

Glenelg Fire Brigade



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Locations of Fire Reels



Glenelg Fire Station locations 1892 map

1857

Adelaide Times (SA : 1848 - 1858), Monday 16 March 1857, page 3

TOTAL LOSS OF THE THATCHED HOUSE TAVERN, BRIGHTON.

On Friday night this well-known hotel was burnt to the ground. The particulars gleaned are as follows : The landlord, Mr William V. Brown, retired to rest at about half-past 9 o'clock on Friday evening, he being very fatigued with field-work, and Mrs Brown, who had various matters of a domestic or business character to attend to, did not retire till about 11. At that time nobody was about and the house was quiet. Some two or three hours later Mr Brown was awoken by a noise which he describes as appearing to lift the house itself.

As the horrible noise appeared to proceed from below, and smoke already had penetrated to his bed-room, he at once jumped out of bed, opened the door, ran through the bar-parlour, and found, on looking from the door of the bar, that the counter was in addition to parts of the floor completely lifted up; the beer-engine being on fire, and also various parts of the room, the flames evidently proceeding from below. From this part of the house Mr Brown had only time to save a few trifling articles. Very soon he and Mrs Brown were compelled to escape in a partially dressed state by the corner door of their bedroom, which opened into the yard. The fire rapidly extended from the bar to the rooms above. Mr Brown observing the flames, which now began to shoot up with a pale blue light of great intensity, immediately fetched a ladder from the stable and mounted on to the roof from the yard. The building was so formed that the upper story was almost entirely covered in by the shingle shelving roof, which rose from the leads on the first floor. On reaching the leads Mr Brown discovered that flames were issuing from various parts of the shingles, and the moment he obtained a front view of the house he saw sheets of flame proceeding from four of the windows of the five upper bedrooms. Those rooms were unoccupied, but the fifth contained three young girls, his daughters, and his servant. With almost frantic energy he clambered up the slanting roof, caught the window sill, and threw up the window. He immediately discovered that the room was full of smoke, and the door was on fire. The door communicated with the passage which led to the four other rooms. The first alarm Mr Brown gave to the occupants was unheeded, and his immediate impression was that they were suffocated. Recovering from the faintness thus caused, he repeated his outcries, which had the desired effect. The children awoke, screamed, and rushed to the window or skylight. He instantly caught them up one by one in his arms, and lifted them out. During this time the roof was all more or less on fire, and his feet, which were bare, were much burnt. As he removed the children, he let them fall on to the leads below. In trying to lift the servant, Ann O'Brien, out of the window, her weight caused him to press one of his legs through the burning roof, and to fall backwards, while she fell also, but eventually escaping without much injury. The children also managed to get off the roof uninjured, with the exception of a few scratches. They saved a few small articles of dress. The moment they were got out of the room, the father saw the door fall in a mass of flames and ignite their bed. At this time no people were about, it being about two hours past midnight, and the neighbours but few, and those at wide intervals. The girls and the servant having been saved, Mr Brown roused up three of his sons who were sleeping away from the main body of the premises. The eldest boy immediately ran with only his shirt on to the chapel which is situated about 100 yards off, and at once commenced ringing the bell, while another boy ran down the road and alarmed the neighbours. A number of people were soon on the spot, still but little could then be done in the way of assistance.

Nearly the whole building was enveloped in flames, chiefly of a bluish tint, indicating the presence of spirits. No engine arrived, and even if one had, it would have been of but little use. Some furniture was saved from the long room, but fifteen rooms and their contents were totally destroyed. None of the stock-in-trade was saved. A box had been placed under the staircase, it contained £95, including £10 10s. in gold and silver. The notes were, of course, burnt. The heat evolved during the fire must have been unusually intense, as in some places shapeless lumps of molten glass are seen, which were formerly tumblers or bottles. The lead from the roof poured down in streams; one man was slightly burnt by a small deposit of this

character. The landlord is insured for £900, which he calculates will cover half his loss. An inquest as to the origin of the fire will be held on Tuesday next.

1873

Adelaide Observer (SA : 1843 - 1904), Saturday 13 September 1873, page 10

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

Total Destruction of the Glenelg Lighthouse.—At 8.30 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, flame was seen to burst out from the top of the wooden lighthouse at the end of the Glenelg Jetty. A large number of people were on the pier, and several of them immediately emptied the building of its contents, which consisted of a few gallons of kerosine in tins enclosed in wooden cases, a box of flags, some gun-powder, and a quantity of tow and ropes. Mr. J. Bruce, the owner of a cutter, rendered some service by climbing to the crossyard of the signal-shaft and hauling up buckets of water, which were then thrown on the flames. This checked the burning for a time but did not put out the flames, and as the fire gained it was thought best to cut down the house. A few minutes before 9 o'clock Messrs. Thomson, Manuel, and Robinson, three of the drivers of Messrs. Hill & Company's omnibusses, assisted by two or three other men, with axes, chopped away the base, and then with poles pushed the building over into the sea. The structure went over at the south-west corner of the jetty head. The wind at the time was north-east, and no damage was done to the flag staff, rigging, or Jetty. The wreckage floated towards Brighton, burning till the fire was put out at 9.15 p.m. by Police-constable Allchurch and Messrs. Bruce and Shepherd, who followed in a boat, and afterwards succeeded in landing the debris near Oyster Point, with the intention of bringing it back to Glenelg next morning; but a stiff breeze which sprung up during the night broke it up into fragments, and on Monday morning not a trace of the remains was to be seen. Just before the fire originated two boys, 11 or 12 years old, one a son of Mr. Fischer of the Pier Hotel, and the other a son of Mr. Bungert, butcher, of Freeman-street, Adelaide, were in the tower attending to the lamp. Fischer asked Bungert for a light, and the latter having struck a match, threw it on the floor just below the lamp. There was some cotton soaked with kerosine there, and it ignited, thus causing the destruction of the building. The Government at once arranged for a temporary light to be placed at the end of the Jetty, and one has since been exhibited every night on the flagstaff. Immediate steps are also being taken for facilitating the landing of the mails from the ocean steamers. The improvements will probably include an L head to the jetty, and the construction of a pontoon breakwater. The Marine Board purpose holding an enquiry regarding the fire.



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State Library of South Australia - A sketch of Glenelg jetty, South Australia [PRG 280/1/44/508], A sketch of the old jetty at Glenelg in South Australia showing a lighthouse at the end of the pier and the old Pier Hotel in the background. Approximately 1870. Part of Searcy Collection.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Monday 8 September 1873, page 2

Latest News.

GLENELG LIGHTHOUSE.—We understand that the Government have arranged for a temporary light to place in the course of to-day at the end of Glenelg Jetty. Immediate steps are also being taken for facilitating the landing of the mails from the ocean steamers. The improvements will probably include an L head to the Jetty, and the construction of a pontoon breakwater.

1875

South Australian Chronicle and Weekly Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1868 - 1881), Saturday 9 January 1875, page 10

TOPICS OF THE DAY

Some alarm was caused on the Glenelg Jetty on Saturday, January 2, by a fire which broke out on the planking. The flames were very soon put out, and but little damage was done. The fire, it is supposed originated from the stump of a cigar ; if so, smokers should in future be careful to throw the ends of their weeds into the water.

1876

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Friday 21 April 1876, page 3

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE.

A deputation, representing the recently-formed Volunteer Fire Brigade Association at Glenelg, waited upon the Hon. Sir H. Ayers, K.C.M.G., on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., to ask him to accept the position of Patron. There were 18 gentlemen present, including the Mayor of Glenelg, and Messrs. W. Townsend, M.P., and T. King, M.P., and Mr. J. Lee, the Hon. Secretary. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Rev. T. Field, M.A., the Hon. W. Parkin, and Messrs. E. W. Andrews and S. Cornish. Mr. Townsend introduced the deputation, and in asking Sir Henry to accept the position said the Committee felt that they would be greatly strengthened if they were supported by his name, assistance, judgment, and administrative ability. The building in which they were met was a proof of the interest Sir Henry took in the town, and he trusted that he would accede to the request. Mr. Wigley said the Association were anxious to raise subscriptions to purchase a fire-reel, and then to induce as many residents as possible to enrol themselves and be ready at a moment's notice to put out any fire that might occur in the town or neighbourhood. He was sure if Sir Henry would support by complying with their request it would induce many other residents to join the brigade. He did not think there was a man present who would not willingly turn out to aid in suppressing a fire. It had been urged that the establishment of a brigade at Glenelg was premature; but looking at the growing importance of the place he thought it was a very commendable step which the energetic Secretary had taken in organizing the brigade. Mr. Lee pointed out that many persons had promised to join as active members, while others had promised other assistance, and it was likely that a Bill would be passed this session, under which Parliament, Corporations, and the Insurance Companies would contribute, each one-third of the cost of working the brigade. Mr. King remarked that Glenelg had hitherto escaped danger from fire; but it might not in the future. He thought it was very wise to establish a brigade when they saw how rapidly Glenelg was growing. It was only because the wind kept in the right quarter that the Hon. T. Elder's property was not very greatly destroyed in the recent fire. Having Sir. Henry, at the head of the brigade would be a great guarantee of its stability and efficiency. Sir Henry said he should have very much pleasure in complying with the wish and supporting the Association by means of his purse or attendance at the meetings.

