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ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Our December meeting was short to make time for our traditional Christmas supper and some entertainment from Terry Davenport (and Jill McLatchie). Nevertheless, we covered a considerable amount of business. Here are some key points.

- ⇒ There will be a special meeting to explain changes in the City of Playford Rates Policy on 10 February at 7.30pm in the Institute. Ratepayers and residents are urged to attend.
- ⇒ Some environment group members have been active getting training in brush cutting and poisoning weeds as well as networking with other groups in the district. We are always looking for new members so ring Chris Myles on 82807604 if you are interested.
- ⇒ Copies of the Grapevine from the past 22 years are going to be sent to the archivist for the Elizabeth Library for safe keeping. (Perhaps you may like to view them sometime for a little local history?)
- ⇒ Access for people with disabilities in the institute was discussed, as under the Disability Discrimination Act, all public buildings should provide suitable facilities. The meeting identified some obvious deficiencies such as no toilet access for people in wheelchairs; doors too heavy and not wide enough; no light in the toilet airlock space; the need for a key to get access to someone in a locked toilet cubicle in an emergency. We will write to council suggesting an audit be done on the building to improve the facilities. In the meantime those things that we can easily fix will be attended to.
- ⇒ Vicki Theunens and Lorraine Vingerhoets spoke about action underway to establish a One Tree Hill Sports and Recreation Club. A constitution has been drafted and now the group needs support in the way of funds, players, equipment and other people (particularly parents) with time and energy to assist. Their initial goal is to set up junior soccer, so if you know any children who would like to play, please contact Lorraine at the OTH Fodder Store. Other sports will inevitably follow, and the plan is to link with the cricket and tennis clubs. Sport is such a wonderful means of people socialising, getting to know each other, and enjoying themselves, so we are very supportive of this group and feel sure that it will be of great benefit to this community. If you can be involved in any way please contact Vicki or Lorraine (82807680) or go along to any of the meetings advertised on notice boards or in the Grapevine. They need support to make it work!
- ⇒ An article on fire safety was tabled by Sally McKay for consideration at the next meeting. It looks at designing and selecting plants to minimise fire risks.

The aims of the Progress Association are:

- to foster community spirit and promote the welfare of the One Tree Hill community;
- to promote and assist the expansion, improvement and maintenance of educational, sporting and other facilities for the benefit of the One Tree Hill community;
- to administer the One Tree Hill Hall;
- to stimulate and maintain an active interest in all district matters;
- to do such things as may be incidental to the attainment of such objects.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18 February at 7.30 in the OTH Institute. New members and visitors are always welcome. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your local community for 1999, why not come along?

Ann Davenport, President (ph 8280 7188)

EDITORIAL

A Happy New Year to all our readers and welcome to the 22nd year of the One Tree Hill Grapevine. Please feel free to contribute to this newsletter with news, views, items of interest, poems, stories, letters, quotations, or any other news which you feel might interest people. Items sent electronically save me heaps of work so please email me <imclatch@camtech.net.au> but other items can be left at the General store for me any time during the month. Advertisements are also welcome. Please contact me on 8280 7214 for prices. The closing date for next months edition will be 22/2/99.

Donations are also welcome. Please put your money in the tins in the local shops. Each edition costs about 50 cents to produce so 11 editions a year costs around \$5.50. It would be great if everyone who read the Grapevine contributed that amount! We are non profit making and some months do not cover our costs so please help. You can also sponsor copies at 50 cents a copy.

Jill McLatchie, Editor.

LOST EDITIONS OF GRAPEVINES.

I am hoping that some of you are hoarders out there and have been keeping your Grapevines since they started in 1978!! I am trying to get a complete set before sending them to the Elizabeth library. Here is a list of the missing items:

Year	Missing issues
1978	December
1979	July, December
1980	April, May, June October, December
1981	May
1982	March, August
1983	May
1985	February
1986	November, December
1987	November
1988	October
1989	September
1992	April
1993	July, August, September, October
1995	February

I would be very grateful if anyone who has any of these issues of the Grapevine to contact me on 8280 7214. Jill McLatchie, Editor.

COUNCILLOR MIKE STEVENS REPORTING BACK

Please feel free to contact me if you think I can help you with your dealings with the Council on 04 1787 5095 or 8280 7152 (fax 8280 7629, e-mail <mikemail@iaccess.com.au>).

Regards, Mike Stevens.

This monthly newsletter is published by the **One Tree Hill Progress Association**. The views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the One Tree Hill Progress Association. Its purpose is to share local news, views and events. We want to encourage local people and groups to share what they are doing and to pass on items of interest to one another. A 50 cents donation to the cost of printing the Grapevine would be very much appreciated. (Donation tins are available in some of the local shops). We are happy to include some advertising from local businesses, and small classified Ads from individuals. Please contact Jill McLatchie, ph 8280 7214 for details of the cost. Maximum size for advertisements is one quarter of a page. Deadline for the next issue is **Monday February 22nd 1999** at 6.00pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store or email to <imclatch@camtech.net.au> well ahead of the deadline if possible.

