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ONE TREE HILL

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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. We are happy to include some advertising from local businesses. Maximum size for an advertisement is one quarter of a page. Deadline for the next issue is Wednesday, January 24th at 6pm. Items are not able to be accepted after the deadline time. Details may be left at the One Tree Hill General Store, or phoned to Jill McLatchie on 280 7214. It would be appreciated if items for publication were handed in well ahead of the deadline date. A minimum of 50 cents donation would be very much appreciated.

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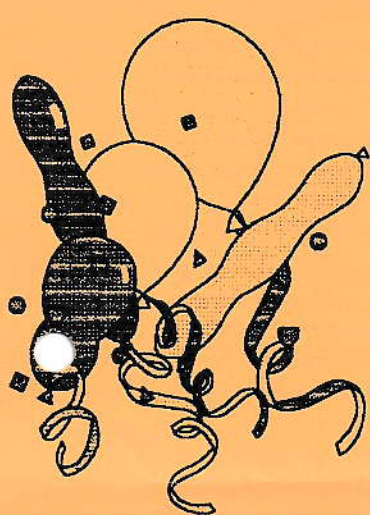
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TOTAL FIRE BAN SEASON 1st December, 1995 - 30th April 1996. The fire ban season is nearly upon us. 30th April is the current finishing date, but this can be extended by a month by CFS Headquarters depending on conditions. If it is extended I will let you know in the April or May Grapevine editions. Clearing of grass, scrub, rubbish etc from around homes, sheds, properties, should have been completed by now. If you are slashing, cutting scrub back, or using tools outside, please take care by not doing these jobs on high fire danger days (i.e. hot and/or windy days) and always have water on hand.

BCF EXTINGUISHERS: It will be illegal to use the BCF (yellow) extinguishers after December 31 this year. Replacement Dry Powder (red with a white band) extinguishers can be purchased for under \$25 (for kitchen size) from hardware and department stores.

RAPID: We have completed putting the plates on gates and key tags on phones for the RAPID system. If you weren't home when we called and have not received your plate and key tag yet, please phone 280 7412 or drop into the station on a Monday or Friday night between 7.30pm - 9.30pm. RAPID fees are also being collected at \$5 per plate (thanks to those who are also giving us an extra donation).

We have already had a few calls where the RAPID number has helped to locate the property very quickly. Please teach children to use the RAPID number as it can be used for ANY emergency service.

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

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We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a Quiet Fire Season. Dawn Leonard, Administrative Officer

CHILDREN'S CONTRIBUTIONS

It was great to get two contributions from our local children. They had enjoyed a special visit to their school and wanted to tell everyone about it. First we will hear from Stephen Ellis: "At a quarter to twelve our class went to wheelchair sports. We sat down in the shade to listen to a man called Tim Maloney. He was very kind, I liked him. He was a wheelchair sporter who was very good on wheelchairs. He asked if we thought the wheelchairs were heavy or light and they were very light. Then we got a turn on the tennis court with the wheelchairs and we had a wheelchair race and I won the race. Then we played Gang-Up Chasse. When it was Leon's turn he leaned backwards and fell off. When it was my turn I went in the red wheelchair. It was easy to drive them. Tim showed us his wheelchair basketball medal. Then the bell went and I ran back to the classroom to get a piece of paper and went back to Tim to get his autograph. I asked for two". Now we will hear from Tom Walsh: "Today at Wheelchair sports, Shane, Wayne, Blake and his Dad, Karlee, Alexandra and lots more went. Tim Malony was the teacher. We all played Gang-Up Chasse and races. He told us about safety, what sports he could do on a wheelchair. I thought that all of us had fun. I liked it too. Me and Leon had an accident but it was good fun. Tim showed us a basketball champion's medal. He gave us his signature. I got it but Scott and Mary didn't. It went to half past twelve and it started at a quarter to twelve. I liked it a lot but Tim went faster on the wheelchair." It sounds as if everyone had a good time at wheelchair sports. Thank you for telling us about it, Tom and Stephen. Both Tom and Stephen are in Mrs Tauba's class at the One Tree Hill Primary School. One Tree Hill Primary School students have also enjoyed success in the recent Westpac Maths Competition.