He thought it a most laudable object that they had in view—the preservation of life and property from fire—and the presence of so many that night who had agreed to enrol themselves as members showed a very proper spirit of citizenship, with which he should feel happy to be identified. He could not promise that he would turn out to direct the hose—(laughter)—but if his presence at a fire would stimulate them to greater exertion he should feel it a duty and pleasure to attend if he was able to do so. He assured them that the Association had his most hearty sympathy, and he trusted it would be a great success. The deputation, after retiring, thanked the members for the district for attending, and Mr. Lee for his exertions in the cause.



State Library of South Australia - Glenelg [B 40280], Fire Station - September 22nd, Council requested "Fire Station" sign to be painted, 1876. Part of Glenelg Collection.

[Glenelg Volunteer Fire Brigade formed.](#)

South Australian Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1858 - 1889), Monday 27 November 1876, page 6

GLENELG VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.

We are glad to find that the movement to organise a Volunteer Fire Brigade in Glenelg has not ended in smoke. A meeting of the committee of the brigade was held at the Pier Hotel on Wednesday, November 22, when there were present Messrs. R.C. Andrews (presiding), F. Caterer, F. D. Grundy, J. Liddle, W. Hitch-cox, C Hooper, H. Moseley, and John Lee (Hon. Sec). It was announced that the delay in procuring reel, &c., was the inability of the Adelaide Fire Insurance Association to help the committee until they obtained the Parliamentary grant, which, having now secured, they had presented to the Glenelg Volunteer Fire Brigade reel and hose, which were now at Mr. Liddle's shop ready for any emergency. Mr. Liddle was elected foreman, and Messrs. B. Hooper, Chas. Paxton, and W. Thompson were elected as reelmen, and it was determined to canvas for volunteers (about 20). The secretary (Mr. Lee) stated that Mr. Henry Scott, agent for the Cornwall Fire Insurance Company, offered an engine to the brigade, but the committee deemed it inadvisable to accept the same. It was announced that the subscription-list was headed by the Hon. Thos. Elder with £10 10s., and that the Glenelg Railway Company had contributed £5 5s. The subscriptions now reached to about £50. It was mentioned that Superintendent Baker had promised to put the Bay

volunteers through their drill, and it is hoped that they will shortly be in a state of thorough efficiency, and ready to cope with any danger that may threaten the town.

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The gasworks were situated on an acre of land close to the main road in Osmond Street at the north-eastern part of the town, but the site was not altogether suitable as it contained a lagoon of water which had to be filled up partially before the land could be utilised for the works. Hundreds of tons of sand had to be conveyed for the seashore.

1887

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Saturday 12 February 1887, page 2

Fire at Glenelg.

The house of Mr. James Storrie, of the firm of W. & J. Storrie & Co., at Glenelg, was burned down on Friday morning. It appears that at about 10 o'clock fire was noticed by some children among some hay stored in a shed at the rear of the house. They immediately gave the alarm, but in spite of strenuous efforts on the part of some neighbors these were unable to prevent the fire from spreading to the house. Mr. J. Liddle (super-intendent of the local fire brigade), accompanied by firemen, soon arrived with a reel, and there being a satisfactory supply of water, a good stream was directed against the flames, Unfortunately, however, one of the hoses burst at a critical time. The fire was ultimately extinguished, but not before the building had been almost completely destroyed. Fortunately the firemen and neighbors were able to remove a large quantity of furniture from the house during the progress of the fire. All the occupants of the house escaped without injury. The insurances are— Building, £900 in the Adelaide Marine and Fire Assurance Company, and furniture £600 in the Cornwall Fire Insurance Company.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Monday 14 February 1887, page 2

Coroner's Inquest.

Fire at Glenelg.

The City Coroner held an inquest at Glenelg on February 12 concerning the fire which occurred at Mr. J. Storrie's premises on the previous day. James Storrie stated that he went to the city by the 8.35 train, and about 10 o'clock received a telegram from Mrs. Storrie about the fire. He then sent his two eldest sons down, and later on received a telephone message, saying the house was nearly destroyed, but some of the furniture was saved. From what he had seen he thought that the fire started in the wooden buildings adjoining the kitchen. None of the servants would require to light a lucifer to enter the wooden building. He had lived on the premises for 15 years, and never had a fire before. Had no idea as to the origin of the fire. The building was insured in the Adelaide Marine for £900, and the furniture and effects for £600 in the Cornwall Insurance Office. Witness did not keep much hay on the premises. Some came to the place the day before the fire. There were two gas stoves, one in the kitchen and one in the back room. Lilian Cox, widow, living with Mrs. Storrie's family, stated that she saw the fire about 10 o'clock burning near the pigeons and ducks and adjoining the hay. There was only smoke then. She immediately alarmed the inmates, and then helped to get out the things. She had no idea as to the origin of the fire, and did not see any strangers about the place. Witness's little boy was inside all the morning, and had never been seen playing with matches. There was a division between the chaffhouse and the outhouse. She had never seen any of the sons smoke. Agnes Louisa Storrie, daughter of Mr. Storrie, corroborated, and stated that owing to the dense smoke she could not reach the tap to put on the hose, though she attempted to do so. She then sent the telegram to her father, and sent for the reel. Dr. Morrison saw the fire burning in the hayshed. There was no chance of getting an entrance. James Liddle, Foreman of the Local Fire Brigade, was called. He obtained help and went to the fire with the reel. He immediately turned the water on the fire, and had the hose been long enough he could have gone around the house, checked the flames, and

saved the building. He would report to the Local Secretary that he requires more complete appliances. There was a good supply of water, but the hose burst in two or three places. It had been in use for about nine years, and was good enough for practice. The fireplug was about 150 yards from the building. The Jury returned a verdict "That there is no evidence to show how the fire originated, and we consider that a more perfect reel and hose should be provided."

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 17 March 1877, page 7

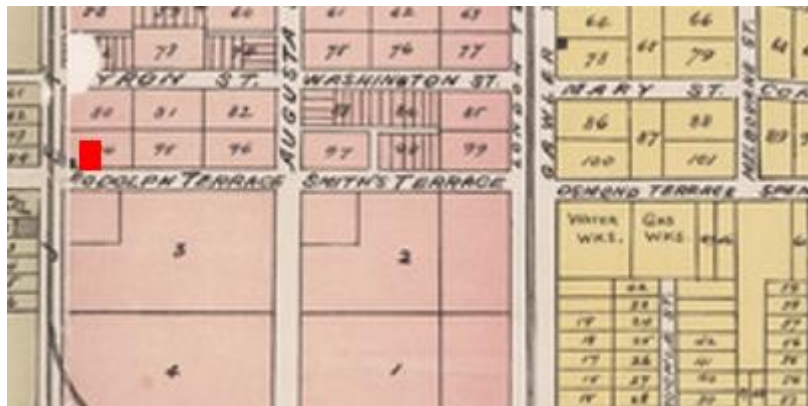
GLENELG, Friday. March 16.

HAND FIRE-REEL. Councillor Carver reported that he had seen the Superintendent of Fire Brigades, and had made arrangements for the completion of the negotiations for the purchase of a hand fire-reel and box. It was resolved that Mr. J. Lee should be thanked for the exertions he had made in the matter.

1888

Fire at the Glenelg Gasworks, 22nd April 1882.

James Liddle, foreman of the fire reel stationed at Glenelg with Mr Cooper.



Location of the Fire Station and Gasworks at Glenelg. Frearson's Plan of Glenelg.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Friday 28 April 1882, page 7

CORONER'S INQUEST.

FIRE AT THE GLENELG GASWORKS.