PUBLIC MEETING

10 February, 7.30pm

One Tree Hill Institute

to discuss

PLAYFORD COUNCIL RATING POLICY

Be there to find out about changes

and give your views!

MARKET REPORT

The market was very quiet in January, many people were away and not everyone realised there was a market on. Hopefully everyone will be keen to come on February 6th when all the regulars will be back. Please come and support our local Market. There are lots of interesting stalls and good things to eat too!

ONE TREE HILL SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB

Well as you read in the last Grapevine, One Tree Hill has now formed a Sports and Recreation Club. We are delighted to announce that at our first general meeting, a quorum of people adopted our Constitution and that is now in the hands of the Office of Corporate Affairs.

The meeting was poorly attended. Chairs were set out, paperwork photocopied so each visitor had one, the raffle displayed, the committee members nervous and waiting, supper ready, doors open and we waited. By 7.45pm we started to feel the pressure of talking to empty chairs, and then three other people other than the original group came!

Well the meeting went ahead. We covered what was needed to get the first soccer match with the OTH logo on our uniforms started. We have kick off in April, and we are looking for all ages and genders for more teams. Imagine what it will be like on the day with our own teams playing the district at our own oval, with our own caterers, ground persons, and most of all our own Progress Association supporting us! As a mother of two players I will feel very proud and emotional on our special day. Yes, excited we are, so now lets have some outside support. We need players, coaches, committee members etc. so if you can help out, please contact us.

We are having three registration days starting on the 4th February, at the oval. Don't be one to miss out! Flyers will be generated shortly, also keep a look out in the Bunyip and Messengers who have kindly agreed to help us.

If you have any other sporting or recreation activity in mind other than soccer, please fill in one of our interest forms, [can be found in the Fodder Store] or alternatively contact one of us, likewise for anyone who is involved with another club or team and would like to join us, please do so.

We have so many sports out there. Lets get together to enable our children to participate in them representing their own community. The Year 2000 is for the children, lets help them get there! The club is for all age groups and the oval is for the community. We already have a cricket club and a tennis club.

Regards, Vicki Theunens. Ph 8280 7452

[Contact phone numbers for other committee members as follows: Lorraine Vingerhoets on 8280 7680 or 8280 7818. Glenda Rogers on 8280 7470. Jan and Marianne Messemaker on 8280 7602 or 0414 976 381 or email <jmessema@au.oracle.com>]

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POETS CORNER

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That steers the car all dented and red
That rusts in a garage in Australia
Here is the radio that used to play all day
That fits in the dashboard
where the steering wheel lays
All shiny black
That steers the car all dented and red
That rusts in a garage in Australia
These are the pedals
That make the car move
which dance with the radio
That used to play all day
Where the steering wheel lays
All shiny and black
That steers the car all dented and red
That rusts in a garage in Australia.*

By Kellie Duffield (year 5 OTH Primary School)

"The little puppy"

*I am a little puppy
Sitting on the lawn,
I like to chase the birdies,
From midnight until Dawn.
I'm glad tomorrow's Tuesday,
'Cause with a bit of luck,
That's the day I get to ride
In my owner's brand new truck.*

By Luke C.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Do you have a surplus of tomatoes? Have you ever tried drying them to get wonderful sundried tomatoes like those you get in the gourmet delis? Here's how to do it.

Cut the tomatoes into quarters or eighths or if you are using the tiny small bite tomatoes, just halve them. Lay them on a rack eg. an old fly screen or chicken wire (clean of course!). Sprinkle them with a little salt (optional). Cover them with more fly wire or some netting (the old bridal veil??) to keep the flies off. Leave them to dry in the sun, but bring them in at night. They should be sort of dry and leathery rather than crisp as a chip. Store them in an airtight container or put them in a jar with olive oil, and some garlic and/or chilli. Yum!

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HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

Has anyone any explanation as to why the trees are dying by the carpark by the One Tree Hill General Store? It was bad enough losing the lovely shade, but now it seems they are dying.

Words of wisdom from Simon at the General Store - "Never shave your moush on a hot day!"

Local resident Nathan Woon has gone to Japan as a Rotary Exchange Student. A Farewell Party was held for him at our Local Institute on January 9th and he flew off on his adventure on 17th January. He has promised to write about his adventures for the Grapevine so we look forward to his news about life in a very different culture.

Anne Marie Claxton has found a good way to catch snakes. They had a very large resident brown snake in their garden which appeared every year and caused them a great deal of concern as it would sun bathe near the sand pit where their child was playing. It seemed to live in the rockery area and they had tried using netting without success so they rolled up the netting and left it in a corner of the garden. Much to their delight the snake got tangled up in the netting and died. It seems it put its head through but couldn't get it out.

