north of Blayney, and east of Milthorpe.
Nichols was destined to spend 18½ years at Springmount, the longest span of all teachers at the school.
Two more children were born at Spring Mount Wellsely in 1897 and Dolcie in 1902.

In 1912 the family moved to "Warragulla" Sunny Corner where Alfred was appointed teacher at Dark Corner School until 1917. He drove to school in a horse and sulky. In 1917 he was replaced by Margaret Kilfoyle. Alfred probably retired aged 61.



WARRAGULLA

While the family was living there Lillian Nichols took charge of the Sunny Corner Post Office on 28 November 1916.



SUNNY CORNER POST OFFICE c1921



LILLIAN NICHOLS

Lillian Ethel Nichols. b. 1892 – married **Charles H Scott** b.1877 of Meadow Flat. They lived at Sunny Corner . Three children:
(a) Hazel b 1921
(b) Loma b 1925 Loma married George Penman and had three girls
(c) Ruth b. 1931
Charles Scott died on 12 May 1949 aged 76. When Charlie died there was little money and Lillian found a position as housekeeper for Mr and Mrs Bradford and their 2 children who lived in Springfield Road, Killara. Mr Bradford was a solicitor (his father had designed the Harbour Bridge). As Lillian got older and was unable to continue the housekeeping duties, she lived with Ruth till she died on 12th April 1965. Both Lillian and Charles are buried at Meadow Flat Cemetery.



CHARLES SCOTT.

Alf died at Portland on 12 April 1931 aged 75 years, and Maria died at the school at Sofala (where her son-in-law Fred Case was a teacher) on 7 May 1938 aged 81 years. They were both buried at Meadow Flat General Cemetery. In her old age Maria lived for 3 months at a time with her daughters Lillian, Dolcie and Vena particularly Dolcie. She was visiting Dolcie at Sofala at the time of her death.

Cecil Clements Nichols, born 1885 in the Molong district. He married **Dahlia Blackman** in 1920.
From Cecil's War Record National Archives
b. July 1885 Bowan Park near Canowindra.
Carpenter did his apprenticeship at A E Ware, Trundle NSW

22.9.1915 Cecil joined the army at age 30 years and 2 months. He commenced his training at Holsworthy NSW on 18.October 1915 and embarked from Sydney on the "Persic "on the 18 November 1915. He was appointed to 12/7 Regiment with a Service number: 1672.
Cecil saw service in Palestine and the Middle East. He had some stays in hospital during the war after furlough in Paris.
9.11.1916 he was transferred to the Field Company of Engineers.
21.8.1917 he was appointed Lance Corporal.
In 91918 he was transferred to the 1st Field Squadron of Engineers where he was a Sergeant.
28.3.1919 he embarked on the "Malwa" at Port Said for furlough in the UK.
22.9.1919 he embarked on the "Port Sydney" where he disembarked in Sydney on 12.11.1919 and he was discharged on 12.1.1920.
For his war service he received the following medals – 1914/15 Star, British War Medal issued 2/22 and the Victory Medal issued 3/53.
Robin has a beautiful small box in the shape of a book that Cecil gave to Dolcie. It demonstrates his exquisite craftsmanship.
Later in life Cecil and Dahlia lived at Bondi. Cecil died in 1963 in the Burwood district.

See Sunny Corner at War



CECIL CLEMENTS NICHOLS

Dolcie Linda May Nichols. b. 1-8-1902 d. 5-4-1978. m. 19-12-1935 **Frederick John Case**
b. 25-10-1907 d. 9-2-1977 **see Case Tree**

children:

1 Robin Case
2 Jillian Francis Case

1 Robin Case married Laurance Bishop

children:

3 John Barnard Bishop
4 Linda Roslyn Bishop
5 Margaret Robin Bishop

3 John Barnard Bishop married Anne Elizabeth Bollard. John and Anne divorced

children:
Stephen Robert Bishop
Denial Laurence Bishop
4 Linda Roslyn Bishop married Michael Edward O'Neill
children
Joshua Matthew O'Neill
Kate Ashleigh Robin O'Neill
5 Margaret Robin Bishop married David Robert Withers. Margaret and David divorced
Robert Laurence Withers
Mark Geoffrey Withers
2 Jillian Francis Case married Charles Hastings Martin
children
6 Elisabeth Anne Louise Martin
7 Andrew Gordon Martin
6 Elisabeth Anne Louise Martin married John Nadalutti
children:
Isabella Emily Nadalutti b. 17 March 2000
James Dorio Nadalutti b. 1 June 2002
7 Andrew Gordon Martin married Leonie Walter
children:
Hugh Martin
Brigitte Martin



JACK and DOLCIE

Vena E.M.Nichols, b. 1890, married **Harvey James Porter** in 1917 at Sunny Corner.
She was a talented pianist, gained a ALMA and became a music teacher.
children:

- Phyllis May 1918-1986, married Bernard Emerson Vidler of Blayney NSW
- Marion b 1921 at Cullen Bullen, m. in 1950 Arthur Lionel Redford
- Harvey (Henry), b 1924, m. Patricia Reid of Cessnock NSW.

When the depression hit Harvey lost his job at Invincible Colliery and Vena and Harvey lost the staff house. This made Harvey very depressed and he had to sell the family car. The family moved to live with Alfred and Maria.



PARR

1. **William Parr** b. 1811, m. 1875, in Hartley, **Elizabeth Archer,** b. 02-04-1856, Wattle Flat, d. 18-10-1934, Dark Corner, buried: Dark Corner. William died 1888, Dark Corner. Elizabeth after Williams death she married Robert McLeonard Smith of Coolamigal, on the 24-07-1889. **See Smith Tree.** Elizabeth **See Archer Tree.**

Children:

i Caroline Sarah Parr b. 07-02-1875. Her father was Richard Shumack of Dark Corner. Caroline lived at Forbes and used the name Parr, she did not marry.

ii William Parr b. 00-00-1876, d. 19-01-1878, Dark Corner, buried: Dark Corner.

2. iii George Parr b. 15-07-1878.

iv William Parr b. 00-00-1880, Bathurst, d. 02-10-1880.

v Ernest Edwin Parr b. 00-00-1883, East Macquarie. Went to live in Tambo Q.

Second Generation

2. **George Parr** b. 15-07-1878, Coolamigal, m. 28-12-1905, Palmers Oakey, **Margareta Munro,** b. 21-12-1877, P. O.d. 3 1-07-1952, Eugowra, buried: Eugowra. George died 02-08-1972, Forbes, buried: 04-08-1972, Eugowra.

Children:

i Gladys Irene Parr b. 1907, Rydal, m. 26-11-1928, in Molong, **Stanley Hardman Seed**, b. 1891, Manchester England, d. 29-07-1966, Molong, b. Molong. Gladys died 26-10-1991, Molong, b: 30-10-1991, Molong.

ii Horace Raymond Parr b. 00-00-1908, Sunny Corner, d. 06-10-1935, Rabbit Island, b: 08-10-1935,Brooklyn. 27 years mental hospital

3. iii Elizabeth Adeline Parr b. 25-04-1911.

iv Stella Munro Parr b. 00-00-1915, d. 17-11-1920, Murga, b: 18-11-1920, Reedy Creek.

v Patricia Rita Parr b. 00-00-1921, d. 22-06-1947, buried: Orange.

Third Generation

3. Elizabeth Adeline Parr b. 25-04-1911, Sunny Corner, m. **Al Sanderson**. Elizabeth died 19-05-2005, Q.

Children:

i Peter Sanderson.



POYITT

I. **David Gould Poyitt** b. 1827, m. 1862, in Bathurst, **Elizabeth Armour** b. 1839. d. 07-11-1907. Dark Corner, buried: 1907. Dark Corner. David died 21-06-1894, Dark Corner. b. 00-06-1894, Dark Corner. son of William & Annie. Elizabeth: daughter of Samuel & Agnes. Elizabeth **see Armour Tree**

Children:

2.	i	Isabella Gertrude Armour Poyitt	b. 00-00-1863.	
3.	ii	Anne Gould Poyitt	b. 00-00-1865.	
4.	iii	Normal Armour Poyitt	b. 00-00-1867.	
5.	iv	Elizabeth Agnes Poyitt	b. 00-00-1873.	
6.	v	Janet M Poyitt	b. 00-00-1875.	
	vi	Edith S Poyitt	b. 00-12-1877. Sunny Corner	d. 21-10-1878.

Second Generation

2. **Isabella Gertrude Armour Poyitt** 1863, Sunny Corner, occupation Teacher/author. m. **(I)** 30-12-1891. in Little Hartley. **George Nicol Williams**, b. 1871. Hartey. (son of Henry Williams and Christiana Nicol) occupation Miner/manager. d. 28-03-1904. New Caledonia, buried: New Caledonia. m. **(2)** 1908. in Sydney. separated 1908. **Malcolm Edwin Yates** b. 1876, Coonabarraban, d. 1930. Lake Cargelligo. Isabella d. 1950, Sunny Corner. b: 1950. Sunny Corner. George: Killed mine explos. Malcolm: Son of Thomas & Annie. George **see Williams Tree**

Children by George Nicol Williams:

i	Roy Nicol Williams	b. 00-11-1893, Sunny Corner, d.04-01-1894. Sunny Corner. b: S.C

3. **Anne Gould Poyitt** b. 1865. Sunny Corner, m. 1884. **Edwin Barnett**

Children:

i	Eva M Barnett	b. 00-00-1895, Sunny Corner, m. 1915, S C. George W H Martin.
ii	Elizabeth J Barnett	b. 00-00-1887, Sunny Corner, m. 1905, Samuel J Dawson

4. **Normal Armour Poyitt** b. 1867. Sunny Corner, m. 1892, in Lithgow, **Fanny Perry Williams**. b. 1872. Hartley. (daughter of Henry Williams and Christiana Nicol). Normal d. 1938, Fanny **see Williams Tree**

Children:

i	Minnie O Poyitt	b. 00-00-1893, Sunny Corner.
ii	David G Poyitt	b. 00-00-1896, Hanley, m. 1925. in Glebe, Edith L Maguire
iii	Normal H N Poyitt	b. 00-00-190I, Hanley, m. 1930, Constance M Riddell
iv	Esmee J Poyitt	b. 00-00-1911, Bathurst.

5. **Elizabeth Agnes Poyitt** b. 1873. Sunny Corner, m. 1903. in Sydney, **James E Rowles**

Children:

i	Donald P Rowles	b. 00-00-1904. St Peters.
ii	Laurence J Rowles	b. 00-00-1906, Petersham.
iii	Roland A Rowles	b. 00-00-1907. Petersham.

6. **Janet M Poyitt** b. 1875. Sunny Corner. m. 1907. in Paddington. **John Lindsay**

Children:

i	Helen A Lindsay	b, 00-00-1915, Parks.



MALCOLM EDWIN YATES



ISABELLA GERTRUDE ARMOUR POYITT (WILLIAMS) (YATES)
PEN NAME WOLLA MERANDA

RYAN

1. William Charles Ryan, born 7 May 1915; died 2 December 1993. He was the son of **2. William Joseph Ryan** and **3. Catherine Mary Higgins**. He married **(1) Gladys Eileen Elms** 24 December 1938 in Lithgow N.S.W.. She was the daughter of Bernard Elms and Blanche Eileen Lowe.

Notes for William Charles Ryan:
Bill was the sixth of thirteen children born to solid farming stock and raised at O'Connell near Bathurst. He worked on the family farm named 'Langdale' and later renamed 'Ryanleigh' on the death of Bills father when Bill was still quite young. He trained in the VDC during W.W.2. Hard work was no stranger to him all his life, from distilling eucalyptus oil, labouring at Wallarawang Power Station then to the DMR Road Maintenence, a job he held till a well earnt retirement aged 65 in 1980. Bill lived with his beloved Faith in the home they built up together on a farm at Sunny Corner where they raised a close, loving family, a credit to them both. Loved and respected by all who knew him, he passed away on 2 December 1993 and is buried with his brothers and sisters at O'Connell Cemetery.

Children of William Ryan and Gladys Elms are:

i. Dorothy Patricia Ryan, born 24 March 1940 in Bathurst N.S.W.; died 8 June 1979; married John Martin 23 May 1959 in Bathurst,NSW.
ii. Kathleen Blanche Ryan, born 9 September 1941 in Portland N.S.W; married Edward Martin 27 May 1961 in Bathurst N.S.W..
iii. Paul Anthony Ryan, born 23 January 1944 in Portland N.S.W; married Helen Adams 25 April 1964 in Bathurst N.S.W..
iv. June Mary Ryan, born 16 March 1948 in Portland N.S.W; married Leo Boyd 30 March 1964 in Lithgow N.S.W..
v. Helen Maree Ryan, born 26 May 1956 in Bathurst N.S.W.; married Stan Kowalski 19 January 1985 in Sunny Corner N.S.W.
vi. Garry William Ryan, born 16 October 1959 in Bathurst N.S.W.; married Darice Boyd 11 August 1979 in Bathurst N.S.W..



BILL & FAITH RYAN

Ancestors of William Charles Ryan

Parents | Grandparents | Great-Grandparents | 2nd Great-Grandparents

William Charles Ryan
b: 7 May 1915
m: Unknown 24.12.1938
d: 2 December 1993

William Joseph Ryan
b: 12 January 1878
m: Unknown
d: 15 November 1936

Matthew Michael Ryan
b: 1837 in Kensington,Middlesex,England
m: 27 March 1856 in Bathurst,NSW,Australia
d: 2 February 1892 in Molong,NSW,Australia

Michael Ryan
b: Unknown
d: Bef. 8 April 1849

Bridget Cusack
b: 1795 in Capperwhite,Tipperary,Ireland
d: Unknown

John Cusack

Sarah

Eliza
b: 24 June 1828 in County Limerick,Ireland
d: 8 November 1931 in O'Connell ,NSW,Australia

Thomas Davis
b: Unknown
m: Unknown
d: Unknown

Mary Gleeson
b: Unknown

Catherine Mary Higgins
b: 24 June 1888
d: 15 January 1978 in Bathurst,NSW,Australia

John Joseph Higgins
b: 11 February 1855
m: Unknown
d: Unknown

John Higgins
b: Abt. 1843 in Ireland
m: 7 February 1854 in O'Connell Plains,NSW,Australia
d: 26 November 1909 in Sweetman,NSW,Australia

John Higgins
b: Unknown
m: Abt. 1824 in County Limerick,Ireland
d: Unknown

Mary Unknown
b: 1789 in Limerick,Ireland
d: 10 October 1871 in Mary's Lane Bathurst,NSW,Australia

Catherine Slattery
b: 1832 in Ballyclerahan,Clonmel,Tipperary,Ireland
d: 8 May 1904 in Eight Mile Swamp,O'Connell,NSW,Australia

William Slattery
b: Unknown
m: Unknown
d: Unknown

Bridgit Burton
b: 1861
d: 6 November 1940

James Burton
b: 1819
d: 22 August 1868

James Burton
b: 1793
m: Unknown
d: 1829

Mary Davis
b: Unknown
d: Unknown

Mary Morrison
b: Unknown
d: Unknown

SCOTT

I. **Robert Cairns Scott**, b. 1834 in Clackmannanshire Scotland, occ. Gold Miner. m. **Eleanor Thomas Duke** 23-11-1860 in Sussex St Sydney (M. M. Campbell Esq), b. 1835 in Mosely Birmingham England. Robert died 11-06-1918 in Dark Corner.

Children:

2.	i.	Jessie Scott	b. 00-00-1862.
	ii.	Robert W D Scott	b. 00-00-1864 in Sunny Corner, d. 1886 in Sydney Harbour. Rumoured to have been sent to jail on Goat Island for horse stealing, and drowned trying to escape.
3.	iii.	James Thomas (Tom) Scott	b. 00-00-1866.
4.	iv.	Eleanor Scott	b. 16-04-1868.
5.	v.	Drysdale Cairns Scott	b. 00-00-1870.
	vi.	Malcolm Cairns Scott	b. 00-00-1873 in Sunny Corner, d. 1943 in Dark Corner.
	vii.	Douglas Scott	b. 00-00-1876 in Sunny Corner, d. 1876 in Sunny Corner.
	viii.	Edward Morris Scott	b. 00-00-1878 in Sunny Corner. m. Maria Odgers 1906

Generation Two

2. **Jessie Scott** b. 1862 in Sunny Corner. m. **James Thomas Martin** 1888, b. 1863, d. 18-02-1905 in Dark Corner. Jessie died 23-04-1935.

Children:

	i.	James (Jim) Martin	b. 00-00-1887. He married Beatrice Titus, 1909 in Cobar. (Beatrice: Cousin to Emmaline), they had 7 children **see Titus Tree**
6.	ii.	John (Jack) Drysdale Martin	b. 00-00-1888.
	iii.	Edward Malcolm Martin	b. 00-01-1890 in Dark Corner, d. 21-02-1890 in Dark Corner.
7.	iv.	Elsie Martin	b. 00-00-1893.

3. **James Thomas (Tom) Scott** b. 1866 in Sunny Corner. m. **Ellen Mary Martin**, 1907 in Glebe, d. 07-11-1922 in Portland. Ellen: Fell in fire at home, police took her to Portland hospital, died soon after.

Children:

	i.	John T Scott	b. 00-00-1911 in Sunny Corner.
	ii.	Edward (Ned) M Scott	b. 00-00-1915 in Bathurst. m. Ada Cunynghame 1941 in Bathurst.
	iii.	William	
	iv.	Eileen Alice Mary	1928 was governess at "Warrie" Palmers Oakey.

4. **Eleanor Scott**, b. 16-04-1868 in Sunny Corner. m. **George McKay**, 03-01-1888 in Forbes, b. 1864, d. 1937. Eleanor died 1944 in Sydney, buried: 1944 in Forbes.