The City Coroner (Mr. T. Ward, J.P.) held an inquest at the Berkshire Hotel, Glenelg, on Thursday, April 27, to ascertain the circumstances connected with the fire which occurred at the Glenelg gasworks early on Saturday morning last. Mr. Isaac Buckley was chosen foreman of the Jury, and Mr. Anderson (Manager of the Gasworks) was present to watch the case on behalf of the Company. Christopher Clarke said he was employed at the Gasworks, and sometimes took charge of the works, as he did on Friday, April 21. His father (the foreman) visited him several times before 11 o'clock, when he (the foreman) went to bed, and witness charged the retort. The governor wanted filling up with water every week; if this were not done the gas would escape. At 1 o'clock went into his house—which is next door to the gasworks to get some supper, leaving everything apparently all right. He returned at 2 o'clock, and found the meter-room on fire. The floor, roof, and window frames were in a blaze, and the windows were open at the top to ventilate the meter-room. Afterwards discovered the purifying and retort rooms to be on fire, and called His father, who sent him for the fire reel, which came in a short time and played on the fire; but owing to the insufficient pressure of water on it did not touch the roof. He subsequently went for Mr. Anderson, the Manager, and on his return found the fire had been extinguished. He had seen no one about the premises the night of the fire, and never smoked. A gas jet was lit in the meter-room at 6 o'clock and kept burning all night, and if the bracket were turned towards the wall it would go within three

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inches of some paper almanacs which were tacked on the wall. Samuel Smith, waterworks turncock, said he was called to the fire about 3.45 on Friday morning by Mr. Hooper, of the Fire Brigade, who told him that his hose had burst. He went to the fire, taking with him two lengths of ¾-inch piping, with which they succeeded in throwing the water as high as the roof of the meter-house, which, however, had fallen in before that time. Herbert Clarke, foreman of the Gasworks, said that he left the works at 11 o'clock on the night of April 21, after telling his son that he had taken the evening pressure off the "governor," and instructed him to put the usual charge of coal in the retort. At that time there was from 3½ to 4 inches of water as a seal to keep the gas in. He was called about 2 o'clock the next morning by his son. Got up and found the meter-room on fire. Took some water into the purifying-room, and extinguished the flames there for a few moments. When he went to bed at 11 o'clock on Friday night the gasometer was 4 ft. 8 in. out of the water, but when he was dressing after his son called him his gas jet went out, showing that there was no gas in the holder. He could not account for the escape of gas except through the meter-room, as only about 1,000 or 1,600 feet of gas would be used at Glenelg, and there was over 6,000 feet of gas in the gasometer when he went to bed. The only means of the gas in the holder getting into the meter-room was through the "governor." Had never known his son to meddle with the "governor" in his absence. William Thompson said he had had nearly thirty years' experience in the gas business, and from examination he thought that if the glass pressure gauges in the meter-house had been broken by atmospheric influence (as was quite possible) the gas would have escaped, and the light burning would perhaps cause a slight explosion in the meter-house, and start the fire, or if any of the pipes were choked when the charge was put in at 11 o'clock, it would cause the "governor" to oscillate and throw the water out, and thus let the gas escape. James Liddle, foreman of the fire reel stationed at Glenelg, said he was called to the fire at the Gasworks about a quarter to 3 on Saturday morning. After the water had been playing on the flames for some time the hose burst on numerous different occasions, although the pressure of water was very low, but by bandaging it up they managed to keep it at work until the fire was subdued. George Anderson, Manager of the S.A. Gas Company, thought the fire had originated under the office table, as the wall under the table was quite destroyed. The glass-gauges were broken and the meter considerably injured, also most of the wood work. The damage was under £200, and the property was not insured. The Coroner, in his summing up, reviewed the various theories put forward, and referred to the decayed state of the fire hose, which he thought was a matter requiring enquiry. The Jury found that the fire originated at the "governor," but there was no evidence to show the cause of it ; with a rider to the effect that the Water-works and Fire Brigade authorities were greatly to blame, the former through not having a sufficient pressure of water on, and the latter through allowing the hose to be in such a rotten state.

1883

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Tuesday 3 April 1883, page 3

THE LATE FIRE AT GLENELG.—The City Coroner (Mr. T. Ward, J.P.) commenced an enquiry at the Pier Hotel, Glenelg, on Monday afternoon, April 2, into the origin of the fire which occurred on the premises of Edwin Kruse, a grocer, on the previous morning. Mr. Pope watched the case as the owner of the property. The only witness examined was Joseph Ryder, a bookkeeper, who lives opposite Kruse's store, and who early on Sunday morning saw from his bedroom window the reflection of the fire, and subsequently flames coming from under and up the side of the door of Kruse's premises near a window. He gave an alarm immediately, and the fire was got under at about 5.30 a.m. During its progress he heard an explosion which burst open the window at the side of the store. The fire, which was burning very fiercely, appeared to have started at the end of the store. The enquiry was adjourned until Thursday afternoon, April 5, at 3 o'clock.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Monday 23 July 1883, page 7

FIRE BRIGADE BOARD.

GLENELG, Friday, July 20.

Present— The Chairman (Mr. T. King, M.P.), Messrs. Gell, Hamlin, and Lee (Secretary). The Secretary stated that he had received a copy of the proposed Amendment Act, and letter from Mr. Liddle, accepting the position of Superintendent ; also suggestions as to enlarging plant and placing an extra reel at New Glenelg. The Fire Brigade Act and the Amending Act were discussed, and much dissatisfaction was expressed at the incompleteness of the Act. It was resolved that the Chairman take steps to get a clause inserted defining the powers of Local Boards ; also, that the Secretary forward the suggestions of Superintendent Liddle to the Central Board with a recommendation for their adoption. Resolved, that the Secretary obtain from the Central Board copy of their rules and regulation. The Board then adjourned sine die.

1891

Glenelg Fire Brigade placed under the Central Board.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 10 October 1891, page 4

The Recent Fire at Somerton. — The evidence given at the inquest upon the recent fire at Somerton points to two or three conclusions that call for notice. In the first place it would seem that in the introduction into Mr. Turner's house of a bath-heater sufficient care was not taken to guard against the possibility of danger from sparks issuing from the flue. Under the galvanized iron which covered the roof there was thatch, and one or two witnesses assert that from the condition of the iron it was possible for sparks to get at the thatch. There was nothing to show absolutely that the fire had thus been caused, but the Jury inclined to the hypothesis that such was the case. At any rate there was a certain amount of risk from the position of the flue, and although there are probably few houses in which the same conditions are present as in Mr. Turner's residence, the occurrence should act as a warning to householders to be on their guard against a like source of danger. In the next place the facts emphasize the necessity for a more general provision for the protection of buildings, particularly where they are situated within the water area. It appears that Mr. Turner had the ill fortune to live in a district which is not within the jurisdiction of a fire brigade. Somerton is within the Municipality of Brighton, which, has not taken the steps necessary to guard its residents against fire. The adjoining Corporation of Glenelg is under the Fire Brigades Act, and the firemen actually reached the scene of the fire at a time when with proper appliances the work of getting the flames under could have successfully carried out. The foreman of the brigade, however, did not feel justified in acting on his own responsibility, and valuable time was spent by him in seeking instructions from the head office before he would render help. It cannot be said that he was greatly to blame in the matter. He had been verbally directed not to extend his operations beyond his district, and strictly speaking he was bound by those directions. It certainly strikes one as absurd that the house should have been left to burn while the foreman proceeded to the telegraph office to communicate with his chief but there was clearly no obligation on the part of the brigade to do anything. The fact of the premises being just outside the district afforded no more ground for Mr. Liddle's seeking to save them than if they had been miles away. No doubt had he applied to Mr. Turner for an indemnity he would have got it, and this would have been the best thing to do, but he chose to read his instructions literally, and thus lost the opportunity of being of service, for, as he himself says, the fire went out through having nothing more to burn. Considering the liberal aid rendered by the Fire Insurance Companies and the Government to municipalities willing to come under the provisions of the Fire Brigades Board, Brighton has very little excuse for leaving its residents without protection in the case of conflagrations, and the misfortune to Mr. Turner should lead to the establishment of a better state of things, not only in this municipality, but in others that have the water laid on, and yet trust to luck for their defence against fires.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 17 October 1891, page 4

Glenelg Fire Brigade. — Some months ago the Glenelg Corporation decided to place the fire brigade under the control of the Central Board in accordance with the Fire Brigade Act of 1890. Under the old regulations the local brigade was under the control of the local Board,

consisting of members of the Glenelg Corporation, with Mr. J. P. Bickford as Hon. Secretary, the Council paying one-sixth of total cost of maintenance. Under the new Act the Council pay two-ninths of total cost of maintenance, in consequence of which the Council is relieved of all responsibility of management. Since being under the control of the Central Board many improvements have been effected. Sleeping accommodation has been provided for two firemen, viz., E. Broomhead, who for some years was connected with the Geelong Fire Brigade, and Clarke Thompson, well known in connection with the H.B. Yacht Club. The station is centrally situated on the premises of Mr. J. S. Liddle, blacksmith, near Millers Corner, who is also foreman of the brigade, and connected with the Glenelg reel for some years. The present reel has 500 ft. of hose, two hydrants, two nozzles, and ladders. A new reel of lighter construction than the present cumbersome one is expected to arrive from Victoria shortly. The firemen can now be called by two fire alarms; one at Bell's Corner, opposite the Jetty Hotel, Jetty-road, and the other at the corner of Liverpool-terrace and Shannon-street, near Mr. Justice Boucaut's residence, Adelaide-road. This is all the telephonic communication with the firestation at present, but it is hoped the Central Board will see the absolute necessity of erecting another fire alarm at some convenient position in the Broadway, New Glenelg, so that the residents of New Glenelg Ward should have equal facilities for communicating with the fire station, as provided for Central Ward and St. Leonards.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 24 November 1891, page 4

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1891.