Have you ever wanted some good quality One Tree Hill souvenirs to perhaps give to that interstate visitor or send overseas? There are such clever crafty people in One Tree Hill and it would be great if some souvenirs could be produced. Ideas include spoons, stubbie holders, T shirts but the list is only limited by the imagination. See Zandra at the Curiosity shoppe if you have any bright ideas! She would welcome your suggestions.

There have been some happy faces at the Blacksmith's Inn recently when a horse called 'Smithy's Lad' won a couple of races though I heard he did not do so well in his last race.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Here is a special report about frogs from Benjamin who is in Mrs Coad's Class Year 1/2.

One day I was digging in a hole and I dug out a rock. When I picked it up, it jumped out of my hand. I caught it and I found it was a frog. So I showed mum and Sean. I saw a fish tank and I put some dirt in the tank and I put the frog in the tank and I put four little plants in the tank. Then I put the frog in the tank and I found the roof of the tank. Then I put five shells in the tank and I put two worms in the tank. After school I patted the frog. I love my frog. My sister wants to get a frog and I am getting two flies for the frog. I really love my frog. I think my frog is a boy, but the other day my frog jumped out of the tank and I can not find him. I miss my frog, but then I found him and I caught a cricket as well and I caught another frog. Frogs are the best and funny and I want another frog. I found him in a shoe he is a silly frog. My brother wants one of my frogs. And one day Aimee and Lauren are coming to my house and they can see my frogs. If I find another frog I might give one to them. And if I find any more frogs I will give my brother and sister one.

INFORMATION ABOUT FROGS.

Frogs are a very good animal. But I like my frog better than all of the other ones. Frogs live in damp places because they need water. The green tree frog likes to climb up trees. The green tree frog loves to eat flies. They like to eat worms and bugs. They love jumping on lily pads and rocks.

Thanks Benjamin, what a great report! Hope your frog is doing well. ed.

Simon has at last got his 4' fish tank set up which is much bigger than his previous tank. At first the pump was too powerful even though it is on quarter power and the fish took a while to get used to it. He did lose some fish in the transfer process because the water was a bit different in temperature. His neon tetra was eaten by the Gorami and he only has one guppy left. He has three Kribensis fish. They are a light almost silver fish with three horizontal stripes on them.

Simon has hatched out two Pekin bantams. His Rainbow Lorikeet Bluey is a girl he has discovered. She can say hello and Bluey. He also has a Red Collared Lorikeet called Laurie who is a good talker. His pigeons are all breeding well and he has managed to hatch out some unusual colours which he is not sure whether the show judges will like! Erin his Irish Setter likes to jump on his bed in the morning and give him a lick!

Let's hear news of your special pets! Write to the Grapevine and tell us about them or phone Jill on 8280 7214.

GARDENING NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

The Bushfire season is with us and we have been requested to repeat the list of plants which are fire retarding. This does not mean fireproof but will aid in catching the embers:-

Trees: Apples and Crab Apples, Ash, Birch, Crepe Myrtles, Elms, Golden Rain Tree, Lemon Scented Gum, Liquid Ambers, Melia, Maples, Oaks, Poplars, Spotted Gum Willows.

Shrubs: Abelia, Daisies, Coprosma, Durante Repens, Escallonia, Perlagonium, Pigface, Privet, Roses, Viburnum and Vinca.

One Tree Hill Garden Centre also has lists from E.T.S.A. of plants they recommend for planting under power lines.

Irene Peryman, One Tree Hill Garden Centre.

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Rotary is an organisation which has as one of its objectives, the bringing of peace and goodwill to the world through programmes such as the youth exchange programme. We are always looking for people who agree with this philosophy. However this is only one of the many facets of the Rotary world. If you are interested in learning more or becoming a part of Rotary's many activities, both internationally and closer to home, please contact one of the Rotarians below.

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

During the holiday we have been involved in many different activities, enjoying Christmas parties and New Year celebrations as well as more serious activities like sending Nathan Woon off to Japan. Nathan left for the land of the rising sun on 17th January and is now quite well settled in with his host parents who have done him the courtesy of studying English. He will be writing to us on a regular basis so look out for the first instalment of his diary on Japan.

Lisa, our exchange student from Germany has been enjoying herself including a visit to Sydney, and has decided to delay her return to Germany for as long as possible. Thank you all for making her feel so welcome.

During January we had a visit from the Rotary Club of Salisbury bringing about thirty members to our meeting, and a great night of friendship and laughter was enjoyed by all.

See you at the sausage sizzle at the market.