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Congratulations to the following students who obtained Distinctions:

Wendy Parker, top mark for the school, Tom Buttery, Bianca Otterspoor, Andrew Granfield, Delvene Rowe, Justin Woon.

Congratulations to the following children who obtained credits:

Dwayne Blee, David Brizzi, Allan Buckley, Irene Demchenko, Catherine Dewar, Laura Fischer, Sarah Jamieson, Hannah Wilson, Laura Kozien, Luke Kurlmelovs, Kathy Molchanoff, Ryan Morris, Sarah Pembroke, Carly Stirling, Reece Vandermeiden, and Leah Woods. In the recent National English Competition, Tom Buttery received a certificate of High Distinction, Chloe Parker, a certificate of Credit, Dwayne Blee, a certificate of Credit, Kirsty Sander, a certificate of Credit, Andrew Granfield, a certificate of Credit, and Hannah Wilson, an Achievement Award. We obviously have some very talented young people in One Tree Hill!

EQUESTRIAN CLUB

The last rally for 1995 will be on December 10th. It will take the form of a treasure hunt and fun Christmas Break Up. 10.00am start at the Club Grounds. Recent results: On October 21st at the Black Hill One Day Event, Carolyn Horne came 2nd in the Adult Prelim. and Andrea Hall came 4th in Grade 4. On October 29th at the North East Riding Club's Gymkhana at Salisbury, the High Point Winner for our Club was ten year old Alex Peacock on her 17 year old pony Indi Serene. Well Done Alex! Also congratulations to Jenny Wildman on Spary who won many ribbons. This was the first show she has ridden in. In the Colin O'Brien Memorial Cup, we won 2nd place with our team, Melissa Wutke, Antoinette Dalle-Nagare, Alex Peacock and Carl Wildman. A great effort! The Equestrian Club will start again on the first Sunday in February at 10.00am, with a rally at the Club Grounds.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH- PLUM PUDDING ICE CREAM

Ingredients:

- 3 rounded tablespoons caster sugar
- 1 level tablespoon gelatine
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon brandy or lemon juice
- 1 275ml can of evaporated milk (chill overnight)
- 1 1/2 spoon vanilla essence
- three quarters of a cup of fruit mince
- glace cherries for decoration.

Place gelatine and water in a saucepan. Let it stand for five minutes then stir over low heat until dissolved. Add butter and allow it to melt. Stir in sugar and vanilla. Beat chilled evaporated milk until stiff then gradually add gelatine mixture stirring constantly. Add the fruit mince and the brandy, pour into a plastic container, decorate with cherries and freeze. By the way did anyone try the recipe from last month?

TRINITY COLLEGE BUSH CAMPUS

Thanks to the assistance of a couple of One Tree Hill locals, Trinity has followed up three alternative properties as possible sites for a bush campus development. Unfortunately the purchase price of two properties was beyond the College's capacity and the other property was sold prior to the College's enquiry. Following consultations with Munno Para Council Officers, neighbours of the Tuckwell property, the One Tree Hill Progress Association, National Parks Officers, Local and State CFS Officers, and ETSA personnel, Dale Martin from Trinity is looking to reapply for development approval on an alternative site within the Tuckwell property. Before making formal application Dale will again visit the majority of neighbouring property owners with information about the application to indicate how the issues raised in the first round of visits will be addressed by the College. These consultations will provide the opportunity for neighbours to make suggestions for amending the application prior to it being submitted to Council. Dale will also be available on Market Day in December with plans and drawings of the development and a copy of a draft application for Council. Please take time to look at the proposal and ask questions of Dale on the day. Should any member of the community wish to contact Dale, his work telephone number is (085) 220 622.

