

BRAYBROOK

(From our correspondent)

The church services held this Christmas and New Year at the Church of England were responsible for the largest congregations in the history of the church for similar services. Rev. Harwood on both occasions officiated and spoke highly of the manner in which services were being attended. It was feared some time back that the church would have to close permanently, but it has been definitely decided to carry on for the next twelve months.

Mr. A. E. Ashfold, a former member of the church and relieving preacher, met with a painful accident whilst returning by car through Wallan. Mr. Ashfold's car came in contact with a stationary car and overturned. The rest of the party escaped with minor abrasions.

Fires have been prevalent in this locality during the holidays. Several were reported, and in all instances absolute mystery surrounds the cause of the outbreaks. Sixty acres of Munro brothers' property adjoining the river were swept by fire, and was only extinguished after a brave fight by farm hands. It was at first thought the homes would be reached by the flames, but the fighters subdued the blaze and succeeded in mastering what may have developed into something much worse.

The post office and general

The post office and general store occupied by Mr. G. Cranwell jnr. was destroyed by fire in the early hours of Sunday last, whilst the occupants were visiting friends at Moonee Ponds. Many priceless treasures owned by Mrs. Cranwell were among the contents that were totally destroyed and only partly covered by insurance. Half an hour prior to the alarm the building was noticed to be in a safe condition. Mr. Cranwell's losses are reported to be very heavy. He intends to carry on business temporarily at the side of the old premises. Much sympathy is expressed by local residents who join together and wish him better fortune in his future endeavors.

A horse owned by Mr. J. Bolitho, the general storekeeper of Ballarat road, was released from the paddock where he was securely locked and found later some miles from the premises in an exhausted condition, suffering from terrible gashes, some measuring five to six inches, and seemingly inflicted by a slasher or other sharp instrument. The matter is now being investigated by the Sunshine police.

Local sportsmen gave a good account of themselves in different branches of sport over the holidays. J. Jackson won the mile event at Castlemaine and Maryborough in dashing style, A. Jackson filling the second position at Castlemaine and Broadford in the 440yds events.

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Just what part a change in the drinking water plays on an athlete was revealed in several instances over the holidays, but none has more reason to regret it than K. Hardy, of Braybrook, who was backed solidly in the Echuca mile and beaten into second position mainly due to the fact of losing weight brought about by a change of water.

At a meeting of the unemployed woodchoppers held on Wednesday last Cr. W. Dempster tendered his resignation as President of that body. His resignation was accepted with much regret and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the untiring efforts he has given them in the past. With a view to forming new officebearers a meeting is to be held on Friday, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. It is essential that every member be present so as to arrange for a team to cut the winter's wood supply.

Mr. W. Bradford was the fortunate owner to capture the

rich stake at Ballarat on Boxing Day with his dog "The Ringer." This is a wonderful performance for a first season dog and the large crowd present were not slow in recognising the fact, for "Wallie" was the recipient of "congrats" on all sides after his success.

V.T.C.A. results. Open: Silver Bullet 1, White Rose 2, Sonny Boy 3. Maiden: The Light 1, Victor 2, Ruffy 3. :Sup.: Silver Jim 1, The Light 2. Ballarat Champion Stake: The Ringer 1.

**Champion Stake: The Ringer 1,
King Mart 2, Denis Girl 3, Sonny
Boy 4.**

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