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THE GREAT ONE TREE HILL SHORT STORY COMPETITION

We are now proud to present the winning story in the Senior section:

ALL ALONE by Sybil Winsor. Copyright 1998

This is a story about a kookaburra who lived in a big old Gum Tree in Jean and Fred's paddock in One Tree Hill. He was a very lonely Kookaburra because he lived all by himself, without any other Kookaburras to keep him company.

Every day he would sit on a branch of the Gum tree and watch the Magpies dipping and swooping and warbling their happy song. Two pretty pink and grey Galahs would sometimes land on his branch, but after a while they would fly off together, and the Kookaburra would be all alone again. He was so sad, that he had forgotten how to laugh (which is what Kookaburras do best). The only thing that made him happy was when Jean put out some special food for him each day, but then he would go back to his lonely tree again.

All the other birds who lived in nearby trees began to notice how lonely and sad the Kookaburra was, and they chattered and chirped amongst themselves, wondering what they could do to help him. The wise old Owl who lived in the next Gum tree, listened to the chattering and chirping without saying a word. He was already thinking about what could be done. When all the other birds had finished their chattering and chirping, the wise old Owl opened his eyes and mouth, and said "To wit To woo - I know what to do". The other birds

were quite surprised, because they thought the wise old Owl was fast asleep.

"Tell us what we can do" they chirped, and one by one they came and sat on the branches of the Owl's Gum tree and listened to what he had to say. "First of all" he said (blinking his wise old eyes) "we need two birds to go off to Para Wirra Park, to find out if any Kookaburras live there". Two little Willie Wagtails who had been listening very carefully, chirped up - "We will go, we will go" they said. "Good" said the wise old Owl "you can fly off in the morning and when you have found out you can come back and tell us".

Next morning, very early, the Willie Wagtails flew off on their journey to Para Wirra.

All through the day the Kookaburra sat on his branch, as usual, feeling very sad and lonely. At last, just as it was getting dark, the two Willie Wagtails returned, and excitedly chattering, they told the waiting birds that they had found three more Kookaburras in Para Wirra.

"To wit To woo" said the wise old Owl, "You have done well - and tomorrow we must all follow you to the three Kookaburras. We will show them how friendly we are, and tell them about our lonely Kookaburra friend. Perhaps we can persuade them to come to our part of One Tree Hill and live in the old Gum tree with our lonely Kookaburra".

The very next day they all flew off towards Para Wirra, stopping on the way to drink

from a billabong, to refresh them on their journey. The Willie Wagtails flew ahead and showed the other birds where they could find the three Kookaburras. Very soon they all settled in the tree where the Kookaburras lived and the wise old Owl spoke up - "To wit To woo" he said, "We have come on a friendly visit, to talk to you about our friend the lonely Kookaburra who lives all alone in a big Gum tree in our paddock".

When the three Kookaburras heard about the lonely one who had forgotten how to laugh, they looked at each other and shook their heads sadly. Then, altogether they said "I will come and live in the Gum tree with your friend". When all the birds heard this they dived and swooped and chirped and chattered happily, except the wise old Owl, who sat there looking very very wise indeed.

What a lovely surprise the lonely Kookaburra had when all the birds returned and the three Kookaburras landed on his branch. "We have come to stay" they said "You will not be lonely any more".

All at once the lonely Kookaburra remembered how to laugh-Hoo Hoo Hoo Hoo Ha Ha Ha Hee Hee Hee Hee. The other three joined in the chorus and their laughter could be heard through the whole of One Tree Hill.

CFS NEWS

Fire Ban Season: 1st December, 1998 to 30 April, 1999
The summer is once again upon us, which also means the fire ban season is here. No burning of any kind is permitted from 1st December, 1998 until 30 April, 1999. Please also note that no burning of any kind (including bonfires and small rubbish piles) is permitted at any time of the year in the One Tree Hill township. This is because of the Environmental Protection Authority's Clean Air Act.

Bottles: Please leave any soft drink/beer/wine bottles or cans on the concrete slab near to the smaller sheds, behind the station, at any time. This is one of our main fund raising activities, enabling us to purchase up to date equipment.

Hopper: The hopper continues to operate on the second Saturday of the month between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. (approximately - when the last bin is full, we close). Please do not

drop rubbish in the bins whilst CFS personnel are not in attendance. Any rubbish left in the area after the hopper hours is left to rot until the next month - Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful! We can take any rubbish except for hard rubble, tyres, paint and other liquids (such as oil and paint). Please bring identification (rates notice, driver's licence etc. stating you are a resident of the One Tree Hill area) with you as it may be asked for. Please place donations for use of the hopper, in the helmet.

Dawn Leonard, Administrative Officer.

PUZZLE CORNER

This sequence of seven words is rather special. Can you say why? Guessing won't count! You must have one exact reason for your answer?!

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Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine.