At thirty-one minutes past 9 o'clock on Monday morning the Glenelg Fire Brigade were summoned by Mr. H. Allchurch from the alarm opposite the Jetty Hotel to extinguish a fire which had broken out at the rear of Mr. J. T. Kither's butcher's establishment in Jetty-road. In about three minutes the reel, under the superintendence of Mr. J. Liddle, jun., was on the spot, but it was then found that the firemen's services were not required, as a gang of railway employes who were repairing the line opposite having worked energetically had checked the progress of the flames. The woodwork of a shed was partially damaged and a quantity of straw burnt.

1892

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Monday 14 March 1892, page 3

A small fire occurred at Glenelg at about twenty minutes past 9 on Saturday night. An elderly lady, who occupies the front bedroom of the residence of Mrs. Mackie in Moseley street, placed a kerosine lamp on the window sill of her room, which came in contact with the blind and set it alight. The window curtains were also soon on fire, and in a very short time the bedding and sundry pieces of furniture were all ablaze. A gentleman who was passing noticed the flames, rushed into the room, and, bringing out some of the furniture which had not been burnt, commenced to throw buckets of water on the flames. Corporal Allchurch and Constable Burns were on the spot shortly after the discovery of the fire, and with the assistance of others soon checked the progress of the flames. The coroner has been informed of the occurrence.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 2 April 1892, page 6

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE

After the meeting of the Glenelg Corporation on Friday evening Mr. C. L. Meyer (chairman of the Fire Brigades Board), Mr. C. Tucker (Mayor of Port Adelaide and the representative of the Municipal Association on the board), and Superintendent Booker waited upon the mayor and councillors of Glenelg at the council chamber by arrangement to discuss the local fire brigade, in connection with the services of which the municipality considered they had a grievance. The Mayor of Glenelg (Mr. W. L. Ware), who occupied the chair, after welcoming the visitors, said that it was thought a little discussion with them would save a lot of correspondence, and lead to more satisfactory results. The Glenelg Corporation had entered into arrangements

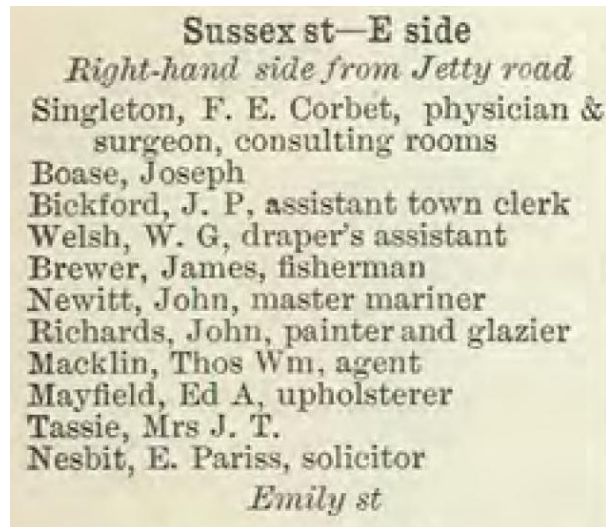
with the Fire Brigades Board some time ago by which the council agreed to pay some £50 or £60 per year for the maintenance of a fire brigade at Glenelg. For that sum they were to be supplied with a capable brigade, and although they were promised nothing beyond a hand-reel it was stated that they should have all the necessary appliances and the services of a thoroughly trained fireman—in a word, that all the requirements of the town in respect to precautions against fire would be properly attended to. So far the performances of the brigade had been far from satisfactory, and on one occasion when called out by the superintendent they were not in attendance. On the second occasion when the brigade was called they were very slow in turning out. At another time when they were called out by himself and several councillors they responded very much better by arriving on the spot about five minutes after the alarm had been given. Mr. C. L. Meyer said he had rung up the local brigade that evening, and he was very much disappointed at the way the men had turned out. Although it was only a little distance away from the fire brigade station it took the men 4 minutes and 11 seconds to arrive on the scene, and the result enabled him to judge how Glenelg was served. The system they had was sufficient, but it was not given effect to as it should. Another difficulty they had to overcome was the procuring of suitable premises for a brigade. On three or four occasions he had visited the town for the purpose of selecting a suitable building in which a reel with all appliances could be kept, and accommodation provided for the man in charge of them, but he had not been successful. They had some difficulty in obtaining the place the brigade was now using, and if an expert fireman were to be sent down fresh premises would have to be provided. The Fire Brigades Board did not intend to build a brigade-station. The Mayor said that he could distinctly remember waiting upon Superintendent Booker, and he with Councillor Hooper entered upon the agreement with the board on the understanding that Glenelg would be supplied with a capable man to take charge of the brigade. Superintendent BOOKER said he spoke of what was required by Glenelg as an experienced fireman on the occasion referred to by the mayor, but he did not say all the wants would be carried-out, as he was not in a position to do so. He would like a few more horses, &c., for Adelaide, but it was not likely he would get them at present. The brigade at Glenelg, he thought, was a disgrace. The Mayor said they had agreed to pay two-ninths of the costs up to £60 per year, but so far they had not paid anything like this amount, and they were quite willing to contribute up to the full extent of the £60 if they were provided with an efficient brigade. Mr. C. Tucker (Mayor of Port Adelaide) considered that the brigade would always continue to be in an unsatisfactory condition so long as there was no permanent and trust-worthy fireman in charge. Further discussion took place, in which it was alleged that one of the firemen, being a yachtsman, was often at sea. A councillor wanted to know if, in the event of arrangements being come to by which the services of a trained fireman were secured to take charge of the station, the present brigade could be summarily dismissed. Superintendent Booker answered him in the affirmative, and said he once dismissed a brigade at Port Pirie in two minutes. It was finally decided that the council would assist the Fire Brigades Board in obtaining suitable premises for a brigade-station, and then the board would place a capable fireman in charge. This arrangement, Mr. Meyer remarked, would be subject to the confirmation of the board, but he did not think any difficulty would arise.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Saturday 16 April 1892, page 4

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

GLENELG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13. Present—The Mayor (Mr. W. L. Ware, J.P.), Councillors Pickup, Lunniss, Smith, Stone, Tidmarsh, and the Town Clerk (Mr. J. P. Bickford). Finance.—Receipts, £217 19s. 6d.; expenditure, £126 1s. 4d.; Bank account credit, £517 3s. 5d.; cash in hand, 1s. 5d. Correspondence.—From the Secretary (Mr. A. Bristowe) and Superintendent Booker of the Fire Brigade in reference to suitable site for brigade station at Glenelg. The TOWN CLERK reported that Mr. Booker and he had inspected the premises of Mr. Boase in Sussex-street, which were under offer, and that Mr. Booker had expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the accommodation offered, very little expense being required to provide every comfort and convenience for a trained fireman and efficient reel

service for the town, and that as soon as the house was vacant a man would be sent from the head station.



Sands and McDougall Directory 1892

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 30 April 1892, page 3

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

GLENELG, Friday, April 29.

Correspondence.— From the Secretary of Fire Brigades Board stating that the Board had resolved to discontinue the present auxiliary system and substitute a permanent man, with one auxiliary, and that they had decided to accept the premises suggested by the Council for twelve months, with right of renewal.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Friday 6 May 1892, page 3

THE GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE.—As was stated in the Register some days ago the authorities have lately made a complete change in their arrangements of the fire brigade. The old premises have been given up, and new ones secured in a more central position. The new system is now in force, and the permanent man has taken up his quarters in Sussex-street. At present a fireman from the North Adelaide Station is assisting the local man to overhaul and get everything into proper order. The new shed will be finished this afternoon, and from now the permanent fireman will be constantly in attendance assisted by one auxiliary. In the new premises there is ample accommodation for the two reels and other apparatus. Wires from different parts of the town are connected direct with the fireman, so there should be no possibility of delays occurring when the brigade is summoned.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 23 July 1892, page 4

A SMALL FIRE.