SIMON'S PET CORNER

Simon reports that his baby magpie is flying now and still is around the place, though is not allowed to get too near as the male magpie he reared last year is keeping him away. It's the breeding season for pigeons now and this month Simon is going to give us some hints on

successful breeding. You will need a cage with a nest box in it. To make a good nest box take a plastic dessert bowl and line it with newspaper in the following way: tear up about 4 sheets of paper into small pieces and mush them up with water. Don't use glue just water. Then mould the mushy paper onto the plastic bowl and let it dry. The reason this is done is because the baby pigeon or squeaker as they are called can't grip properly if there is no newspaper and the squeaker may grow with its legs spread out and be unable to walk. Put the male and female together. This sounds obvious but it can be difficult to sex pigeons and you need to do a lot of observation and listening. Cock birds coo a lot, females don't usually but there are exceptions. When the male makes a whoo whoo sound and moves his flight feathers the female should fly down. The male goes on top of the female and flaps his wings, then he gets off and the female prances! If this has been true romance she will start laying eggs in ten days. You can tell if they are fertile after about a week by shining a strong light through and you should see a dark red dot. The eggs take 18 to 20 days to hatch. Pigeons usually sit on two eggs but often break one. Sometimes males are not fertile. This can only be found through trial and error. After hatching you can leave the pair together but sometimes the males get aggressive and attack the baby. Also make sure the squeaker doesn't get with the other pigeons or it may get pecked. Feed pigeon mix to the parent bird and they turn this into a special pigeon "milk" in their crop which they feed to the baby. At 8 weeks the squeaker will have most of its feathers except for some under their wings. They may lose these feathers as they mature to get their adult feathers. The baby down goes away and it depends on the colour of the pigeon how much down they have. Simon reports some success in his breeding programme and has his eyes set on competing in the National Pigeon Show next year. (Thanks Simon, we will look forward to hearing about that).



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There will be a live band performance of "Kingfisher" on Sunday December 3rd between 2 and 5, so come along for some fun on that day. The Social Club are getting geared up for their big Christmas Childrens Party on Sunday December 10th at midday. Christmas Day is fully booked up but the bar will be open from 9.00am until 11.00am.

MORNING TEA GROUP

We would like to thank Nina Shigrov, Tina Friend, Pam Tunn, Sharon Knowles, and Carol Berends for coming and sharing their wonderful craft ideas with us. We all came away with some ideas for Christmas. Some were so simple even I could do them but so pretty. On December 5th we are having an Ambulance Officer from the S.A. Ambulance Service come and demonstrate First Aid for children and babies. Come along and have a cuppa and a friendly chat. Where? The One Tree Hill Uniting Church Hall - 10-11.30 am. A free creche is available.

COUNCILLOR MATTHEW HAYDEN'S UPDATE

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to publicly thank some very special people who have made my first six months in office much more satisfying than I could ever have hoped for, being so new to town. The OTH Progress Association for all their valuable input into the way OTH and the surrounding areas are being developed and cared for, because without people who are prepared to give up some of their time, you as residents would not have the Grapevine (the envy of other areas), nor the OTH market with all its superb selection of food, craft and oddities, and the Institute at which many a good time has been had during the years past. They continue

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as a group, to help Munno Para Council create a better place for all to enjoy. Next the OTH CFS which has a good team of people, who throughout the festive season are prepared if necessary to spend their time and commit their lives to the defence of you and your properties, but who also spend countless hours running the monthly hopper service, availing themselves for community promotions and tackling the day to day training required to make themselves professional in their field. To the members of the Rotary Club who spend their time running various functions to raise money for local and global projects and charities, who also run a stall at the market for second hand articles, and man the BBQ on market days. Finally thanks to all the individuals who have called to complain about the things that are not being done/should be done, because without this input, the Council would assume you're all very happy and leave you to it, and I should be bored and ridiculed as the Councillor with nothing to do, but we all know better, don't we? On behalf of my wife Pauline, son Thomas, daughter Kate and I, we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Cr. Matthew Hayden,

4 St Johns Court, Blakeview SA 5114. Phone: 254 2247

FROM THE CRAFT SHOP

The craft shop has been rearranged, our Christmas decorations are up and new stock is coming in all the time. Come in and have a look at what we have to offer. All our stock is locally made and created with love and care. A lot of items on display can be made to order. Many of our members are happy to accept orders. Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings should be ordered NOW so that our cooks have time to shop for those special festive ingredients and organize their baking schedules. Leave your orders at the craft shop.

