

How Sunshine Spent the Holidays

Two Residents Killed

Usually at holiday time, Sunshine is noted for its quiet appearance, but it was more noticeable this year. The exodus of residents on pleasure bent commenced a few days prior to Christmas and by Boxing Day the town was practically deserted. Industrial conditions were much brighter during the past twelve months and this possibly accounted for a larger number going away than for some years.

Business people reported a brisk trade, despite the magnetism of the big city stores. Christmas eve was not without its usual jollification, and at times it was difficult to secure at the local hostelry a glass of the liquid that gladdens the heart of man. However, with a liberal use of the holiday vernacular, the thirsty souls had their appetites whetted and wetted. The police reported at 6.30 p.m. "that all was quiet on the western front" and very few reputations were damaged by over indulgence of the amber fluid.

Unfortunately, holidays bring in their train numerous accidents, and this year Sunshine was no exception—two deaths being reported and the victim of the third now lying dangerously ill in hospital.

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A well known identity of the district in the person of Mr Robert Holland, aged 69 years, was struck by a motor car in Melbourne on Saturday last and succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday. The late Mr. Holland who was formerly in business in Sun Crescent, as a boot repairer, was a bachelor, and originally came from New Zealand. It is understood that he had no relatives in Australia.

On Tuesday morning of this week the body of George Dickie, 22 years, of Braybrook, was found alongside a wall at Darling's Flour Mill, Albion. It is presumed that he fell from the parapet of an upstairs window where he had climbed to smoke a cigarette.

The third accident was that which befel William Hallahan, 22 years, of Sydney Street, Sunshine. On Christmas Day, at Healesville, he was riding pillion on a motor-cycle with a young man by the name of Gill, a resident of Essendon. The cycle into collision with a car with the result that Gill was killed and Hallahan was seriously injured. The latter is in St. Vincent's Hospital and the latest report is that his left arm will have to be amputated. The seriousness of the case is accentuated by the fact that pneumonia has now added to the complications, and the lad is in a dangerous condition, though hopes are high that he will recover.

The deserted appearance of some homes could not be resisted by housebreakers, and two or three

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housebreakers, and two or three residents lost some personal belongings. At the home of Mr. Leslie Holden, in Station Place, the thieves took jewellery and a number of valuable ornaments, whilst in the same street Mr Norman Green's residence suffered to the extent of being relieved of a few articles of value.

Late on Saturday evening last Mr. Sparks' billiard saloon, situated in Hampshire road, Sunshine was broken into and £10 worth of small coins extracted from slot machines.

The Harvester Works did not commence its activities until Tuesday, which gave numerous people who had been away on holiday to return on Saturday and Sunday to enable them to visit the test match on Monday. They apparently did this to some order, for from 8 a.m. onwards there was a continuous stream of people wending their way to the railway station to help make

up the record crowd of 87,000 to see "Donald" knock the shine off the ball. Sunshine has in its midst a considerable number of former residents of Britain, and the good-natured barrack between them and our native born was very humorous and worth listening to.

With the good price now being obtained for wheat and other primary product the outlook for Sunshine for 1937 looks exceedingly bright and the rains, though at times marring enjoyment, will contribute in a large measure to this

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tribute in a large measure to this happy state of affairs. It is a most pleasant prospect to contemplate and the next few years should witness a steady growth in building activity in the district. The Braybrook Council is alive to the possibilities and every avenue will be exploited to assist the district's growth.

A party of Sunshine Anglers went on a fishing excursion during the holidays to inveigle the fish from the Gulpa and Edwards rivers in N.S.W. One enthusiast succeeded in catching a "grunter," a species of fish that emits sounds like a pig in a good humour. So elated was he with his catch that he had visions of bringing it back to Melbourne alive, so he divested himself of his singlet and put the fish in it and placed it in the water. The shouts of dismay brought the other members of the party around for the fish was heading down stream with the singlet on buttoned up at the neck.

Later, however, the singlet was covered but the fish had breathed its last. It is not officially known how the "grunter" died but angler's have been unkind enough to blame the perfume of the singlet.