

S.E.C.



MAGAZINE

AUGUST 31st, 1946.

New Shopping Centre for Yallourn

PRIVATE TRADING TO START

Plans to expand shopping facilities of Yallourn are now at the advanced stage where building tenders are being invited to commence development of the eastern corner of the Town Square as a complete modern shopping centre. Free competition between private traders is included in the development plan.

The complete project, estimated to cost £55,000, will develop the whole area between Broadway, Canterbury, Green Street and Bowling Green Reserve as a shopping block to cater for all needs. Eventually, at least 20 shops will be erected, all of which will let to private traders.

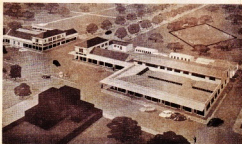
The Commission is anxious to develop the whole scheme as rapidly as possible. However, in view of recent State legislation controlling building materials and labour to ensure that housing particularly shall have priority over

all other classes of building work, the project necessarily has been divided into two stages.

The first stage will be pushed ahead at once.

Building of this first stage will not retard or interfere with the erection of six temporary wooden shops or offices between the National Bank and the Picture Theatre. A contract has already been let for construction of these temporary premises, and building operations should commence soon.

The first stage of the permanent shopping centre will comprise an extension of the existing building in Broadway occupied by the cafe and butcher's shop. The ground floor of the extension will provide unit spaces for five shops, each approximately 30 feet by 15 feet, and a storage area at the rear approximately 30 feet square which can be allotted to one or two shops.



Architect's drawing, showing how the new shopping block at the eastern corner of Town Square, Yallourn, will look when completed. Eventually at least 20 new shops for private traders will be built.

Part of the extension will be double-storey, providing an upper floor area, approximately 36 feet by 36 feet, which can be sub-divided for such purposes as offices, meeting rooms, or small premises suitable for such businesses as watchmaker or photographer.

The second stage of the project will be commenced as soon as building conditions permit. This stage allows for a further 12 to 15 shops, according to class, with ample garage and storage space attached. In addition, self-contained residential flats will be provided above four of the shops.

The new buildings for the shopping centre have been designed to allow maximum flexibility in letting. Final dividing walls between shops will be erected as required. Traders applying for floor space will therefore be able to tender for either single or multiple shop units. In the case of some shops, additional floor space can be added at the rear if re-

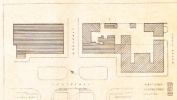
quired. Tenants will supply their own counters, fixtures and fittings.

In addition to the shopping centre, a number of permanent lock-up shops are to be built as soon as possible outside the main entrance gate to the works, and adjacent to the Western Camp. These shops also will be leased to private traders.

Since large numbers of applications for shops are expected from private traders, allocation of floor space to various forms of business will be decided by the Commission after consultation with the Civic Association. This will apply both to the permanent shops and to the temporary shops.

At an appropriate time during building of first stage of permanent shops and of the temporary shops, tenders will be publicly invited from traders desiring floor space in these premises.

Plan at the right shows existing buildings at Town Square, and the first and second building stages of the new shopping centre.



SUPPORTS 10,000 TIMES OWN WEIGHT

A new British material, made partly from paper, and capable of supporting 10,000 times its own weight, is going into the construction of aircraft and house interiors and even furniture. The material, known as Dufayite, consists of reinforced paper cells, bonded between two thin skins of practically any material — for example plywood, aluminium or plastic. It can be constructed to any thickness specified and in either flat or curved sections. Its weight is as low as 18 ozs. a cubic foot. Leading British aircraft manufacturers have already specified this material for flooring, bulkheads, doors and tables. Other typical uses will be in house interiors and

railway carriages. Another new material has also recently been announced in the United Kingdom — a type of leather cloth based on a special plastic evolved by the physics division of Imperial Chemical Industries. It is claimed to have three notable qualities — hardness, durability and non-inflammability. Main uses of the new "leather" will probably be for travelling equipment, steel in addition to an attractive appearance it wears well. It is also visualized as a furniture covering and for shoes. It will be known as Vynide. An almost certain use will be as a covering for ships' fittings, where its resistance to fire will strengthen its claims.

WORK AT Old Open Cut YALLOURN



1. Tractor and wheelbarrow on sandstone gravel.

2. 120 Herring wheelbarrow carrying sandstone gravel is pushed by a tractor.

3. 100 H.B. wheelbarrow loading coal to large motor truck.

4. Loading and into Victorian Railway trucks.

5. Sandstone-truck. (Note on right shows truck in sand position for loading. That on left shows how truck is loaded, by the loader being pulled back from its front so that, when the material falls out.