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families a very merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

ONE TREE HILL UNITING CHURCH

The One Tree Hill church members invite the local community to
share in our Christmas celebrations.

CAROLS UNDER THE PINES at the Church on Sunday December
17th at 7.00pm. Drinks and biscuits will follow.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE on Monday December 25th at
8.00am. A reminder that on December 31st, Jan 7th, 14th, 21st there
will be only one service at OTH at 11.00 am. During these weeks the
9.00 am group and 11.00 am group will combine and share in the one
service. The minister, John Blanksby, can be contacted on 284 0202
should you wish to discuss any matters.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, On 16th November, we had the very stressful
experience of trying to operate our garden centre without water.
Some plant losses were immediately evident, others are stressed and
not suitable for sale. The Munno Para Council were helpful in
supplying a tanker of water but not until 4.45. By that time it was too
late for some plants. We were told by Council at half hour intervals
that it would only take another half hour to repair. At 4.00 it was
repaired but the tanks had to be filled and this would take another
two hours. We would have liked a more accurate assessment of the
situation so we could have taken steps earlier so losses could have
been avoided. How often does this arise? I hope not in the fire
season. If we had a situation like last year (a fire in the town) when
the CFS is protecting the homes, certainly their top priority, how
would we have got on? I can't understand why half a town, the size
of One Tree Hill has to rely on a bore. Irene Peryman.

Dear Editor, A PUB WITH NO BEER (a great song) A TOWN
WITH NO WATER (intolerable). Intolerable and that is being kind
to those in charge of supplying water to the town. Intolerable
because those who needed to know when the water was going to be
restored were constantly given inaccurate information as to when the
water would be available. When will the water be
on...Answer.....SOON?THE MEN ARE WORKING ON IT.
.....HALF AN HOURFIVE MINUTESWATER'S ON
(no it's not)HALF AN HOURONE TO TWO HOURS
.....PRIMING SYSTEM SOON. MUNNO PARA TANKER
SAVES THE DAY. Then the water starts to flow from the mains.
Although some plants were lost the potential for a greater loss was
very real. Colin Peryman, O.T.H. Garden Centre.

(Editors note: how do others feel about the water situation in
O.T.H.? Let's have your views.)

EDITORIAL

The end of the year seems to have come very quickly! This is the last
Grapevine for 1995. Please don't forget about us over January though
as we will need lots of contributions by the 4th Wednesday in January
for our first edition for 1996. This is the time when I have to thank
everyone who has helped with the Grapevine this year but the list just
gets longer and longer I'm very pleased to say! I must pay special
tribute to the rest of the Editorial Team, Steve Hill for computer
layout at the start of the year, and Stephen White, who in spite of
study pressures, assignments and exams, managed to do such a good
job for the second half of the year. Also Ann and the other members
of the Davenport family who organised the printing and the stapling
of the 650 copies we produce. The families who stapled, particularly
the Wilsons and the Parkers and everyone involved in the delivery
and distribution. Thanks also to Valerie Thompson who did lots of
typing up before she went overseas. I would also like to give special
bouquets to Pat Beck and the Parkers who stepped into the editing
job while I was on holiday and also to Chris Adlard and David Parker
who at a moment's notice learnt a whole new computer program and
got out the last edition. (The Parkers seem to get a lot of mention
here!) Please forgive me if I have missed someone out! I must also
thank the Progress Association for their continued support and
encouragement and for putting up with me nagging them for reports!
(That goes for everyone else I've nagged this year). Finally I would
like to thank the One Tree Hill Community for all the help they have
given me in what at times has been a very difficult year. Please
support our local businesses particularly those who advertise in the
Grapevine and sponsor copies. We couldn't have a Grapevine without
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Merry Christmas and a Happy and fulfilling New Year, Jill
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR MAYOR