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LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

We didn't get any answers to the grammar test in December's Grapevine. Does this mean no one could do the test? I'm sure some of the older members of the community could manage it. Are there any teachers out there who could help us? Here is a repeat of the test for those that missed it and hopefully we'll get some answers. For those of you who missed December's edition this was a test set for fifth grade students in Precolumb School, in 1922.

1. Define the following:-
(1) Transitive verb. (2) Preposition. (3) Objective case.
2. How many moods are there? Give examples of each.
3. Analyse and parse fully the underlined words:
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(History notes researched by Jill McLatchie)

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THE SECOND PLAYFORD LATE STARTERS BAND

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The original band is looking for flute players with some experience.

If you would like to be part of this exciting fun programme please contact **Shirley Gordon on 8262 2360** for further information.

By the way the original Playford Late Starters Band played its first big gig on Australia Day at Fremont Park. This was after only 18 Band Practices! There are five One Tree Hill people in the Band at the moment.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Many thanks to Zandra Buying from the Curiosity Shoppe for sponsoring 50 copies of this Grapevine.

Many thanks too to Mayor Baker who is sponsoring 40 copies of this edition and to Brian and Barbara Hatcher who are sponsoring 20 copies. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who put a donation into one of the collection tins.

ONE TREE HILL EQUESTRIAN AND PONY CLUB.

Affiliated with the Pony Club of S.A.

An exciting year is planned for the Pony Club in 1999, with special events, and activities planned, and of course, our regular rallies. We have top level instruction for all ages and stages of rider, and rallies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Club Grounds are on Precolumb Road One Tree Hill.

Coming events.

February 14th Club Rally, riding instruction with Pat Hutchens, Show jumping instruction with Linda Beentjes, and juniors instruction and games with Mary Beenjes.

February 28th Club rally, Riding instruction with Pat Hutchens, Cross Country practice, and games practice.

February 27/28th Metropolitan Zone O.D.E., Trott Park and Reynella.

Recent results.

Following our successful and well attended Encourage Showjumping Day on 24th January, our congratulations go to all those who won ribbons for their efforts. A special mention must go to:-

Rosine Young on Cinnamon Cascade, who won 2nd in Table AM7 18" and 4th in Top Score.

Robert Hood on Lord Tranquil, who won 1st in Top Score.

Danielle Hood on Queen of the Gypsies, 4th in Table AM7 18".

Thank you to all who helped make the day a success, and to our local One Tree Hill sponsors who generously donated prizes. For more information on the club and its activities please phone Karen on 8280 7148, who will be pleased to help.

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CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTIONS

A letter to a friend:

Dear Chantell,

What did you think of the Italian parade called Carnevale? I thought it was good fun. I hope you had fun too. I liked the game our Italian teacher chose for us. Did you like the Frittelle? I liked it. One day we might cook some for ourselves.

Maybe you can come over some day and play in the pool. If you want to, you can ride my horse. I have lots of animals. I have a dog named Ned, many sheep, a rooster, some geese and several goats. We used to have two dogs called Bonnie and Clyde but they died a long time ago. Do you like your new school? I bet you will make friends like I did. I started at this school in 1996. First it was sad because I did not know anyone. I was sad then things got better. See you next time.

Your friend, Leah.

VETERINARY NOTES FOR FEBRUARY

Microchipping.

New legislation which came into effect recently for pet owners in South Australia affects every dog and cat owner.

Identification of your dog/cat must be routine, and one very popular, safe and lifetime method is by the use of the "microchip".

The tiny microchip is implanted under the skin above the shoulder blades so that they may be given their own identification code. No two animals have the same code and the chip lasts the lifetime of the animal without any irritation or discomfort.

This simple procedure usually involves a short anaesthetic to enable the Veterinary Surgeon to inject the microchip. We also tattoo a symbol in the right ear to clearly indicate that the pet has been microchipped for permanent identification.

If lost and impounded, the pet's microchip can be scanned and the owner identified.

The cost involved in microchipping is very reasonable and the fee includes lifetime registration.

Dr Alan M Irving, Al-Ru Farm.

PENPALS CLUB

We received the following letter from John Keane of Davoren Park.

'I have many penfriends from all corners of the globe, and find it a very interesting and educational hobby. If (like myself) you are not in a position to travel the world, this is a fantastic way to discover how other people live in countries different from our own.

Unlike many clubs of this sort there are no joining or membership fees, or contracts to sign - only a small fee which covers costs such as postage, stationary and worldwide advertisements. If you live in Australia, \$5 is all that is needed to correspond (The good news is that for Grapevine readers only, they only need send a stamped self addressed envelope, the \$5 fee is waived).

Once I receive your letter I will reply to you with three names and addresses of potential penfriends for you to begin correspondence, it's as simple as that. You can then continue with these three new penfriends or write to me again to expand your circle of friends.