On Friday evening at 20 minutes past 6 the Glenelg Fire Brigade were informed that a bedroom in Mr. J. McCowan's house situated in Rose street was on fire. The reel with three men under the charge of foreman Hopkins was quickly on the spot, but fortunately the use of the reel was not required, as the quartet soon had all the burning furniture on the floor, and buckets of water sufficed to extinguish the flames. The fire originated through a spark igniting the valance, the flames quickly spreading to a child's cot and other adjacent inflammable material, but the prompt arrival of the brigade prevented the fire extending.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 23 July 1892, page 7

Fire at Glenelg.— On Friday evening information was given to the Glenelg Fire Brigade that a fire was burning in Rose-street, St Leonards, Glenelg. The brigade, consisting of Foreman Hopkins and three auxiliaries, turned out in four minutes. On arriving at Rose-street they found that the fire was in the house of Mr. McCowan, who is at present at Broken Hill. The origin of the fire was a spark from the grate igniting the curtains hanging on the mantelpiece. It was estimated that the damage amounted to something under £10. The furniture was insured in the Colonial Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The occurrence reminded residents of the fact that there is no alarm at Miller's Corner, which is the centre of a thickly populated district. In the present instance the nearest alarm was at St. Leonards, a considerable distance from the scene of the fire.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 6 August 1892, page 4

The Glenelg Fire Brigade.— Some little time since the Volunteer Fire Brigade at Glenelg gave place to an altogether new system. Whether it be true or not that only "new brooms" sweep clean, there is no doubt that the new order of things at Glenelg is a most decided improvement on the old. New premises have been built, and a signboard now projects conspicuously over the pavement in front. Inside the house, which is clean and bright, stands the reel ready for the most sudden alarm, and the wall is adorned by the firemen's helmets, gear, and various necessary fixings. The apparatus for fighting the flames includes 600 ft. of hose, two standpipes, two branches, and other gear, besides the handreel, with its wheels of 6 ft. 6 in. in diameter. Two alarms are connected with the station, one at St. Leonards and the other on the Jetty-road. The station is in the charge of Fireman Hopkins, who is joined in the evenings by Auxiliary Fireman Dixon. and there are two volunteers. The nearest fire station is that in Adelaide, so there is a big district to be looked after. Unfortunately the Brighton municipality is not under the Fire Brigades Board, otherwise there would be at Glenelg a horse-reel. On the occasion of a recent fire notice was drawn to the fact that in a large district such as Glenelg two alarms were insufficient, for should a fire take place at any distance from the station so much time would be wasted in communicating with the brigade that it would probably be useless when it arrived.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Tuesday 30 August 1892, page 2

MARRIAGES.

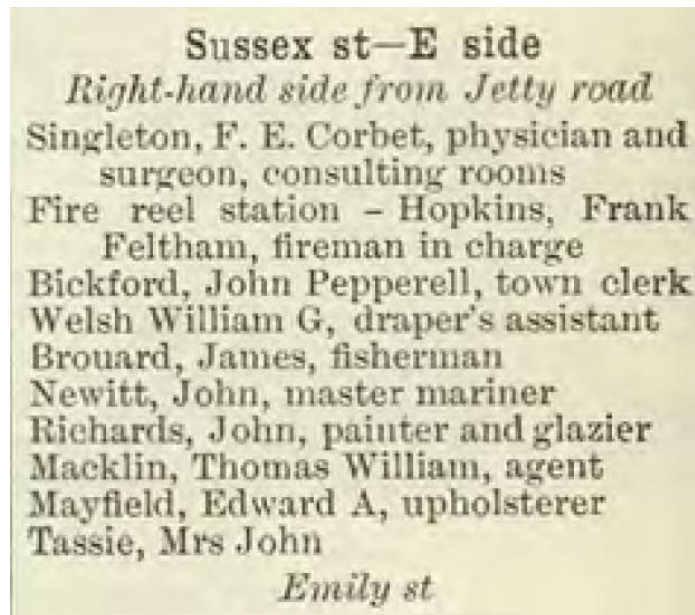
HOPKINS—AITKEN.—On the 8th August, at Adelaide, by the Rev. E. G. Day, Francis F. Hopkins, of the Glenelg Fire Brigade, to Susanna, second daughter of James Aitken, of Goodwood.

South Australian Register (Adelaide, SA : 1839 - 1900), Saturday 26 November 1892, page 7

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

GLENELG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

Fire Brigade.— The position of the town with respect to its facilities for protection against fire was carefully considered early in 1891 ; every possible information was obtained, and it was finally decided to come in under the Fire Brigades Board so as to ensure efficient appliances and supervision. In March, 1891, the Fire Brigades Board took over the responsibility, and subsequently, after repeated interviews with the Chairman of the Board and Superintendent Booker, arrangements were perfected. The Mayor of Port Adelaide (Mr. C. Tucker), the representative of the suburban Corporations on the Fire Brigades Board, rendered material assistance in this connection. On May 1, 1892, the fire brigade entered into possession of new and more central premises in Sussex-street. Fire alarms are erected at Bell's Corner and Adelaide-road, and one is promised for New Glenelg.



Sands and McDougall Directory 1893

1893

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 25 January 1893, page 2

GENERAL NEWS.

On Tuesday afternoon a haystack, containing 10 tons of hay, belonging to Mr. Thomas Lunninn, was partially destroyed by fire at St. Leonards. An alarm was raised for the Glenelg fire-reel, which arrived soon afterwards and quickly extinguished the flames. We understand that the stack was insured.

1894

From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1894.

Glenelg, Sussex Street, East side, fire reel station. Ed (Edward) Gibaut fireman in charge. Next to the corner building on Jetty Road.

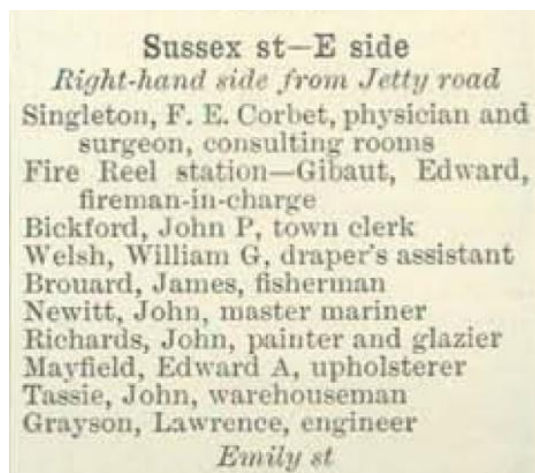


State Library of South Australia - Mr. E. Gibaut [B 23823], Studio portrait of fireman Mr. E. Gibaut. Approximately 1893. Part of Costume Collection.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Monday 12 March 1894, page 3

Glenelg Fire Brigade.

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE.—When it was decided that the Corporation of Glenelg should be brought under the Fire Brigades Act it was understood that a fire alarm would be erected in New Glenelg, but the alarm has not been erected. The matter was referred to at a recent meeting of the Glenelg Corporation, and it was decided that Alderman Tucker, who represents the Corporation on the Brigades Board, should be communicated with. This has had the desired effect, as on Saturday afternoon Alderman Tucker, Superintendent Booker, and Councillors Eitzen, Bickford, and Royals visited New Glenelg for the purpose of choosing localities for alarms. It was arranged that if only one alarm were erected it would be placed near the Broadway, but if two were put up the sites would have to be further considered. It was pointed out that if Brighton could be induced to come under the Act by acting jointly with Glenelg a horse reel, horse, and two permanent men could be procured for the protection of the two towns. The local Councillors thought that if this could be arranged it would prove a great benefit to all. Ultimately it was resolved that steps should be taken to induce the Brighton Corporation to come under the Act. The visitors proceeded to St. Leonards, where Superintendent Booker rang the fire alarm. In a very short time Fireman Hopkins and Auxiliary Dixon arrived with all their appliances. The Superintendent expressed himself satisfied with the smartness the men showed in responding to the call.

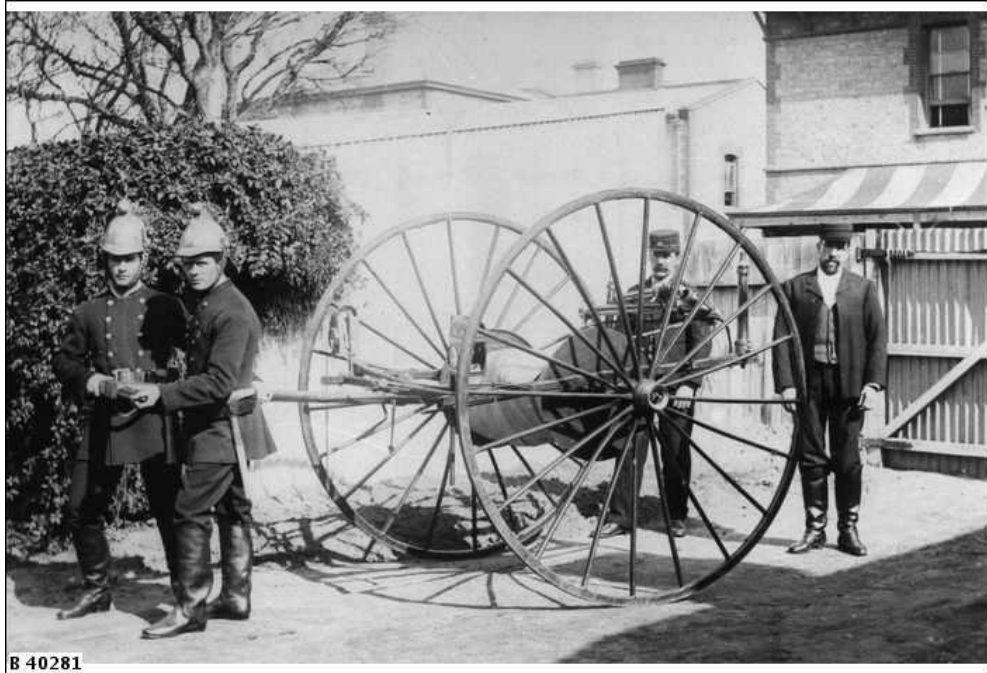


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Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Monday 12 March 1894, page 3

FIRE BRIGADE AT GLENELG.