Dear Residents, Where has the year gone??? It has certainly been a busy 1995 and I'm sure 1996 will bring us a lot more of the same, especially if we keep working together for the benefit of OTH and the City as a whole, as we have in the past. Together we are achieving much. I would like to thank the Progress Association, CFS, Senior Citizens, the Uniting Church, (a special thank you to John Blanksby as well as Doug and Sybil for their kind and caring counsel and all of those who have helped Bev and me), Brian and Karen and all that do something for our City. To your Councillor, Matthew Hayden- thank you for your good and ongoing work in the support you give to people in the One Tree Hill area. You are doing a great job but, obviously, not alone. I would like to put on record my thanks to your wife Pauline and your family for all they do in supporting Matthew in his role as Councillor. It comes at a price but it can also have its rewards. It has certainly been a hectic year- the case of the disappearing Arch is still a mystery to me but hopefully this will be addressed in the new year. Williams Road has been completed and Kentish Road will finally be completed and sealed by Christmas. Work has commenced on the new shower & toilet block at McGilp Oval as well as drainage works for the OTH cemetery. There has been some more work carried out at Uley cemetery under the New Work Opportunities Program whereby the Eastern wall is being reconstructed to the height of the front wall. I am hopeful that these sort of programs can be used, over time, to complete the wall right round the cemetery. It will certainly enhance Uley. And finally, I would like to wish you and yours a very joyous Christmas and may the New Year bring health and happiness.

Kind regards, Martin D Lindsell.

TORRENS VALLEY ROTARY CLUB

Recent membership increases in the Torrens Valley Rotary Club have resulted in increased activities:

- * We have resurfaced the Humbug Scrub Sanctuary Car Park after previously levelling it.

- * We provided the Perpetual Trophy for the Junior Encouragement Award at the Torrens Valley Pony Club.

- * We transferred the remaining Medical supplies for the Pakistan Women's Hospital from Magnus at Mount Pleasant to the Adelaide Warehouse to prepare for container shipping. A special thanks is due here for the help of Vince Cozzitorto of the CFS.

- * We made a \$200 donation to CFS in appreciation. YOUR assistance is needed on Market Day December 2nd. PLEASE bring any items as donations or commission sales for the Rotary Bring, Browse Buy Stall. This is a kind of donated Trash and Treasure stall. Also don't forget to buy a sausage from the Rotary Sausage Sizzle! Rotary contacts: President Ivor McLatchie ph 280 7214. Secretary Ron Harrison ph 389 3179.

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HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

We have some new people to welcome to our community, the Bracks in Lorna Crt and the Mincham/Micheltmore family also in Lorna Crt. We hope you enjoy living in One Tree Hill. Big congratulations are in order for Stephen White who has successfully passed his degree, Bachelor of Computing in Systems Development, from Monash University. Well done Steve, and I know your mother will be very relieved too as those last minute assignments were very nerve wracking! Has anyone had an accident or near accident on any of our roads? I have heard the Karwin Road/Kersbrook Rd intersection is a

black spot, but the Blacktop/One Tree Hill Road T Junction is another bad area particularly when you come down Blacktop Road. Can anything be done to make these roads safer? Let the Grapevine know if there are any other bad areas and perhaps we can let our Councillor know about them. There are still blind kangaroos around, particularly in Para Wirra Park and around the Humbug Scrub area. If you see a kangaroo in the same place for long periods without moving it may be a blind one. Take great care, particularly children, as they may be aggressive and can rear up and attack if approached. This has happened already to one resident.

Some thoughts for the month - Let's pray that chooks never find out how much bricklayers get for laying bricks! The big thing today is computer dating. If you don't know how to run a computer it really dates you! The only thing that ever sat its way to success was a hen!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

People can be divided into three groups:- Those who make things happen. Those who watch things happen. Those who wonder what happened.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ -answers elsewhere in the Grapevine.

1. Who wrote "A Christmas Carol"? 2. Who nominated December 25th as Christmas Day? 3. What country would good King Wenceslas have looked out on? 4. What kind of flower is a Christmas Daisy? 5. Who wrote "I'm dreaming of a White Christmas"? 6. What exactly does Noel or Nowel mean? 7. Why is Boxing Day so called? 8. What was yule? 9. Who is Black Peter? 10. In which film did Bob Hope play the part of Santa Claus?

