

HEALESVILLE DISTRICT DIARY

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Last Monday, children of the Methodist Church Sunday School enjoyed a picnic at Fernshaw. They made the trip in one of Mr. Brien's vans and, though it was quite cold, lively games kept the youngsters warm and only the older folk did a bit of a shiver and were glad to enjoy "cup-pas" at frequent intervals.

Bottom of the Barrel. In this so-called enlightened age of culture the persistent craze for vandalism is nowhere more in evidence than in Healesville's poor, lonely, much-neglected cemetery. Go there sometime and have a look at what has been taking place apparently un-

checked and ignored. You will scarcely find one glass-enclosed wreath of flowers on any grave that has not been deliberately smashed by hurling a stone through it. Of course it's impossible to maintain a constant vigil in the hope of catching the human fiends responsible for such cruel outrages, but surely there must be some steps that could be taken to apprehend at least some of them. We don't know what to suggest, but we do say that if ever any of these criminals should happen to be caught, then they should be publicly horsewhipped and sentenced to a stiff term of imprisonment with hard labor.

Surely there is an opening in this town for an upholsterer. One man — a good tradesman, too — did try to establish himself here some time back. He had to give it away,

however. There was plenty of work, he said, but the people wouldn't pay him. (Now wasn't that just too bad!)

A phone call last Sunday morning, "Who set the S.P. prices at Healesville for yesterday's races?" an unknown voice asked. Answer: "We wouldn't know." Q: "Where can I find out?" A: "We wouldn't know." Q: "Then where do you get the prices?" A: "They're supplied to us." Q: "Who by?" A: "Why?" Q: "I want to know." A: "We don't divulge our sources of information." Q: "Why not? Why can't you answer the question? Who sets the S.P. prices at Healesville?" A: "We wouldn't know." "Then keep it to yourself!" the voice said angrily, and then hung up.

Men! Ever wondered what goes on at a hen-party. Confidentially, you'll be told all about it in "HERE WE GO" on 21st and 22nd April.

18/- Light bacon £12/10/- to £13/14/-. Porker stores 80/- to 85/6, slips 45/- to 65/6, suckers 20/- to 45/-.

Sheep: All classes selling exceptionally well. Cross wethers 85/-, medium 70/6, light 65/6. Good ewes 72/6, medium 52/6. Lambs: woolly 87/-, medium 70/6, plain 63/6, stores 52/-.

Poultry: Full penning with quality in great demand. Roosters 21/- to 32/-, cockerels 33/- to 42/6, cock chicks 24/- to 27/6, white cockerels 18/- to 20/6, white chicks 5/6 to 7/9, spatchcocks up to 18/-, capons 23/- to 32/-, small chicks 3/6 to 5/-, stags 17/- to 23/-. Drakelings 36/- to 42/-, growers 13/- to 18/6, yard birds 16/- to 26/-, ducklings 19/- to 26/6, growers 11/6 to 16/-; ducks 16/- to 26/-, Pekin ducks 20/- to 25/-, Pekin drakelings 21/- to 27/-, K.C. ducks 10/- to 12/6, K.C. drakelings 11/- to 13/6. Hens: prime 25/- to 33/-, cross hens 23/6 to 27/6, layers 26/- to 29/-, white 14/- to 26/-. Pullets: prime 23/- to 30/-, white 21/6 to 26/6, cross 23/- to 27/-. Hen and chicks 25/- to 32/-. Duck and ducklings 41/- to 46/-. Bantams 7/6 to 13/-. Pigeons 7/9. White King pigeons 19/-.

Market Reports

CROYDON MARKET. 14/3/55.

Allan Brown, Auctioneer, reports 106 head cattle yarded, and a very large attendance of buyers with prices extra good. Milkers: cows £31 to £38, heifers £29 to £34, stale cows £24 to £27. Springers: cows £26/10/- to £31, heifers £25 to £29/10/-. Backward cows £19 to £26. Yearling Friesian heifers to £38, paddy heifers £11 to £14/15/-. Cows and calves to £28.

Fat Cattle: Good enquiries for prime cattle. Steers £33 to £36, cows £32 to £38, heifers £31 to £35, beefy cows £28 to £30, choppers £14 to £24, crackers up to £12, small bulls to £8/12/6.

Vealers and Calves: Ready sale for all descriptions. Vealers: Large £32 to £36, medium to £29/11/-, small £16 to £19/10/-. Calves up to £14, small to £11, lightweights £4 to £6/10/-.

Pigs: 203 penned and on the rise. Pork: heavy £10/16/- to £12/2/-, medium £8/10/6 to £9/15/-, light £6/6/6 to £7/

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