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GRAPEVINE

This monthly newspaper is published by 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 minimum of 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 280 7214 for details of the cost. Maximum size for advertisements is one quarter of a page. Deadline for the next issue is WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28th at 6.00pm at the Deli. Please leave items in an envelope marked Grapevine at the General Store well ahead of the deadline if possible.

ONE TREE HILL COUNTRY MARKET

On Saturday August 3rd, from 9.00pm until 2.00pm. Come and enjoy country produce, craft, good things to eat and friendly people! See you there! Why don't you have a stall yourself or join up with a friend, Phone June on 287 3306 to book your site.

The Christian Peoples Church has kindly sponsored 20 copies of this edition. Also Bruce and Sherie Gotch have sponsored 10 copies of this edition. Many thanks, for your generosity and support, this is much appreciated.

STOP PRESS!

THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE PROGRESS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON AUGUST 15TH.

Have you skills to contribute to our community? Would you like to be involved in some community activities but don't have time for regular meetings? THEN PLEASE READ ON.

From time to time The Progress Association of One Tree Hill needs people with specific skills to assist with some minor repairs on the hall eg fixing leaky taps, changing light globes, minor electrical or carpentry repairs, clearing a blocked gutter, washing windows, weeding, etc. If you can provide assistance in any of the above areas - or others please ring Lance Walter on 280 7259. We are hoping to make a list of people we can call on as the need arises.

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Fire Ban Information CFS Headquarters (24 hours) 297 1000

HELPERS FOR THE GRAPEVINE

Many thanks to Liz and Jo Mount, Graham and Deidre Gilbert, June Branford, Brian Stone, Jan Abel and Marianne Chivell who responded to our call last month for assistance with the folding and stapling of our local newsletter. We now have a good pool of helpers which will reduce the load on our "old faithfuls". Ann Davenport will contact you all soon to organise a roster.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

NEED A BABY SITTER THAT WON'T COST YOU TOO

MUCH? I am sixteen and a half and have had experience in baby sitting. If anyone in the community is looking for a babysitter on weekends or after 4.30pm weekdays, then please contact Fleur on 280 7235 for more information or an interview if requested. (classified ads are very welcome and cost 10 cents a word)

FUNNY INCIDENT OF THE MONTH

Well known Precolumb Rd resident, Dr Kwong Han, has the habit of taking his wheelie bin up to the roadside on the tow bar of his car. One day as he and his wife were driving along Black Top Road just before the Yorktown Rd turn off he heard a strange noise coming from the back of his car. Somewhat alarmed he pulled over and got out to have a look. To his surprise he found a wheelie bin hitched to the back of his car-minus its wheels!!

ONE TREE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The following students were nominated by staff for the Aussie of the Month Award, a Telstra initiative which recognises positive contributions and deeds of support and citizenship: Leah Bader, Gina Leonello, Matt Christian, Chloe Parker, Anthony Goldsmith, and Paul(PJ) Robinson. Each of these achievers received a certificate and

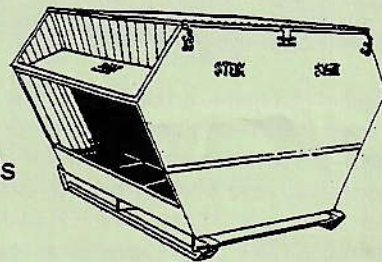


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Aussie of the Month Badge at the School Assembly on Friday 28th of June. Congratulations! A pleasant and surprising call was received from a McGilp Rd resident, Brian Leonard, who rang offering a donation of a twin keyboard Kawai organ. This thoughtful and generous donation was much appreciated. The area at the side of the netball court and the end of room 12 has been developed through the school's involvement in Arbor Day. At the school's request, the Munno Para Council provided the school with sufficient native trees, shrubs and grasses enabling planting at a ratio of 1 plant per 2 students, machinery to dig 120 plus holes, weed mats and one of their personnel, who has a role in the "Greening of Munno Para Project". Trevor Arnold, who made himself available to help students on the day. He supported the planting and provided information about the plants selected. The students, in particular the younger ones, have adopted the plants, checking and caring for them daily. The children wrote and thanked Trevor for his help and he wrote back commending them on their good behavior and help which had helped make the day so enjoyable. The permapine railing has been extended in front of the school helping to make the McGilp Rd footpath area safer. Again the Council has been busy. (from the One Tree Hill Primary School newsletter)

ONE TREE HILL CHILD PARENT CENTRE

One Tree Hill Child Parent Centre is a very special place for children and parents. Our Centre provides opportunities for children and their parents to play together, develop their confidence in relationships with others, to reduce anxieties about going to kindy and to give opportunities for social and language development. Children learn and develop through play and we aim to provide play and activities in which they can explore, experiment and learn about people and the environment. If you are interested in joining our Centre and have a child 2 years or older, please come and enrol now. Although children

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cannot begin until 3 years 9 months we need enrolments much earlier in order for us to predict our numbers and cater more successfully for your children. Come and see our Centre and myself for a chat if you would like to know more!