VETERINARY NOTES FOR DECEMBER

As the warm weather comes it also brings more problems for our pets such as more allergies, fur balls, fleas, related skin problems and viral diseases. Fur Balls - As the weather gets warmer your pet will shed his or her coat, causing a build up of unwanted hair. Some of the smaller breeds of dogs with long hair may need grooming and clipping. Cats tend to be more extensive groomers than dogs, therefore fur balls can be quite frequent. Often no amount of grooming from your pet will get rid of all the excess hair. Regular grooming is recommended, and sometimes professional washing and grooming is required. Hydrobaths are a fun alternative for dog and owner. Allergies- These may be caused by pollens and dusts in the air. Fleas, bees, ants, spiders, flies and mosquitos can all be a problem to your pet especially if they have reacted badly to previous bites. If you see any sort of self mutilation due to an allergic reaction, consult your Vet as soon as possible.

(From Pets need Vets Newsletter, Drs Alan and Robert Irving)

ONE TREE HILL SCOUT GROUP

As the year draws to a close, the One Tree Hill Scout Group can look back on a very successful year. We have three sections running extremely well, so from the age of 6 to 14 years we can cater to your child's needs. The year is far from over with activities continuing well into December. The Scouts are going on a water activities camp, canoeing, rafting, sailing, swimming fishing in early December. The Joeys and Cubs are starting Christmas activities and projects. As a group we will be having a Christmas break up on Friday 15th December. So on reflection the children from O.T.H. have done a wide range of activities this year: camping, water activities, family events, Melbourne Cup night, Ice skating, hiking, cooking competitions, visits to an adventure playground, Parafield Airport, Hungry Jacks, the CFS, the list goes on and on. None of these could have been achieved if it wasn't for the marvellous Section Leaders we have, all giving up their time for your children to provide excellent scouting at O.T.H. THANK YOU! Finally a big THANK YOU to the O.T.H. Garden Centre for the donation of plants to our group on the last working bee at the hall. On behalf of all the leaders and myself I would like to wish all of O.T.H. a happy and safe Christmas and we hope to see even more of the youth of O.T.H. involved in scouting next year. Merry Christmas, Jenni Lewis (Group Leader) P.S. Congratulations to Kirsty Sandison, Kristen Lewis and Kenneth Ennis who provided the colour party for the scout section of the Elizabeth Birthday Celebration Parade. The scouts won first "over all" trophy plus the "youth Trophy" in the Parade, plus the Joeys and Cubs helped in giving out thousands of "scouting" balloons.

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GARDENING NOTES FOR DECEMBER

Following lots of requests here is the recipe for garlic spray.

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2 TABLESPOONS MINERAL OIL

15g PURE SOAP OR FLAKES 500ml WARM WATER

Mix garlic and oil and let it stand for 48 hours. Dissolve grated soap in warm water. Mix the two solutions together and strain. Try different solutions. A strong one being one part mixture to 50 parts of water. This is useful against sucking insects, caterpillars, snails and wireworm and it discourages many pests. It is also said that garlic helps to control downy mildew, some rusts such as bean rust, leaf spots, blight of tomato and brown rot of stone fruit, through its antibiotic properties. (If you need any further information talk to Irene or Colin at the O.T.H. Garden Centre)

ANSWERS TO CHRISTMAS QUIZ

1. Charles Dickens.
2. Pope Julius 1 in about 350 AD
3. Bohemia (now partly Czechoslovakia).
4. An aster.
5. Irving Berlin.
6. To do with a birthday, ultimately from Latin Natalis.
7. Recently because it is the day on which Christmas Boxes are supposed to be due to milkmen, paper boys etc. Originally it was the day on which alms collected in boxes in churches were distributed to the poor.
8. Or Jul an old Norse Festival held at the same time of year as Christmas was later.
9. St Nicholas's companion who deals with naughty children.
10. The Lemon Drop Kid.