Children:

	i.	Ethel McKay	b. 00-00-1887 m. James W Hand Ethel d.194l.
	ii.	Elsie May McKay	b. 00-00-1888 in Forbes. m. Thomas R Jones Elsie died 1929.
	iii.	George Edward McKay	b. 00-00-1891 in Forbes. m. Elizabeth F Blume George died 1958.
	iv.	Clarence McKay	b. 00-00-1892 in Forbes. m. Alice Acret, d. 1974. Clarence d.1962.
	v.	Robert McKay	b. 00-00-1894 in Forbes. m. Minnie ? Robert died 1946.
	vi.	Jessie May Mc Kay	b. 00-00-1897 in Forbes. m. Arthur Rath Jessie died 1961.
	vii.	Malcolm McKay	b. 00-00-1900 in Forbes. m. Elizabeth Victory. Malcolm died 1954.
	viii.	Aileen Eidth McKay	b. 00-00-1902 in Forbes. m. ?? Sparks Aileen died 1955.
	ix.	Ivy Alice McKay	b. 00-00-1904 in Forbes. m. William Robb d. 1934. Ivy died 1980.
	x.	Maud Pansy McKay	b. 00-00-1908 in Forbes. m Alfred Ellerson
	xi.	Roy McKay	b. 00-00-1909 in Forbes. m.Lillian Field . Roy died 1968.

5. **Drysdale Cairns Scott** b. 1870 in Sunny Corner. m. **Mary Ann Shumack** b. 29-03-1870, d. 14-04-1946. Drysdale died 03-12-1945 in Dark Corner, buried: in Dark Corner. Mary **see Shumack Tree**

Children:

8.	i.	Thomas George Scott	b. 30-12-1893.
9.	ii.	William John Scott	b. 10-05-1895.
10.	iii.	Mary Lillian Scott	b. 00-00-1897.
11.	iv.	Eleanor Mary Scott	b. 00-00-1899.

Generation Three

6. John (Jack) Drysdale Martin b. 1888 in Emmaville. m. **Emmaline Titus** 1931 in Annandale, b. 1896, d. 08-08-1987, b: Dark Corner. John d. 11-06-1975 Dark Corner, b: in Dark Corner. **see Titus Tree**

Children:

i. Edward Martin
ii. John Martin

7. Elsie Martin b. 1893 in Sunny Corner. m. **Thomas R C H Francis**, 1911

Children:

i. Elsie L Francis b. 00-00-1911 in Sunny Corner.
ii. Thomas J Francis b. 00-00-1917 in Sunny Corner.
iii. Doris Francis
iv. Cecily Francis
v. Melva Lynda Francis m. Alfred G Scott 1939 in Bathurst, b. 1916 in Portland son of Thomas George Scott and Victoria Ida M Kissell

8. **Thomas George Scott** b. 30-12-1893 in Dark Corner. m. **Victoria Ida M Kissell** 1915 in Bathurst. Thomas died 13-12-1955. Post master at Dark Corner 1924 to 1947.

Children:

i. Alfred G Scott b. 00-00-1916 in Portland. He married Melva Lynda Francis 1939 in Bathurst (daughter of Thomas R C H Francis and Elsie Martin).
12. ii. Hilton Thomas Drysdale Scott b. 17-02-1919.
iii. Albert Scott
13. iv. Clive Martin Scott b. 18-06-1920.
v. John Scott He married Doreen Neil 1945 in Bathurst.
vi. Athol Scott
vii. Ida Scott She married Albert Manard
viii. Ronald Parks Scott He married Alma Jean Cobden 1940 in Portland.

9. William John Scott b. I 0-05-1895 in Dark Corner. m. (**I**) **Hesba M Shirlaw** 1915 in Bathurst, d. 1919 in Bathurst. m. (**2**) **Doris Euneta (Nita) Shute** 1930 in Katoomba, b. 08-05-1898 in Wimbleton (daughter of William J Shute and Isabella E Earp). William died 14-06-1963 in Bathurst.

Children by Hesba M Shirlaw:

i. Albert J Scott b. 00-00-1916 in Bathurst.
14. ii. Cecil Lawrence Scott b. 00-00-1918.

Children by Doris Euneta (Nita) Shute:

15. iii. John Scott
16. iv. Joan Scott

10. Mary Lillian Scott b. 1897 in Dark Corner. m. **George W Morgan** 1924

Children:

i. Cathleen Morgan . m. John Fish
ii. Neil Morgan
iii. John Morgan
17. iv. Rita Morgan
v. Pat Morgan

11. **Eleanor Mary Scott** b. 1899 in Dark Corner. m. **Herbert James Staines** 1919 in Kelso, b. 1896, d. 05-08-1955, b. in Cullen Bullen. Eleanor died 10-10-1969, b. in Cullen Bullen.

Children:

i. Len Staines
ii. Morris Staines
iii. Kenneth Staines
iv. Ray Staines
v. Leo Staines
vi. Irene Staines She married Tom Boslem

Generation Four

12. Hilton Thomas Drysdale Scott b. 17-02-1919. m. **Louis Guihot** 194I in Bathurst. Hilton died 16-03-2017 in Bathurst. Louis: **see Guihot Tree**

Children:

18. i. Beryl Scott
19. ii. Harold Scott
iii. Maree Scott

13. Clive Martin Scott b. 18-06-1920. m. **Edna Mable Sharp** 1939 in Portland. Clive died 03-04-1998 in Bathurst. Edna: **see Sharp Tree**

Children:

i. Clive Scott
ii. Raymond Scott
20. iii. Margaret Scott

14. Cecil Lawrence Scott b.1918 in Bathurst. m. **Gwen Edith Eaton**1936 in Bathurst. Cecil died 1939

Children:

i. Beverly Scott. m. Ewing

15. John Scott m. **Philipa Guinn**

Children:

i. Stephen Scott b. 04-01-1964.
ii. JustineEuneta Scott b. 22-10-1966.
iii. Peter Guinn Scott b. 20-02-1969.

16. Enid Joan Scott m. **Edward (Ted) Cutler**

Children:

i. Cheryl Cutler
ii. Gregory Cutler
iii. Bronwyn Cutler
iv. Francine Cutler

17. **Rita Morgan** . m. **Savage**, in Lithgow.

Children:

i. Geoffery Savage

Generation Five

18. Beryl Scott m. **Donald Berry**

Children:

i. Carol Berry
ii. Angus Berry
iii. Annette Berry

19. Harold Scott m. **Diana Hewson**

Children:

i. Sandra Scott
ii. Ian Scott
iii. Annette Scott

20. **Margaret Scott** m. **Raymond Bennett**. Raymond: **see Bennett Tree**

Children:

i. Gregory Bennett
ii. Timothy Bennett
iii. Trevor Bennett



ROBERT CAIRNS SCOTT



SHARP

I. George Sharp b. 1834 d. 1880 m **Rose Anna Gore** 1841 1896 England

Children

	i	George Sharp	b. 1860 Newcastle	
	ii.	Mary Sharp	b. 1862. Penrith	d. 1880
2.	iii.	John Russell Sharp	b. 1864. Penrith	d. 1933
	iv	Sarah J Sharp	b. 1865. Hartley	d. 1866
	v	Thomas Linden Sharp	b. 1867	d. 1949
3	vi	Charles Henry Sharp	b. 1869	d. 1930 Meadow Flat
A	vii	Benjamin Sharp	b. 1870	d. 1913
B	viii	William Sharp	b. 1878	d. 1954

Generation Two

2. John Russell Sharp b. 1864 in Penrith. m. **Rubina Jane Stait** 1890 in Sunny Corner. Rubina 1874-1950 **See STAIT TREE**

Children:

	i.	Violet May Sharp	b. 1892 in Bathurst.	m David N Smith
4	ii.	Francis James Sharp	b. 1893 in Meadow Flat.	d. 1955
	iii.	George John Sharp	b. 1895 Sunny Corner,	d. 1937 m Connie.
	iv	Thomas B Sharp	b. 1900	d. 1965
	v.	Oscar Eric Sharp	b. 1903	d. 1912
	vi.	Rubina M Sharp	b. 1907 Sunny Corner.	

3 Charles Henry Sharp b. 1869 in Meadow Flat. m. **Alice Hampton** 1895 in Sunny Corner, b. 1875 in Hill End, d. 06-01-1938, b: in Meadow Flat. Charles d. 12-12-1930, b: in Meadow Flat.

Children:

5	i.	Ann Sharp	b. 1896. in Sunny Corner	d. 1965
	ii.	Elizabeth Sharp	b. 1897 in Sunny Corner,	d. 16-12-1897
6	iii.	Alice Izzetta Sharp	b. 1898	d. 1981
7	iv.	Charles Henry Sharp	b. 1900.	d. 1959 Sunny Corner
8	v.	Harriet Rebena Sharp	b. 1901 in Sunny Corner.	d. 1892
9	vi.	Ivy M Sharp	b. 1902 in Sunny Corner.	d. 1985 Sunny Corner
10	vii.	Eliza Sharp	b. 1903.	d. 1981 Sunny Corner.
11	viii.	Kathleen Sharp	b. 1905.	d. 1989
12	ix.	Thomas George Sharp	b. 1907 in Sunny Corner	d. 1984
13	x.	William Henry Sharp	b. 1908 in Sunny Corner.	d. 27-10-1949
14	xi.	Ellen Maud Sharp	b. 1910 in Sunny Corner.	d. 1994
15	xii.	Thomas John Sharp	b. 1911 in Sunny Corner.	d. 21-04-1971,b Meadow Flat.
16	xiii.	Edith Blanche Sharp	b. 1913 in Sunny Corner.	d. 1984
17	xiv.	Vera Sharp	b. 1916 in Sunny Corner.	d. 1997
18	xv.	Edna Mabel Sharp	b. 1918 in Sunny Corner	d. 1997
19	xvi.	Elaine Sharp	b. 1921 in Sunny Corner	d. 1997

A Benjamin Sharp b. 1870 in Meadow Flat, occ. Farmer/Carrier. m. **Maud Shipley** 1897 in Sunny Corner, b.1880 in Dark Corner, d. 1926. Benjamin died 1913.

Children:

	i.	Pearl Zelma Sharp	b. 1899 in Sunny Corner, d. 1913 in S/C
	ii.	Silvia Muriel Sharp	b. 1901 in Sunny Corner. m Alf Chadwick
	iii.	Evelyn M Sharp	b. 1906 in Sunny Corner. m 22-3-1922 Jack Dickie
	iv.	Elizabeth A Sharp	b. 1904 in Sunny Corner, d. 1988.
	v.	Elsie Sharp	m. Martin O'Brien. When Elsie's husband and her sister Silvia died she married Silvia's husband Alf Chadwick.
	vi.	Ben Sharp	b. 1908 in Sunny Corner. m. Marjorie Tabrett
	vii.	Albert E (Abby) Sharp	b. 1910 . m Thelma Cousins. Percy. Dot. Thelma

B William Sharp b.1878 m **Jane Ethel Beanlock** 1896

Children

	i	Ethel R Sharp	b. 1897		
	ii	Violet Alma Sharp	b. 1899		
	iii	William George Sharp	b. 1904	m	Lillian Lehane
	iv	Gladys J Sharp	b. 1907		
	v	Muriel Sharp	b. 1909	m	Henry Blackhall
C	vi	John Ashton Sharp	b. 1911	m	Elma Ruth Haynes

Generation Three

4 Francis James Sharp b. 1893 m **Lucy May Wilson** 1908 b. 1884 d. 1923

Children

	i	Francis John Sharp	b. 1922	m	Phyllis Ashe .. Peter & Geoffrey
	ii	Harold David Sharp	b. 1925	m	Margaret Yates
	iii	Ronald Sharp			

5 Ann Sharp b. 1896 m **Albert Norman Mackey** 1922 Portland b. 1895 d. 1986

Children

20	i	Albert Charles Rich Mackey	b. 1923	d. 2004
21	ii	Thelma Ann Mackey	b. 1924	d. 2016

6 Alice Izzetta Sharp b. 1898 m **David George Grenfell** 1922. b. 1899 d. 1974

Children

22	i	David Charles Grenfell
	ii	Alice Joyce Grenfell
	iii	Harriet Elaine Grenfell
	iv	Charles H Grenfell

7 Charles Henry Sharp b. 1900 m **Edith Lizzie Marsden** 1930 b. 1893 d. 1965

Children

23	i	Edith Joy Sharpe
24	ii	Doris Alice Sharp
25	iii	Charles Henry Sharp
26	iv	Jackie Sharp

8 Harriet Rebena Sharp b. 1901 m **Bernard Thomas Pettit** 1924. b. 1889 d. 1950

Children

	i	Jane Pettit
	ii	Beryl Pettit

9 Ivy M Sharp b. 1902 m **Joseph H May** 1902

Children

27	i	Dorothy May
28	ii	Neville Joseph May

10 Eliza Sharp b.1903 m **William Henry Grabham** b. 1907 d. 1963
See GRABHAM TREE

Children

29	i	Eliza Jean Grabham
30	ii	Joyce Grabham

11 Kathleen Sharp b. 1905 in Sunny Corner. m **Arthur Thomas Samuel Marsden** b. 1901 d. 1988

Children

31	i	Kathleen Joan Marsden

12 Thomas George Sharp b. 1907 m **Dorothy Jean Strickland** 1937 b. 1917 d. 2013
See STRICKLAND TREE

Children

32	i	Una Jean Sharp
33	ii	Alice Fay Sharp
34	iii	Denis George Sharp
35	iv	Dorothy Ann Sharp
36	v	Kathleen Rose Sharp
37	vi	James Henry Sharp

13 William Henry Sharp b. 1908 m **Ellen Jane McCauley** 1940 b. 1919 d. 1998
William killed Portland Cement Wks. 27-10-1949

Children

38	i	William Henry Sharp
	iii	Donald Sharp
	iii	Alice Sharp
	iv	Ellen Sharp

14 Ellen Maud Sharp b. 1910 m **Ronald Keith Kissell** 1932 b. 1908 d. 1951

Children

39	i	Ronald Kissell	
40	ii	Kenneth William Kissell	
41	iii	Beryl June Kissell	
42	iv	Margaret Fay Kissell	
	v	Allan Keith Kissell	
43	vi	Leslie Arthur Kissell	

15 Thomas John Sharp b. 1911 m **Olive Guihot** 1943 **see GUIHOT TREE**

Children

44	i	Thomas John Sharp	
45	ii	Elaine Mary Sharp	1946
46	iii	Olive Margaret Sharp	1948
47	iv	Janet Alice Sharp	1950
58	v	Peter Charles Sharp	1952
49	vi	Lynette May Sharp	1954
50	vii	Daniel Malo Sharp	1956
51	viii	Colin James Sharp	1958

C John Ashton Sharp b. 1911 m **Elma Ruth Haynes** 1932

Children

D	i	Dorothy Ethel Sharp	
	ii	Pam Sharp	
	iii	John Sharp	twin
	iv	William Sharp	twin

16 Edith Blanche Sharp b. 1913 m **Harold Edward Wheatley** 1931 b. 1913 d. 1982

Children

52	i	Elsie Wheatley	
53	ii	Valerie Joy Wheatley	
	iii	Stanley George Wheatley	m Julie
	iv	Alison Wheatley	m Robert James

17 Vera Sharp b. 1916 m **William Alan Bush** 1941 b. 1918 d. 2008

Children

	i	Beverley Bush	m Brian Rodwell Bush
	ii	William Bush	
	iii	Marie Bush	

18 Edna Mable Sharp b. 1918 m **Clive Martin Scott** 1941 b. 1921 d. 1998 **See SCOTT TREE**

Children

	i	Thomas Clive Scott	m Shirley
	ii	Raymond Charles Scott	m Robyn Ann Stein
	iii	Margaret Rose Scott	m Raymond John Bennett **see BENNETT TREE**
	iv	Mervin Scott	died as baby
	v	Kathleen Scott	died as baby
	vi	Loraine Scott	
	vii	Noelene Scott	

19 Elaine Sharp b. 1921 m **Cecil Charles Grabham** 1939 b. 1917 d. 1991. **See GRABHAM TREE**

Children

54	i	William Thomas Charles Grabham	
	ii	Stanley Robert Grabham	m Julia Ann Chapman
55	iii	Alice June Grabham	
56	iv	Cecil Brian Grabham	
	v	Adrian Laurence Grabham	
56	vi	Pamela Joy Grabham	

Generation Four

20 Albert Charles Rich Mackey b. 1923 m **Roberta Mahala Hutchinson** 1948 b. 1927

Children

57	i	Dianne Margaret Mackey
58	ii	Ruth Irene Mackey
	iii	Kathleen Ann Mackey
59	iv	Maureen Helen Mackey
60	v	Peter Robert Mackey

21 Thelma Ann Mackey m **Reginald Laurence Newton**1952

Children

61	i	Robert Vince Newton
	ii	Peter Charles Newton
	iii	Carol Ann Newton

22 David Charles Grenfell b. 1922 m **Hazel Winifred Emma Barlow**

Children

63	i	Susan Grenfell
	ii	Alice Joyce Grenfell
	iii	Harriet Elaine Grenfell
	iv	Charles H Grenfell

23 Edith Joy Sharpe m **John Hunt** 1957

Children

64	i	David Hunt
65	ii	Lynda Joy Hunt
66	iii	Susan Gaye Hunt

24 Doris Alice Sharp m **Ernest Richard Jeffree**

Children

67	i	Denise Ann Jeffree
68	ii	Christine Doris Jeffree
69	iii	Bruce Ernest Jeffree
70	iv	Marlene Gale Jeffree

25 Charles Henry Sharp m **Janet Olive Lancaster** 1954

Children

71	i	Julie Ann Sharp
72	ii	Graham Charles Sharp
	iii	John Edward Sharp
73	iv	Stephen Bruce Sharp
74	v	Donna Maree Sharp
	vi	Christopher Robert Sharp
75	vii	Paul Anthony Sharp
	viii	Brett Francis Sharp
76	ix	Darran Sharp

26 Jackie Sharp m **May Lillian Pescud** 1960

Children

	i	Joanne Sharp	m Thomas McCallum
77	ii	Robert Jack Sharp	
78	iii	Lexanne Maree Sharp	
79	iv	Dianne Myee Sharp	
80	v	Susan Michelle Sharp	