I will endeavour to provide a good service while keeping the cost to you as minimal as possible. I look forward to introducing you to the wonderful world of penfriends. Please state if you wish to correspond to a male or female, give the age group and countries you would like to write to. Send your letter to John Keane, 25 Gores Road, Davoren Park, S.A. 5113.'

PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH**Caltrop (*Tribulus terrestris*)**

This is a prostrate summer/autumn growing annual well suited to our climate. Stems often reach out over a metre in length and radiate from a central tap root. Fern like leaves covered in fine silky hairs are greyish blue in colour. Small yellow flowers appear along stems often just weeks after germination with burrs forming soon after flowering. Single plants can produce up to 400 burrs each containing 15-20 seeds. Several germinations can take place if the soil and moisture conditions are right.

The sharp spiny burrs cause injury to the feet, mouth and intestine of grazing cattle. It can also be poisonous to grazing animals. In orchards and vineyards the burrs contaminate produce and provide a hazard to fruit pickers. The spiny burrs are a hazard to children in parks and on playing field. Check your garden and property and aim to get rid of this pest plant. Contact the Adelaide Plains Animal and Plant control Board for advice.

Blackberries.

Blackberry thickets are a common weed and because birds and foxes eat the berries this species can invade good bushland. Blackberries are very prickly plants and you will need to wear good protective clothing. Cut back the canes until you can get to the main stems. These can easily be swabbed with neat Glyphosphate though if you keep cutting them back and cut back the regrowth eventually they will die. It is important to check and see if there are any birds nesting inside the thickets because many native birds like to nest in them. It is best to tackle the thickets before they get too big and become a major problem. They are also a fire hazard.

PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

For information on becoming involved please telephone 8280 7604.

Committee Members: Paul Smith, Ann Davenport, Mary Martin, Eric Leiper, Karina Bobridge, Heather Fischer, Chris Myles (Convener).

NORTHERN HILLS PONY CLUB

Northern Hills Pony Club is the new name of the One Tree Hill Pony Club Inc which was started in August 1998. The name was changed to avoid confusion with the One Tree Hill Equestrian and Pony Club.

Northern Hills Pony Club became affiliated with the Pony Club Association of South Australia in November 1998.

We now have new grounds, on the Gawler Scenic Route, approximately 1 km from the Kersbrook/Gawler crossroads. Look for the sign at the gate on rally days.

RALLIES are scheduled to be held on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, beginning at 9.00am in summer months. However, due to other commitments, some dates may be changed.

RALLY DATES:

14/2/99

21/2/99

27/2 & 28/2 Pony Club Zone One Day Event, Reynella. No instructors available at our grounds.

14/3/99

28/3/99

We aim to instruct younger people in riding and horse care, starting from led riders, but all levels and ages are welcome. Further information may be obtained by contacting the secretary, Julie, on 8280 7374.

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One Tree Hill Rural Watch

FAMILY FUN DAY

The One Tree Hill Rural Watch are holding a Family Fun Day at the McGilp Rd Oval on 27 March 1999 from 11 am to 4pm. This year we are combining the Animal and Pet Jamboree with a Family Picnic Day (ride on lawnmower and wheelie bin races are being organised - Neil Smith 8280 7731 is taking entries now). There will also be traditional games like egg and spoon and three legged races etc. Triple M radio station will be there and with the assistance of Foodland Munno Para this will be a **FREE DAY** for the family. Rural Watch will provide a BBQ and drinks, but you are invited to bring your own picnic and enjoy the atmosphere of a Family Day. There will be free rides, a jumping castle, camel rides, an animal display including alpacas, llamas, ostriches, emus, miniature cattle, ferret races, birds, sheep, arts and crafts and many more. Emergency Services such as Police, CFS, MFS will be there along with Deputy Koala and Smokey the Bear.

Volunteers to help on the day are needed, so if you can donate some time to help setup, cook on the BBQ, or help in any way at all, please contact Neil Smith (8280 7731).

This will be a great day for the family so mark it on your calendar. This event is being put on for the residents of One Tree Hill so spread the word, tell your family and friends, everyone is welcome. Support Rural Watch and more events will be arranged.

More details in the next Grapevine!!

Darren Mc CUE, Police Coordinator, One Tree Hill Rural Watch

DOG ATTACKS

During the past 4 - 6 weeks there have been several dog attacks in the One Tree Hill area. As a result of these attacks several sheep and alpacas have been killed. The dogs responsible for the attacks have been seen, but have ran from the paddocks when approached by the landholders. There are two dogs involved. One is a German Shepherd, long haired with more gold colouring than black and quite low to the ground. The other dog is a Heeler cross, with a blue roan body and brown head and leg colour. If you know of these dogs and where they come from could you please contact either Neil Smith (8280 7731) or myself (8207 9484) so appropriate action with the owners can be taken. If you see any wandering dog please contact the Playford Council (8254 0222 - 24 hrs) so that action can be taken.