Jane Taylor, Child Parent Centre Teacher, ph 280 7027.

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP

God loves us and has an amazing plan and purpose for our lives. Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10.00am as we discuss His Word, fellowship together and grow into a closer relationship with Him. Gary and Chris Ferguson, Lot D, Precolumb Road, One Tree Hill, ph 280 7781.

DID YOU SEE THIS INCIDENT?

At the end of 1992 or early 1993, a woman, Mrs Gordon, was walking up Todd Street in Gawler on the right hand side of the road. She met a woman who was carrying a baby in her arms. As the woman passed Mrs Gordon said with a Scottish accent "what a bonny baby" and the woman said "well I think so". Mrs Gordon turned to wave to the baby and fell over a railway sleeper. She hit her head on the sleeper and got a big lump. People from the shop which is now Banjos called the ambulance. Mrs Gordon was hospitalised and since that time has had a lot of problems with her sight. She has now been told her sight won't get any better, and she is almost blind. The woman with the baby came from One Tree Hill and was in touch with Mrs Gordon shortly after this incident to ask her how she was. At the time Mrs Gordon lived in Freeling. Mrs Gordon urgently needs to track this woman down so she can support her story of the incident. If you are the person concerned, or know anything about this incident, please contact Mrs Gordon, Unit 7, 20 Calton Rd, Gawler, ph. 085 230 448.

PUZZLE CORNER (Answers elsewhere in the Grapevine)

At a social gathering each man shook hands with every other man and bowed to every woman, while each woman offered an icy smile to every other woman. If there were four bows to a smile and seven handshakes for every ten bows, how many men and women were present?

JOKE OF THE MONTH

A woman was shocked by the language used by two men repairing telephone wire on the footpath outside her home and lodged a complaint with the company. The workmen were asked to report what happened. It read: "I was up the pole and accidentally some molten metal fell on Joe. It went down the back of his shirt. Joe called up to me: 'Really, Harry, please try to be more careful.'"
(From Rotary Down Under, July 1996)

QUOTABLE QUIPS

The surest way to make yourself happy is to make someone else happy.

SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Our young readers may be interested to know that we consider ourselves survivors. Consider the changes we have witnessed. We were born before television, before polio shots, frozen foods, xerox, plastic contact lenses, frisbees and the pill. We were before radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams and ball point pens, before panty hose, dish washers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes. And before man walked on the moon.

We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can you be? In our time, bunnies were small rabbits, and bugs were not Volkswagens. Designer jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with our

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cousins. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, and outer space was the back of the local picture theatre. We were before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages. We were before day care centres, group therapy and nursing homes. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing ear rings. For us time sharing meant togetherness-not computers or condominiums. A chip meant a piece of wood, hardware was hardware and software was not even a word. In 1940, "made in Japan" meant junk, and the term making out referred to how well you did in your exam. Pizza's, Macdonald's and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was Grandma's lullaby, and Aids were helpers in the Principal's Office and speed was travelling at 25 miles per hour in a model T Ford. We were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were surely were before the sex change. We made do with what we had, and we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder we are so confused and there is such a generation gap today. **BUT WE SURVIVED.** What better reason to celebrate! And celebrate we did recently when we had a very enjoyable "Christmas in July" at the Cudlee Creek Restaurant. Last month we had a special celebration as it was Lance and Hazel Walter's Golden Wedding anniversary. Senior Citizens meets each Tuesday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4.00pm in the Institute. All welcome (over 50.) Don Needham, President.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

One Tree Hill would like to welcome Dave and Carol Leeflang to our community. We realise you have been here for a while but better late than never! Also we would like to welcome the Egan family who have moved here from Alice Springs, and the Fidge family on Gould Creek Rd and the Brough family of Kestell Rd. An "Aussie" welcome to Sacha Laurie from the U.K. who is staying at the Butterworths with her friends, Chris and Andrew, for three months. Have a great stay Sacha. "Happy Birthday"! Congratulations to Bruce Schultz and Pauline Brown, "50 years young". There are a number of Japanese students staying in the One Tree Hill area. Hope you all enjoy your stay and welcome to Australia. Did you know there is a Doctor at Kersbrook now? Dr Christopher Elieff is consulting at the Kersbrook Hall six days a week. Ring 389 3399 for an appointment.