27 Dorothy May m **Greg Marshall**

Children

	i	Ronald Marshall
	ii	Kevin Marshall
	iii	Fay Marshall

28 Neville Joseph May m **Elaine Janice Murphy**

Children

i Stephen May
ii Debbie May

29 Eliza Jean Grabham m **Harvey William Chodat**

Children

81 i Janette Maree Chodat
82 ii Marie Annette Chodat
83 iii Billie Lucelle Chodat
84 iv Deborah Eliza Chodat

30 Joyce Grabham m **Phil McKenzie**

Children

85 i Denise McKenzie

31 Kathleen Joan Marsden m **James Thompson** 1949

Children

86 i Kathleen Mary Thompson
87 ii Maree Anne Thompson

32 Una Jean Sharp m **Neville John Hurst** 1957

Children

88 i Cheryl Gail Hurst
89 ii Vicki Ann Hurst
90 iii Kay Maree Hurst
91 iv Dianne Jean Hurst

33 Alice Fay Sharp m **Neil William Joplin**

Children

92 i Laurie Joplin
93 ii Bernadette Joplin
94 iii Thomas George Joplin

34 Denis George Sharp m **Carmel Case** 1965

Children

95 i Diane Margaret Sharp
ii Gregory Stephen Sharp

35 Dorothy Ann Sharp m **William Cecil Dibley** 1966 **see DIBLEY TREE**

Children

i Jason Charles Dibley
96 ii Malcolm Russell Dibley

36 Kathleen Rose Sharp m **Geoffery Sloman** 1971

Children

97 i Corinna Sloman

37 James Henry Sharp m **Patricia Therese Mason** 1980

Children

98 i Rachael Therese Sharp
99 ii Morgan Jean Sharp

38 William Henry Sharp m **Janice Auld** 1961

Children

100 i William Henry Sharp
101 ii Robert John Sharp
102 iii Christoper Sharp
103 iv Jamie Ross Sharp

39 Ronald Kissell m **Joyce Morris**

Children

	i	Mavis Kissell
	ii	Elaine Kissell
	iii	Rhonda Kissell
	iv	Ronald Kissell
	v	Trevor Kissell

40 Kenneth William Kissell m **Margaret Helen Gibbons**

Children

104	i	Kevin William Kissell
	ii	Christine Kissell
	iii	Karen Kissell
	iv	Marilyn Kissell
	v	Annett Kissell

41 Beryl June Kissell m **Noel John Peacock**

Children

105	i	Christine Peacock
106	ii	Angela Peacock

42 Margaret Fay Kissell m **Barrie John Daymond**

Children

107	i	Stephen John Daymond
108	ii	Anthony Peter Daymond

43 Leslie Arthur Kissell m **(1) Margaret Olive Griffin (2) Charlotte**

Children

	I	Darren Kissell	m	Charele Hewitt
	ii	Linda Jane Kissell	m	Dickson

44 Thomas John Sharp m **Barbara Black**

Children

109	i	Richard Charles Sharp
	ii	Matthew John Sharp
110	iii	Anthony James Sharp

45 Elaine Mary Sharp m **Joseph Noel Carter**

Children

111	i	Karen Michelle Carter
112	ii	Kent Joseph Carter
113	iii	Leisa Jane Carter

46 Olive Margaret Sharp m **Kevin William Miller**

Children

	i	Rachael Olivia Miller

47 Janet Alice Sharp m **Robin Carl Neale**

Children

114	i	Steven Frederick Neale
115	ii	Wayne Thomas Neale

48 Peter Charles Sharp m **Judith Ann Renshaw**

Children

116	i	Erin Olivia Sharpe
117	ii	Jodi Anne Sharp
118	iii	Emily Kate Sharp

49 Lynette May Sharp m **Bruce Stanley Morgan**

Children

119	i	Kristy Morgan
	ii	Adam Morgan
	iii	Scott Morgan
120	iv	Mark Christopher Morgan

50 Daniel Malo Sharp m **Jannice Alice Stubbs**

Children

121 i Cassandra Evelyn Sharp
122 ii Daniel John Sharp

51 Colin James Sharp m **Kim Leanne Bradford**

Children

i Thomas James Sharp
ii Caitlin Jane Sharp

D **Dorothy Ethel Sharp** m **Alexander Blackadder**

Children

i Jack Blackadder
ii Jeffery Blackadder
iii David Blackadder

52 Elsie Wheatley m **Allan Machelle**

Children

i Neil Machelle
ii ? ? Machelle

53 Valerie Joy Wheatley m **Kenneth Charles Brownlow**

Children

i ? Brownlow
ii ? Brownlow
iii Cheryl Brownlow

54 William Thomas Charles Grabham m **Robyn Kathleen Gaite**

Children

123 i Donna Lee Grabham
124 ii William Henry Grabham
125 iii Bronwyn Gai Grabham
126 iv Jacqueline Ann Grabham

55 Alice June Grabham m **Ronald John Dawson**

Children

i Sharon June Dawson
127 ii Ronald John Dawsom

56 Cecil Brian Grabham m **Colleen Patricia Williams**

Children

128 i Brett Michael Grabham

Generation Five

57 Dianne Margaret Mackey m **Raymond John Sheens**

Children

i Bevan Raymond Sheens
ii Lauren Dianne Sheens

58 Ruth Irene Mackey m **Barry Ronald Wood**

Children

i Colin Barry Wood
ii Richelle Lee Wood
iii Belinda Louise Wood

59 Maureen Helen Mackey m **Phillip Drane**

Children

i Kate Drane m Aaron Britton
ii Mathew Drane m Samantha
iii Benjamin Drane

60 Peter Robert Mackey m **Leanne Niccols**

Children

i	Amie Mackey		
ii	Jessica Mackey	m	Greenway
iii	Corey Mackey	m	Lisa Maree
iv	Kylie Mackey	m	Rebel

61 Robert Vince Newton m **Ellen Lorraine Robinson** 1970

Children

i	Benjamin Zane Newton
ii	Stacey Belinda Newton
iii	Jodie Kirsten Newton
iv	Kelly Louise Newton

63 Susan Grenfell m **Dennis Wild**

Children

i	Sharon Wild	m	Luke Gillard	2 kids Paris, Tara
ii	John Wild			
iii	David Wild	m	Rebecca Fenech	1 kid Reef

64 David Hunt m **Janette Winifred Brown**

Children

i	Laurene Anne Hunt
ii	Timothy David Hunt
iii	Stuart John Hunt

65 Lynda Joy Hunt m **Paul Smith**

Children

i	Thomas William Smith
ii	Aidan Paul Smith

66 Susan Gaye Hunt m **Paul Francis Engeler**

Children

i	Arron John Engeler
ii	Amy Clare Engeler
iii	Jonathan Paul Engeler

67 Denise Ann Jeffree m **Robert Waters**

Children

i	Geoffery Wayne Waters	p	Heather Elizabeth Catt-Maddox
ii			

68 Christine Doris Jeffree m **Colin Clarke**

Children

i	Scott Alan Clarke	m	Jessica Louise Bingham

69 Bruce Ernest Jeffree m **Leanne Grace Jackson**

Children

i	Matthew Nigel Jeffree
ii	Erin Grace Jeffree
iii	Claire Louise Jefree

70 Marlene Gale Jeffree m **James Huseyin Yusuf**

Children

i	Ethan James Yusuf
ii	Joshua Ernest Yusuf

71 Julie Ann Sharp m **Peter David Nightingale**

Children

i	Adam John Nightingale	p	Karla Louise Crowney
ii	Marnelle Nightingale	m	Andrew John Pilla

72 Graham Charles Sharp m **Rene Aitken**

Children

i	Daniel Christopher Sharp	m	Sarah Hazel Maree Noyce
ii	Nicholas David Sharp	m	Frances Dashwood
iii	Chloe Kate Sharp		

73 Stephen Bruce Sharp m **Kerrie Anne Glasson**

Children

i	Nigel Stephen Sharp		
ii	Natalie Anne Sharp		

74 Donna Maree Sharp m **Peter Gerald Doherty**

Children

i	Jeremy Peter Doherty		

75 Paul Anthony Sharp m **Tania Lee-Ann Flack**

Children

i	Jessica Lee-Ann Sharp	m	Justin Robert Burge
ii	Kimberley Sharp		

76 Darran Sharp m **Tracy Ann McCann**

Children

i	Joshua Sharp		
ii	Kylie Sharp		

77 Robert Jack Sharp m **Rachael Maree Martin**

Children

i	Jack Roger Sharp		

78 Lexanne Maree Sharp m **Christoper Noel Wooton**

Children

i	Steven Jack Wooton		
ii	Kylie Anne Wooton		

79 Dianne Myee Sharp m **Peter Glen Diggleman**

Children

i	Bridie Myee Diggleman		
ii	Klaressa May Diggleman		

80 Susan Michelle Sharp m **Geoffrey Charles Graves**

Children

i	Jessica Montana Graves		
ii	Jacob Charles Graves		
iii	Hannah Desiree Graves	twin	
iv	Lachlan Harry Graves	twin	

81 Janette Maree Chodat m **Gregory Robert Crowe**

Children

i	Robert William Crowe	m	Helen Griffith
ii	Geoffery John Crowe	m	Tanya Minner
iii	Katrina Maree Crowe	m	Jason Leslie Bennder

82 Marie Annette Chodat m **Mirko Bionda**

Children

i	Anthony John Bionda	m	Tracy Walsh
ii	Michael Bionda	m	Rachael Lowrey
iii	Melissa Bionda	m	Mark Hill

83 Billie Lucelle Chodat m **Garry Gillespie, Brian Gardner, Wayne Drury**

Children

i	Gary Thomas Gillespie		
ii	Sarah Jane Gardner		
iii	Shanee Drury		
iv	Brady Drury		
v	Joshua Drury		

84 Deborah Eliza Chodat m **Barry Ronald Ford**

Children

i	Brenden Jon Ford		
ii	Cassandra Eliza Ford	m	Jon Patrick O'Connor

85 Denise McKenzie m **William Burns**

Children

i	Shayley Burns		
ii	Christopher Burns		

86 Kathleen Mary Thompson m **Douglass Ivan Christian**

Children

i	Ivan James Christian	m	Kristine Louise Porter
ii	Nina Maree Christian	m	Edward Thomas Armitage

87 Maree Anne Thompson m **Brian Dewing**

Children

i	Samuel James Dewing		
ii	Kieran Thomas Dewing		

88 Cheryl Gail Hurst m **Wayne Pascoe**

Children

i	Jenna Pascoe	m	Michael Vella
ii	Rachael Pascoe	m	Jason Woosley

89 Vicki Ann Hurst m **Barry Noel Campbell**

Children

i	Jamie Noel Campbell	m	Hayley Thompson 3 kids Jaid, Chasie, Koby
ii	Trudie Anne Campbell		

90 Kay Maree Hurst m **Scott Hunt**

Children

i	Matthew Simon Hunt	m	Rachael Adams 1 kid Taitum
ii	Belinda Jean Hunt	m	Christopher John Stephens 1 kid Eva

91 Dianne Jean Hurst m **Ronald James Bowman**

Children

i	Kristy Lee Bowman		
ii	Renee Kellie Bowman		
iii	Kane Robert William Bowman	p	Tanya Siakason

92 Laurie Joplin m **Monica**

Children

i	Luke Joplin		
ii	Daniella Joplin		
iii	Ryan Joplin		

93 Bernadette Joplin m **? McNeil**

Children

i	Melissa McNeil	p	Patrick Sandor
ii	Jason McNeil		
iii	Benjamin McNeil		

94 Thomas George Joplin m **Catherine Anne Cridland**

Children

i	Natasha Louise Joplin	m	Paul Dodd
ii	Samantha Kate Joplin		
iii	Sophie Jade Joplin		

95 Diane Margaret Sharp m **Roger Horne**

Children

i	John Horne		
ii	Nicholas Horne		
iii	Mitchell Horne	p	Jennifer Kate Dunbar

96 Malcolm Russell Dibley m **Sonia Louise Anderson**

Children

i Aimee Rose Dibley
ii Kate Ann Dibley

97 Corinna Sloman m **Colin Amos**

Children

i Zac Amos
ii Declan Amos

98 Rachael Therese Sharp m **Bryan Eric Anton**

Children

i Peighten Theresa Anton
ii Esme Henrietta Anton
iii Audrey Rachael Anton
iv James Eric Anton

99 Morgan Jean Sharp m **Stephen Lance Starkey**

Children

i Matilda Eileen Starkey
ii Charlotte Jean Starkey
iii Patrick Starkey
iv Grace Starkey

100 William Henry Sharp m **Sharon Middlebrook**

Children

i William Henry Sharp
ii Christopher Samuel Sharp

101 Robert John Sharp m **Maree Thompson**

Children

i Nathan Robert Sharp
ii Matthew Marshall Sharp
iii Ryan John Sharp

102 Christoper Sharp m **Debra Coleman**

Children

i Carley Jane Sharp

103 Jamie Ross Sharp m **Deanna Stait**

Children

i Blayne Jamie Stait
ii Paris Christine Stait
iii Cade Shannon Stait

104 Kevin William Kissell m **Maria**

Children

i Jordan Kissell

105 Christine Peacock m **Russell Burr**

Children

i Renee Burr
ii Nathan Burr
iii Anna Burr

106 Angela Peacock m **Wayne Sleeman**

Children

i Stacey Sleeman
ii Jared Sleeman

107 Stephen John Daymond m **Minna Elizabeth Rice**

Children

i Aiden John Daymond
ii Jessica Elizabeth Fay Daymond

108 Anthony Peter Daymond m **Chree Louise Bower**

Children

i Nakita Louise Daymond
ii Tabatha Peta Louise Daymond
iii Clarissa Louise Daymond

109 Richard Charles Sharp m **Tania Joy Shepheard**

Children

i Amie Joy Sharp
ii Zachary Matthew Sharp
iii Lachlan Thomas Sharp

110 Anthony James Sharp m **Rachell Wendy Anderson**

Children

i Isabella Sharp

111 Karen Michelle Carter m **Joseph Adam Hawes**

Children

i Alexandre Mary Hawes

112 Kent Joseph Carter m **Sarah Jane Jones**

Children

i Addisson Lee Carter
ii Storm Jade Carter
iii Tayne Joseph Carter
iv Codan Noel Carter
v Dakoda Page Carter
vi Alley Louise Carter

113 Leisa Jane Carter m **Michael John Marshall**

Children

i Jordan Michael Marshall
ii Bailey John Marshall

114 Steven Frederick Neale m **Melinda Gai Marshall**

Children

i Brittany Elsie Neale
ii Jack Stephen Neale

115 Wayne Thomas Neale m **Nicole Ellen Mansell**

Children

i Adam Richard Neale
ii Ryan Thomas Neale

116 Erin Olivia Sharpe m **David Alexdra Thomson**

Children

i Ava Oliver Thomson

117 Jodi Anne Sharp m **Benjamin Michael Webb**

Children

i Henry Charles Webb
ii Flynn Ocsar Webb

118 Emily Kate Sharp m **Martin James Brazel**

Children

i Oliva Jack Brazel
ii Mia Kate Brazel

119 Kristy Morgan m **Paul Matthew Larson**

Children

i Ashley Page Larson
ii Jack David Larson

120 Mark Christopher Morgan m **Rachael Louise Newman**

Children

i Tate Christopher Morgan
ii Levi Christopher Morgan

121 Cassandra Evelyn Sharp m **Joseph Adam Bacon**

Children

i Bradley James Bacon

122 Daniel John Sharp m **Chantelle Candice Middleton**

Children

i Ava Jane Sharp
ii Airlie Candice Sharp

123 Donna Lee Grabham m **Les Case**

Children

i Brenden Case
ii Aaron Leslie Case

124 William Henry Grabham m **Pauline Charlton**

Children

i Laura Ellen Grabham
ii Dean Cecil Grabham

125 Bronwyn Gai Grabham m **Jason Hussey**

Children

i Jessica Hussey
ii Mariellen Hussey
iii Clara Hussey

126 Jacqueline Ann Grabham m **Stuart Press**

Children

i Rebecca Press
ii Stephanie Press
iii Adam Press

127 Ronald John Dawson m **Vanessa Webber**

Children

i Demi Lee Dawson-Webber

128 Brett Michael Grabham p **Hudson** **m Melissa Anne Woodhouse**

Children

i Brody Grabham (Hudson)
ii Charlie Pamela (Woodhouse)
iii Zane Lincoln Grabham



Charles Henry Sharp 1933-2002 & Jackie Sharp 1935

SHUMACK

This comes from Elizabeth White's book "A Shumack Family" (570 pages of Shumack and connected families)
Edited by Denice Fry (Shumack)
I will only list those who lived in the Dark Corner/Sunny / Palmers Oakey Corner area.

The Shumack family migrated to Australia from Ireland, but as their name indicates they were not originally Irish. The Shumacks were part of a group of about 13,000 mostly Protestant refugees who arrived in 1709 in London from the Palatinate, an area along the Rhine River in what is now south-west Germany. This area had been devastated due to continuing wars between German states and invasions from France. Queen Anne of Great Britain agreed with proposals that some of the 'poor Palatines' as they became known could be resettled in Ireland, where Protestant landowners were keen to increase the number of their Protestant tenants. Bartel or Bartholomew Schumacher (born about 1668) and his wife and five children were settled on the estate of Sir Thomas Southwell outside Rathkeale, Limerick.

FAMILY of WILLIAM SHUMACK AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH DOHERTY who arrived in New South Wales by "*Resource"* on 22nd December, 1840, with their TWO eldest children Richard and Margaret, and William's unmarried brothers Samuel and George.

William was the eldest son of Peter and Eliza Shoemaker of Kilrinnane, Co, Limerick and his grandfather was Jacob Shoemaker, descended from Bartel Schumacher, one of the Palatinate refugees of 1709. Elizabeth was the daughter of William Doherty and his wife Margaret, whose other daughter Mary came to Australia under the protection of John and Peter Shumack and settled in the Canberra district. In 1843 William was a servant at Eskbank House, Lithgow, a homestead built in 1842-43.