Section of the Dog and Cat Management Act states: "Any dog unaccompanied by a person is found in an enclosed paddock or other enclosed place in which an animal is being farmed or confined, the owner or occupier of that land may lawfully injure or destroy the dog if no other way of protecting the animal exists."

LOCAL RESIDENTS GAOLED

Has One Tree Hill's reputation been tarnished?

About forty members of the One Tree Hill Community were gaoled on Friday night 27 November 1998. Thankfully there were no charges laid and all persons were released without penalty.

How did this happen?

Your Rural Watch has been active again and beside fighting crime and or evil in the One Tree Hill Area organised yet another community event for One Tree Hill residents, a tour of the Adelaide Gaol. What a top night it was.

After experiencing a minor delay at the departure point, the bus would not start, we arrived at the gaol at about 7.00 pm. Two groups of about twenty then proceeded to tour the gaol under the guidance of an experienced guide.

Adelaide gaol opened in 1841 and was not closed until 1988. During that time renovations were few and when the gaol closed it still had no sewage to any of the cells. Buckets were used. The gaol was built primarily to house debtors and felons. Executions occurred firstly outside the front gates and later inside the walls of the gaol. A total of 49 people were executed at the gaol, including Elizabeth Woolcock (1873) the only female to be hanged in South Australia.

The tour took us through most of the complex, the cell blocks, into exercise yards, to the hanging tower and the graves.

Whilst viewing the hanging tower, one of our generous members volunteered her husband to give us a demonstration. He declined. (Good one Hazel).

The tour gives a very good insight to life in the gaol and the conditions in which they survived. I think everyone agrees that it is a good thing the gaol is now closed.

I would like to thank the Rural Watch Executive for organising the trip, Well Done.

Don't forget, the One Tree Hill Rural Watch is a community group. If you are a member of the One Tree Hill area, show your appreciation for being able to live in such a fantastic area, relatively free from crime, by supporting YOUR Rural Watch programme. Our circumstances in relation to crime may change for the worse if YOU do not contribute to ensuring the safety of your community.

Roger Zeuner, Treasurer

One Tree Hill Rural Watch

ONE TREE HILL GIFT

The Progress Association will be holding the **One Tree Hill Gift**, an open race over 100 m, during the **Family Fun Day**. **Start training now.**

INCIDENTS IN ONE TREE HILL AREA 25/11/98 - 20/1/99

1. 26/11/98	Kaiser Drive. Shedbreak & Larceny. Entry by cutting padlock. Stolen: Motor Cycle, lawnmowers, power tools	\$12,000
2. 1/12/98	Gawler Scenic Route. Shedbreak & Larceny. Entry by unlocked door. Horse equipment	\$6500
3. 1/12/98	Rose Ave Housebreak & Larceny. Entry by forcing rear window. Clothing, alcohol	\$1500
4. 10/12/98	Jordan Dve. Larceny. Vehicle broken into. Electrical items	\$5500
5. 10/12/98	Rose Ave. Illegal interference with motor vehicle. Nil stolen	
6. 15/12/98	Rose Ave. Housebreak & Larceny. Entry by smashing rear door. Electrical items	
7. 21/12/98	Craigmore Rd. Housebreak & Larceny. Entry by jemmying window. Electrical	\$500
8. 24/12/98	Blacktop Rd Housebreak & Larceny Entry by smashing window. Electrical, trailer, lawnmower	\$13500
9. 13/1/99	Medlow Rd. Arson. Stolen vehicle burnt out	
10. 13/1/99	Johnson Rd. Larceny. Outdoor furniture stolen from rear yard	\$160
11. 16/1/99	Blacktop Rd. Property damage. Vehicle in carprt broken into, offenders disturbed	
12. 17/1/99	Lorna Ct. Larceny Alcohol stolen from carport area	\$50

Darren McCUE, Police Coordinator

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ONE TREE HILL PLAYGROUP

Welcome back to playgroup for 1999. We hope you all had a merry Christmas, a happy new year and a restful break. We are looking forward to an exciting year of playgroup, sharing time with friends and watching as our youngsters grow and learn.

This year sessions will be run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9.30am - 11.30am, and Wednesday afternoons 1.00pm - 3.00pm during school terms. To each session you need to bring a piece of fruit to share and a hat for outdoor play in terms 1 and 4. Cold drinks are provided with tea and coffee available for a small charge.

For more information about playgroup please contact either Deb Norman (chairperson) on 8280 7450 or Tracey McClymont (secretary) on 8252 2669.

ONE TREE HILL SENIOR CITIZENS

Presidents report.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all One Tree Hillers! We started back on 5th January and had a good turn up of members considering the heat!

10 PIN BOWLS will be starting on the 20th January and we are hoping for some good scores again this year.

Our first trip in 1999 will be in March to the cinema to see the film "Brassed Off" with a lunch afterwards. Sounds as if it will be a good outing.

