

Boys form their own brigade when fire race towards homes

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BOYS FORM THEIR OWN BRIGADE WHEN FIRES RACE TOWARDS HOMES

When fire raced through grass paddocks at North Sunshine on Friday to threaten homes in the Furlong Road area, schoolboys formed themselves into a brigade to protect parents' and neighbours' property.

With bags they beat at burning grass to prevent the flames reaching house properties. With hoses they played water on fences and sheds to keep timber below flash point.

Praise for the boys was conveyed in a letter on Tuesday from Mrs. Lilian E. O'Neill, of Heron Avenue, North Sunshine, mother of two of the boys.

"They did a tremendous job," said Mrs. O'Neill. "They were resolute and fearless and I for one feel very glad that they happened to be around at the time."

SCORCHING WIND

Friday's north wind was a scorcher and fierce. When grass caught fire in the vicinity of Green Gully tip site about noon the flames raced southwards, sweeping through paddocks and hoxthorn hedges.

Dense smoke covered the area and the air as far away as Tottenham was hazy with it. Grass cinders carried by the wind covered the main Sunshine area, seeping into shops and offices.

PAY ENVELOPE STOLEN

Prising open a locker in the change room at U.F. Plastics, Deer Park, on Thursday night last a thief took the pay envelope of Bill Ingiewicz, Irvine Street, Deer Park, containing about £21.

Expression

Housewife's Reaction

Relating her fire experience to some friends in the train on Monday, a North Sunshine woman said she was lying down for a few minutes after hours of strenuous housework when her children gave the alarm that the fire was rushing towards the house.

"I'll bet you got a fright," one of her friends remarked. "What did you do?"

"I told them first to bring in the washing from the line," was her reply.

MYSTERY BLAZE

The cause of a fire which occurred in Burke Street, Braybrook on Monday morning is unknown. It severely damaged the wash house and an outhouse on property occupied by Mr. F. Birrell and was put out by Sunshine firemen.

SUNSPOTS

★ Saved

Back from holidays, a local man on Monday rushed his pants to the local dry cleaners and arrived there just as the doors were closing. Then he went to revive himself and found that the four fivers he had were in the pants he had taken to be cleaned. Another frantic rush, but the staff had gone. He was on the doorstep Tuesday morning, in time to snatch his money from the destructive dry cleaning fluid.

★ Prop

You can understand the man on his way to or from work, with a solid day ahead or just over, keeping his train seat in the face of all. But the youth who got in when all seats had been taken, and then refused to budge an inch when an elderly laden lady arrived, was no credit to the rising generation.

★ Settled

Chap who claimed £5 costs for a court appearance on Tuesday did not have to undergo the usual quizzing for such a large amount. The magistrate remarked that chances of getting it were a matter for the dim and distant

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