William's first acquisition of land appears to have been in June 1846 when he bought half of his brother Sam's purchase of 100 acres in the County of Cook, Parish of Lithgow Valley (Hartley). In 1853 however, both brothers sold these acres to Thomas Shaddy of Bowenfels, a gold digger. From the wording of the documents it appears that William was to have worked the land while Samuel stayed in Bathurst boot making. However, if William lived at Hartley it was probably only for a short period. Baptismal register details for his children show that in June 1845 and April 1848 he was a Shepherd at Diamond Swamp, near Meadow Flat. In January 1852 he is described as a Grazier at Diamond Swamp, in January 1854 as farmer and Grazier of Meadow Flat, and in November 1855 as a Farmer of Meadow Flat,

He took up various small portions of land around Meadow Flat at Eusdale Creek, but held them for only a short period with the exception of 33 acres Lot 61 along Meadow Flat Creek which had been proclaimed on 23rd July 1853 in the Parish of Falnash next to Alex Cameron's place. It appears that William and his family made their home on this land for the

rest of his life. In 1885 or 1887 it passed to William Parr, who in turn sold it to John Sharp of Meadow Flat who had land adjoining. A witness of this last transaction was John McKinnon, Justice of the Peace.

William Shumack on died on 28th June 1877 and is buried at Meadow Flat Cemetery with his brother Samuel. Samuel was about 15 years younger than William but of the two, Samuel seemed to have been the leader. William's wife Eliza died in 1886 and is buried in the Kirkconnell Catholic churchyard.

In 1871 William walked from Meadow Flat to Canberra within a week and spent two months with his brothers Richard and Peter there. In 1861 Samuel had made this trip and repeated it in 1880, four years before his death in 1884. Samuel and William walked both ways each time.

CHILDREN:

Richard Born Ireland c 1837 and died 6.2.1906 at Dark Corner.

Margaret Born in Ireland 26th December, 1839, she married Martin Dunn on 25 August 1855 at Bathurst. They had 12 children. Margaret Dunn was still alive in 1898, but the place and year of her death is unknown.

John Born c. 1842, John married Harriet Smith in 1873 and had a son John William Shumack born 1877 at Sunny Corner as well as other children.

Elizabeth Born 27.4.1845, and baptized at Holy Trinity, Kelso 2nd June 1845. She married John Ryan, a farmer of Meadow Flat in 1867, at St Michael and St John's Catholic Church Bathurst. It seems they had three sons and Elizabeth died in 1877.

Mary Anne Born 10.8.1847, and baptized at Holy Trinity, Kelso on 17th April, 1848. In 1868 she married Alexander McLennan, a Scottish widower with six children, who was a farmer at Pipers Flat. They had 9 children of their own.

William Born c 1849, and baptised at St Michael and St John's Catholic Church, Bathurst. He married Jane Irwin in 1873, and had several children, including William Andrew Shumack, and daughter Sarah who married A.E.H. Garling. In his death notice he is listed as William Shumack, Grazier, of Tooraweenah who died 21.1.1901.

Samuel Born 1.10,1851, baptized All Saints, Bathurst, 18th January 1852. He married Amelia Edwards in 1876 and they had seven children. Sam and Amelia moved to Dubbo where they ran pubs. Samuel died in Sydney in 1932 at the age of 81 years.

Ann Jane Born 20.10.1853, baptized 24.1.1854, at All Saints Cathedral, Bathurst. Ann Jane had a daughter, (registered as Mary but known as Janis) in 1886. No father's name was listed. In 1897 Jane was admitted to Gladesville Hospital in Sydney, where she was described as 'quiet and well-behaved'. In 1917 she was transferred to Stockton Hospital in Newcastle, where she died at in 1932 at the age of 77 years.

George Born 28.9.1855 and baptized at All Saints Cathedral in Bathurst, on 28th November, 1855. Born at Meadow Flat, he married at Nyngan in 1884 Elizabeth Dawson and had no children but reared a family named Freeman. A retired miner, he died on19th July 1932 and was buried at Portland, NSW. The informant of his death was Linda Maud Shumack of Ben Bullen who described herself as adopted grand-daughter, but the Registrar deleted this and substituted No Relation. It seems these Freemans were related in some way to the Shumacks.

Isabella Born 1858. It seems she died as a child, but there is no record of her death.

Ellen Born c 1860. Ellen married John Hunt in 1891, in Wellington. It is likely Ellen is the Mrs Ellen M Hunt who died in Warialda in 1913.

FAMILY of **RICHARD SHUMACK** AND HIS WIFE **ELIZABETH SINNOT.**

Richard was the eldest child of William, and Elizabeth Shumack who had arrived in NSW, by "*Resource*" on 22nd December 1840. He was born in Ireland. **Elizabeth Sinnot** was also born in Ireland at or near Ferns, County Wexford and her parents were John Sinnot (a blacksmith) and Catherine Doran his wife. Elizabeth Sinnot arrived in N S W by "*Glen Isla*" on 2nd July, 1857 aged 21 years, with her brother Thomas and sister Bridget (who later married Murty D'Arcy who in June 1886 was Sergeant of Police at Rylstone). Richard and Elizabeth were married by Fr Phelan at Brisbane Grove on 12th April, 1860. Elizabeth's uncle, Moses Sinnot and his family had arrived by "*Champion*" in 1840 and had 32 acres, Portion 20, on the main road between Meadow Flat and Kirkconnell. Some of that family are buried at Kirkconnell Catholic Churchyard.

Richard and Elizabeth Shumack had two daughters, Catherine (born 1861and died 1862) and Margaret (born 1862, died 1863). In 1863 their son John William Shumack was born at Meadow Flat, when Richard was described as a Miner aged 26. Their next child, Aiden Joseph, was born in February 1866 at Bendugundrie Station, Lachlan, in the District of Forbes, when Richard was again described as a Miner. Obviously Richard was there for the Gold Rush.

On 26th November, 1868 Richard took up Conditional Purchase No. 53 of 1868 being 50 acres in the Parish of Coolamigal, and on 21st October, 1869 he took up a further 40 acres being Conditional Purchase No. 45 of 1869. At some stage he acquired C. P. No. 63.2207 which was taken up by Martin Dunn at Bathurst Land Office on 30th July, 1863, being 40 acres in the Parish of Coolamigal. On 17th April, 1895 Richard sold the total of these 130 acres to his son Aiden Joseph Shumack of Dark Corner, who was then described as a Miner. This property was opposite the cemetery at Dark Corner.

Aiden Joseph Shumack's son Aiden Grabham, of Portland, believed that Martin Dunn's wife was another sister of Elizabeth Sinnot but this has not been researched. In fact, Martin Dunn's wife was Margaret Shumack, Richard's sister. Aiden Snr. considered Paddy Dunn, who married one of the Bennett daughters, to be his cousin. He said the Dunns had quite a large family and that Martin owned a grazing property about 700 or 800 acres at Palmers Oakey. Another piece of unresearched information from Aiden Shumack Jnr. is that Elizabeth Sinnott told him that she went, as a girl, from Ireland to India as garrison cook for some regiment or other. It is said that Thomas Sinnott lived in Bathurst and visited at Dark Corner as did Shumack relatives from Blayney, and Richard's brothers George and Samuel are said to have visited from Capertee.

Richard died 8th Feb 1908 and Elizabeth died on 28th August, 1915. Both are buried at Dark Corner.

CHILDREN:

Catherine **Born 1861 died 1862**

Margaret Born 1862 died 1863

John William Born 8.9.1863, died 12.8.1917.m 15.4.1885 **Catherine Lewis** (b 1863 at Mitchell's Creek), died 1930, Kogarah. Both are buried in the Dark Corner Cemetery.

Children:

i Herbert 1886-1955 m Elsie Rawlings, Had daughter Mrs. Patricia Longworth.

ii Mary Louisa (Sis) 1887-1964 m George Shaw, d 1919 of influenza. Had daughter Mrs. Dorothy Claridge.

iii Aidan Thomas 1888-1944 m Martha Munro. Children: Thelma Maloney, Marjorie Blue and Carl Shumack.

iv Ethel May 1890-1971 m Peter Munro d 1931. Children: Elgin (Nancarrow,) Mabel (Austin,) Leila-Jean, Clive,Len, Jack and Dave (twins), **see McKINNON TREE**

v Agnes Ann 1892-1982 m John Akers. Daughter Agnes Akers 1921–2008

vi Catherine (Kit) 1894-1961 m cousin Aiden Grabham Shumack. Olga (Thompson)Bert (Fr Martin of the Franciscan Order), Kath (Regan), Patricia (Sheehan,) Clare (Stait,) Molly (Drollers) and Owen.

vii John Sinnott (Jack) 1896-1972,see SUNNY CORNER at WAR Book m Doris Chiplin 1892-1967. Doris's father Christopher Chiplin headmaster at Sunny Corner School 1906-1917.Children:
John Gordon, (see SUNNY CORNER at WAR)
William (Bill),
Betty (Fry), see SUNNY CORNER at WAR
Nancy (Cusick,)
Dorothy (Cleaver),
Neil,
Kevin (b and d 1930)
Audrey (Bunker)
Ian.

viii Clara Jane 1899-1974 Dist. nursing military career. SUNNY CORNER at WAR

ix Ruby Ellen 1901- 1992 m Leslie Forrest. Children: Therese MacFarlan and John.

x Olive Lewis 1904-1972 m William Forrest (Leslie's brother). Children: Marjorie Mansfield and Elizabeth White.

xi Elsie Doreen 1910-1954 m W J Bell, children. Judith Kuit, John, and Susan Sainty,

Aiden Joseph Born 13.2.1866 d7.2.1930. m **Mary Grabham** 13.7.1891. Mary died in 1936. Aiden was shearing for some years and worked at the Sunny Corner furnaces and at the local mines, mostly at Paddy Lackey, at Dark Corner, Later he did some cattle dealing and had a small property used for holding cattle while buying and selling, He was Postmaster at Dark Corner from 1898 until he resigned in March 1921. **See GRABHAM TREE**

Children

i Elizabeth b 1893 d 1958 m George Stait in 1915. Children: Ivy (Burke), Mary (Kent), Joan (Davies), Elizabeth (Rutledge), **see STAIT TREE**

ii Joseph (b and d 1893)

iii Aiden Grabham, born 4.10.1894 and d 20.6.1979, m cousin Catherine (Kit) Shumack. See above for children

iv Joan 1896-1956, m Thomas McCarthy in 1922. Children Millicent, Teresa, Aiden, James, Harry, Peter, John. Robert.

v Alice 1898-1992, m Stanley McCarthy in1924. Children: Stanley, Terry and Kathleen.

Mary Anne Born 29.3.1868 d14.4.1946, m **Drysdale Scott** (b1870 d1945), **see SCOTT TREE**

Children

i Thomas m Ida Kissel: Alfred, Hilton, Albert, Clive, John, Athol, Ida and Ronald.

ii William John (Jack) m (**1**) Essie Shirlow. Children: Bert and Cecil
(**2**) Nita Shute. Children: Joan and John.

iii May m George Morgan. Children: Cathleen, Neil, John, Rita and Pat.

iv Eleanor (Nell) m Bert Staines. Children: Len, Ray, Morris, Leo, Kenneth Irene.

Richard Joseph B 23.10.1872 d D 30.1.1955 m 19.9.1900 **Mary (Polly) Murray** (b1877 d 1937) **see MURRAY TREE**

Children:

i Vera b 1901 m Robert Roberts. John, Gwen, Douglas, Patricia, Richard and Marie.

ii James b 1903 m Ruby Tilly. Children: John and Kitty.

iii Kathleen b 1904 d 1967 m Victor Nicholls, Children: Rita and Mary.

iv Mable b 1905 m John Tilly. Children: Ina and Reg.

v Wilton (Dick) b1907 m Madge. Children: Patrick, Colleen, Robert, twins Keith &Karel, Gregory, Michael and Christopher.

v Mary b1915 m Jack Coleman. Children: Peter.

vi Vincent b 1920 m Dorothy Greg. No children.

George Francis Born 4.1.1875, m in 1904 **Helene Elizabeth (Nell) Murray**. Died 24.4.1932, a Dairyman of Peakhurst. Nell Murray was a cousin of Dick's wife Polly and sister of Mrs. Fitzgerald of Portland. Their father was Charles Murray, hotel-keeper, Polly's father was John Murray, also a hotel-keeper, who had a son married to an Attwell. Coolamigal Parish map dated 13th July 1926 shows in the name of George Shumack Portion 84 No. 50 of 1911 677 acres, Portion 40 No. 96 of 1909 230 acres, and Portion 32 Sp.Ls,. 20-10 Gaz. 31.3.1922, 202 acres (Portions l, 14 and 28 were in the name of Aidan Shumack, while Portions 21 and 22 were in Richard's name). **See ATTWELL. See MURRAY**

Children:

i	John (Jack) b1905 d1988	m	Florence.	Children: Nellie.
ii	Clarice b1906 d1978	m	Bill Stockley.	Children: Bill, James, Nellie, Marie, John, Robert, Ray, Michael.
iii	Ena b 1909 d1989	m	Wyn Nichols.	Children: Carol and Peter.
iv	Nellie b1910	m	Dave Dobel.	Children: Nancy.
v	Leonard b1912 d 1979	m	Maud Pope.	Children: Margaret, Leonard and Kathleen.
vi	Ralph b1914 d1984	m	Vera Jenner.	No children.
vii	Raymond b1916	m	Shirley Whiteman.	Children: Richard, Paul. John, Helen, Christopher.
viii	Rita b 1921	m	Alfred Elliott.	Children: Yvonne.
x	George	m	Pat McGregor.	Children: Julie, Elizabeth, Murray, Kathy.

Elizabeth Born 1878 d 1902 m **George McLennan** in 1901.
Elizabeth's son Bertie was born in 1898 (his father was Edward Scott). Bertie enlisted in the Army with John Sinnott Shumack on 23.7.1917. Bertie died of shrapnel wounds to the head in France on 9.9.1918, two months before the end of the war. He is buried in Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, France,IV E 10. Bert's name is located at panel 163 in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.
SEE SUNNY CORNER AT WAR



Doris Shumack (Chiplin)



Gordon Chiplin John Shumack. John Chiplin



Shumack family, on verandah of "Springvale", Dark Corner, NSW, about 1907. Photo from Elizabeth White, Sydney, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.
Left to right, back row: Agnes, Herbert, Catherine (Kit)
next row: George holding Clarice, Grandfather Ben Lewis, Ethel (mar. Peter Munro), Clare, Aiden (mar. Martha Munro)
next row: Nell (nee Murray), Polly (nee Murray) with Wilton (Dick ex Kandos), Richard (Polly's husband), Grannie Shumack nee Elizabeth Sinnott),
Jim, Bert (died WW1), John and Kate (Elizabeth White's grandparents).
next row (in front of Nell) George's Jack and John's Jack.
front: Kathleen, Olive (b.1904), Vera, Ruby (b.1901)



Public School and pupils, Dark Corner, NSW, 1908. Photo and names from Mary Churches (nee Byers), Bathurst, NSW. Collection Vicki Powys.
Back row (boys): John McLachlan, Bob Grabham, Bert Shumack, John Grabham, Tom Grabham, Jack Scott, John Shumack, Aiden Shumack, Les Grabham, Jim Byers, Charles Stewart (teacher).
2nd row standing (girls): Eulalie Wilson, Elvie Eves, Ethel McLachlan, Eliza McLachlan, Ada Smith, Clara Shumack, Alice Shumack, unknown, Mabel Grabham, Sylvia Grabham, Ruby Shumack.
3rd row seated (girls): May Scott, Jessie Byers, Joan Shumack, Mary Byers, Elizabeth Smith, Kit Shumack, Janet McLachlan, Mary Titus.
Front row (boys): Jack Byers, Bob Byers, Colin McLachlan, Arthur Grabham, Tommy (Gordon) Smith, Eric Smith.

SMITH

1. **Peter Smith** b. 1753, Scotland, m. **Isabella.** Peter died circa 1825, Canada, buried: St Andrews, Williamstown, Canada. Moved from Scotland to USA, was an Empire Loyalist in the Revolution of 1773, and given a Crown Grant of 200 acres along the Raisen River on Concession, was registered in 1802.
Left a will dated 1825, named wife Isabella & some children

Children:

2.	i	David Smith	b. 00-00-1800.	

Second Generation

2. **David Smith** b. 1800, Canada, m. **Jane McLennon.**

Children:

3.	i	John Smith	b. 00-00-1831.	

Third Generation

3. **John Smith** b. 1831, Kenyon, County Glengarry, Canada, occupation Miner, m. 1862, at "Warrie" Palmers Oakey, **Isabella Ferguson**, b.1830, Scotland, (daughter of Duncan Ferguson and Isabella Cameron) d. 26-01-1884, Dark Corner, b. Dark Corner. John died 09-11-1898, Dark Corner, b. Dark Corner. Came to Aust; 1854 **Isabella: See Ferguson Tree**

Children:

4.	i	Duncan Ferguson Smith	b. 11-09-1862.	
5.	ii	Robert M Smith	b. 00-00-1864,	d. 00-00-1864.
6.	Iii	Robert McLennon Smith	b. 02-09-1865.	
7.	iv	William Smith	b. 20-11-1869.	

8.	v	Donalina Isabella Smith	b. 15-02-1872.
9.	vi	John McLennon Smith	b. 00-00-1874, Dark Corner, d. 11-12-1885, Mitchells Creek, b: Dark Corner. Drowned in dam

Fourth Generation

4. **Duncan Ferguson Smith** b. 11-09-1862, m. 19-01-1885, in Sydney **Elizabeth Ann Montgomery**, b. 04-05-1863, Bobs Creek Sunny Corner, (daughter of William Edward York Montgomery and Mary Ann Abigail Hemsworth). Duncan died -1922, buried: Dark Corner. **see Montgomery Tree**

Children:

10.	i	Percival Duncan Smith	b. 12-10-1885.
11	ii	William John Smith	b. 14-08-1887,
12.	iii	Isabella Mary Smith	b. 19-08-1889.
13.	iv	Edward Smith	b. 18-07-1892.
14.	v	Elizabeth Ann Smith	b. 25-03-1896.

