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A radio announcement last Saturday morning of the death in tragic circumstances of Mr. and Mrs. Alex More was the greatest shock Sunshine residents had had for many years. The gloom it cast will remain for a long time.

Their funeral on Tuesday at Western Suburbs Crematorium was one of the largest ever seen in Sunshine. Mourners crowded Sunshine Presbyterian Church for a service conducted by the Rev. S. Thompson, who also conducted the burial service.

It was part of their lives that they were always ready to help their neighbors and any people in distress or in need of assistance of any kind.

After referring to the tragedy at Sunshine City Council on Monday, the Mayor (Cr. Castley) adjourned the meeting for ten minutes.

Mr. Alex More, 55, an efficiency expert at Massey-Ferguson, had on Friday completed the sale of his home in King Edward Avenue, and was to have moved with his wife and adopted daughter Roslyn to a farm in the beautiful Tarra Valley of Gippsland.

He was born at Morwell and lived at Woolf Yallock prior to his arrival in Sunshine in 1921 at the age of 15. The family first lived at Lawson Street and then at Gunnedah Street, Albion and Mr. More started work at H. V. McKay Pty. Ltd.

RECORD IN SPORT

A distinguished record in sport included membership of Footscray Harriers in which he represented the club as a hurdler and long jumper, being placed in the Victorian championships in the latter event.

In football he won the best and fairest award in the Yarra Valley League, played with Brunswick (V.F.A.) and Sunshine (Sub-District League) in the early 1930's as centre and wing player.

Cr. Wally More, of Sunshine, is a brother, as is Mr. Gordon More (president of the Victorian Chamber of Manufacturers), Mr. Bob More and Mr. Jack More (Coleraine). Mrs. L. G. Naismith, of Sunshine, is a sister.

Mr. More's wife Laura was an active community worker, member of Albion Kindergarten, school committee, teacher at St. Albans Church of England kindergarten and interested in the Guide movement.

She was a woman of literary tastes, having been librarian at Myers for many years and later at the Athenaeum Library.

One of her sisters is Mrs.

Monty Stephens, of Sunshine, the other members of her family being Mrs. Bent (Geelong), Mrs. McColl (Noble Park) and Mr. H. Pietzsch (Mt. Waverley).

SHOT IN BEDROOM

Mr. and Mrs. More were shot dead in a bedroom of their home. Their adopted 14-year-old daughter Roslyn was wounded by a bullet in the left arm and had been knocked unconscious by a blow from a rifle.

Roslyn staggered into the home of next-door neighbor Mr. Albert Timmins about 9 a.m. and told him of the tragedy. Police were called and found a broken rifle and five spent cartridges on the bedroom floor.

Mr. More's car and trailer, loaded for the trip to Gippsland, was missing when the police arrived. The trailer was found a few blocks away.

About three hours after the shooting a message from Mt. Wallace, near Ballan, summoned police and a youth who called at a farm there was taken to Russell Street.

At the city court on Monday, Daniel Edward Shane Johnston, 18, process worker, of King Edward Avenue, was charged on two counts of murder and one of wounding with intent to murder.

Concrete Mix "May Cause Surprises"

Despite warnings by the city engineer that low prices in the past for concrete mix had resulted in low quality and poor service, council decided on Monday to seek competitive quotes.

The Mayor said "we will see what we can do for ourselves. This move may cause surprises."

A committee recommendation was that the standard price of 15/15/6 a cubic yard be paid and that three firms be given opportunity of supply. Cr. Thomas moved to amend this recommendation.

The city engineer (Mr. K. Gray) said his experience of cut prices on ready mixed concrete was of low quality and quantity as well as poor service.

"There are a number of ways to make it up," he added.