ENGAGEMENT

Bruce and Sherrie Gotch are proud to announce the engagement of Lainie, to Jason, son of Linda and Vince Cozzitorto. Love and best wishes from all of us.

C.F.S. NEWS

TOTAL FIRE BAN SEASON-1st December, 1996-30th April, 1997.

Call outs: We are having a quiet winter season with just a few call outs. This is giving us time to undertake appliance maintenance, station maintenance, attend training courses etc.

We would like to thank residents who have reported incidents using RAPID numbers as this saves us a few extra needed seconds.

Training: Congratulations to our nine new members who have recently finished their Level One Basic training course.

BCF Extinguishers: It is now illegal(@ January 1996) to use the BCF (yellow) extinguishers. Replacement Dry Powder (red with a white band) extinguishers can be purchased for under \$25 (for kitchen size) from hardware and department stores. Old BCF extinguishers can be left at the station-we take them to the CFS Headquarters who dispose of them "environmentally".

Bottles: Please leave any soft drink/beer/wine bottles or cans on the concrete slab next to the small shed, behind the station, at any time.

Hopper: The hopper will continue to operate on the first Saturday of the month between the hours of 8.30 am and 3.00pm (approximately-when the last bin is full-we close). Please do not drop rubbish in the metal or paper bins after we have left as it is not picked up with the skips and is left to rot another month (Keep One Tree Hill Beautiful!). We can take any rubbish except for hard rubble and tyres. The separate metal and paper/cardboard bins have been popular. Please place your donations for use of the hopper in the helmet.

Smoke detectors: Have you put your smoke detector up yet? When I last spoke of the advantages of having a smoke detector fitted, many people were reminded to get theirs from out of the packet, put a battery in it and put it on the ceiling. Please do this today if you are in this situation. I have a couple of pamphlets on where to place smoke detectors etc. If you are interested in getting a pamphlet, please phone me at the station on a Monday or Friday night after 7.30pm on 280 7412. Dawn Leonard, Administrative Officer.

DOG IMMUNISATIONS

Check that your dog is up to date with all their immunisations. Some records seem to have gone astray with all the vet changes in One Tree Hill and you may not have received your annual reminder. Also heart worm is getting more common in our area, and prevention is better than cure. Check with your vet.

BIRD CARE NEWS

Many thanks to the many people who have signed the petition against duck shooting. The good news is that 35000 signatures have been collected so far. The Duck Defence Coalition has decided to keep on collecting them, and hope to get a record total. If you haven't signed it yet and want to, go to Jill's stall at the Market. (Apologies to those people who came last month -she forgot it! Please come again this month!) If you keep parrots such as galahs, sulphur crested, corellas

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or similar birds take care that you don't lose them. They will have trouble coping physically and emotionally as they get very attached to their owners. Don't ever use a chain on a parrots leg. Sales of these are illegal but not everyone seems to know this. If the bird gets a fright or flies off quickly, it could break its leg or pull it out of the hip socket (this has happened as people in the Bird Care and Conservation Society can verify). Also members have rescued a sulphur crested cocky that had the ring grown into its leg as if ring barking it. It's very important that you don't lose your bird but there are other ways to safeguard this than chaining them up. If your bird is outside its cage then it should be inside the house, under supervision. Only take your bird out in the garden if it is unable to fly or has clipped wings. There is a correct way to clip a parrots wing and this can be done by a bird vet who can show you how to do it properly. If you keep your sulphur crested or corella in an aviary ensure that it's made of very strong wire. It's also a good idea to have a slip bolt or dog clip and chain on the inside so that you can secure the door while inside the aviary. Another safety measure is to have wire fixed to the top space of the door so you have to bend down to enter and then the bird cannot fly out over your head. Your pet bird depends on you for food drink and affection. Pet birds have a very difficult time if dumped back in the wild. More about the care of these beautiful birds next month.

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH NEWS

The Fellowship meets every 4th Wednesday at 10.00am. Starting with a cuppa, we have interesting speakers and activities. This is open to both men and women. ALL ARE WELCOME.
Minister-Rev. John Blanksby. Telephone 284 0202
Bible study- Meets every Monday evening at 7.30 pm. in the Church Hall.