6. **Robert McLennon Smith** b. 02-09-1865, m. 1889, in Bathurst, **Elizabeth Archer (nee Parr),** b. 02-04-1856, Wattle Flat, d. 18-10-1934, b; Dark Corner. Robert died 18-09-1930, buried: Dark Corner. **Elizabeth: See Archer Tree**

Children:

15.	i	Amy Alice Smith b. 16-08-1889, Dark Corner, m. (1) **Richard Davies**, m. (2) **Stanley Charles Mc Innes.** Amy died23-10-1973, Port Kembla, buried: Crem Wollongong.	
16.	ii	Robert Charles Smith	b. 06-05-1891.
17.	iii	Elsie McLennon Smith	b. 06-09-1893.
18.	iv	Ada Ettie Smith	b. 04-08-1896.
19.	v	Eric Archer Smith	b. 22-03-1899.
20.	vi	Gordon Thomas Smith	b. 15-02-1902.

7. **William Smith** b. 20-11-1869, m. 15-04-1890, in Bathurst, **Alice Ferguson**, b. 21-07-1876, Palmers Oakey, (daughter of Duncan Ferguson and Jane Virginia Peet) d. 30-01-1905, Palmers Oakey, b: Palmers Oakey. William d. 17-03-1905, Palmers Oakey, b: Palmers Oakey. **Alice See Ferguson Tree**

Children:

21.	i	William John McLennon Smith b. 03-11-1890, Palmers Oakey, d. 07-08-1915, Gallipoli, buried: 07-08-1915, at sea. Enlisted in the AIF 4th Bat on 22 Jan 1915. Died on board hospital ship "*Dunluce Castle*" from wounds received at Gallipoli.	
22.	ii	Virginia Isabella Smith	b. 27-07-1893. Palmers Oakey.
23.	iii	Elsie Minna Smith	b. 00-00-1895, Palmers Oakey.
24.	iv	Ewen Ernest Smith	b. 29-11-1897. Palmers Oakey.

8. **Donalina Isabella Smith** b. 15-02-1872, Dark Corner, m. 1891, in Sunny Corner, **William Dunn,** b. 28-04-1858, Dark Corner, d. 23-11-1916, Coffs Harbour, buried: 24-11-1916, Coffs Harbour RC. Donalina died 21-07-1959, Port Macquarie, buried: 23-07-1959 Port Macquarie.

William: Son of Martin Dunn & Margaret Shumack, **Margaret See Shumack Tree**

Children:

25.	i	William John Dunn	b. 13-09-1892.
26.	ii	Thomas Hilton Dunn	b. 15-04-1894.
27.	iii	George Joseph Dunn	b. 21-07-1895.
28.	iv	Edward Martin Dunn	b. 13-03-1897.
29.	v	James Arthur Dunn	b. 10-03-1899.
30.	vi	Charles Dunn	b. 23-11-1901.
31.	vii	Margaret Dunn	b. 25-02-1902.
32.	viii	Anne Dunn	b. 25-02-1902.
33.	ix	Victor Ernest Dunn	b. 12-10-1904.
34.	x	Alma Margaret Dunn	b. 10-01-1906.
35.	xi	Dorothy Mae Dunn	b. 26-05-1909.
36.	xii	John Harold Dunn	b. 23-03-1911.
37.	xiii	Walter James Dunn	b. 11-09-1912.

38.	xiv	Albert Robert Dunn	b. 03-01-1914.
39.	xv	Marie Maud Dunn	b. 03-03-1916.

Fifth Generation

10. **Percival Duncan Smith** b. 12-10-1885, m. **Bertha Perry,** d. 1972, b: Portland. Percival died 1930, Portland, buried: Portland.

Children:

40.	i	Mavis Lillian Smith	b. 01-11-1912.
41.	ii	Evelyn Smith	b. 1914, m. **Thomas Gardiner,** d. 01-2004, b: Portland.
42.	iii	Melva Smith	b. 00-00-1918.
43.	iv	Lesley Raymond Smith	b. 00-00-1920, m. **Cecila Phillis Sheppard**, b. 1920, d. 11-06-1990, b: Baradine. Lesley d. 06-12-1996, b: Baradine.
44.	v	Rita May Smith	b. 00-00-1923, d. 29-08-1992, b: Portland.
45.	vi	Valerie Smith	b. 00-00-1924, m. **George Stewart.**
46.	vii	Arthur Hilton Smith	b. 00-00-1926, d. 19-12-1958, Portland, b: Portland.
47.	viii	Norman Smith	b. 00-00-1928, m. **Edna Newgent.** Norm d. 200048.
	ix	Mervyn Smith.	

11. **William John Smith** b. 14-08-1887, Bobs Creek Sunny Corner, m. 17-08-1917, in Portland C of E, **Ivy Gladys Gardiner,** d. 26-12-1960, b: Dark Corner. William died 11-11-1959, b: Dark Corner.

Children:

49.	i	William J McLennon Smith	b. 02-10-1917, m. in Lithgow, **Lorraine Rowlandson.** William d. died 12-10-1985, buried: Ashes Dark Corner.
50.	ii	Roy Smith.	died at 18 months
51.	iii	Tommy Smith.	Died infant
52	iv	Athol Keith Smith	b. 07-07-1923.
53.	v	Iris May Smith	b. 02-04-1929.

12. **Isabella Mary Smith** b. 19-08-1889, Mitchells Creek, m. 1916, in Portland, **Samuel Joseph Barry**, b. 22-11-1887, Bobs Creek Sunny Corner, d. 1950. Isabella d 1942. **See Barry Tree**

Children:

54.	i	Alan Samuel Barry	b. 02-02-1923.

13. **Edward Smith** b. 18-07-1892, Mitchells Creek, m. **Vera Williams.**

Children:

55.	i	Clifford Smith.	
56.	ii	Ces Smith.	
57.	iii	Kenneth Smith.	
58.	iv	Merle Smith.	

14. **Elizabeth Ann Smith** b. 25-03-1896, Sunny Corner m 1916, **Louis George Kremer**

Children:

59.	i	William F Kremer	b. 00-00-1916, Sunny Corner.
60.	ii	Netta May Kremer	b. 18-06-1917.
61.	iii	John Louis Kremer	b. 05-07-1919.
62.	iv	Donald Lawrence Kremer	b. 03-12-1921 , m. **Ivy Gardiner.**
63.	v	Jean Mary Kremer	b. 24-02-1924.
64.	vi	Arnold Clemence Kremer	b. 09-10-1926.
65.	vii	Betty June Kremer	b. 01-12-1928.
66.	viii	Sheila Kremer	d. 00-00-1937, Portland.

16. **Robert Charles Smith** b. 06-05-1891, Dark Corner, m. 19-06-1916, in Bishops House Keppel St Bathurst,, **Dulcie May McCulla,** b.01-03-1900, d. 20-12-1986, Warilla, b: Dark Corner. Robert died 01-04-1964, Dark Corner, b: Dark Corner ashes**. see McCulla Tree**

Children:

67.	I	Jean Smith	b. 20-1 0-1917.
68.	ii	Loma Mary Smith	b. 16-09-1919.
69.	iii	Arnold Smith	b. 01-11-1921, Coolamigal, m. Pokataroo, **Rona Procter.**

70. iv Neville Charles Smith b. 15-03-1924, Bathurst, d. 18-03-1997, b. Crem Orange.
71. v Trevor Joseph Smith b. 14-07-1926, Bathurst d. 04-10-2001 Bathurst,b:Orange.
72. vi Freda Elizabeth Smith
73. vii Male Smith Bathurst, d. 26-03-1931, Bathurst, b: Bathurst.
74. viii Keith Smith Bathurst, d. 09-02-1933, Bathurst, b: Bathurst.
75 ix Valerie Florence Smith
76. x Juliet Smith , Bathurst, m. in Woolongong, **Kevin Cutts**,

17. **Elsie McLennon Smith** b. 06-09-1893, Dark Corner.
Children:
77. i Daphne.

18. **Ada Ettie Smith** b. 04-08-1896, Dark Corner, m. 1916, in Bathurst, **Arthur J Whitehead.**
Children:
78. i Zena E Whitehead b.1916.
79. ii Lyel George Whitehead b.1918, Molong, m.1942, **Gladys Mabel Badham.**
80. iii Della Whitehead m. **Greg Barrett.**

19. **Eric Archer Smith** b. 22-03-1899, Dark Corner, m. **Maude Ellen Gates**, b. 1906, d. 28-08-1960. Eric. d 18-10-1977, Bathurst.
Children:
81. i Graham Smith.

20. **Gordon Thomas Smith** b. 15-02-1902, Dark Corner, occupation Grazier, m. 1924, in Bathurst, **Linda Kearns,** b. 1903,(daughter of George Thomas Kearns and Harriet Baker) Gordon died 1985, Bathurst, buried: Dark Corner.
Children:
82. i Linda Marie Smith (Masie) m. **Ted Allman.**
83. ii Nita Irene Smith m. 1947, in Lidcombe, **Robert W Magill,** b. 1920.
84. iii Beryl E Smith m. **Noel Kerr.**
85. iv Gordon Kenneth Smith m. **Daphne M Schoefield** d. 27-04-2008,
86. v Estelle Mary Smith d. 00-00-195?.
87. vi Thelma Fay Smith m. **Bernard Ovington.**
88. vii Beverley R Smith m. **Mc Clymont.**

22. **Virginia Isabella Smith** b. 27-07-1893, Palmers Oakey, m. 1911, in Redfern, **Charles E Boulden,** b.1889, Rockdale. Virginia d. 1975.Charles: Father John Mother Mary S
Children:
89. i John R Boulden b. 00-00-1912, Burwood.
90. ii Leonard E Boulden b. 00-00-1914, Burwood, d. 1935, Penrith.
91. iii Ernest C Boulden b. 00-00-1918, Burwood.
92. iv Gordon T Bouldon d. 1920, Burwood.

24. **Ewen Ernest Smith** b. 29-11-1897, Palmers Oakey, m**. Charlotte Flora Ferguson**, b. 18-08-1907, Sydney, (daughter of Duncan Ferguson and Matilda Josephine Deasey) d. 27-10-1989, Rockhampton Q. Ewen died 26-11-1956, Rockdale. **see Ferguson Tree**
Children:
93. i Ewen Maxwell Smith b. 26-01-1926, m. 11-12-1965, **Cheryl Pamala Vaughan,**

Sixth Generation

40. **Mavis Lillian Smith** b. 01-11-1912, Cobar, m**. (1)** 1936, in Woollahra, **Thomas Arthur Francis,** b. 1907, d. 1942,Portland, b: Portland, m. **(2)** 1947, in Portland, **Albert William Jeifree,** d. 1972, Portland, b: Portland. Mavis died 09-10-2003, Unanderra, b: Lakeside Dapto.
Children by Thomas Arthur Francis:
94. i Norman Thomas Francis .
95. ii Gwendoline Joyce Francis
96. iii William James Max Francis

42. **Melva Smith** b. 1918, m. **Stan Twadell.**
Children:
97 i Cecil Twadell.
98. ii Beryl Twadell.
99. iii Joan Twadell.

52. **Athol Keith Smith** b. 07-07-1923, m. 1946, in Coogee, **Norma Simpson**.
Children:
100. i Janice Blanch Smith
101. ii Brian Keith Smith

53. **Iris May Smith** b. 02-04-1929, Portland, m. 25-02-1950, in Lithgow, **Bernard Thomas Collins,** d. 07-10-1975, Dark Corner. Iris died 31 -08-2010, Lithgow, buried: 02-09-2010, Dark Corner.
Children:
102. i Kenneth John Collins
103. ii Richard Alan Collins
104. iii Mark Bernard Collins

54. **Alan Samuel Barry** b. 02-02-1923, m. (1) **Shirley Veronica Lambert**,m. (2) **Ivy Teong.**
Children by Shirley Veronica Lambert:
105. i Margaret Maree Barry
106. ii Glen Samuel Barry

60. **Netta May Kremer** b. 18-06-1917, Portland, m. 1940, in Portland, **Francis John Halloran.**
Children:
107. i Joy Annette Halloran
108. ii John Francis Halloran
109. iii June Elizabeth Halloran

61. John Louis Kremer b. 05-07-1919, m. **Stella Kathleen Mackaway**.
Children:
111. i Roy Louis Kremer.

64. **Arnold Clemence Kremer** b. 09-10-1926, m. **Fay Kelly.**
Children:
112. i Colleen Kremer

65. **Betty June Kremer** b. 01-12-1928, m. **Raydon Robert Park.**
Children:
113. i Wayne Robert Park
114. ii Heather Joy Park m. **Leslie Kirk**.
115. iii Shirley June Park m. **Brian Dennis Taylor.**

67. **Jean Smith** b. 20-10-1917, Bathurst, m. 1936, in Bathurst, **Reginald Cupitt,** b. 14-07-1908, d. 08-09-1980, Yeoval, b: Crem Orange. Jean died 31-08-2002, Yeoval, b: Crem Orange.
Children:
116. i Gwenneth Lucy Elizabeth Cupitt
117. ii Brian Reginald Charles Cupitt d. 05-11-1956.
118, iii Pamela Dulcie Jean Cupitt
119. iv Peter James Joseph Cupitt d. 07-07-1967.

68. **Loma Mary Smith** b. 16-09-1919, Limekilns, m. **(1)** in Bathurst, **William Whittaker,** m. **(2) Cecil Bede Goodman,** b. 31-10-1923, Mudgee, d. 07-04-1992, b: Apple Tree Flat. Loma d. 21-01-1976, Ilford, b: Capertee. Cecil: Served WWII
Children by William Whittaker:
120. i John Anthony Whittaker
Children by Cecil Bede Goodman:
121. ii Joycelyn Edith Goodman

122. iii Shirley Ann Whittaker Bathurst, m. **Mick Beasley.**

72. **Freda Elizabeth Smith** b. 08-06-1928, Bathurst m **Henry George Cauldfield,** b. 13-12-1926.
Children:
123. i Rosemary Ellen Cauldfield
124. ii Deborah Gail Cauldfield b, Fairfield, m. **Henry Karbowiak.**
125. iii Janelle Freda Cauldfield b. Fairfield, m. **Roger.**

75. **Valerie Florence Smith** b., Bathurst, m. (**1**) **Kevin Cutts,** b., Narromine, m. (**2**) **Brian Webb.**
Children by Kevin Cults:
126. i Adam Cutts.
127. ii John Culls.
128. iii Pat Cutts.
129. iv Christine Cutts.
130. v June Cutts.
131. vi Kevin Cutts.
132. vii Graham Cutts.
133. viii Gregory Cutts.

77. **Daphne** m. **James C Howard.**
Children:
134. i Yvonne Howard.
135. ii James Howard.
136. iii Charles Howard.

78. **Zena E Whitehead** b. 1916, Molong, m. **Raymond Blondel.**
Children:
137. i Pierre Blondel.

Seventh Generation

94. **Norman Thomas Francis** b., Portland, m. 21-11-1959, in St Michaels Wollongong,
Frances Paul. Norman d. 15-02-2004, Berkley, b: Crem Wollongong.
Children:
138. i Tom Francis m **Liane.**
139. ii Sue Francis m. **Ken.**
140. iii Garry Francis m. **Karpn.**

95. **Gwendoline Joyce Francis**,b. 30 Wolgan St Portland, m. (**1**) 27-12-1958, in Presbyterian Wollongong,
Vincent Davies, m. (**2**) 14-04-1990, **Terence John Sheldon,** b., Nottingham UK.
Children by Vincent Davies:
141. i Peter Wayne Davies
142. ii Steven John Davies , m. 24-05-1992, **Rhonda Purcell.**
143. iii Karen Marina Davies ,m. 16-09-1989, **David Forrester.**

96. **William James Max Francis** m. **Janice Strachan.**
Children:
144. i Wendy Francis
145. ii Douglas Francis

100. **Janice Blanch Smith** b., Lithgow, m. 1965, in Lithgow RC, **Kevin Morris.**
Children:
146. i Cherie Morris b., Lithgow m 1989, in Lithgow **Brett Palmer**.
147. ii David Morris b., Lithgow.

101. **Brian Keith Smith** b., Lithgow, m. in Wallerawang, **Jenny Harris.**
Children:
148. i Jillian Lee Smith b., Lithgow.
149. ii Alanna Joy Smith b., Lithgow.

150. iii Jessica Eve Smith b., Lithgow.

102. **Kenneth John Collins** b., Crown St Sydney, m. 1976, in Sydney, **Pauline Barton.**
Children:
151. i Julia Collins b., Crown St Sydney.
152. ii Belinda Collins b., Crown St Sydney.

104. **Mark Bernard Collins** b., Crown St Sydney, m. **Lee Hazel Clark.**
Children:
153. i Thomas Mark Collins

105. **Margaret Maree Barry**, m. 14-10-1961, **Austin Robert Millott,**
Children:
154. i Julie Maree Millott m. 05-05-1990, **Noel Whiteman,**
155. ii Michael Glenn Millott
156. iii Rodney Alan Millott .
157. iv Deborah Jane Millott

106. **Glen Samuel Barry**, m. **Lynette Barbara Fitzgerald**,
Children:
158. i Todd Samuel Barry
159. ii Drew Norman Barry
160. iii Sasha Barbara Barry

108. **John Francis Halloran** m. **Suzanne Joyce Champion**
Children:
161. i Nicole Suzanne Halloran
162. ii Benjamin John Halloran

109. **June Elizabeth Halloran** m. **Arthur Bruce Rogers.**
Children:
163. i Kathryn Anne Rogers
164. ii Philip Rogers
165. iii Thimothy Rogers

110. **Maureen Therese Halloran** m. **Ivan Fidanza.**
Children:
166. i Adam Fidanza
167. ii Ethena Fidanza
168. iii Jacinta Fidanza

113. **Wayne Robert Park** b. m. **Wendy Elizabeth Williams.**
Children:
169. i Haley Park
170. ii Hayden Robert Park
171. ii Alistair Ryan Park
172. iv Ashley Park.

