





## 4 CHILDREN DIE

## In One Family Serious Burns

tragic circumstances four of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Mary Robinson, of Kawaren, ten miles south of Colac, were burned to death.

They were:—  
John Robinson, aged 8 years  
Vera Robinson, aged 10 years  
Mary Robinson, aged 12 years  
John Robinson, aged 15 years.

The children ran from the garden of their home to the road, where a terrific fire was raging.

Four other children who had been

Two of them had been overcome by the heat, but they were revived with water. The house was destroyed by the fire.

### WOMAN INJURED

Mrs. Emma Cashin, who is aged more than 80 years, Mrs. D. Cashin, and Miss John Cashin, whose home at Kawarinn was destroyed in the burning, were admitted to the Colac Hospital suffering from burns and shock.

### FIRE-FIGHTER MASSACRED

The fire raged with such speed that patients had no time to get out of the ward clothes they were wearing. Jumbled the homes of Messrs. J. Cavanagh, H. Blucher, Bright, and McHugh were destroyed, and others are likely to be before the fire is under control. Accommodation is being found at the well for the majority of those who lost their homes.

At Hazelwood, a fire swept through properties of Dr. McNabb, Marnham, Appleton, and others, and destroyed large areas of grass and lettuce. Serious damage was done.

The fire came within a mile of Meehan's. Bands of volunteer fire-fighters organised by Constable Taylor, Captain Lobbe, and others, met the fire brigade.

volunteer fire-fighter, has been missing since midnight last night.

At Hall's Gap the danger is great, and Anderson's mill has been destroyed. Fifteen men are reported to be missing. Fighters from Stawell, Ararat, and Northam are fighting the outbreak, which is spreading to the whole element. Residents have been evacuated. Volunteers are unable to get within a mile of the fire.

A 20-mile front is raging in the direction of Mansfield to-day has been a busy day for farmers, orchards, houses, and sheep.

destroyed. Houses burned include those of Messrs. Horace Hull, White, Horace H. Williams, Cox Bros. (two), Harrison Brothers) and Mrs. R. Haig.

Other properties include the store, the post-office, the school residence, Mr. Edney Franz's house at Springfield, Gully, and the homes of Messrs. Lancaster and Robinson. A fruit-packing shed and all out-buildings, orchard, pine avenue, and garden were destroyed. Mr. Archibald's property at Fernside, but for strenuous efforts the house was saved.

The Municipal School building was burnt, and all fruit sheds and other outbuildings at Mr. E. Bolton's property. The house was saved.

Persons belonging to Messrs. Peter, Alex. Byrne, Moreton, Bantfield, Ingoll, Wheeler, Schumacher and McDonald.

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Mr. A. Hewitt's motor-truck, standing on the road, was destroyed by the flames. The fire is still burning fiercely, and hundreds of men are still engaged in fighting it. It is estimated that more than 1000 men were fighting strenuously all day in terrific heat.

In Ararat the fire alarm bell was rung at less than half-hour intervals during to-day to summon volunteers to fight the fierce fire. The shops were closed at midday to allow shop assistants to help fight the fires. Men engaged on the Ararat sewerage works were also driven to the scene.

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# NEW CITY HEAT RECORD

## 114.1 Degrees Soon After Midday

An intensely hot northerly wind, blowing at 40 miles an hour, sent the temperature up to 114.1 degrees in Melbourne at 12.50 p.m. yesterday—the highest in the city's history. The previous record of 112.5 degrees was registered on Tuesday.

The highest temperature in the city before Tuesday was 111.2 degrees, a figure which had stood for 76 years. The official forecast issued by the Weather Bureau last night stated that conditions would be hot and sultry at first, but later the cool change which reached coastal districts last night would intensify and expand inland. A few scattered showers are expected along the coast and on the highlands.

Hourly temperature readings at the Weather Bureau and in the centre of the city were—

Time	Weather Bureau	Centre
8 a.m.	94.1	94.1
9 a.m.	100.5	100.5
10 a.m.	108.5	108.5
11 a.m.	112.5	112.5
12 p.m.	114.1	114.1
1 p.m.	112.5	112.5
2 p.m.	110.5	110.5
3 p.m.	108.5	108.5
4 p.m.	106.5	106.5
5 p.m.	104.5	104.5
6 p.m.	102.5	102.5
7 p.m.	100.5	100.5
8 p.m.	98.5	98.5
9 p.m.	96.5	96.5
10 p.m.	94.5	94.5
11 p.m.	92.5	92.5
12 a.m.	90.5	90.5

A dense pall of smoke carried from the bush fire area hovered over Melbourne all day, and, with the scorching wind, made conditions almost unbearable. Occasionally the sun, dull in appearance, shone through the smoke. Because of the sun's half-light effect and shops had to turn on lights.