On Saturday afternoon Councillors Eitzen, Royals, and Bickford, of the Glenelg Corporation, met Superintendent Booker and Alderman Tucker, to select a site for a fire alarm at New Glenelg, and discuss matters pertaining to the local fire brigade. The party visited several spots in the ward, and the board representative with Superintendent Booker will make a recommendation at the next meeting. It was thought that if the co-operation of the Brighton Corporation could be obtained a horse reel might be established to protect the district. The necessity of a horse reel was illustrated later in the afternoon, when an alarm was rung for the brigade to turn out. The result was satisfactory when circumstances were taken into consideration. The reel did not turn up in record time, which was due to the fact that the firemen had to drag it through a long distance of newly laid road metal.



*State Library of South Australia - Glenelg [B 40281], Fire Station Sussex St, 1894.
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1895

From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1895.

Glenelg, Sussex Street, East side, fire reel station. Ed (Edward) Gibaut fireman in charge.

1896

From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1896.

Glenelg, Sussex Street, East side, fire reel station. Ed (Edward) Gibaut fireman in charge.

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From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1897.

Glenelg, Sussex Street, East side, fire reel station. Ed (Edward) Gibaut fireman in charge.

1898

From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1898.

Glenelg, Sussex Street, East side, Fire Reel Station. Ed (Edward) Gibaut fireman in charge.

1899

From the 1899 Sands and McDougall Directory.

Glenelg Fire Reel Station, Sussex Street, Chas Pettersen fireman in charge.

1900

From the 1900 Sands and McDougall Directory.

Glenelg Fire Reel Station, Sussex Street, East side, Chas Pettersen fireman in charge.

1901

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 14 May 1901, page 6

LARGE FIRE AT MORPHETT-VILLE.

A WEATHERBOARD VILLA DESTROYED.

The residents of Plympton and Glenelg experienced an unusual sensation on Mon-day evening, when the news spread that one of the picturesque weatherboard villas on the Glenelg road was in flames. A crowd of about 400 residents from all parts of the district hurried to the scene of the blaze, which proved to be the private residence of Mr. James Burgess, the proprietor of Tattersall's Hotel, Hindley street. It was one of three weatherboard houses which were imported from America by Sir Thomas Elder nearly 20 years ago, and was situated close to the road, being the nearest of the three to the city. About two years ago it was purchased by Mr. Burgess, who, during the period of his ownership, has furnished it elaborately and improved the surroundings. The garden was laid out tastefully, extensive stables were erected, and a large sum of money was recently expended in repainting and general renovation. The house was a two-story building, containing seven rooms. At about 6 o'clock Mrs. Burgess, her daughter, and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. Burgess's mother, left in their trap to go to the theatre, accompanied by the man servant; no one being left on the premises. Shortly after half-past 7 the people at the Morphetville Hotel, which is nearly opposite, noticed that the back portion of the house was in flames. Several men rushed across and endeavoured to effect an entrance, but the fire had already spread along the floor to the front of the building, and it was not considered safe to go inside. Messengers were dispatched to Glenelg to telephone to the fire brigade and Mr. Burgess. The brigade did not render any service, and when Mr. Burgess arrived, the place was a blazing wreck, the only article saved being a wicker couch which was in the front verandah. The heat from the flames was so intense that the front lawn and plants for some distance were scorched and withered. About an hour after the out-break the building collapsed inwardly, and was soon reduced to a heap of glowing ruins. The origin of the fire is unknown. Previous to their departure the occupants took care to extinguish all lamps, and what was left of the fire in the kitchen stove appeared to be perfectly safe. The building and furniture were partly covered by insurance. Mr. Burgess valued the former at between £700 and £800, and the latter at about £450. All Mrs. Wilson's belongings were consumed, as well as Mrs Burgess's and her daughter's clothing. The stables and outhouses escaped.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 15 May 1901, page 3

THE BAY-ROAD FIRE.

Mr. T. Burgess, whose residence on the Glenelg-road, Morphetville, was destroyed by fire on Monday evening, estimates the damage done by the conflagration at between £1100 and £1200. Mrs. and Miss Burgess, and Mrs. A. W. Wilson, Mrs. Burgess's mother, left the house to go to the theatre at about 6 p.m. No one was left on the premises, as the man servant drove the party to the city. About an hour and a half afterwards, the back portion of the building was seen to be in flames. Several men rushed to the scene to render whatever assistance they could, whilst messengers were dispatched to Glenelg to telephone for the fire brigade, and for Mr. Burgess. The structure was of weatherboard, and it burned at a furious rate. Such a grip had the flames obtained when the blaze was first discovered that it was impossible to effect an entrance, and the onlookers had to stand idly by and see the residence consumed. When Mr. Burgess arrived the place was a ruin, the only article which could be recognised being a wicker couch, which stood under the front verandah. The charred framework suddenly collapsed some time afterwards, and nothing remained but a black heap of smouldering ruins. The origin of the fire is still a mystery. All the lamps were extinguished previous to the party leaving the house, and what was left of the fire in the kitchen stove appeared to be safe. Those who first saw the conflagration state that it apparently started in the kitchen, The building and furniture were partly covered by insurance.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 16 May 1901, page 3

CORONER'S INQUESTS,

THE FIRE ON THE BAY ROAD.

On Wednesday afternoon the City Coroner, Dr. W. Ramsay Smith, held an inquest at the Morphetville Hotel into the circumstances of the fire which destroyed a weatherboard house on the Glenelg road on Monday evening.— James Burgess, landlord of Tattersalls Hotel, Hindley street, deposed that the house was the property of his wife and the private residence of his mother-in-law and two nieces. He last saw the premises at about 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, and was not made aware of the fire until the house was almost burnt down. Had no suspicion of foul play. The house and stable were insured for £400 and the furniture for £300 in the South British and Atlas Companies. One company had refused to take the risk of insuring the premises owing to their proximity to the railway line.— Ann Wilson deposed to having lived on the property up to Monday last. Left the house at about 5.30 that evening and drove to the city. Believed there might have been a little fire in the grate. Had turned out the lamp as usual, which was placed on the kitchen table at the back. Locked the door, and left no one on the premises. Did not know of the fire until she called at Tattersall's Hotel late the same evening.— Walter Burn, jockey, said that he saw the fire from the verandah of the Morphetville Hotel, and ran down the Bay road to the house, from the back of which flames were issuing. Saw no one near the place. The doors, windows, and gates were locked securely. A window pane was broken, but it was impossible to enter owing to the dense clouds of smoke which drove him back from the entrance. Almost at once the whole house was ablaze, and no further efforts could be made to save any of the property.— After a short retirement, the jury returned a verdict that the fire was accidentally caused.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 23 May 1901, page 7

FIRE BRIGADES INSPECTION.