ONE TREE HILL SENIOR CITIZENS

The Club has had a busy month. Members attended a senior Citizens Week Luncheon at the Dutch Club at Parafield Gardens, and an enjoyable day was had by all. I'd recommend it for luncheon any time. A trip by the Club to Charlesworth's Nut Factory, then a delightful lunch at West Lakes Tavern was enjoyed by all who went. Munno Para Council has approved the Club's application for a grant, which was duly spent on a new Bowls mat and a holding rack. Gladys and Fred Humphreys celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary in December. Nell Dewitt has returned from a trip to England, seems she is still suffering from jet lag. President, Reg Lawrence.

GOAT NOTES

How much should you expect to pay for a goat? That depends on how you look at it.

The cost of raising a doe kid from birth to the start of her lactation:

1. 70 days @ 2 litres of milk per day = \$50.00
2. 600 days @ 2 bales of hay per week = \$150.00
3. 90 days @ 1 kg concentrates per day = \$45.00
4. mating to begin producing = \$40.00

TOTAL COST TO KIDDING = \$285.00

1. Family uses 3 litres of milk per day @ \$1.20 = \$1314.00 per year.
2. Cost of feed for doe.

Concentrates @ 2 kg per day = \$365.00

Hay @ 2 bales per week = \$400.00

TOTAL PROFIT PER YEAR = \$650.00

LIFE EXPECTANCY OF DOE = 12 to 15 years.

These are simplified figures, a basis on which you can do your own calculations. My method of valuing a doe is to measure her milk production and multiply it by 90 days then multiply it by the retail price of milk. This 90 days is the approximate time it will take her to return her buying price plus earn her keep. After that her milk costs what her care costs. These calculations will result in the average pedigreed dairy doe giving 3 litres of milk per day being worth \$270.

Good does should produce 4 to 5 litres, and the better ones give 8 litres. After that they are probably not what the average household wants, as few of us use 7 or 8 litres of milk a day over summer and 3 per day all winter. If we do we would be better off with two milking does to supply a more even flow of milk by mating at different times (and that's another story) But what about the little goat down the road? She's going for \$50. You get what you pay for. She will probably return you some milk. With a pedigree you can see what her female antecedents have produced in controlled recording situations, and this information is a guide to her potential for milk production. Contributed by Julie Buttery.

PEST PLANT OF THE MONTH - CALTROP

This is a prostrate hairy summer annual. It has thin wiry stems which spread out up to a metre long from a central taproot. The leaves are in opposite pairs, each divided into 4-7 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are solitary on slender stalks at the base of the leaves, about 5cm wide with 5 yellow petals. The fruit is a cluster of 5 burrs, straw coloured when ripe. Each burr is wedge shaped, 6-9 mm long, with 2 long sharp spines and 2 shorter ones. This weed is common around One Tree Hill. The burrs injure feet of humans and stock, cause internal injuries if swallowed, damage tyres and contribute to vegetable fault in wool. If it is grazed by sheep it can cause net poisoning and photosensitization. Seed germinates from late spring to early autumn so several treatments over the growing season may be needed. Small patches can be hand hoed. Gather and burn all fruiting plants. For details of suitable sprays contact the Animal and Plant Control Commission.



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LOCAL HISTORY NOTES

There have been a lot of changes to the One Tree Hill Post Office and General Store over the years and some of you may be interested in the early history as seen through the eyes of the late Mrs E.R. Hicks. Mr Buttfield and Mr Skewes were postmasters in the late 1800's. Mr Harry Skewes married Miss Shillabeer, a sister to the late Mr Samuel Shillabeer of One Tree Hill and Miss Maud Skewes married Mr F.L. Ifould. The land adjoining the business was also part of the property. It ran East to the first intersection and turning right ran down the right hand side of Precolumb Rd and adjoined the late Mr Charlsons Property at a gate marked "Tonto". There was also a cottage on the property. When Mr Rudolph Fiebig took over the business, his parents, Mr and Mrs August Fiebig used to reside in the cottage. The Fiebig family ran the business until Mr Fiebig died in July 1928. It then traded under the name of A. Fiebig and son. After Mrs Fiebig's death, her eldest daughter, Selma (Mrs A. Hurley) and her husband were the proprietors from 1939 to 1942. The business was then leased for several years. In 1945 the Fiebig family sold the business. It had been in the family for 53 years. Mr and Mrs Hicks bought the business and a portion of the land surrounding it. Mr Hicks was appointed postmaster in 1942 and retained that position until his death in 1969. During that period the business improved greatly and many new subscribers were added to the then manual Telephone exchange. They also delivered the mail six times a week. Mr Hicks was appointed Postmistress after the death of her husband and continued to run everything until 15/1/73. During 1945-1969 renovations had been numerous to both dwelling and shop, including a new shop being built onto the old building. The property remained in the Hicks family for approx 32 years. After Mrs Hicks retired the premises was leased until it was sold in 1980 to Kennett Bros Pty Ltd.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Did you hear about the desperado who tried to hijack a busload of Japanese tourists? Fortunately the police were given 5000 photos of the suspect! (from Rotary Down Under)