After an uncomfortable night, in which the minimum temperature was 62 degrees, the temperature rose rapidly yesterday to the new record level, and did not fall below the century until the wind veered to the south-west shortly after 4 p.m. The cool gusts were short-lived, and last night was oppressive.

Throughout the State temperatures were well above the century.

Weather Bureau officials said that the heat wave is due to the long period of intense heat, unrelieved by any rain, which would cool the earth over a vast area in the interior. For months in this area the temperature has been in the vicinity of 100 degrees, the radiation of heat from the earth has been uninterrupted.

North-western winds, sweeping right across the continent, have been accumulating heat, and reached the south-east in a severely hot air stream.

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# 24 DEATHS IN COUNTRY

## Heat Wave Toll

Twenty-four deaths were reported from country centres yesterday, and all were attributed to the heat wave.

Ten were reported from Albury, four from Barmah, three from Junee, five from Broken Hill, and two from Wagga.

ALBURY (N.S.W.). Friday—Ten persons died at Albury yesterday and today in the worst heat wave in the history of southern Riverina.

The victims were—

Thomas Brady, aged 71 years, of Bucki—collapsed while delivering mail.

Harry O'Neil, of Murray Place, district planter.

Harry Trudewid, aged 84 years, of Woodman.

Mrs. Hilda Augusta Hoffman, aged 89 years, of Walla Walla.

Herman Krause, aged 73 years, of Geelong.

Carl Wilhelm Sings, aged 74 years, of Junee.

John Pagan, aged 63 years, of Walburton.

Terrence Jackson, aged 4 months, of Lavinton.

Angus McKinnon, aged 84 years, of South Albury.

George Cotter, aged 70 years, of South Albury.

Charles Acton, aged 84 years, of Holbrook.

Heat transmitted by their car engines made hand brakes and steering wheels too hot to handle. Several of them strapped their heads round the rims of the steering wheels.

One transport driver had a thermometer in the cab of his truck. It registered 125 degrees. Another thermometer in a shop in the main street registered 116 degrees.

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# ONLY 87 IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE, Friday—While the people of the southern States are suffering sub-tropical Brisbane is relatively comfortable.

The century mark has been passed in many inland districts, but Brisbane temperatures have not yet started to soar and bush fires are comparatively small, despite six weeks of dry weather.

Prospects of rain in Queensland are more hopeful according to the divisional meteorologist (Mr. A. S. Richards). He bases this prediction on the movement of the present storm centre in Western Australia and the monsoonal operations in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

High temperatures were again recorded today in inland districts, the highest reading being 110 degrees at Thargomindah. Dense dust or smoke have covered many districts. In Brisbane the maximum temperature was only 87 degrees, 2 degrees less than Thursday's. The maximum humidity was reached at 11.55 a.m. was 56 per cent, 5 per cent less than the previous day.

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# 100 DEG. BEFORE 8 A.M.

ADELAIDE, Friday—Excessive heat again to-day with a maximum temperature of 114 degrees, followed by a change, which is expected to provide only brief respite during the week-end. The rain that fell in parts of Western Australia is not expected here.

The temperature had passed the 100 mark before 8 a.m.

The heat wave has killed millions of bees, and the largest apiaries in the State have already lost 600 of his 680 colonies. Ice rationing is continuing.

Kynsulla was the hottest place in the State to-day, with a shade reading of 118.

# ANIMALS SPRAYED

Water was sprayed on animals at the Zoo in the intense heat yesterday. Quenele, the elephant, performed this cooling duty for himself, and turned on a water tank, filled her trunk, and discharged the water over her body. Six hundred children from Tatura, Maryborough, and Warrack attended picnic in the gardens.

# YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURE READINGS AT THE WEATHER BUREAU

The 114.1 degree recorded at 12.50 p.m. is an all-time record for Victoria.

# Baby Collapses in Train

JUNEE (N.S.W.), Friday—Three people died to-day from the heat, the temperature being 117 degrees.