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Recent results:-Gawler River One Day Event-6th place to Andrea Hall, Adult Grade 3. Pony Club Metro.Zone Dressage Day-Equal first -Andrea Hall, test 1.5, and first in test 2.1.,3rd Clara Booth, test 1.1 and 4th Verity Booth, test 5.3. Well done everyone!
August 3rd and 4th.....Pony Club Metro. Zone Camp at Reeves Plains. 10.30 am. Saturday- 4.00pm Sunday.\$15 -riders, \$10-non riders.
August 4th.....Club Rally and dressage instruction with Pat Hutchens. Group lessons,\$3. Show jumping and games practice.
August 18th.....Show Jumping Instruction, \$5 a group lesson. Handy pony and Time Trial practice.
August 17th and 18th....Metro Zone Pony Club Finals at Westwind Club Grounds.
September 1st. Club Rally, "win a ribbon" show jumping, 3 rounds per rider. \$2 entry. Time trial beginners and advanced, \$2 entry, and games practice. Visitors and new members welcome, all levels of riders from beginners to experienced, and there is even a place for non riders too! So come and visit this friendly club!
Any enquiries to Helen Duncan, Ph 280 7461.

LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

Have you ever visited the graveyard on Uley road and had a look at some of the inscriptions on the tombstones? One name you will find is that of Moses Bendle Garlick. He opened up the Uleybury area and named it Uleybury after his home in Gloucestershire, England. Uleybury retained its separate identity to One Tree Hill until 1943, when Uley residents complained they were losing too much of their mail. Moses Bendle Garlick was an English weaver who was born in September 1784 and who died in October 1859. "He served during the whole of the Peninsular Campaign and was present in six general actions." This graveyard is all that is left now but once there used to be a chapel there built in 1851 and used at first by all denominations, then by the Baptists. Parson Buttfild or the "cricket playing parson" as he was known offended the local Baptists by playing too much cricket! The chapel was vandalised in 1981 and pulled down but if you look at the names on the tombstones in the graveyard you will find the names of many of Elizabeth's Streets. There is also a story that an English mother came out and planted a stick of willow from Napoleons grave on her sons grave and that it grew into a fine tree. Is it still there? Why not go and have a look? (information from the One Tree Hill Sketchbook by Steven Hill) By the way it seems that One Tree Hill was not the last manual telephone in the State. It seems that Freeling was quite a few years after us and there were a number of others too. Thanks to Bruce Hewitson for this information.

GARDEN TIPS FOR AUGUST -PROTEAS

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okay. Deep sandy soil is also good. Proteas grow in acid soil, but some notable ones grow naturally in alkaline soil. Fresh water (low salinity) is preferable. Avoid watering on the leaves in Summer, so drip irrigation is best. Proteas love hot summers and cold winters, they do not like humidity so a breezy open site is best. Proteas do not need a lot of feeding. Blood and bone, well rotted horse, cow and sheep manure in spring and autumn is all they require. Once planted do not disturb the soil. Mow or slash the weeds. Nip out tips of proteas when young, but once established very little pruning is needed apart from removing old flower heads. Happy gardening! By the way, the One Tree Hill Garden Centre recycles plant pots that are in good condition.

BLACKSMITH'S INN SOCIAL CLUB

The Bowling Day was very successful with all the family involved. Every one came back to the Blacksmith's Inn in the late afternoon and had a BBQ. A 4 1/2 litre bottle of Johnny Walker Whisky, was raffled and was won by Nyree, the 2nd cook at the Inn. On August 25th there will be a Brunch from 11.00am at the Inn. Don't forget the A.G.M. on September 16th at 8.00pm at the Blacksmith's Inn. If you are interested in joining the Social Club, just inquire at the bar.

Nicky Ross will be appearing, direct from the St Leonard's Inn, on Sunday August 4th from 3.00-6.00pm. Nicky is well known to many of you as he has appeared in One Tree Hill in the past. He plays the piano and sings. It is hoped that this will be a regular feature on the first Sunday of every month.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE CORNER

Eight men and five women. The number of handshakes must be triangular($n^2 + n$)/2, but each man does not shake hands with himself, so calling the number of men m , replace n by $(m-1)$, giving $(m^2 - m)$ /2. Similarly, the number of women, w , will be $(w^2 - w)$ /2. The number of bows is simply mw . Given 4 smiles=1 bow, 10 handshakes = 7 bows, then $m=2w-2$ and $5m - 5 = 7w$, giving a simultaneous equation whose solution is the answer. (phew that sorts out the mathematicians amongst us doesn't it?! Ed.)

ONE TREE HILL INSTITUTE

The Institute has lots of facilities for your special event. These include kitchen facilities, trestles, 200 chairs, piano, cooling and heating and outdoor play area. Evening rates for social functions are \$95, Local Groups fundraising-\$65. Day rates are, full day 9.00am - 5.00pm \$60, half day-\$40. Minor functions \$20, community rate \$12. Old supper room for meetings costs \$8. You can also hire individual items such as trestles for \$2, Chairs, \$2 for 10, and urn, \$5. For all hall bookings please contact Hazel Walter, ph 280 7259

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP.