MARKET REPORT

It was another successful day at the market last month. David Parker enticed everyone to try his famous lime and date chutney and successfully sold all his jars! There were the usual stalls full of goods and crafts as well as Rotary. Bring browse and buy - a great way to get rid of those unwanted goods. This month's Christmas market promises lots of treats so come along and see what there is to offer. Its a great place to meet your friends too!

OTH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - Report of November meeting

Our November meeting was very interesting and full, with a number of visitors in addition to our normal business. Reg Lawrence presented Progress Association with a donation \$100 from the OTH Senior citizens in appreciation of the use of the hall and facilities. Gwyn Cleaves from Munno Para returned with some draft plans for the landscaping park areas around the township including the village green. There was discussion about ensuring emergency exits were maintained, planting of the reserve areas, where to place proposed play equipment and what age groups these would be designed for, whether we could relocate the hopper so that the village green could connect directly to the hall surrounds-and if so where, and at what cost, whether undergrounding the power lines in the main street was going to be included now or at a later stage, what aspects of the plans could go ahead and which ones required further consultation with residents, dividing our vision for the development of the

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township into stages so that we could work according to short and long term plans.

We appreciated the thought and effort that has gone into Council's development of the plans and the consultation with Progress Association (thank you particularly to Gwyn and Debbie). The plans are not fixed - there were several amendments suggested at the meeting - but having something to start with helps to get the process underway and people involved so that the final plan can evolve. The draft plans will be displayed at the next market for comment (Saturday December 2). We are also hoping to post them in one of the shops if we can find a spot. When this is arranged there will be a note on the OTH notice board (near the new hairdressers) indicating where to find them.

We now have a new 'chair truck' designed by our resident handy person Albert Baggs which will be very useful in shifting stacks of chairs in the hall. Thank you, Albert, and thanks also to Ivor McLatchie and Magnus Engineering for converting the prototype into a solid steel product.

We are looking for someone who would be interested in being the OTH representative on the Munno Para Greening Committee and the link with council during the community consultation process about the development of the parks, playgrounds and street redevelopment. If you are interested in taking up this role we would be delighted to hear from you. Ring me on 2807188 or Sarah Cooksey (2807267). I am acting as interim rep until this position is decided as council is keen to proceed to take advantage of current government employment schemes.

Dale Martin also addressed the meeting about Trinity College's revised plans for a bush camp in the OTH area, which are attempting to address the concerns raised by residents in the original proposal. His attendance at Progress is part of an extensive consultation process. These plans too, will be on view at the December market.

We have been invited to participate in Munno Para's Australia Day celebrations in 1995. Matthew Hayden suggested we have a stall advertising our community - its hall, markets, businesses, Grapevine, social groups etc with perhaps some local goods for sale as well. Richard Wilson has agreed to coordinate this idea so if you would like to be involved, ring him on 2807484.

Our final meeting for 1995 will be held on Thursday 21 December in the supper room of the Institute and, in accordance with tradition, it includes a Christmas supper. New members and visitors are most welcome, particularly if you have anything you wish to contribute about the matters raised above - or others related to the welfare of our community. If you need a special item on the agenda, please contact me or Sarah Cooksey before the meeting if possible so that we can allocate you adequate time.

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