It was the fifth consecutive day on which the temperature had been more than 112 degrees, with hot nights.

The child was returning with its parents from a holiday at Griffith.

BALMAIN (N.S.W.), Friday—As a result of the heat wave four deaths have been reported. Mr. Oswald Pearson, aged 81 years, of Balmain, died at his home.

Mr. Robert L. Jones, aged 67 years, of Rangmore, died at his home.

Mr. Allan McGhie, aged 48 years, of Rangmore, died at his home.

An infant aged three months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, of Main Street, died at her home.

# BROKEN HILL (N.S.W.), Friday

The death rate at Broken Hill during the heat wave has been alarming. The number of deaths since January 1 is 41, which included five this afternoon.

Most of the deaths have either been directly due to or have been hastened by the heat.

The temperature was 111 degrees at 3 p.m. to-day, making the thirteenth consecutive day on which more than 100 degrees has been registered.

Five people who had collapsed from the heat were admitted to hospital this afternoon.

WAGGA (N.S.W.), Friday—Mr. David Lloyd and Mrs. Maynard, two old residents of Wagga, collapsed in the heat to-day and died.

# STUDENT'S DEATH IN SYDNEY

**Finding at Inquest**

SYDNEY, Friday—A finding of death from natural causes was returned by the acting city coroner (Mr. William Mitchell) at the inquest into the death of a student, Yvonne Michael Goodman, aged 23 years, of 51 Thomas Mitchell Road, Bondi.

Goodman was studying at the university for a medical degree, and died after an examination, but died before the result of the examination was known.

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# ST. CATHERINE'S SCHOOL

Ruth Langley Pty. Ltd. has been registered in Melbourne with a nominal capital of £20,000 to take over as a going concern from July 1 next the school known as St. Catherine's, Heyington place, Toorak. Subscribers to the memorandum are Canon Langley, Dr. A. T. Langley, and Helena B. Langley.

The registration of this company will not affect in any way the school's name or constitution.



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From Our Special Reporter

**A grass fire which originated at Hurst-bridge was picked up by the fiery northerly wind yesterday morning, swept though Eltham, and descended in a wave of flame and smoke on Warandyte. In a few minutes the outskirts of the town were destroyed. The main business block escaped, but more than fifty dwellings were destroyed. South Warrandyte, two miles away, was annihilated, and the fire then advanced on Croydon, where it later burnt itself out.**

The first residence attacked was the shop and store of Mr. J. Kenny, on the northern outskirts of the town. His house and store only fed the flames for a matter of minutes. The fire then advanced up the main street, missing the cafe of Mrs. Jones, opposite Kenny's. A ten-roomed house owned by Mr. O. Blair, and adjoining Kenny's store, was also destroyed. At the rear of Jones's cafe and home the houses of Mrs. McCulloch and McAuley were destroyed.

With the destruction of the whole township apparently inevitable, more than 200 residents took refuge in the river. Many of them carried their household goods with them, until the banks were fringed with sewing machines and other portable household articles. Sweeping through the town, the fire destroyed the shop and store of Mr. W. Jones, crossed the road, licking up houses in its stride, and swept through two miles of lightly-grassed country to South Warrandyte.

The refuge provided by the river alone prevented a heavy toll of life. The speed

of the fire frustrated all efforts to save property, although there was no big timber to feed it. As it swept over Melbourne hill to the north of the town residents received ample warning to evacuate their homes before the fire descended on them. In the country between Warrandyte and Croydon numbers of cattle and horses were caught by the fire and injured. Constable Bercherson, of Warrandyte, had to go out and destroy over 50 fire-maimed animals.

Officers from the gas works branch of the St. John Ambulance Association hurried to the stricken town and rendered first aid to fire fighters overcome by heat and smoke. During the afternoon food for 100 persons was rushed to the township from the city and made available at a local hall which, together with the hotel, had escaped destruction.

Warrandyte and district has received a paralysing blow. Apart from the destruction of homes hundreds of acres of orchards, which provide the district with its means of livelihood, have been scorched into unproductiveness, and substantial relief is an urgent necessity.

## AMONG THE SMOKING RUINS AT WARRANDYTE



Standing in the midst of a fire-swept stretch of territory, all that remains of the general store and home of Mr. W. Jones, at Warrandyte. It was completely destroyed yesterday.