Cubs: 8-11 years Mon. 7-8.30 pm.

Joeys: 6-8 years Tues. 7-8pm

Scouts: 11-14 years Fri. 7-9pm

Leaders: 18 years + but no age limit.

Any enquiries, please contact Jenni Lewis on 280 7658.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here is a recipe for an ANY WHICH WAY CURRY.

You can use any meat, be it chicken, beef or lamb. A kilo will feed a family of 4 adults. You can also add any vegetables you may like.

You will need:-

1 stock cube, 1 large onion diced, 1 clove of garlic, finely diced, 2 dessert spoons of Cummin powder, 1 teaspoon Garam Masala, 1 teaspoon of coriander seeds, ground, (these are readily available from supermarkets), 1 dessert spoon of any curry powder, 1 teaspoon of sugar.

Add a little oil to a frying pan and seal meat, remove and place in a medium to large casserole dish. Saute onion and garlic in a little oil and then add the spices and sugar, gently heat through. Put in the casserole with the meat, then add enough stock to cover meat and any vegies you have added. (You can eliminate vegies if you want to) If you have any home made tomato sauce or chutney add a little as this will add to the flavour. Also a diced apple will help thicken it. Cook in a moderate oven. Chicken takes about 1 1/2 hours, other meat, 2 hours. Serve with rice and papadams.

(thanks to Heather Charmon for another delicious recipe)

VETERINARY NOTES FOR AUGUST

Recently I spoke with Anna Jackson on ABC radio on the subject of intelligence in the various breeds of dogs. Whilst most owners will always sing praises about how smart their dog behaves, there is a continuing debate about how intelligence tests should be conducted

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and whether these should bear any relation to tests in humans. It is very difficult to assess and compare a species with 10 million times the sense of smell of humans, a wider frequency range in the hearing sense and one which has the reputation of having a "sixth" sense. Their use for drug sniffing, tracking, guide dogs, livestock work, and many other forms of work plus the support of medically and physically handicapped people is renowned. There have also been fantastic reports of cases where dogs have displayed great courage and devotion to their human loved one in cases of danger.

Where else in nature can we find a creature capable of such devotion and love, never answers back and one which accepts without complaint whatever treatment we hand out. The debate over intelligence will always continue.

Dr Alan Irving, Al-Ru Farm, One Tree Hill.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF TORRENS VALLEY

(Meets Blacksmith Inn Wednesdays 7 for 7.30 pm)

All men and women interested in Rotary are invited to join us with a meal(\$10), and fellowship and some Rotary news.

Torrens Valley Rotary Run Around 1996

Entrants in the run around all reported having a wonderful time driving around the Torrens Valley area on a pleasant afternoon. Whilst nobody got lost, one competitor managed to drive 30km further than anyone else, whilst one other driver reversed over short sections to keep the mileage down. The quiz provided entertainment for all, and amusing disputes over some trick questions. Thanks must go to the following sponsors who enabled all competitors to finish with a prize: - B.P., Blacksmith's Inn, Wormald, Fire Fighting Services, Chubb, Magnus Engineering, R.M. Williams, R. Burford, Ditters, Smith and Nephew, Birdwood Mill Museum, Tip Top Bakeries, Repco. KEEP WATCHING FOR NEXT YEARS

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Rotary contacts: Secretary Ron Harrison 389 3179

President Ivor McLatchie 280 7214

MARKET REPORT

It was very busy at the Market this month with the cycle races bringing in lots of extra people. Luckily the sun kept shining until we had finished. There were a number of new stalls and we seem to have spread to the other side of the road too, with the sausage sizzlers and pancake makers doing brisk business. Come and meet your friends on August 3rd.

EDITORIAL

We have adopted a policy of putting a directory of advertisers, sponsors and emergency services on the front page of the Grapevine.

This is so that we can be fair to all the various people and businesses in the community. Because of space only people who advertise or sponsor in that particular month can feature on the front page. This means that some of our supporters in the past will have to miss out if they no longer advertise or sponsor. This does not mean we are ungrateful or unappreciative but we have to try and survive financially too. Surviving financially was not helped by the loss of our Grapevine contribution tin from the General Store this month. Some mean person stole it during the cycle races. So please everyone pitch in this month and help make up for our loss. Many thanks to the Christian Peoples Church who have sponsored 20 copies this month, and to Bruce and Sherrie Gotch who have sponsored 10 copies. Advertisements are very welcome, and the charges are \$15 for 1/8th page (business card size), and \$25 for 1/4 page. 1/4 page is the maximum size we accept. While we will attempt to do the best we can with your advert we can't put a quart in a pint pot (Senior citizens will understand that phrase!) Please don't buy 1/8th advert and then have so much writing we can't possibly get it all in. Cheques need to be made out to the One Tree Hill Progress Association. All payments will get a receipt. Please put your money in with your advert if possible to save our hard worked Treasurer from having to chase you up! Jill McLatchie, Editor.