116. **Gwenneth Lucy Elizabeth Cupitt** m. 02-01-1958, **Ross Allan Corby**,
Children:
173. i Lynnette Jean Corby
174. ii Gwenneth Maree Corby
175. iii Clinton Ross Corby
176. iv Melita Anne Corby m. 06-01-1996, **George Robert Braun**

118. **Pamela Dulcie Jean Cupitt** m. 14-04-1962, **Brian Edward Tinker**,
Children:
177. i Warren Edward Tinker
178. ii Richard Edward Tinker
179. iii Peter Edward Tinker

120. **John Anthony Whittaker** Bathurst, m. **Sonya Mc Cann.**
Children:
180. i Kerry Whittaker.
181. ii Richard Whittaker.
182. iii Phillip Whittaker.

121. **Joycelyn Edith Goodman**, Bathurst, m. **Les Kirk.**
Children:
183. i Donna Lee Kirk

123. **Rosemary Ellen Cauldfield** , Sydney, m. **David Humbley.**
Children:
184. i Dustin Humbley.
185. ii Matthew Humbley.
186. iii Dale Humbley.

Eighth Generation

173. **Lynnette Jean Corby** m. 05-06-1982, **Roger John Kershaw,**
Children:
187. i Andrew Ross Kershaw
188. ii Tanya Marian Louise Kershaw

174. **Gwenneth Maree Corby** m. 15-11-1986, **John Michael Kirby,**
Children:
189. i David John Kirby
190. ii Kylie Maree Kirby

175. **Clinton Ross Corby** m. **(1**) 08-06-1991, **Bronwyn Ann Griffin-Osborne Corby,**
m. **(2)** **Raelene Angela Therese Evans**.
Children by Bronwyn Ann Griffin-Osborne Corby:
191. i Simone Louise Osborne Corby Bronwyns daughter
192. ii Rebecca Anne Corby
193. iii Jared Ross Corby
194. iv Elyse Maree Corby
Children by Raelene Angela Therese Evans:
195. v Brodin Clinton Corby

177. **Warren Edward Tinker** m. 30-03-1991, **Susan Perle**,
Children:
196. i Sarah Pamela Tinker
197. ii Jacqueline Caroline Tinker

179. **Peter Edward Tinker** m. **Kiralee Purcaville.**
Children:
198. i SamanthaTinker
199. ii Geoffery Edward Tinker

183. **Donna Lee Kirk** m. **Mark Lilley.**
Children:
200. i Dylan Lilley
201. ii Kryst Lilley

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SPARKS

1. **John Sparks** b. England. m. 1818, in Ely Cambridgeshire. England. **Harriet Feast**

Children

	i	Alfred Sparks		
	ii	Johanna Sparks		
	iii	Uriah Sparks		
2.	iv	Urban Sparks	b. 00-00-1824.	
3.	v	John Sparks	b. 00-00-1827.	
4.	vi	Edgar Sparks	b. 00-00-1836.	
	vii	Robert Sparks	b. 00-00-1834. Ely, Cambridgeshire. Occ. Excavator. d. 1908. Bx. Arrived Sydney "*Blenheim*" 5-7-1855. 21 years single. C of E. Br. Urban Bx	
	viii	Josiah Sparks.		

Second Generation

2. Urban Sparks b. 1824. Ely Cambridge England. occ. Shoeing Smith. Farmer m 07-03-1847. in St Marys Whittlesey, **Jane Handcock**, b. 1827. Whittlesey Eng. d. 01-12-1882, Molong (throat cancer). b; Wellington. Urban d. 31-01-1887, Bathurst Hospital (hydatids), b: Bathurst. Arrived Aust, 8-4-1849 on the· "*Midlothian*". Native Place Ely. Cambridgeshire, Parents both living Ely. C of E. 25 years. Reads & writes. In good health.

Jane: Arrived Aust 8-4-1849 on the '*Midlothian'*. House Servant, Native place Whittlesey. Parents Thomas & Joan Handcock living at Whittlesey. 22 years. Wife of Urban Sparks. Also on board was her brother William Handcock 18 years Farm Labourer.

Children:

	i	Uriah Sparks	b.29·12·1846.	
5.	ii	Mahala Sparks	b. 10-05-1848.	
	iii	Benjamin Sparks	b. 00-00-1850.	d. 00-00-1851.
	iv	Mary Sparks .		
	v	Edgar William Sparks	b. 00-00-1853.	
	vi	Alfred Sparks		
	vii	Thomas Sparks	b. 00-00-1857. Bathurst.	
	viii	Harriett Sparks		
6.	ix	Urban Sparks	b. 00-00-1861.	
	x	Jane M Sparks	b. 00-00-1863.	d. 00-00-1863.
	xi	Josiah Sparks	b. 00-00-1864.	
	xii	John Sparks		
	xiii	Henry Sparks		
	xiv	Richard Sparks	b. 00-00-1869.	

3. **John Sparks** b. 1827, Ely Cambridgeshire England. m. 14-11-1854, in St Michaels Bathurst **Catherine Kelly**, b. 1829, Tuam. County Galway Ireland, d. 16-01-1913, Sunny Corner, b; Kirkconnell. John died 28-03-1901. Sunny Corner, b: Kirkconnell. Arrived Aust 8-4-1849 on the '*Midlothian*' Farm Labourer Native Ely, Cambridgeshire. Parents both living Ely. C of E. 22 years. Reads & writes, in good health. Catherine Arrived in Aust. 23-5-1849 on the "*Agenoria*', with her sister Bridget (married to Simon Barry). Catherine was listed as House Servant. Native Place Taum County Galway. Parents Tom & Mary Kelly, both living at Clifden, County Galway. Roman Catholic. Aged 20 years. Doesn't read or write. In good health. No relatives in Colony.

Children

7.	i	Mary Bridget Sparks	b.00-00-1654.	
8.	ii	Ellen Sparks	b.00-00-1857.	
9.	iii	John Benjamin Sparks	b.00-00·1858.	
10.	iv	Thomas A Sparks	b.00-00,1860.	
	v	William (Wally) Sparks	b.00-00-1861,	d. 00-00-1946.
	vi	Alice M Sparks	b.00-00-1862,	d. 00-00-1862.
	vii	Catherine Sparks	b.16-02-1863,	m. 25-11-1865,James Price. Catherine d 1902.
11.	viii	Alfred Sparks	b. 30-09-1865.	
12.	ix	James Joseph Sparks	b. 25-07-1867.	
13.	x	Bridget Jane Sparks	b. 00-00-1872.	

4. **Edgar Sparks** b. 1836, Ely Cambridge England, m. 1656. **Elizabeth Best**, b. 1842. Edgar arrived Aust. 8-4-1849 on the '*Midlothian*' 13 years .Farm Labourer, C of E

Children

i	Edgar William Sparks	b. 00-00-1859.	
ii	Elija J Sparks	b. 00-00-1861.	
iii	James J Sparks	b. 00-00-1863.	
iv	Esther M Sparks	b. 00-00-1866,	d. 1886.
v	Elizabeth Sparks	b. 00-00-1869.	
vi	Alfred Ernest Sparks	b. 00-00-1871.	
vii	Urban Josiah Sparks	b. 00-00-1872.	
viii	Esther Ambrozine Sparks	b. 00-00-1873.	
ix	Pricilla Jane Sparks	b. 00-00-1876.	

Third Generation

5. **Mahala Sparks** b. 10-05-1848, Whitlesey. Arrived Aust 1849 see parents

Children.

i	Mary Sparks	b. 00-00-1864. Bathurst.	

6. **Urban Sparks** b.1861, m. 1862, in Wellington, **Martha Greenslade**

Children

i	Edgar Sparks		d. 1880, Wellington.
ii	Annie Jane Sparks	b. 00-00-1882, Molong.	
iii	Minnie Elizabeth Sparks	b. 00-00-1884. Molong.	
iv	Mary Sparks	b. 00-00-1886. Wellington.	
v	Urban J Sparks	b. 00-00-1888, Molong.	

7. **Mary Bridget Sparks** b. 1854. Bathurst m. 1878, **Charles Dolphus Murray** b. 23-07-1847, Kirkconnell, occ. Hotel Keeper, d. 20-07.1917. Mary d; 20-08-1935.

Children

	i	Charles Alfred Murray	b. 00-00-1878,	d. 00-00-1913.
	ii	John Sparks Murray	b. 00-00-1881,	occ. Engine Driver, d. 1936.
	iii	Catherine Jane Murray	b. 00-00-1883.	m William Francis occ. Hotel keeper.
14.	iv	Helena Elizabeth Murray	b. 00-00-1885.	
	v	James Thomas Murray	b. 00-00-1887,	d. 30-06-1892.
15.	vi	William Lewis Murray	b. 00-00-1890.	
	vii	Phillip Murray	b. 30-10-1892.	d. 30-10,1892.
16.	viii	Lana May Murray	b. 00-00-1895.	

8. **Ellen Sparks** b. 1857, Winburndale Creek. m. **(1)** 07.05-1884, in Bathurst, **Thomas Carter** b. 1849, d. 1887, m. **(2)** 25-07-1903, **James H Price** Ellen died 27-05-1934, Port1and, buried Portland RC.

Children by Thomas Carter.

i	Thomas James Carter	b. 25-06-1885, m 1905, in Wallerawang, Emily June Barry b. 10-04-1886. d. 26-04-1943. Thomas d. 11-09-1957. **See Barry Tree**	
ii	John Robert Carter	b. 00-00-1887, East Macquarie.	

9. **John Benjamin Sparks** b. 1853, m. 03-02-1881, In Bathurst, **Mary Ferguson**, b. 28-08-1861, Palmers Oakey, d. 1-1-1915, Lithgow, b: 03-01-1915, Bowenfels. John d. 1930. **see Ferguson Tree**

Children

	i	Ellen Sparks	b. 00-00-1881.
17.	ii	Virginia Sparks	b. 00-00-1881.
	iii	Alice Jane Sparks	b. 00-00-1882.
	iv	Agnes Sparks	b. 00-00-1884.
	v	John Sparks	b. 00-00-1886.
	vi	William Duncan Sparks	b. 00-00-1888, m. 1911, in Burwood, Elizabeth J Simpson
	vii	Charles A Sparks	b. 00-00-1890, m. 1916, in Lithgow, Mary Stella Sparks , b. 1894, Sunny Corner, (daughter of Thomas A Sparks and Alice Mara). Charles died 1922.

viii Albert H Sparks b. 00-00-1892.

10. **Thomas A Sparks** b. ,1860, m. 1886, **Alice Mara**

Children:

i Josephine Sparks b. 00.00.1887, East Mac, m. 1916, in Lithgow. Rody Broomfield
ii Kathleen Martha Sparks b. 00-00-1889, Sunny Corner.
iii Augustine Sparks b. 00-00-1892, Sunny Corner.
iv Mary Stella Sparks b. 00-00-1894, Sunny Corner, m. 1916, in Lithgow, Charles A Sparks, b. 1890. (son of John B Sparks and Mary Ferguson) d. 1922.
v Marjorie H Sparks b. 00-00-1896, Sunny Corner, m. 1917,. Harold Hucker
vi Edmund Thomas Sparks b. 00-00-1900. Sunny Corner. Twin
vii John Aloysuis Sparks b. 00-00-1900, Sunny Corner. Twin
viii Joseph Patrick Sparks b. 00-00·1902. Sunny Corner.
ix Alice A Sparks b. 00-00-1909, Sunny Corner, m. ·1926, , William A Clarke

11. **Alfred Sparks** b. 30-09-1865, Bathurst. m. 11-05-1898, in Sunny Corner, **Ellen Sarah Stait** b. 14-07-1876, d. 18-09-1941. Alfred d. 22-10-1937.

Children

18. i Irene Stait b.00-00-1899.
ii Alfred R Sparks b. 00.00-1901 m 1930, in Dubbo, Ellen K Batterham
iii Edith Sparks b. 00-00-1904, m. 1921, Lithgow. John H Costello
iv Olga Ellan Sparks b. 03-08-1908, m. 1937, In Sydney, George Leo Lennox
v Hilton Sparks b. 00-00-1911.

12. **James Joseph Sparks** b. 25-07-1867, m. 1894, **Annie Lord** . b. 1872, d. 31-07-1955. James d. 13-08-1955.

Children:

i James Edward Sparks b. 00-00-1900, Sunny Corner m. 1937 Jane Reid Geldhill
ii William Francis Sparks b. 08-05-1902, Sunny Corner, m. 1929. in Rylstone, Sabina X Corlis. William d. 1982.
iii Edith Lavinia M Sparks b. 02-10-1908, Sunny Corner, m. 1928, in Rylstone, Thomas W Astill. Edith d; 02-12-1986.

13. **Bridget Jane Sparks** b. 1872, m. 25.01-1897, **Joseph McCulla**. **see McCulla Tree**

Children:

i Kathleen Mary McCulla b. 00-00-1898, m. 1935, William R Jones. Kathleen d. 1984.
ii Dulcie May McCulla b. 01-03-1900, Sunny Corner, m. 1916, in Bathurst, Robert Charles Smith, b. 06.05-1891. Dulcie d. 1986, **See Smith Tree**
iii Joseph E McCulla b. 00.00-1902, Cobar, m. 1925 Elizabeth E Keaens. Joseph d; 1975.
iv Alfred Bernard McCulla b. 00-00-1905, Sunny Corner. m. 1943, Sydney, Islet Margaret Mitchell. Alfred d; 1972.
v Jane Florence McCulla b. 00-00-1907, Sunny Corner, m. 1927.Ronald D Smith
vi Gladys Ellen McCulla b. 00-00-1910, Sunny Corner, m. 1930, , Thomas A Lesson

Fourth Generation

14. Helena Elizabeth Murray b. 1885, m 1904, **George Francis Shumack** b 1857, d. 1932. Helena d. 26-09-1961. George: **See Shumack Tree**

Children:

i John Shumack
ii Clarice Shumack
iii Ena Shumack
iv Nell Shumack
v Len Shumack
vi Ralph Shumack
vii Raymond Shumack.
Viii Rita Shumack.
ix George Shumack.

15. **William Lewis Murray** b. 1800, m. **Emily Miles**

Children

i Dolphus Murray

16. Lalla May Murry b. 1895, m. 08-10-1914, **John Joseph Fitzgerald** b. 1884, d. 1960. Lalla d. 16-10-1977.

Children

i Mary Cecila Fitzgerald
ii Lalla Margaret Fitzgerald
iii Clare Teresa Fitzgerald
iv Bridget Catherine Fitzgerald
v Cecily Benedicth Fitzgerald
vi John Vincent Fitzgerald

17. **Virginia Sparks** b. 1881, Sofala, m. 1907, in Lithgow. **John F Case** b. 1882, Hartley, (son of John Case and Martha Louisa Knight).

Children

i Frederick John Case b. 00-00-1907, Lithgow. m. 1937, Dulcie Linda May Nichols.
ii Allister G Case b. 00-00-1909. Lithgow. m. Murid.

18. Irene Stait b. -1899, m. **Ned Grabham**, b. -1889.

Children

19. i Harold Grabham b.00-00-1918.
ii Edward Grabham m 1943. Lake Cargellgo, Ruby Winifred Carter
iii Aberaham Grabham
iv Irene Grabham
v Wilma Grabham d. 00-00-1933, Portland.

The '*Midlothain*', a barque of 414 tons, sailed 17 January from London under Mr J Gibson the Master. The ship arrived in Port Jackson 8 April 1849, with 203 government sponsored (bounty) immigrants in steerage and 4 passengers in cabins. The "Bounty Immigrant" program which ran from 1835 to 1841 was the bounty reward system. "Bounty Immigrants" were selected by colonists who then paid for their passage. When the Immigrant arrived, a colonist would employ the immigrant and the employer would then be reimbursed by the government for all or part of the cost of passage. The first immigrants to apply for this assisted immigration, were the people from Ireland, England, Wales, and Scotland. Later, people from other European countries began immigrating to Australia.

JOHN BENJAMIN SPARKS & FAMILY



[10]William, Alice, John Sparks, Charles, Virginia, Mary Sparks, Albert, Agnes, John

THOMAS

I. **William Thomas** b. 16-01-1811 in Kelynack St. Just. Cornwall, baptized 10-02-1811 in St. Just, Cornwell, occ. Miner. m. **Elizabeth Penrose** 12-08-1837 in St. Just, Penwith Cornwall, b.1813 in Sennen Cove Cornwall, baptized 27-12-1813 in Sennen Cornwell, occ. Milliner, d. 09-06-1898 in Sunny Corner, b: 11-06-1898 in Sunny Corner. William d. 30-08-1894 in Sunny Corner, b: 31-08-1894 in Sunny Corner. Father William, mother Margaret Roberts. Elizabeth: Father William, mother Elizabeth Trenarry

Children:

2.	i.	William Penrose Thomas	b. 24-12-1838.
3.	ii.	Joseph Thomas	b. 00-00-1845.
	iii.	Thomas Thomas	b. 00-00-1846 St. Just Penwith Cornwell, Miner. m. Clara Barlow b. 1859 in Tambaroora, d, 1930 in Wellington. Thomas d. 30-10-1921, b: 31-10-1921
4.	iv.	John Thomas	b. 00-00-1849.
5.	v.	Henry Thomas	b. 00-00-1855.
6.	vi.	James Thomas	b. 00-00-1856.

Generation Two

2. William Penrose Thomas b. 24-12-1838 in Cornwall, bap in St Just Cornwell, occ. Miner. m. **Mary Elizabeth Baskerville** 21-11-1868 in Tambaroora, b. 12-04-1846 in Menangle NSW, d. 20-06-1944. William d.28-12-1913. Mary: Father Joseph mother Ellen Davis

Children:

7.	i.	Mary Elizabeth Thomas	b. 17-10-1869.	
	ii.	William Penrose Thomas	b. 20-11-1870	in Tambaroora.
8.	iii.	Thomas Thomas	b. 30-01-1872.	
	iv.	Sarah Jane Thomas	b. 22-05-1873	in Tambaroora.
	v,	Celia Louisa Thomas	b. 29-09-1874	in Tambaroora.
	vi.	Sophia Edith Thomas	b. 00-09-1876	in Tambaroora,
	vii.	Joseph James Robert Thomas	b. 08-08-1878	in Tambaroora.
	viii.	John Henry Walter Thomas	b. 02-03-1881	in Tambaroora.
9.	ix.	Oliver Edward George Thomas	b. 16-04-1885.	
I0.	x.	Alfred Phillip Thomas	b. 02-06-1886.	

