

Deer Park News

On Sunday next, 21st February, the Deer Park Social Club is holding a picnic at Werribee South. A good sports program has been arranged by the committee, the children having been specially catered for.

Given fine weather, this outing promises to be a memorable one for both old and young.

Members of the club will greatly assist the energetic Secretary, Mr Lionel Jones, by securing their tickets as early as possible.

Local efforts are being made to assist Mrs Merritt and family who lost the whole of their personal possessions in a fire that completely destroyed their home in Station Rd., last week.

Mrs Merritt has been extremely unfortunate of late, as it is only a few weeks ago that her husband passed away after a long and painful illness.

During the past week the writer had the pleasure of meeting one of Deer Park's former great footballers of over 25 years ago in the person of Mr Bob Barnett. Old time supporters of the club will recall the dashing displays of football given by "Bobby" when the game was getting tough.

Other outstanding players of that period (just to mention a few) who assisted Deer Park to reach the finals on many occasions were Jim O'Brien, Cotty Prescott, Billy Thomas, now in W.A., Curly Vincent, Dave Cameron, the late Ted Pickersgill, Nugget McKenzie, Tommy Pridham, Jack Wheelahan and many others.

Probably owing to the recent success of locally-trained horses, Deer Park is becoming well known in the trotting world. It was noticed last week that one of the principal events at the Ballarat trots was called the Deer Park Handicap.

After over nine years in business at Deer Park, Mr Bon Thomas recently disposed of his shop and newsagency in Ballarat Road. Mr Thomas, who is also the proprietor of a hire taxi service intends to devote

the whole of his time to this latter business.

Ivor Germaine is a firm favorite with the local boxing fans for his 12 rounds bout with the negro Clayton at the Stadium on Friday night.

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