CRAFT SHOP NEWS

We are very glad to hear that Cora Lang is now convalescing after being so ill. Cora has been involved with the Craft Shop for a long time, always cheerful, quietly reliable, and willing to help out when needed. We miss you Cora, and wish you well in the long haul ahead. After waiting so long for decent rains we are now impatient for a bit of sunshine, and the early almond blossom is very tardy in making an appearance too, but the August lambs playing in paddocks gladden

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the heart and seem to assure us that Spring is just around the corner. Have you been in to the Craft Shop lately, for a browse and a warm up with a cup of hot soup, steaming tea or coffee or maybe just a slice of cake. Seen our One Tree Hill souvenir spoons yet? If not why not? They retail at \$5 each.

Volunteer staff are needed Our staffing situation is worse! We need more helpers to keep your community shop doors open. At the moment we have no morning staff for the 1st Thursday and Friday of each month, and no one for the afternoons of the 4th Saturday and the 2nd Sunday of each month. If you want your local Craft shop to be open, please think about offering a few hours of your precious time once a month or even every other month. If we can get enough volunteers then there will be less for every one to do. We are all busy, we've all got commitments to family and friends, gardens and animals, church, school, work, hobbies etc. We all get tired too, that's life, but for a community to function as a community, we need each other's support. We do not have anyone we can call in at short notice either. If you will spare us a 1/2 day once a month, or even help out now and again, we would love to hear from you. Please ring Sharon on 255 8671, or Pam on 255 1944 to let them know when you can help out. If necessary they can adjust the roster to suit you. Pam has an answering machine to talk to if you can't catch Sharon or Pam at home. Liz Mount, (any enquiries phone 280 7130)

AFTERNOON TEA GROUP

In August we are having our craft fair, so come along and join in and learn some simple and lovely crafts. Soon we are hoping to repeat the First Aid workshop we had last year. Hope to see you there soon. Come along for a cuppa and a chat. First Monday in each month 1.00pm-2.30pm. Free creche available. Contact Sally 280 7683 or Karen 280 7011.

TREES FOR LIFE

Elizabeth/Gawler Group

We meet monthly and everyone is welcome. Scheduled meetings are:-

August 24, 25th, Gawler Show- as many volunteers as we can have.
September- Bus trip -to be arranged.

We produce a local bi-monthly newsletter advertising our activities. If you would like a copy or more information please phone Chris or Mick on 08 254 9126. or Derek and Jan Woodcock on 085 224 843..

It's important to save large trees

Many people believe that it is okay to cut down a tree so long as you plant a new one to replace it but have you ever thought about some of the functions of those big old trees on your property. They provide wildlife habitat, even if they are diseased, dying or dead. Their deep roots draw many litres of water from the ground each day and return it to the atmosphere, keeping the water table low and preventing salinity problems. Also they help to prevent serious soil erosion problems by holding the soil together preventing tunnel erosion and stopping the top soil being washed away or blown away by winds. Big trees also remove lots of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and the bigger the tree the more it removes, something a newly planted tree can't do. This is vital now the world is aware of the "greenhouse" effect and global warming affecting our climate. So please think twice before you chop that big tree down, we need them especially now.

PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH-Varigated thistle

This is a very tall growing thistle, in fact it can grow as high as 4 metres. The leaves are shiny, large, deeply cut, light to dark green and they have spines on the tips. The leaves have white veins on them giving them a varigated appearance. The flower heads are large and purple growing to 120 mm diameter. They are produced from June to February. These flower heads produce numerous seeds which are black with a long white parachute, helping them fly all about your property and your neighbours as well. This thistle smothers pasture and it can be poisonous to livestock. Cultivation before flowering and the establishment of vigorous perennial grasses will help control it. For information about possible sprays, contact the Pest Plants Commission.

KIDS' JOKES

Question: An elephant always remembers but what kind of animal forgets?

Answer: An owl because he's always saying "who? who?"

Question: What happened to the man who fell through the flywire screen door?

Answer: He strained himself.

(Contributions are **urgently** invited for this column!)

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CHILDRENS CONTRIBUTIONS

Here is a poem written by year 7 student at the One Tree Hill Primary School, Hannah Wilson:

CLOUDS

Vast blue sky,
Covered in shapeless balls of white,
I can't make anything out of them.
Try as I might
I forget about things in the outside world
And I fall into my place
In colourless swirls.
The clouds start changing,
Start moving into place,
Pictures start on appearing
Expression on my face.
I love the balls of fluff
That are the beautiful clouds.
I love to switch off the real world
When I'm allowed.

