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Healesville Court of Petty Sessions

Before Mr. Cuthill, S.M., on February 24

A MARYSVILLE XMAS TREE

Thomas Henry Saunders, Marysville, was charged with unlawful possession of a tree. He did not appear.

Florence Mary Cuzens, of Marysville, said that when out walking on Dec. 31, she saw that two trees had been cut on her property, about 15 feet being gone from the top of one, and about 6-8ft. from the other. They were cedar trees that had been planted about 20 years ago. She gave no one authority to cut them. On January 5, she had a conversation with Mrs. Saunders, but did not see defendant. Part of the tree (produced) was under the house, and another part in the front room. To her knowledge, they were the only cedar trees in the village, but she didn't know their botanical name. She valued the Xmas tree at 15/-.

Lloyd J. Walker, forestry officer, Marysville, told of going to Marysville police station on Jan. 24, and seeing the top of a tree. He accompanied First Constable Ibbotson to a paddock, wherein were two trees with their tops cut off. He could not compute the cost of the damage but considered the tree had been ruined. He was unable to identify the tree positively, but the tree tops produced were similar to it. It was not a Dodara, an Atlantic, or a Lebanon.

First Constable J. T. Ibbotson said he interviewed defendant at his home on January 14, telling him Mrs. Cuzens had complained of the tree-cutting. Defendant admitted having the Xmas tree in

the house; he said he found it on the roadside, and didn't know when it had been cut down. The constable told him it was very appropriate (or convenient) to find a Xmas tree on Xmas Eve, 200 yards from his home. The constable added that in a paddock he found portions that fitted the tree.

Mr. Cuthill said he considered the charge, instead of being of unlawful possession, should be for stealing, for which the penalty could be 12 months. Senior Constable Clemann, prosecuting, said he was satisfied to let the unlawful possession charge stand.

Defendant was then convicted and fined £2 above the tree's value, which information fixed at 15/-, plus £2/8/3 costs.

FIRE FIGHTING CHARGE FAILS

Eric L. French was charged that at Steel's Creek on January 22 he ignited inflammable material, thereby endangering other people's property. He pleaded not guilty.

C. F. Hunt, motor driver, Steel's Creek, said he was outside his parents' home at 7.15 p.m. and saw smoke about a mile away. He went to French's property and saw a large tree on fire, with large heaps of rubbish underneath. French said the fire was under control; he had no permit and didn't need one. - To the S.M.: There was no other adult person at the fire, and the fire was burning right outside defendant's place. Witness saw no fire-breaks. There was grass in the vicinity and the fire was up the butt of the tree. It was a cool, still evening, and he was worried about next day. - To defendant: I was 2-3 yards from the front gate.

First Constable J. W. May, Yarra Glen, said he visited defendant's 20-acre property at Steel's Creek and defendant was standing near a large gum tree, with a large heap of debris underneath that was burning fiercely. The trunk was alight and bark higher up was also burning. Defendant said he had not notified his next door neighbors of his intention to burn; he was trying to destroy a snake under the rubbish. He said he was aware that fire-lighting was prohibited, and asked what he could do, as his children had seen a snake go under the rubbish pile. He had left it till night to try and burn it out. There was fairly thick scrub, with dry grass and undergrowth. The Country Fire Brigade attended and took some time to extinguish the fire. - To the S.M.: The fire was likely to endanger other people's property. In fairness to defendant, it was said he had chipped grass around the house, and it was this that was burning. Producing three photos taken after the fire had been put out, defendant maintained that it could not have got away, and that his reason for lighting it was because a snake was under the heap of compost. The fire was on bare ground and it was a still night. The children's lives were endangered while the snake was there.

The S.M. said he had a doubt as to whether other property was endangered. It was a still night, and the fire was in a cleared area.

The case was dismissed.

UNUSUAL CASE FOR HEALESVILLE

Norman Kaufman, licensee of Maroonah Lake Hotel, Healesville, was charged that on January 19, he failed to (Concluded on back page.)