Don't forget, anyone who wants to come along on a Tuesday afternoon will be made most welcome.

B.Saunders, President.

DOG PROVERBS

Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about little puppies.

INDEPENDENT LIVING UNITS AT ONE TREE HILL

It was very pleasing to hear that at a Playford Council meeting on 22nd September last year, Council resolved that a portion of allotment 137 (land adjoining the Institute) was no longer required as a reserve and that they were prepared to relinquish control of it in order that Independent Living Units could be built on it, subject to various conditions being fulfilled. To this end they contacted the Minister of Local Government and his instructions were to notify the intention in the Government Gazette and the local paper and ask for any interested persons to make representations to Council. The Council notice makes no mention of Independent Living Units but all residents in the vicinity have previously been notified of the idea and comments were requested. By far the vast majority of people contacted were in favour of the idea. After any further comments the Council will again have to approach the Minister. The whole process has been very slow as the first approach was made to the then Munno Para Council three years ago, but it now seems there is some momentum.

The reason for the request for units is that it is considered that elderly citizens of O.T.H. have a right to live as much as possible of the last years of their lives in the same friendly and happy environment in their own home town that they have grown to love, not to have to move to a strange area with all the stresses and torments that are involved in such a move.

In early 1997 when the first approach was made to the Minister of Local Government, he made a stipulation that one condition of any agreement to using a reserve, would be that Council would have to make available an equivalent area of Council land as a reserve. There is such an area bordering the town which it is understood was passed to Council at no cost after the main road was straightened.

For those who are younger and do not agree with the above, remember that all aged people were young once and probably felt that an aged environment was not for them. It was too far away. However it cannot be avoided, as young people will be the senior citizens of the future.

This year is the International Year of Older Persons and it would be appropriate to see a start, or even a finish to the project before the year 2000. If you agree that the units are a good thing for One Tree Hill then feel free, in response to the Council notice, to pass your comments in writing to the C.E.O., City of Playford, Warooka Drive Smithfield, S.A. 5114.

Don Needham for O.T.H. Senior Citizens Club.

BIRD CARE NEWS

Just recently there have been a number of calls about birds with pieces of string tangled around their legs causing them a great deal of difficulty. This can result in the loss of a foot or even death to the birds. One of the problems is that the parent bird picks up string when they are nest building and then the young birds get tangled in it. You can help by never leaving the string from feed sacks lying around. Also when you go fishing please don't leave bits of line about. Recently I saw a duck with fishing line hanging out of its mouth. That duck will probably die as a result.

A QUESTION OF GRAMMAR

An English professor wrote the words, "woman without her man is nothing" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly.

The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing."

The women wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is nothing."

YEAH!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the editor,

On Friday, 15th January, I received a phone call from a representative of the Crown Solicitors office, asking questions in regard to the E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Authority).

Why is the Crown Solicitor investigating the E.P.A?

Are they investigating the waste licence which was issued to a quarry site without an application through the correct development process?

Or is there something more sinister afoot?

Yours sincerely,

Jack Webb, A.A.U.W.C.C. [Action Against Underground Water Contamination Committee] ph. 8284 1997.

TREES FOR LIFE

Every year around 30,000 boxes are used for the growing season: yet only 4000 are returned. You can help by returning your boxes after planting and keeping your eyes open for boxes being discarded by supermarkets and grocers. The boxes must be clean, in good condition and 50x33x18cm (outside) or be able to hold 60 filled tubes without being exposed at the top. Please ring 8207 8787 for the nearest location to take the boxes.

Our Branch organisers are Chris and Mick Adley, Ph. 8254 9126.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Boy to mother: "I have decided to stop studying". "Why is that?" asked the mother. "I heard on the news" said the boy, "that someone was shot by the mafia because he knew too much." (From Rotary Down Under)

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ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER.

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ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH

There will be a combined meeting of both congregations on Sunday, February 7th at 9.30 am.

DID YOU KNOW?

The term robot, derived from the Polish word for a drudge, dates from 1923. It was the name playwright Karel Capek gave to the mechanical characters in his play RUR (which stood for Rossum's Universal Robots). In the play the robots destroy humanity.

(From "The Eventful 20th Century", by Reader's Digest)

KIDS JOKES

Why does the dog catcher catch very big dogs?
Because he gets paid by the pound.

How do you find out where the sun goes after it sets?
Stay up all night and it will finally dawn on you.

How should you never greet a friend on a plane?
Hi Jack!

COMMUNITY AID ABROAD WALK AGAINST WANT

A walk will be held in Gawler on Sunday March 21st 1999. It will feature a more interesting route, and probably include an optional guided historic walk of Gawler Town. For sponsorship forms call 1800 034 034 or drop into The Body Shop. More details next month.

Meredith Parker, Gawler CAA, ph 8280 7137

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