The annual official inspection of city and suburban fire brigade stations by the members of the Metropolitan Board was made on Wednesday. The members of the board who took part in the inspection were Messrs. T. H. Smeaton (chairman), G. A. Hooker, (superintendent), C. L. Meyer, R. M. Steele, Crs. W. D. Ponder and J. Z. Sellar, Messrs. C. G. Rebbeck (Mayor of Gawler), G. H. Glover (Mayor of St. Peters), F. W. Bristowe (secretary). The following gentlemen, by invitation, accompanied the party:— Messrs. J. W. Caire (Mayor of Port Adelaide), J. H. Mattingly (Mayor of Kensington and Norwood), and A. Mackie (Mayor of Unley). Starting from Brookman's Building, Grenfell street, at half-past 1, in a four-in-hand drag, the party opened a successful and instructive day's work by proceeding to the Norwood station. The alarm bell there was rung, and in about a minute the one-horse reel flashed into the street ready for the fray, while just inside another 60 seconds the firemen were about 100 yards down the road playing a good steam of water on the imaginary fire. The latter, however, happened to be nothing more dangerous than an inoffensive tramcar. After a short inspection of the building, which was found to be in a satisfactory condition, a move was made to Unley. Here the firemen on the premises were taken completely by surprise, and when the board arrived one of them was standing at the front door quietly gazing into space. "Get to work," ordered the superintendent, in a voice that would have taken all the smartness out of any one but a fireman, and in the splendid time of 25 seconds the reel, drawn by two fine greys, dashed out of the station. In 1 minute 4 seconds more the hose was fixed to a water main ready to protect a couple of houses some distance further on. The board expressed great appreciation of the neat and bright appearance of everything in connection with the brigade. An adjournment was then made to the Unley Town Hall, where Mr. A. Mackie, the mayor, showed his skilfulness as an entertainer. After several toasts had been honoured the horses' heads were turned towards Glenelg, and a pleasant drive was experienced. Members of the board had prepared their guests for a poor exhibition of the fire-extinguishing art at the sea-side resort, but even after that fair warning the visitors could not refrain from showing their disappointment at the sorry display provided. The contrast between the efficient appliances of the Unley and Norwood brigades and the fire protector of Glenelg was too marked to pass without comment. In the last-named municipality one officer, Mr. Peterson, and a small hand reel comprise the whole protection against fire. Besides acting as foreman, fireman, and general commander, the man is expected also to do the work of a horse. Besides being altogether unsatisfactory to the residents this state of things is hardly fair to the officer, for he

is liable at any time of the day or night to be called out to a distance of a mile and a half from the station, whither he is compelled to drag at a run his insufficient means of coping with a fire. It would be quite impossible for a human being to put in hard work at the end of a "gallop" of that description. However, no fault, could be found with Mr. Peterson himself, for within 1 min. 55 sec. of the sounding of the alarm he had arrived with the handreel near the post office, about 300 yards from headquarters. After Mr. Smeaton had thoughtfully entertained the party at afternoon tea a start was made for Port Adelaide, where a meritorious turnout was witnessed. In 22 sec. the reel was out of the front door of the station, and by the time another minute had elapsed the men were alighting about a quarter of a mile down the road. The steam engine was on the scene a few seconds later. An officer and ten men comprise the staff, and the residents need have no fear of their capabilities. Before a start was made for the Semaphore the Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. J. W. Caire, invited the company into his parlour, when he announced amid applause that he was no longer only the mayor of a municipality, as Port Adelaide had that day been gazetted a city. At the Semaphore the station, a substantial one, which has been occupied only for about six weeks, was found to be quite up to the standard of those previously inspected. It has a good main hall, stable accommodation for two hores, although only one is used, and comfortable mens rooms and living apartments. Here another example was afforded of how little the visit was expected, for after the turnout it was seen that the half-eaten evening meal was lying on the table of one of the rooms. The reel was in the street, in just over half a minute, while water was flowing through the hose in 1 min. 46 sec. from the time the alarm was given. Dinner was partaken of at the Jetty-Hotel, after which several toasts were honoured. Mr. Caire bore testimony to the general efficiency and smartness of the brigades inspected, and complimented the board on having a truly up-to-date system under its direction. The chairman, Mr. Smeaton, in acknowledging the compliment, which he felt was no empty one, congratulated Mr. Caire on being the first mayor of the second city of South Australia. The party then returned by rail to Adelaide, where the most interesting exhibition of the day was presented. The alarm was sounded at the corner of King William and Way-mouth streets, and the reels were not slow to arrive. The Adelaide reel, drawn by two beautiful black horses, galloped up in 1 min. 35 sec. after the glass was broken, while those of North Adelaide and Unley arrived in 4 min. 45 sec. and 5 min. 15 sec. respectively. This was exceedingly smart work on the part of all three brigades, and the large crowd which had gathered was not slow to appreciate the fact. In a conversation after the inspection the superintendent, Mr. G. A. Booker, expressed his entire satisfaction with all the stations visited, with the exception, of course, of Glenelg, which he would very much like to see put on a better footing. The men on all hands, he said, carried out their duties in a manner which was a credit to the State. The horses also were in the pink of condition.

1902

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Friday 2 May 1902, page 2

GLENELG COUNCIL.

May 1.

Letter was received from Fire Brigade's Board with reference to establishment of a horse reel at Glenelg, and showing that the corporation's average contribution paid per year for last five years was £60 14/; under new system for first year will be £100 10/7; under new system per year thereafter £82 15/.

1903

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Thursday 8 January 1903, page 1

FIRE AT GLENELG.

A small fire occurred at the residence of Mr. A. Clark on the Brighton-road, Glenelg, on Wednesday evening. The children were retiring to bed, and set fire to the bed-clothes. Mrs. Clark had her arms severely burnt in her efforts to subdue the flames, which were

extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. The contents and woodwork of the room were much damaged.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 5 April 1902, page 8

GLENELG COUNCIL.

April 4.—Present The Mayor (Mr. A. J. Roberts), Crs. Hambridge, Burford, Murphy, Moyle, Hibberd, and Ralph.

Mr F. W. Bristowe (secretary Fire Brigade Board) wrote that as the board considers the present system of fire protection in Glenelg inadequate for the protection of life and property in the municipality they intend to establish a one horse fire reel as early as possible in place of the present hand reel. The staff for working same will consist of a permanent foreman in charge of the station and three auxiliary firemen. It was resolved to ask for further particulars as to details and cost before any thing is done.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 10 October 1903, page 8

SMALL FIRE AT GLENELG.

The St. Peter's Mission Hall, situated in Hastings-street, New Glenelg, had a narrow escape from being burnt down on Thursday evening between 8 and 9 o'clock. The eaves in front of the building were observed to be in flames, and the fire-station was immediately communicated with. After the lapse of a few minutes the fire reel was on the scene and the flames were extinguished. It is surmised that the fire was caused by boys who were seeking birds' eggs and lighting matches to aid them in their quest.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 30 November 1903, page 7

GLENELG TOWN COUNCIL.

THE MAYOR'S REPORT.

At the meeting of the Glenelg Town Council on November 27, the Mayor (Mr. H. J. Pearce) presented his annual report as follows:—

"Fire Brigade.—The new fire station was formally taken over on October 28, 1902, the first official visit by the board and a number of invited guests (of whom I had the honor of being one) took place on January 30 last, when I took the opportunity of entertaining the party with light refreshments in the council Chambers. The brigade is efficiently manned by Foreman G. McDonald and two assistants; their services luckily have not been in much request. During the year there have been nine calls, and three small fires, one of bedding in Brighton-road, one in Broad-stairs-street, ceiling of Mission Hall, and one of fencing in Brighton-road.

1904

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 10 December 1904, page 12

GLENELG CORPORATION.

The Mayor's report for the past year was as follows: November 25. 1904.

Local Fire Brigade.— The efficiency of the station is well maintained under the new foreman (F. H. Goddard) and two firemen, Foreman G. McDonald having been transferred to Exeter station since my last report.

During the year there have been four fire calls— one at Morphettville, one at West's (baker. Somerton), one on the oval, and summer-house at Mr. R. Smith's; one chimney fire, rubbish in Brighton-road, grass fire in Byron-street, and eight false alarms.

1905

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 25 November 1905, page 3

CORPORATIONS.

GLENELG: Friday, November 21.

Local Fire Brigade. — During the year the brigade attended to four fire calls— one at Massey's bakery (in the Mall), one at Cocking's stables (Reid street), a bedroom in Alison street, and Tregilgas's residence (Durham street)— three grass and rubbish fires, one chimney fire, and six false alarms. The station is well conducted under Foreman F. H. Goddard.

1908

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 27 January 1908, page 8

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

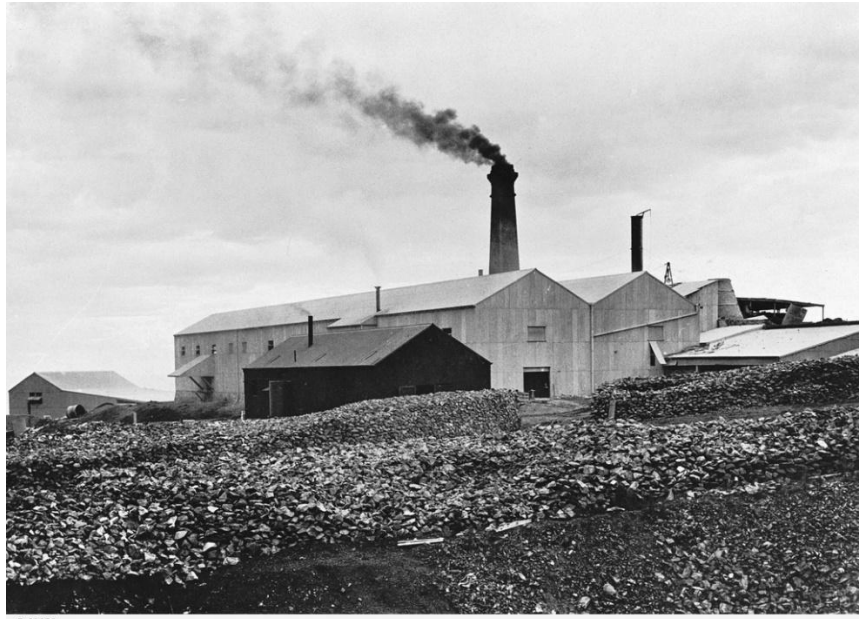
COACHBUILDER'S PREMISES ARE REDUCED TO ASHES.