Healesville News and Notes

AN APPEAL

This letter, addressed to the shire president, comes from Mrs. Barbara Dobbie, 123 Robertson st., Sth. Granville, N.S.W.:—"May I appeal, on behalf of my committee, for some slight assistance? Could you help in any capacity? Financially, however, small, would be of great benefit. We are endeavoring to assist a good family whose home and belongings were destroyed by fire last week. We are a small community, situated as far as Maroonah Dam is from Healesville proper, or the nearest shopping centre. Having drained all our financial resources, as a last resort I decided to try further afield. If my memory serves me right, I think Cr. Hodges was on the Bench during the bad bush fire in your district; Miss Brennan owned the hotel near the station, Eric Wellman the Healesville Hotel, and Charles Graham the Grand Hotel, and the fire brigade was on the opposite side. Mrs. Tom Phillips organised concerts, Miss Leon Phillips had a superb contralto voice, and Miss Healesville was a coloratura soprano. All these people were main factors in raising funds for those who suffered so badly in that awful fire. I also was an active member at the time, and that is why I make my earnest request for help for these very good people and their small children. New Australians they certainly are, but they are God-fearing and, above all, honest and hard-working. Thanking you in anticipation of a favorable reply."

BADGER CREEK SHOW.

It's on again! What is? Why, the Badger Creek annual Autumn Show. The eighteenth edition of this popular fixture takes place in Badger Creek Hall on Saturday, March 12. There's a particularly fine program of competitions for flowers, fruit, farm produce, cookery, fancy and school work, etc.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual meeting of St. John's parishioners on Feb. 21, presided over by Ven. Archdeacon Williams, was the most successful for some years, a very good muster taking keen interest in proceedings. A comprehensive report on various phases of church activity was read by the hon. secretary, expressing the vestry's and church members' thanks to all who had contributed to furthering the work. Reference was made to the generosity of Mrs. M. Gould in presenting the church with an electric blower for the organ. Interesting reports by the hon. secretaries of various church organisations were read, and the Sunday School superintendent (Mrs. C. Pinner) reported the school to be in healthy condition. Among items of general business was the question of appointing women to vestries. A questionnaire on this subject from the committee appointed by Synod was submitted, and voting showed that the idea has considerable local support. At the conclusion, supper was served by the Ladies' Guild.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The annual service in connection with the Women's World Day of Prayer was held in the Methodist Church on February 25. There were 40 present, representing all Protestant denominations in the town. They were led by Mrs. Lancaster, assisted by two members from each of the other churches, in the printed form of service accepted throughout the world for this day. Mrs. Massey presided at the organ, and Mrs. Jenkins

rendered an acceptable solo. Mrs. Pincott gave the address, using the universal theme, "Abide in Me," on which to base her remarks. The collection amounted to £5/10/-, and is given to the British and Foreign Bible Society and two other Christian educational societies.

ANGLING CLUB.

On Feb. 27, Healesville Angling Club held its annual ladies' day and barbecue on the Yarra at Tarrawarra bridge. Excellent weather and two chefs and helpers providing a masterly repast were conducive to good appetites, and the harmony of 60 voices in the soft light of the camp fire made a fitting finish to an enjoyable day. The committee thanks those who contributed to the effort, and advises that the monkey was won by Neville King. The club will donate £5/5/- to the Flood Relief Fund.

MAROONDAH C.W.A.

Three new members were welcomed at the monthly meeting presided over by Miss Vanden Berg, and two received birthday poses. Mrs. R. Dennis' resignation as treasurer was regretfully accepted, and Miss D. Hill filled the position. A demonstration by Mrs. Henderson of making and using papier-mache puppets was enjoyed. Miss Robyn Royle speaking the parts of a scene and Mrs. Franet lending a wooden puppet. After those responsible had been

thanked, the hostesses served a dainty supper. Four members will attend the forthcoming group conference, and at the next meeting, basketry will be done, the competition being for the best household gadget. A salmagundi evening is also planned.

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