BRIQUETTE PERSONALITY



Mr. Col. Webster

He's never yet been beaten as far as we can find. In every race he started he left the field behind, at least he's a champ, and never known to fault. Or so you would believe, to hear our Webby talk.

Retirement

On 30th May last Mr. Tom Nichols was farewelled by a large gathering of Briquette Factory employees on the occasion of his retirement from the Commission's service.

Mr. Nichols was one of the Commission's oldest employees, having assisted in the erection of the first Briquette plant in Yalourn. He had completed almost 22 years' service with the Commission.

Mr. Smellie, in presenting Mr. Nichols with a wallet of notes on behalf of the Briquette Factory personnel, expressed regret at losing so valuable an employee, and hoped that both Mr. and Mrs. Nichols would live for many more years to enjoy a happy retirement.

Mr. Nichols, in response, thanked everyone for their good wishes and presentation, and hoped that he would always retain the happy friendships he had formed while in Yalourn.

Personal News

Mr. B. Sutton has resigned his position at the Briquette Works to take up a new appointment with the Administrative Department.

Mr. A. Mayne has succeeded Mr. Sutton as Head Storeman.

Mr. W. Cook, having resumed duty after three months' sick leave, has been transferred to the Municipal Department.

Miss Nell Garrett, who was Yalourn's representative in the recent Popular Girl Quest in aid of the Crippeland Home Hospital, raised the sum of £225 for that worthy cause. A very fine effort, Nell.

Mr. J. Stewart and Mr. O. A. Green have taken up duties as Assistant Operations Officers.

Mr. A. Cogan is again on duty at the Fire Station, having made a satisfactory recovery from his recent accident.

Mr. W. Schmieder has been transferred to Dandenong.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Palmer on the arrival of a little daughter, and to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lange, on the arrival of a little son.

Briquette Identity No. 29

Mr. B. Withell is a native of Dorset, a small country town eighteen miles south of Bournemouth, where his school days were spent. On leaving school, "Bert" worked with farmers in the Croy and Lissade districts for some time, but deciding that a more lucrative form of earning his living might be forthcoming, he was persuaded to try Yalourn.

So in 1937 he started work at the screen house and after three months was transferred to the Briquette Factory.

At the Briquette Works he has been Plant Attendant, Leading Hand Wet Section, and is now employed as an Electrical Mechanic's Assistant.

One of Mr. Withell's hobbies is gardening, and he and his wife have gained many prizes with their horticultural efforts. They specialise in roses.



To anyone with but half an eye for beauty, the sight of Vallourn's own Broadway these days must surely be a picture to remember. A framework of blossom-laden trees—pink and red and white—sets a treasury of sun-kissed flowers against the vivid blue of the sky, and turns the whole walk into a scene of sheer loveliness. It arouses the aesthetic in one, and brings a promise of beauty on earth after a somewhat dreary winter—and of peace and plenty in the summer time to come.

How did I come to start off in such sentimental vein? Must be the "spring feeling," methinks. And, as the poet says that "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," it is silly that I go straight on to wish joy and happiness to those who have recently announced engagements. They are Miss Edna Green, to Mr. William Jones, of Balmsteele; Miss Mary McPhillips, to Mr. George Grant, who hails from the big timber country up Warburton way; and Miss Phyllis Vincent, to Mr. Edwin Watson, of Richmond. Her many friends were also happy to hear of Miss Erid Mills' engagement to Mr. John W. Sargent, of Goshfield, and hasten to wish her well. Miss Mills is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mills, now of Melbourne, and before her transfer to Bendigo was for quite a time a member of the Main Office staff here in Vallourn.

Another recent member of the same Main Office staff to win distinction is Miss Joyce Marke, who has successfully completed her final examinations in nursing, and now leaves the Eyeworth Hospital as a fully-trained and certificated sister.

For sheer artistry and musical brilliance, I refer you to Miss Nell Hewitt's performance of the Mozart Piano Concerto, at the Vallourn Orchestral Society's 25th concert on 11th June. In a programme of first-class items by both orchestra and vocalists, this item, to my mind, was outstanding (and, may I say, deserving of a much larger audience than the one she had). Other items which impressed me tremendously, and left everyone with a feeling of great pride in the orchestra and its conductor (Mr. W. F. Connolly) were the trio

presented by Mrs. Connolly (violin), Miss Park (cello) and Miss Hewitt (piano), and the playing of Haydn's "Clock Symphony" by the whole orchestra. Supporting artists in Miss Oweneth Davies, contralto, and Mr. Thomas Basile, tenor, worthily played their part in rounding off a well-prepared programme, thus making the whole evening one of pure delight.