3. Joseph Thomas b. 1845 in Cornwall, bap. in St Just Cornwall, occ. Miner. m. (**1**) **Eliza Baskerville** b. 1852, d. 26-04-1886 in Sunny Corner, b; Meadow Flat. m. (**2**) **Mary Jane Harris** (Painter) 20-06-1891 Sunny Corner.

Children by Eliza Baskerville:

	i.	Joseph Thomas	b. 00-00-1870	in Tambaroora.
11.	ii.	Elizabeth Thomas	b. 00-00-1872.	
	iii.	Ellen Thomas	b. 00-00-1873	in Tambaroora.
	iv.	John Thomas	b. 00-00-1875	in Tambaroora, d.1875 Tambaroora.
	v.	John Thomas	b. 00-00-1876	in Tambaroora.
	vi.	Jane Thomas	b. 00-00-1878	in Tambaroora,
	vii.	Annie Thomas	b. 00-00-1881	in Tambaroora.
	viii.	Thomas Thomas	b. 00-00-1882	in Tambaroora.
	ix.	Jane P Thomas	b. 00-00-1884	in Tambaroora.
	x.	Frederick Thomas	b. 00-02-1886,	d. 16-08-1886 in S. C.b:M F.

Children by Mary Jane Harris (nee Painter):

	xi.	Charles Benjamin Thomas	b. 16-06-1892 in Sunny Corner, d. 13-09-1892, b: D. C.
	xii.	Silvester Penrose Thomas	b. 13-06-1895 in Sunny Corner.
	xiii.	Mavis Lilly Thomas	b. 24-12-1899 in Sunny Corner.

4. John Thomas b. 1849 in Cornwall, occ. Miner. m. **Margaret Hanna Ellis** 1877 in Tambaroora, b. 1857

Children:

	i.	John Horace A Thomas	b. 00-00-1878 in Tambaroora.
	ii.	Margaret Hanna Grace Thomas	b. 00-00-1880 in Tambaroora.
	iii.	Victor Israel Thomas	b. 09-06-1887 in Tambaroora.
	iv.	Gertrude Alice Dorcas Thomas	b. 11-01-1892 in Sunny Corner.

5. Henry Thomas b. -1855 in Cornwall, bap. in St Just Cornwall, occ. Miner. m. **Hellena Catherine Williams** 1881 in Orange, b. 1862 in Ballarat Vic.

Children:

	i.	Wilfred Oswald Thomas	b. 16-12-1889 in Sunny Corner.
	ii.	William Henry Victor Thomas	b. 06-02-1892 in Sunny Corner.

6. **James Thomas** b. 1856 in Cornwall, occ. Smelter/assistant/grocer. m. **Elizabeth Kate Ellis** 31-07-1879
Children:

	i.	James Penrose Thomas	b. 00-00-1880 in Hill End.	
	ii.	Albert Ross Thomas	b. 00-00-1882 in Hill End.	
	iii.	Gamet Roger Thomas	b. 00-00-1884 in Tambaroora.	
	iv.	Ruby Helen Thomas	b. 00-00-1886 in East Macquarie.	
	v.	Oscar Samuel Thomas	b. 00-00-1887 in East Macquarie.	
	vi,	Nellie Flora Ivy Thomas	b. 17-08-1888 in Sunny Corner,	d. 09-03-1889,
	vii.	Mable Kate Thomas	b. 00-00-1889 in Sunny Corner.	
12.	viii.	Jannet Elizabeth Thomas	b. 11-02-1892.	
	ix.	Allen Ellis Thomas	b. 05-03-1896 in Sunny Corner,	d. 20-06-1900,
	x.	Charles Walter Leslie Thomas	b. 12-06-1897 in Sunny Corner.	
	xi.	William Leslie Thomas	b. 09-10-1898 in Sunny Corner.	
	xii.	Maxwell Thomas	b. 00-00-1905 in Sunny Corner.	

Generation Three

7. Mary Elizabeth Thomas b. 17-10-1869 in Tambaroora, m. **Charles Peet Ferguson** 01-06-1891 in Sunny Corner, b. 05-07-1864 in Palmers Oakey, d. 23-07-1942 in Palmers Oakey. Mary d. 13-05-1955 in 27 Hope St Rosehill, buried: 16-05-1955 in Bowenfels. Charles: **See Ferguson Tree**
Children:

i.	Charles William Ferguson	b. 01-08-1891 in Palmers Oakey,	d. 06-05-1973.
ii.	Duncan Roy Ferguson	b. 18-05-1894 in Palmers Oakey,	d. 21-10-1948.
iii.	Williana Louisa Ferguson	b. 18-01-1895 in Palmers Oakey.	
iv.	Violet Mable Ferguson	b. 01-03-1897 in Palmers Oakey,	d. 05-11-1964.
v.	Ronald Stewart Ferguson	b. 25-02-1899 in Palmers Oakey,	d. 11-10-1956.
vi.	Edith Mary Ferguson	b. 28-10-1903 in Palmers Oakey,	d. 04-06-1973.

8. **Thomas Thomas** b. 30-01-1872 in Tambaroora, occ. Blacksmith/miner. m. **Ethel Ida Bell** 15-04-1896
Children:

i.	Celia Ann Thomas	b. 09-11-1896 in Sunny Corner.
ii.	Reginald Thomas	b. 04-09-1898 in Sunny Corner.

9. Oliver Edward George Thomas b. 16-04-1885 in Sunny Corner. m. **Mabel R Wilson** 1914 in Yass.
Children:

i. Stanley Thomas

I0. **Alfred Phillip Thomas** b. 02-06-1886 in Sunny Corner. m. **Ethel Muriel Oakes** 09-06-1909 in Lithgow, b. 1889 in Binda, d. 1982. Alfred d. 1972. Ethel: Father John G R Oakes (station manager) mother Mary Clarke
Children:

i.	Hilda M Thomas	b. 00-00-1910 in Lithgow.
ii.	Alfred R Thomas	b. 00-00-1912 in Lithgow.
iii.	Phillip G Thomas	b. 00-00-1916 in Lithgow.
iv.	Francis D Thomas	b. 00-00-1918 in Lithgow.
v.	Charles Benjamin Thomas	b. in Sunny Corner.

11. **Elizabeth Thomas** b. 1872 in Tambaroora. m. **George Chapman** 24-03-1890 in Sunny Corner.
Children:

i. George Henry Bernum Chapman b. 00-00-1890 in Sunny Corner.

12. **Jannet Elizabeth Thomas** b. 11-02-1892 in Sunny Corner. m. **Joseph Allan Gordon Roberts** 08-12-1917 in Marrickville, b. 14-01-1886 in West Mitchell, d. 06-10-1960 in 136 Summer St Orange. Jannet d. 11-11-1970
Children:

i.	Douglas Alan Roberts	b. 00-00-1919,	d. 00-00-1996.
ii.	Owen Roberts		

THOMPSON

William Thompson was born 1794, Carron, county Tyrone Irelan. married **Jane Jeffery** 17-02-1829

They left Ireland with 4 children and arrived Sydney 08-02-1836.
William was appointed Post Master at Bathurst on 24-3-1836 and held that position till 21-10-1866
He established the first Sunday School in Bathurst and was involved in the Wesylan Church.
Jane died 29-12-1878 and William died 27-06-1881.

There are over 300 descendants of William and Jane that I know of at this time (2018) but I will only follow those that are involved with Sunny Corner / Palmers Oakey.

William Gilbert Thompson (tenth child of William & Jane) was born 20-07-1844. Took over from his father as Post Master at Bathurst Oct 1866 and held that position till he retired in 1908. Up to his retirement he was the Hon Sec of The Bathurst A H & P Soc. He retired to "*Euarra"* Brewongle and "*Warrie*" Palmers Oakey. He died 26-01-1910, and his wife Jane moved the family home to "*Warrie"* for several years and d; 30-04-1930.

The Palmers Oakey connection started in 1895 when William Gilbert purchased "*Warrie"* an area of 9,000 acres. He sent two of his sons, Henry Alexander (Alec) and Eric Osborne to run "*Warrie"* and in 1897 they mustered 10,000 sheep and shore over 160 bales of wool.

Another son Clive Wentworth also lived there and went to uni., and then to WW l as a Doctor and served with distinction. A daughter Lillian also went to WW l as a nurse and another son Archibald also went to WW l. All three returned to Australia.

The year 1897 saw Alec selected to go to England with the N S W Mounted Rifles to ride in Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. He was a first class horseman, winning at shows, set a record time to Bathurst to get a Doctor for Liz McKinnon (who he was very keen on), could pick a handkerchief up from the ground, of a trotting horse,,,with his teeth!

I am not sure when, but about the time W G Thompson died (1910) the name Thompson Bros came in to operation (it was a family partnership) and "*Milchomi*" at Coonamble was bought. Eric and Archibald James (Archie) went to Coonamble and Alec stayed at "*Warrie"* In 1917 "*Milchomi"* was sold and "*Calga*" of 12,000 acres near Coonamble was bought with "*Narratigah"* being added later. During the 1920s they bought "*Lowther Park"* of 1500 acres near Rydal. The surplus young wethers from their Coonamble stations were sent to "*Warrie"* to run as wool-cutters, then at full-mouth they were sent on to "*Lowther Park"* to fatten, then to Homebush for sale.

In 1925 Alec married Muriel (Mab) Barlow and lived at "*Warrie"* until Alec died in 1941. There children were Alexander Brian, Judith (married Peter Manning, Peter was manager of "*Warrie"* during the early 1950s), Philipa (married Bill Poulsen and lives in Queensland), David.

After the deaths of Alec in 1941 and Eric 1944 the business was wound down, "*Narratigah"* was sold to cousins Tony and Jeff Single, and then "*Calga"* was sold and Tony Single bought part of it. Tony and Jeff are grandsons of William Gilbert Thompson. "*Lowther Park*" was taken over by Audrey Lowe, Eric Thompson's daughter. Brian and David carried on the Thompson Bros name at "*Warrie".* During the late 50s early 60s David built a house on "*Scots Warrie"* and in 1967 Brian & David bought "*Bunnamagoo"* at Rockley. David married Philippa Stevenson in 1968 and they had 3 children. In the mid 1970's David took over all of "*Bunnamagoo"* and it was then that "*Warrie"* was divided between Brian and David. Brian took the Thompson Bros name. Brian married Janet Miller in 1958 and lived at "*Warrie"* untill Brian died 1978. They had 3 children.
David ran "Old Farm" as well as other enterprises, until he died 2017.

William Gilbert b, 20.7.1844 at Bathurst m. 16.2.1871 to **Jane Amelia Fraser** dau. of Alexander & Lydia (nee Fulton) Fraser d. 26.1.1910 at Bathurst having by her who d. 30.4.1930 had issue
2.1 Herbert Fraser b. 19.4.1872
2. 2 Minna Jane b , 9 5 1873
2.3 Gilbert Alfred b. 12.3.1875

2.4 Henry Alexander (Alec) b , 18.9.1876 at Bathurst m. 1925 at Sydney to **Muriel Agnes (Mab) Barlow** d , 23.3.1941 at Warrie, Palmers Oakey, near Bathurst having by her who d , 29.12.1979 at Toowoomba had issue

3.1 Alexander Brian at Sydney m. 1.11.1958 at Merriwa to **Janet Miller** and d. 13.11.1978 at Warrie having had issue WW 2

4.1 Alexander Waldo at Bathurst m. 14.12.1985 at Goulburn to Sarah Maple Brown and has issue

5.1 Waldo Alexander

5.2 Hamish Anthony at Bathurst

5.3 Victoria Janet at Bathurst

3.2 Judith Ann at Sydney m. 18.5.1953 at Sydney to Peter Manning and has issue

4.1 Andrew Peter

4.2 Gordon John at Sydney m. 27.6.1981 at Wollongong to Jennifer Anne Crawford and has issue

5.1 Carly Jane at Wollongong

4.3 Jennifer Jane at Sydney

3.3 Philippa Evelyn at Bathurst m. 16.10.1954 at Sydney to Norman Blacket (Bill) Poulson and has issue

4 .l Alexander William at Toowoomba m. 21.3.1981 to Karen Lesley Wells and has issue

5.l Courtney Kate at Toowoomba

4.2 David Blacket at Toowoomba m. 1980 to Julie Lyle and has issue

5.l Marcus Blacket at Cairns

5.2 Megan Leigh at Cairns

4.3 Mark Geoffrey at Toowoomba m.1986 to Margaret ward

4.4 Anne Philippa at Toowoomba

3.4 David Fraser b. at Bathurst m. 30 .3 .l968 at Bathurst to Philippa Stevenson David died 24.10.2017 and has issue

4.l Catriona Jane at Bathurst

4.2 Scot Fraser at Bathurst

4.3 Lucinda Jenny at Bathurst

2.5 Eric Osborne b. 20.7.1878

2.6 Archibald James b. 27.12.1880 at Bathurst d. unmarried 3.8.1965 at Sydney WW l

2.7 Clive Wentworth b , 20.9.1882 at Bathurst m. 17.4.1928 at Parramatta to May Davis and d. 26.3.1941 at Sydney having had issue WW l Doctor,

3.l Jane at Newcastle m , 26.2.1954 at Sydney to Peter Mervyn Elliott and has issue

4.l Elizabeth Jane at Sydney m , 2.5.1987 at Sydney to David Romney Dossetor

4.2 James Peter Clive at Sydney

4.3 Sarah Jane at Sydney

4.4 Richard Angus at Sydney

3.2 William Wentworth at Newcastle m. 28.3.1963 at Sydney to Susan Gaye Simpson and has issue

4.1 Sally May at Sydney

4.2 Belinda Jane at Sydney

2.8 Ida Margaretta

2.9 Evelyn Mary

2.10 Lillian Australia (Fraser) b , 14.9.1887 at Bathurst m. in England during World War I to Gordon (Nubby) Fitz Hill and d. without issue 31.3.1959 WW l nurse



CLIVE WENTWORTH THOMPSON. DSO & MC



LILLIAN FRASER THOMPSON

TITUS

I. John Titus (son of John Titus and Mary Wiggins). m. **Rose A Montgomery** 1898 in Sunny Corner, d. 1903 in Cobar. **see Montgomery Tree**

Children:

2.	i.	William Titus	b. 00-00-1890.
3.	ii.	John Henry Titus	b. 00-00-1892.
	iii.	Thomas Titus	b. 00-00-1894 in Sunny Corner, d. 1894 in Sunny Corner.
4.	iv.	Emmaline Titus	b. 00-00-1896.
	v.	Florence A Titus,	b. 00-00-1898 in Sunny Corner. m. James H O'Brien, 1917 in Portland. Florence d. 1981.
	vi.	Mary A Titus	b. 00-00-1900 in Wellington. m. Archibald H Stait 1922 in Portland. Mary d. 1990.
	vii.	Rose A Titus	b. 00-00-1903 in Cobar, d. 1903 in Rylstone, b: Sunny Corner.

Generation Two

2. William Titus b. 1890 in Sunny Corner. m. **Caroline Ensor** 1909 in Mudgee (daughter of George Ensor and Mary Jane Doyle). William d. 1956.

Children:

	i.	Beatrice May Titus	b. 00-00-1910 in Cobar. m. Anthony Sylvester Luchetti M.P. 1939
	ii.	Agnes Josephine Titus	b. 00-00-1912 in Crockwell. m Henry Edward Parks 1936
	iii.	Florence E Titus	b. 00-00-1915 in Portland m. William L Dow 1935 in Lithgow.
	iv.	Rose M Titus	b. 00-00-1917 in Portland, d. 1919 in Portland.

3. John Henry Titus b 1892. m **Alice M Jackson**, b. 1919 in Wellington. John d. 1965.

Children:

	i.	Naomi Ruth Titus	b. 12-02-1920.
	ii.	John Randall Titus	b. 26-02-1924 in Cullen Bullen. Served in WW 2.
	iii.	Beryl Sylvia Titus	b. 29-11-1929.

4. Emmaline Titus, b. 1896 in Sunny Corner. m. (**I**) **Robert Mann** 1914 in Portland. m. **(2) John (Jack) Drysdale Martin** 1931 in Annandale, b. 1898, d. 01-06-1975, b: D C. Emmaline d. 08-08-1987 b: Dark Corner.

Children by Robert Mann:

	i.	Vera E Mann	b. 00-00-1915 in Bathurst.
	ii.	Robert J Mann	b. 00-00-1917 in Rockdale.

Children by John (Jack) Drysdale Martin: **see MARTIN TREE**

	iii.	Edward Martin
	iv.	John Martin



WILLIAM TITUS

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COLIN OTTLEY WILKINSON

7=2=1914 31=10=2007



It is a far cry from the days of Clive in India and the East India Company, which held India before it was taken over by England after the Mutiny, and present days of Sunny Corner, yet the periods are curiously linked in one respect.

Clive, later on Lord Clive, felt that it was a mean injustice that "John Company's" officers benefited by no pension scheme, as did the officers of the Imperial Army. "John Company" ran its own army, as also the stately East Indiamen that took cargoes of much valuable products to England, thereby

assisting materially in building up her great wealth. An important feature of war in those days was loot, and Clive amassed much wealth by his share
In this he devoted a large slice of this to establishing a fund for his pet scheme of a pension fund for the Company's officers and their relatives.

Mrs. Ottley, widow of Capt. Ottley, an officer who died in India during the Mutiny, was a recipient of a pension from this fund, and it was largely responsible for her being able to finance her eldest son through the military college at Woolwich, preparatory to his joining the Royal Engineers, eventually ending up as Colonel Sir John Ottley, R.E., K.C.I.E., one of the leading irrigation engineers of the Indian Empire, while later on he was in charge of the Cooper's Hill Royal Engineering College in England.