(Thank you Hannah for permission to publish this poem, previously published in the One Tree Hill Primary School newsletter)

Children are very welcome to contribute to the Grapevine as this newsletter is for everyone.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon has been busy competing in the National Pigeon Show at the Wayville Showgrounds. He won Best Junior King, Best Junior Modena Schietti, and Best Junior Birmingham Roller. His Trophies are being sent to him. (I think he might be running out of space to put them!) Another Pigeon Fancier has given Simon a new breed of hen, an Australian Performing Tumbler. He thought she needed a mate so he bought an almond coloured cock bird for \$20. So now he is hoping for some babies. He was also given two fertile eggs. One egg is from a Jacobin. They have got fluffy heads. He has put that under one of his King hens. The other egg is of a Vienna long faced Tumbler. He has put that one under a Birmingham Roller because it's a small egg and it would get squashed if one of the fat Kings sat on it. He will be going to the Championship Show and to the Gawler Show during August. Simon's fish are doing well now especially the babies. The biggest baby has a pretty tail and is already chasing the baby females already even though it's only half grown!

Simon doesn't get much time to ride his pony now but has had a few falls off. Once he got thrown into a rosebush (ouch!) and another time when he was jumping, the pony stopped before the jump but Simon kept going! Have any of you had any experiences like this you could tell us about? Simon and I would love to hear about them. -Editor.

GARDEN COMPETITION

The City of Munno Para is hosting its inaugural Gardening

Competition during 1996. Entries are welcome from all keen gardeners in the following categories:

Best Unit Garden
Best Native Garden
Best new Garden
Best established Garden
Best business/organisation Garden
Best Street Appeal

Entries must be received by no later than 30 August 1996.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each category for the whole City and also for each category in each Council Ward. Judging will take place mid September with awards presented at a Garden Show to be held on Sunday 29th September 1996. For further information, nomination forms, please contact Pat Cole on 254 0172 or Johanne Smith on 254 0123. You may also collect a nomination form from the City of Munno Para, Warooka Drive Smithfield 5114. Some of the criteria for judging include: Colour and creativity, appropriate and congruent use of plant species, use of colour/texture, effective use of garden furniture, features or ornaments and care.
(How about it all you great One Tree Hill gardeners!)

BOOK BY LOCAL AUTHOR AT CRAFT SHOP

Local Humbug Scrub personality Chas Adlard, of Charlie's House, Car and Garden Service, has written a novel which has already enjoyed considerable success in local, interstate and overseas sales. It is an adventure story about two friends who come to Australia. One is an illegal immigrant, and does not know that he is implicated in a murder back in England. He and his friend try various aspects of Australian life - truck driving, opal-mining, shearer's cook - while a serial killer goes free. Parts of the story are set in our local area. Copies of Chas' book, "The Born Again Australian", personally signed by the author, are available from the One Tree Hill Craft Shop.

CHRISTIAN PEOPLE'S CHURCH

We have moved - Thank you for your support during our time of getting established at the One Tree Hill Institute.

Please join us at 2.30pm every Sunday for our Praise and Worship and Communion meeting at the Multi-purpose Hall, Riverdale R-7 School, DeMille St, Salisbury Downs-near Hollywood Plaza.

Our apologies to those who came on the Sunday we moved but we are sure if you come to our new address your efforts will be rewarded. Contact: David Morgan 280 7446 or 018 830 764.

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ONE TREE HILL PROGRESS ASSOCIATION-GORDON COOKSEY.

Recently I had a conversation with a local businessman during which comments were made about One Tree Hill in general and the

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Progress Association in particular, which I would like to address. The first remark was that "newcomers" to the town felt shunned and excluded by the longer term residents. If this is so it's a matter for deep regret. I am certainly not aware of this situation. As far as Progress Association is concerned, we are very anxious to include new residents in our activities. If anyone feels they have been badly treated, please let us know about it, and I'm certain this applies to the many other groups and organisations which operate in One Tree Hill. My wife and I were newcomers fourteen years ago and found people to be very friendly and welcoming. We did, however, attempt to meet them half-way by becoming involved in the life of the town. Perhaps that's at least part of the answer to any perceived problems.

Another remark made during the conversation was that Progress Association was seen to be "a bunch of geriatrics who never do anything!" I am well aware that these days it is often considered a crime to grow old, and if anyone has found a way to avoid it, I, for one, would love to hear about it! Seriously, though, two of our members have recently resigned due to ill health and advancing years, after well over twenty years of service to the local community through the Progress Association. I strongly resent these people and others like them, being referred to in such derogatory terms. It's people like these, who have, over the years, kept the Progress Association going, while waiting for others to take over their roles.