It was a much larger audience, though no more appreciative, which later attended at the Methodist Hall for a further salon arranged by Mrs. Connolly. Practically the same artists gave again of their best, including the first appearance of a new string quartette, the chief figure in which was our chief medical, Dr. J. Moore Andrew, in the role of violin.

I started off my stored, remember, by acknowledging the "aesthete" in me, and just to enhance that idea I'll leave my usual facile football commentary to the last, and concentrate on the artistic side of life. First, then, results of recent music examinations conducted by the London College of Music, in which Richard Mullins, Brian Clifton and Norman Truster all obtained honours high in in the "B's" and young Elaine Loughan, in her elementary section, actually hit the 94 mark! Congratulations, youngsters!

Would-be ballerinas have also been facing a board of examiners lately, and results handed me by their teacher, Mrs. Myra Haddy, show that quite a few of the applicants are already well on the way to achieving their ambition. Names she gave me include Beth Graham, Pat Christie, Shirley Young, Olga Simpson and Chris Garwin, all of whom obtained honours, whilst the last-named earned also the right to print "N.T.S.D." on her calling card!

We're becoming quite "initial-minded" in this district. If you get over that last hurdle, try this one—S.V.N.F.S.A.—N.S. Got yer! To the initiated, it means the Newborough Branch of the Rural Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades' Association recently inaugurated under the captaincy of Mr. J. Thompson, with Mr. J. Pearce as the energetic secretary. It's a

worthy happy, and it appears that New-
borough residents are already sweeting the
casks.

They Say—

That the new kindergarten is well on the
way; that plans have been completed, and
tenders almost finalized.

That extensions to our somewhat over-
taxed guest house are envisaged and in course
of preparation.

That completion of the new Public Library
is already in sight, and that public donations
of books and funds is securing many well-
stocked shelves.

That every available site in and around the
town has been surveyed and pegged for house
construction.

All of which goes to show that the populace
is pretty well cared for, and that its accommo-
dation appears to remain a first priority. One
day, maybe, there'll be no more "unsatisfied
applicants" file to hand in!

A notice in a recent issue of the "Live Wire,"
under the heading "Halswerna Club," tickled
the O'Reillys' curiosity, so, of course, out he
had to toddle to make enquiries. The name,
as its secretary, Mrs. Peter McGregor, in-
formed me, is a Gaelic word meaning "good
companions," and the Club is composed of
some 30 young married women, with Mrs. A.
Robertson as president. That the "Halswerna
Club" is living up to its name, both within its
membership and abroad, is evinced by the
fine record shown to date, though it has not
yet seen its first birthday. Affiliated with the
"Silver Link" organization, the Club has al-
ready dispatched dozens of parcels of food
to Britain, and is now running an energetic
drive for funds for our own hospital. Mrs.
McGregor was very proud indeed of the work
done by individual members and by the club
as a body, and recent card evening, street
walks and other efforts should make a very
pleasing entry, methinks, on the Society's
books.

Wedding bells continue to ring out clear
and true, and I am happy to pass your good
wishes on this month to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur
Brogan (who was Miss Marjory Barlow); Mr.
and Mrs. Les Benson (Miss Dorothy Turner,
late of the Y.O.S. office staff), who have
taken up residence at Cobden, in the wild
west; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pickbridge (the
latter well-known here during her girlhood as
Terna, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.
Withers, and granddaughter of our old friends

"Dad" and Mrs. W. H. Brewer); and Mr. and
Mrs. Henry Drane (Miss Mary Angwin, of the
Brown Coal Mine). Mr. Drane must have
thought long and often of this day during
his dreary term as a prisoner of war in Ger-
many, and he, of course, has our "extra
special" congratulations and good wishes. A
bride of a little longer standing, but one to
whom good wishes are here renewed, is Mrs.
Joan Barker, whom we recently farewelled
from the Brown Coal Mine on the eve of her
departure for America on a certain well-
known trade-ship. There'll be a warm wel-
come awaiting her, you may be sure.

It will be a much warmer welcome, I trust,
than that which greeted a party of ski-ing
enthusiasts on their July trip to the new Erica
snowfield. It was jolly cold, believe you me,
but just "what the doctor ordered" never-
theless, and all were more than excited at the
prospects awaiting snow bunnies in this new
playground of the mountains. Less than 100
miles from Melbourne, easily accessible by
car, via Noojee, and possessed of long, gentle,
snow-covered slopes, it promises to outdo
many of the longer-established resorts in
popularity.