His mother, with her second son and daughter then came to Australia, and she took up a place about four, miles from Rockhampton, Queensland, sometime in the 1860's, where her daughter married J. H. Wilkinson. Later on towards the end of the 90's, this pension money again, assisted materially when Mrs. Ottley's three grandchildren, the Wilkinson boys came south to attend Cooerwull Academy, at that time in its palmy days under Stewart Page. Mrs. Ottley, Mrs. Wilkinson and family, lived for about two years at South Bowenfels. ...
Living with them and also attending Cooerwull, was a boy named F. E: Rawson, son of the Crown Lands Ranger, at Rockhampton. Although forced by the prevailing circumstances to compulsorily acquire a certain amount of education, they much preferred the wild life whenever opportunity offered, and roamed the mountain country far and wide wallaby and possum shooting, the main camp being on Cox's River at a place known as Mc Arthur's. There were no rabbits or foxes in this part of the country then, but plenty of wallaroos, wallabies, possums and hares. Apparently love of the wild mountain country must have soaked well in because after many years at various pursuits, including mining and journalism in Queensland and Victoria the wheel turned full circle and became acquainted with the scenes of their youth.
L. O. Wilkinson lived at Sunny Corner, (and W. B. Wilkinson, at Geelong Victoria), and for some time had a farm at Ganbenang, and acquired and run the Sunny Corner Lead-silver mine during the war, while G. O. Wilkinson, one time manager of Cuthberts Misima G M. at Misima, Papua, stayed several times at Sunny Corner with his brother.
F. E. Rawson, attached to the Public Works Department, when not engaged in survey work, stayed with his brother-in-law, L. 0. Wilkinson at the Corner.

If Clive had been told that all this would have been one of the indirect results of his pension scheme, he would have been surprised, more especially as Sunny Corner in his time was not even a name on a map.
Incidentally, it may be mentioned that when Mrs. Ottley in the early 1880's paid a visit from Queensland to England, the head of the firm of eminent London lawyers who had been administering Clive's fund impressed on her the very great interest the firm took in her welfare. He said that when she, as the last of "John Company's" widows, passed away, the fund was to be distributed among various charities, etc., where by the firm would lose a much valued source of revenue. As she was 94 when she died, she gave the firm a fair go.

INTRODUCTION TO COL'S LIFE (compiled by Vicki Powys) 6-11-2007

Colin Wilkinson was born at Galston near Sydney in NSW, in 1914 and was the second youngest of 4 children. Col's father was Lionel Wilkinson who had been a journalist for a Rockhampton newspaper, then later a gold miner. Col's mother was Una Bell Rawson, known as 'Mater', a most capable and petite woman who was an expert in first aid and photography.
Lionel and Una Bell had at one time travelled by pushbike from Bathurst to Hill End to work at gold mining. They later came to Sunny Corner where there was an old silver mine, and they bought a farm to the east of the old Sunny Corner township. Col was four years old at that time, and he was to spend almost the next ninety years of his life living and working on that farm.

Col started school at Sunny Corner in 1921, and walked barefoot for one and a half miles to school each day, carrying his boots to save wearing them out. In those days there were still bullock

wagons travelling on the roads, and sometimes the boys got a ride with the teamsters, a great thrill for them. Sunny Corner school had no more than a dozen pupils in those days, and because of distance, most children like Col completed their education at the end of their primary school years.
One subject that Col loved at school was poetry, and in Col's day the pupils had to recite poems out loud in front of the class. They studied poets such as Banjo Patterson, Henry Lawson, and Henry Longfellow. All of his life Col was apt to launch into a passage of poetry, according to the occasion, and in particular he loved poems about nature. He could be ploughing a paddock or chopping wood or walking in the bush, and a poem would come to mind to be quoted.

Col had just turned 15 when he started work doing contract fencing with an old bushman neighbour by the name of Oscar Stait. This was in 1929, at the start of the Great Depression, and times were very hard. Col and Oscar walked 6 miles to work on a Monday morning, camped out in a tent for the week, and walked home again on the Saturday, sometimes in the snow. They carried their food supplies in a hessian bag, and they trapped rabbits and sold the skins for some extra pocket money. For the fencing work they used a cross cut saw and an axe, there were no chainsaws in those days!

In the 1930s Col worked with his father at a gold cyaniding plant at the Paddy Lacky mine at Dark Corner, and again they walked out to work for the week, and came home at weekends.

Col met Phyllis Larkin **(see Larkin Tree)** from Ben Bullen at a local dance, and he courted her for a time, before they were married in Lithgow on Boxing Day in 1941. By now the Second World War had started and Col was working at the Small Arms Factory in Lithgow, testing rifles.
By the end of the war in 1945 Col and Phyl moved back to the farm at Sunny Corner where they raised their two children Kerry and Sue, who both attended the local Sunny Corner school. They worked hard on their farm, growing peas and other vegetables and running sheep. They kept a milking cow and were self sufficient and eventually they built their present home, using local blackbutt timber from their property. In later years Col took on a job as weeds inspector for the local council.

Shaped by the circumstances of his era, Col had grown up to be a hard working and philosophical man, he just thrived on hard work and loved his farm. He was resourceful, and skilled at the art of making do, and would have a go at mending just about anything. He loved to be pottering about in his shed, working at the home-made forge, doing some welding, or inventing various gadgets to make life easier.

Col also loved a good yarn and he recounted and wrote down many stories of his life and the characters he had known, and he always appreciated the funny side of life.

When the grandchildren came along, and then the great grandchildren, Col enjoyed their company and all those children have good memories of their Pop. Sadly both Kerry and Sue have now passed away, which caused great sadness to Col and Phyl. But the continuity of life is carried on with the younger generations of the family, and Col was very proud of them all.

Col was a good man, and quite a character, and will be fondly remembered by his many friends and family.

EULOGY BY FRANK STOREY AT COL WILKINSON'S FUNERAL, ORANGE, 6 NOV, 2007

Some years ago there was a regular feature in the Readers Digest - "My Most Unforgettable Character". I had seriously thought of writing an article about Col for this segment but never got around to it. But what an unforgettable character Col was.

We first met a day or two after my appointment to Sunny Corner school at the beginning of 1951 and there was an immediate rapport between us that grew into a strong and lasting friendship.

While I lived at Sunny Corner there were several events that convinced me (and Col) that there was some sort of supernatural influence. I will not go into detail but at times we seemed to be able to communicate at a distance. Even over recent years I have rung him and he has said, “1 was just thinking about you".
But what made Col unforgettable?

He was a man of strong convictions, and could be annoyingly stubborn. It was certainly difficult to win an argument with Col.
He was a man with visions of those things that would benefit mankind and the world in general, some of these visions were a bit over the top but they were the result of deep thinking. Paradoxically he has said to me on more than one occasion that there is no hope for the world while humans inhabit it.

His political leanings were well to the left. If he still has any influence in that field, John Howard will certainly not win the election.
His knowledge of motors, especially as regards earlier models, was exceptional and he got me out of trouble on more than one occasion. In fact, there are many who could make this claim. He was always ready to lend a hand where people were in trouble, not only with a vehicle, but in any way he could help whether it be with advice or pulling someone out of a snowdrift. He had a good grasp of general farming practices and was equally generous in sharing his knowledge and skills in that area.

I have often been surprised by Col's memory for detail, even of events of long ago, and this went even further in that he remembered clearly much of what he had been told by those older than himself. How he loved to listen to the tales told by Dry Scott or Jack Martin and others of that era. He had a great store of anecdotes about people and places. Only some of these have been recorded and it is a great loss to history that more have not been set down in some permanent form. I only wish that my memory was as good as Col's so I could somehow record some of what was so vivid in his memory. These memories strengthened, or maybe they were the reason for, the close bond he had with Sunny Corner.

He was a Justice of the Peace and kept weather records for the district.

While Col could at times be quite intolerant of injustices, he tempered this with a wonderful sense of humour. Only a few days before the onset of his final illness I got a letter from him containing several of his reminiscences, each of them with a notably humorous twist. He had the knack of finding just the right word or phrase to emphasise the funny side of a situation.
He had a great love of the land. He kept a good deal of his property in a more or less natural state and cleared land reluctantly, preferring to lease land that was already cleared or buy it when he was able.

Col has bounced back from some difficult situations over the years and I would not have been surprised if he had bounced back from his latest setback. But this was not to be.

Where does one stop? There are so many aspects to Col's life that a few words like these cannot do justice to it. Each of you who knew him will have your own thoughts at this time, and I am sure that, like me, you will always remember Col with warmth and affection.

Vale, Col Wilkinson - an unforgettable character indeed.

TRIBUTE TO COL (from Vicki Powys, friend of the Wilkinson family) 6-11-2007

I first met Col & Phyl in 1969 when, as an art student, I came to Sunny Corner from the big smoke of Sydney, wanting to paint the rural landscape. Out bush seemed like the right place for me to be, but I was raw in my understandings of country ways.

Gradually though Col taught me the various skills that every city girl should have, like how to use a chainsaw, how to bark a log, how to drive a tractor, how to shear a sheep and mark a lamb, how to put up fences, stock yards and sheds, how to fire a shotgun and how to clean a carburettor.

Most of all, Col taught me the art of making do and how with persistence and patience, plus some nuts and bolts and bits of tie wire, almost anything could be mended or created. When you live a long way out of town you just have to make do with what you have to hand, and Col turned that principle into an art form.
Col was also very good with motors and he taught me the basics of car and motorcycle maintenance. Before one of my outback trips he took me through everything under the bonnet of my car and listed all the things I should look for to fix, should I ever break down. He also drummed into me how to change a wheel safely!

Col loved being out in the bush, and he taught me how to be truly observant and how to read tracks. He knew the names of all the local trees and grasses, and kept a lot of natural bush on his own land. He loved hearing the frogs in his dams at night, and the birdsong in the bush and garden.

There is so much to say of so many things learned, but for now dear old Col, rest in peace. from your good friend Vicki

TRIBUTE TO POP (from Bindi Hawley, granddaughter of Col Wilkinson) 6-11-2007

I spent a long time trying to think of one significant memory of Pop that would sum everything up, but there is not just one big thing, there is my whole lifetime of things that Pop did for us, all done with purpose and unselfishness. All the times he came up in the rain and snow with an armful of wood for the fire or the times he fixed or mended something, and the constant praise and encouragement he had for me and Jack.

It seems that Jamie and I spent a lot of time at Nan and Pop's either being fed or looked after because that is the home that they created. A safe place where no problem was too big that it couldn't be fixed with kindness and encouragement. To know that Nan and Pop were always there and unmoveable in their dedication to us is something wonderful. And when things were really bad, Pop would always say "Never mind, this too will pass", and mostly it did.

'Snowline' was Pop's home and sanctuary and he wanted to be nowhere else. He was a great fan of Mother Nature and appreciated and took notice of tiny things growing. He knew how long all the big trees had been there and he knew every bird song, every creature that patrolled around the farm, and was so quiet and unthreatening in his manner that he could sneak up on most of them. He was a noticer and would notice a tiny track in the dirt or a weed in some far off paddock, and give you a full history of whatever it was that had his attention.

When Jack was born, Pop said that he hoped he lived long enough to see him grow up a bit, and Jack is lucky to have had Pop's companionship for seven and a half years. Pop called Jack 'my little mate' and he watched over him like a hawk. Just recently Pop had taught Jack to play chess and whittle sticks with his pocket knife.

Our Pop was a good, kind and dependable man, very worthy of our trust and respect, and I will miss him very much.

I will miss his council and humour and his always just being there, but I will not think of him as gone. To me and Jack he will always be somewhere inside the boundary fence of 'Snowline'.

(This article he sent to a local paper gives an insight into the tongue in cheek style he could use. CF)

RABBIT A SYMBOL OF MODERN AUSTRALIA.

By Colin Wilkinson “Snowline” SUNNY CORNER.



I have a suggestion that our much talked of new flag should have a rabbit as its central motif. Perhaps the kangaroo and emu could be shown with lesser prominence on either side of the rabbit but let the rabbit take the major place in recognition or what he has done for Australia.

To understand the contribution of this benign and loveable little animal it is necessary to go back to the time of his introduction to this country.

He was brought to Australia without wishing to come as many of our ancestors at the time were.

However unlike so many of the humans that were sent here at that time the rabbit did not sit around moping and longing for the green fields of England.

He cheerfully accepted his fate and set about making himself at home in his new land.

He was most successful in this and it was not long before rabbit out numbered humans in Australia.

Man became very jealous of this and in an act of spite declared the rabbit a noxious animal.

The rabbit did not let this worry him, perhaps he did think it was somewhat strange that man brought him out here and turned him loose to breed up and then turned on him.

But he did not intend to change his lifestyle over such a small matter. Instead he went happily ahead colonising his new country.
Then he began to make a contribuation to his adopted country and we must be grateful for the sacrifices he has made in the interests of our welfare.
Our great steel industries, which are so important to our economy were given birth through the need for wire netting to help control the rabbit.
This created work for both skilled and unskilled workers alike. ,
The erection of thousands of miles of netting fences developed the art of fencing to such a degree that Australia in still regarded the most highly fenced and best fenced country in the world.
Following the fencing frenzy there emerged the idea or poisoning the rabbits and as a result chemical factories were developed to manufacture the poison.
These small factories formed the nucleus of our present chemical works,
The chemicals had the effect of slightly reducing the rabbit population but was far more effective in eradicating our bird life, wiping out about 90 percent of the bird population.
A lack of birds then allowed the locust population to build up to such an extent that the chemical firms have now turned their hands to try to control the locusts.
This has had the effect of killing more birds and allowing a greater build up of locusts.
So the future of the chemical companies is assured due indirectly to the rabbit.
From early this century to the present time rabbit meat has provided tasty meals for countless people, it was of particular value during the Great Depression of the early thirties when many a family would have gone hungry if it was not for the rabbit meat and the sale of skins which provided money for other essential.
The rabbit has provided both felt hats and fur coats in fact our diggers hats famous the world over are provided by the rabbit.
Even the term digger by which Australian soldiers are so widely known is indirectly with the rabbit. When our troops landed at Gallipoli during the first world war and came under Turkish fire they dug in with such speed that they appeared to evaporate into the earth.
No other troops had ever been known to shift dirt like our diggers, a skill which the soldiers developed by digging out rabbits since they had been old enough to carry a mattock and shovel.
In return for the great contributions the rabbit has made to our welfare we have shown no gratitude.
Quite the reverser we have persecuted them. We have poisoned them, shot them, trapped them, ferreted them, fumigated them, dug them out, chased them with dogs, blown them up with explosives and introduced myxomatosis into their colonies
In spile or this the rabbit bears no resentment and continues to provide,
All our efforts to eradicate the rabbit have been in vain, despite him being such a mild creature (after all I have never heard of anyone being attacked by a rabbits.)
The Bible says 'the meek shall inherit the earth, this could well be so.
After mankind has his inevitable nuclear war it seems possible that the only survivor will be, the rabbit. He may pop out of his burrow, survey the desolation and ask ‘where is everyone'.
So let us commemorate this worthy little creature by giving him a prominent place on our new flag.



Book launch at Sunny Corner NSW community hall, 3 December 1989. Col Wilkinson on left, with Colin Ferguson. Collection Vicki Powys.

WILLIAMS

I. Henry Williams m. 1867. in Campbelltown, **Christiana Nicol**. b. 09-07-1842. d. 12-11-1879
buried. 150 m south of road to Newens, see below.
Christiana: Father George mother Helen

Children:

2.	i	Helen J Williams	b. 00-00-1869.
3.	ii	George Nicol Williams	b. 00-00-1871.
4.	iii	Fanny Perry Williams	b. 00-00-1872.
	iv	Minnie Myra Williams	b. 00-00-1874, Hanley, m. 1901. George Brandon
	v	Henry Williams	b. 00-00-1876, Hartley.
5.	vi	Mary Ambrosine Williams	b. 00-00-1878.
	vii	Christina Nicol Williams	b. 00-00-1879, mothers name, she died giving birth.

Second Generation

2. Helen J Williams b. 1869. Hartley. m. 1891. in Lithgow, **William Evans**.

Children:

i	William P Evans	b. 00-00-1892. Lithgow.	
ii	Christiana Evans	b. 00-00-1893, Lithgow,	
iii	Hilda J Evans	b. 00-00-1898, Lithgow,	
iv	George H Evans	b. 00-00-1901. Lithgow,	
v	Marjorie E Evans	b. 00-00-1906. Lithgow,	m. 1932. Keith R D Woodlands

3. George Nicol Williams 1871, Hartley. Occ. Miner/manager. m. 30-12-1891. in Little Hartley. **Isabella Gertrude Armour Poyitt** b. 1863. Sunny Corner, (daughter of David Gould Poyitt and Elizabeth Armour) occ. Teacher/author, d. 1950, Sunny Corner, b: 1950, Sunny Corner. George d. 28-03-1904. New Caledonia, b: New Caledonia. Killed in mine explosion. **See Poyitt Tree**

Children:

i	Roy Nicol Williams b. 00-11-1893, Sunny Corner, d.04-01-1894. Sunny Corner, b: S C..	

4. Fanny Perry Williams b. 1872, Hartley, m. 1892, in Lithgow, **Normal Armour Poyitt** . b. 1867. Sunny Corner. (son of David Gould Poyitt and Elizabeth Armour) d. 1938. Chatswood. **See Poyitt Tree**

Children:

i	Minnie O Poyitt	b. 00-00-1893. Sunny Corner.	
ii	David G Poyitt	b. 00-00-1896. Hartey.	m. 1925. in Glebe. Edith L Maguire
iii	Normal H N Poyitt	b. 00-00-1901, Hartley.	m. 1930,. Constance M Riddell
iv	Esmee J Poyitt	b. 00-00-1911. Bathurst.	

5. Mary Ambrosine Williams b. 1878. Hartley, m. 1906, in Lithgow, Frederick G Sherwood

Children:

i	Samuel RD Sherwood	b. 00-00-1908, Lithgow.



CHRISTINA NICOL WILLIAMS
150 m south of road to Newens,