However members of the Progress Association are not all retired people. Some of us still have full-time jobs and some of us belong to other organisations as well. No, we don't have more hours in the day or days in the week, and we are not "special" people, just people who are prepared to at least try to get things done instead of relying on others. The "geriatrics" of the Progress Association ".....never do anything". There seems to be some confusion about what Progress can actually do. It can't, for instance, order roads to be repaired, rubbish to be collected, reserves to be planted or even the McGilp Road arch to be re-built. Progress Association's value is as a focus for community concerns, as a pressure group for the people of One Tree Hill and as a reference group for the Munno Para Council. These roles we fulfil with varying degrees of success, while conscious that there is always more that could be done given more "person-power". Council frequently asks our opinion on matters concerning the town (as in the May Public Meeting) but ultimately decisions are made by Council and as money is usually involved, we have to stand in line with all other districts in the City of Munno Para. Even the Institute belongs to the Council and Progress operates it on their behalf. There's little doubt, incidentally, that if we didn't do so, Council would have to seriously consider whether to retain the Institute or not. Progress Association also publishes the Grapevine and both the Craft Shop and the Community Market operate under the umbrella of the Association. Overall we believe that we do make a difference, we do get things done. It has, however, sometimes been

pointed out by our One Tree Hill Councillors that we may have more "clout" with Council if Progress Association was a bigger group. This, of course, is where you come in. Progress Association is not an exclusive Club, it's for everyone in One Tree Hill. If you are interested in the life of the town and district, come and help us, new ideas and new energy would certainly be more than welcome.

While thinking about these matters I read in the Grapevine the letter from Dawn Tschirn which detailed how she came to realise that the "buck stopped with her" in a particular matter. Dawn's letter is worth reading or re-reading, perhaps even re-printing. If you are not happy with the way things are, don't blame "them", only "we" can do anything about it. Unfortunately the August meeting of the Progress Association has had to be cancelled because so many members will be away. The next meeting will be on Thursday September 19th., at 7.30pm. I promise you will be made very welcome, and I look forward to seeing you.

Gordon Cooksey, President, One Tree Hill Progress Association.

CR. MATTHEW HAYDEN

If ever there was a time to view the ward of One Tree Hill, then I think it must be now. The many colours of green, mixed with a spattering of winter flowers, blending in with rolling lush meadows and little trails of chimney smoke here and there, why, what more could one ask. The latest on the amalgamation process with Elizabeth is as follows: After both Munno Para and Elizabeth had discussed the problem, they were encountering with a Facilitator from the Local Government Reform Board and after receiving her recommendations, we have decided to try again. A Mayoral Forum is to be created, from which new guidelines and procedures will be considered and if successful, may allow both Councils to formally head down the road to amalgamation. The issue of CEO has been clarified and will now be open to tender. Although there is always something happening across the city, this month has been fairly quiet for the OTH Ward and this was reflected in the July Council Agenda. The belated appointment of a Fire Prevention Officer has finally been decided and a 12 month contract awarded to Mr. Andrew Oakley from the City of Tea Tree Gully, where he fulfills a similar roll. Mr. Oakley has a detailed knowledge of the district and is currently a Para CFS Group Officer. Congratulations Andrew and I am sure all residents will welcome your appointment in this very important roll. The City of Munno Para has unanimously carried a motion that endorses the development of a Local Agenda 21 Program. This program is a strategic concept and is intended to provide a framework for organisations such as councils operating at the local level to bring about change that will lead to achieving sustainability in the 21st century. Residents and ratepayers now expect that their local authorities will play a leading role in managing the local environment in such a way that future development is in fact sustainable. Local Agenda 21 offers a means of addressing this issue by ensuring community participation and the merging of environmental, economic and social factors in the course of development decision making process. A community forum will be held in the near future to discuss the Clean Up 2001 project for Smiths Creek and bring to light relevant issues and hopefully gain further resident support. For those of you that may not be aware we have received notification that the CES Office on Warooka Drive will be closed as part of government cut backs. This decision is likely to impact on our local unemployed and council believe the decision is incorrect and is lobbying local government members in the hope of reversing the decision. It does seem strange that in an area of high unemployment we should now suffer the loss of a facility only opened 3 years ago to assist our local unemployed. Due to time constraints I am unable to bring you some of my regular reports but I trust my efforts to date, are meeting your expectations. Due to work obligations I am still unable to attend the market, but be assured I shall return. Cr. Matthew Hayden. Ph: 254 2247.