Every month it seems my sad duty to an-
nounce the departure of one or other of our
pioneers, and the duty is made no more
pleasant when these are also personal friends,
as in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McKin-
stray, who have just re-installed themselves
somewhere near Scots Church, Collins Street,
where Tom's interests now lie. It's a long
time since we knew Mrs. McKinstray as Nancy
Maie, but that is what she will always be to
me, and her transfer to Melbourne will see
her re-unite with the rest of a well-loved clan.
A somewhat Scottish aura (and that doesn't
mean haggis) prevailed over the Yallourn
Presbyterian Church on 29th June, when the
family was worthily farewelled by its many
friends, under the chairmanship of Rev. R.
White, who introduced speakers from every
branch of the congregation and from the
Band, the Orchestral Society and the Girl
Guides' Association, to all of whom Nancy and
Tom have rendered yeoman service over the
years. You will be glad to know that toasts
were given in the true Scotch spirit—and
you can take that as you will!

And here, as promised, is my usual facetious
football review. If the Yallourn Blues man-
age to hold their at present somewhat pre-
carious place in the four, and then win their

semi-finals and have the highest score of the final bell in the grand final. Well, dear readers, I assure you that the Blues will be premiers for 1946 — and I'm not kidding. To date, they certainly have as good a chance as anybody, and the acquisition of two new players of such fine caliber as Richardson and Dicks has greatly strengthened the team, and also the fond hopes of its supporters.

He's deady, is Vic, Smith — and I don't think his association with so many skeletons has anything to do with it — but you should see that clashing drive and that chip on to the stand, and that sure-eyed putt! It all adds up, once again, to yet another championship — that of the Yalkourn Golf Club, for 1944. Dinty Williams certainly gave him a good go for it, and both are to be congratulated on their tenacity and accuracy. It does make the rest of us look awga, though!

Other sporting notes cover junior football ties (I believe there's no stopping the local St. John's team since Frank Gray took over their coaching); soccer, in which the leading St. Andrew's team is being keenly chased by St. John's, Methodist, St. Theresa's and Rangers in that order; and badminton, whose competition is badly upset by the loss of a hall by both Yalkourn and R.C.M. Clubs. St. John's and Fire Brigade are fortunate in still retaining their courts, and are able to keep the game going. Did I tell you, by the way, of Yalkourn's recent Country Week success in that field, when a local team comprising Phil Ashmead (captain), Don Benson, Brian Langdon and Keith Randall retained the towns' shield for Central Gippsland, while Ashmead and Benson also carried off the men's doubles title in no mean style? "If only," they say, "we had a hall!"

Now that a few more motor cars are on the road, and petrol and tyres more freely available, it seems fitting to remind drivers of one of the best recipes for longevity. "If you want to live to ninety," says the old adage, "please don't look for it on the speedometer." Sound advice, what?

Rubber in the form of a pad is made conductive by the addition of chemical compounds. When connected to electric supply it diffuses heat uniformly to a brooder and is kept at a uniform temperature by an automatic thermostat.

ELECTRIC CAR DOES 50 m.p.h.

The following item of cable news recently appeared in "The Herald":—

An electric motor car has been completed by a leading British manufacturer, says the motoring correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." It is a test the model travelled at 50 m.p.h. and performed well on steep hills.

The excessive weight of batteries with lead cell plates had hitherto held up progress of the electric motor car. Now it is possible to use magnesium for the cell plates.

CURRENTS

Consider the flow of water in a pipe. If water fills the pipe before the water starts to flow then the water will begin to move practically instantly everywhere along the pipe, but it will take some time for a particular drop of water to travel the length of the pipe.

When potential is applied to a conductor, current will begin to flow. The fact of current flow is transmitted along the conductor with something approaching the speed of light, but the actual movement of electrons along the conductor is relatively very slow.

According to the accepted concept of conduction, the flow of current consists of the movement of the "free" electrons associated with the atoms of the material of the conductor. Assume a piece of No. 12 copper wire carrying a current of ten amperes such as occurs daily in household services. Each atom of copper contributes one electron to the current flow and it may be shown that the velocity of the current "flow" is small in terms of ordinary experience, and would be about 0.0025 centimeter per second.

—from "Electrical Engineering."



Reprinted by permission of "Queen's Weekly."