Messrs. J. Johnson & Son's coachbuilding establishment, fronting the Brighton-road, was completely gutted by fire in the early hours of Sunday morning. Mr. S. J. Forder, who is on a visit from Broken Hill, and is residing at Mr. S. H. Shephard's house, which adjoins Messrs. Johnson's premises, was awakened about 3 o'clock by a crackling noise and a bright glare on the window pane of his room. He went outside, and found that the paint shop, which was a weatherboard structure, was in flames. Mr. Forder immediately called Mr. Shephard and the Messrs. F. and N. Johnson, and an effort was made to save the vehicles, but owing to the extreme heat nothing could be done in that direction. Attention was then directed to the houses on each side to prevent the spread of the flames. In the meantime the postmistress had been aroused from her slumbers and the Glenelg Fire Brigade telephoned for. The two miles intervening between the fire station and the scene of the conflagration were covered in ten minutes. With equal promptitude the hoses were attached to the fire plugs, and there being a splendid pressure of water all danger to the adjoining premises was soon at an end. Owing to the inflammable nature of the contents of the paint and work shops connected with the coachbuilding establishment they were hopelessly involved prior to the arrival of the firemen. Mr. Shephard made strenuous efforts to save his house, and was ably assisted by many willing workers. At one time the doors and windows facing the fire caught alight, but were extinguished. The brigade had complete control of the fire by 4 o'clock. The premises belonged to Mr. S. H. Shephard, and were uninsured. Messrs. Johnson & Son lost five new vehicles, four secondhand, and a large quantity of stock and tools, but owing to the absence of Mr. Johnson, sen., who is at Murray Bridge with his wife and daughter, it cannot be ascertained whether they are fully insured. Mr. G. Wilson, the coach painter, will also suffer severe loss. The coroner was informed, but he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

1909

Sunday 7th November 1909 - Fire at the Brighton Cement Works

Fire at the Brighton Cement Works, Marino site, now called the Linwood Quarry under the Boral name in 2022. The old raw mill at Marino was turned off in 1952 when the Angaston plant came on line. It is situated 8.8 km from the Glenelg Fire Station.



*State Library of South Australia - Brighton Cement Company [B 60052], BRIGHTON:
Premises of the Brighton Cement Company. 1909, Part of Brighton Collection.*



*State Library of South Australia - Brighton Cement Company [B 60057], BRIGHTON:
Destruction caused by a major fire thought to have started in the powerhouse at the Brighton
Cement Company, 7th November 1909. 1909, Part of Brighton Collection.*



B 60058

State Library of South Australia - Brighton Cement Company [B 60058], BRIGHTON: Destruction caused by fire at the Brighton Cement Company works, 7th November 1909. The power house where the fire started is on the right. 1909, Part of Brighton Collection.



B 60059

State Library of South Australia - Brighton Cement Company [B 60059], BRIGHTON: The fire at Brighton Cement Company; George Wolland holds the hose of the auxiliary fire fighting plant which was useless because of low water pressure. James Pearson is centre, looking at the camera, the man wearing a bowler hat is thought to be Simpson Newland. 1909, Part of Brighton Collection.



State Library of South Australia - Brighton Cement Company [B 60060], BRIGHTON: The ruins of Brighton Cement Company after destruction by fire; the main driving-shaft with its pulley-wheels can still be seen. 1909, Part of Brighton Collection.

Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Monday 8 November 1909, page 1

THE BRIGHTON FIRE.

At the Scene on Monday.

As a result of the big fire of the previous night the scene at the Brighton Cement Works on Monday morning was one of utter devastation and apparently hopeless ruin. The mass of debris mouldering extensively, and in parts still blazing. In view of the threatened shortage of coal as a result of the Newcastle strike it, was a great pity to see heaps of several hundred tons of the valuable fuel undergoing destruction. A stiff breeze was blowing, and smoke, sparks, ashes, and cement from the ruins were dispersed in all directions. A few men were engaged with a 4-in. hose, which sent forth a trickle of water for a few feet, in trying to put out the fire where it was smouldering on the outskirts of the ruins, but there was little that could be done in regard to the works as a whole until the embers cooled down. Fifty yards away a quantity of timber became ignited, and constant watching was necessary.

—The Outlook—

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—The Railway Question.—

"If we rebuild and start again," continued Mr. Bakewell, "it will be in the hope of getting our business back again through South Australians being content to use the cement produced in their own State. An important consideration will also be the decision with reference to the route which the Willunga Railway will take, and prompt action on the part of Parliament would be a great help to us in knowing what course to take." Mr. Ryan, M.P., attended on behalf of the members for the District of Torrens to enquire if anything could be done in relation to the railway question, which would be before the House of Assembly on Tuesday. He was informed by Mr. Bakewell that the greatest assistance which could be extended the industry at this juncture was to let the company know definitely the exact route to be taken by the railway. About 100 men were employed at the works, and approximately £250 was spent weekly in wages and carting. That expenditure is, of course, stopped, but a number of the men will be engaged in clearing up operations. —Heavy Losses.— Mr Patterson said it would not be practicable for some time to properly assess the damage to the machinery. The buildings were practically gone, and all that was left was a part of the shafting and special machines in connection with brickmaking. some of which were valuable. A detailed examination would be made when the remains cooled down and the debris was cleared away. It was obvious, however, that the loss was a bad one."

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Saturday 13 November 1909, page 45

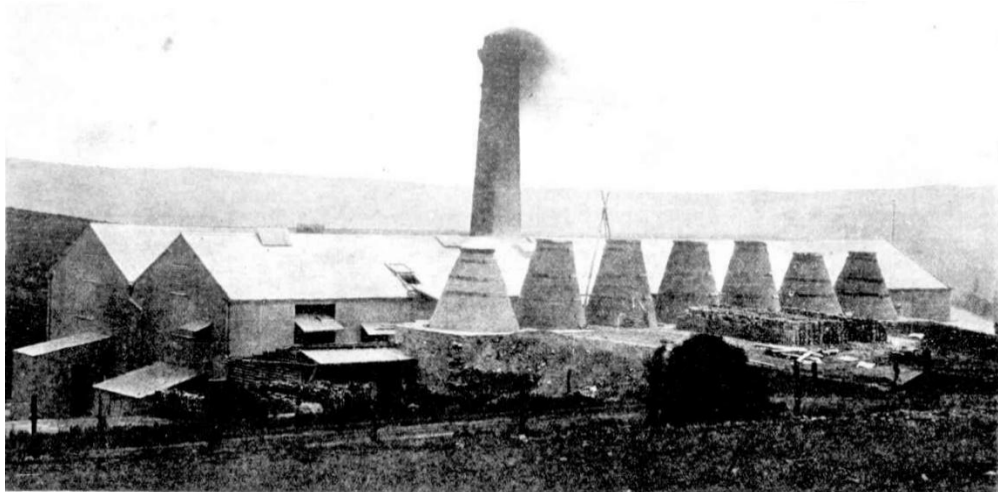
BRIGHTON CEMENT WORKS BURNT.

On Sunday night the Brighton Cement Works were completely destroyed by fire. The blaze was first observed at 10 minutes to 10, and probably originated in the dynamo or boiler room. Three furnace hands (Messrs. H. Temple, W. Eustace, and McKay) were working on the premises, and they raised the alarm. The manager of the works (Mr. F. Scholefield) was quickly on the scene, and was joined by many of the hands employed there, numbering about 100, but practically nothing could be done. Mr. Scholefield, who was at his residence when the alarm was given, stated that the whole place was in flames within five minutes. The fire spread with lightning rapidity, fanned by a strong easterly gully wind. The Oregon timber which formed the wood-work, although largely coated with cement, proved very inflammable. A 3-in. main from the Happy Valley reservoir, passes the works, and the Glenelg fire reel was soon on the spot, but the pressure of water was so small as to be quite useless. A fire-extinguishing plant, kept on the premises, was also of no avail for a similar reason. The structure was of oregon timber and galvanized iron, the main building being 270 ft. by 70 ft., and there was another structure 120 x 70 ft. These were totally destroyed, in addition to blacksmiths' and carpenters' shops and other outhouses, the whole covering an area of three-quarters of an acre. The value of the machinery was about £12,000, and with the exception of the boilers it was comparatively new. The total loss is estimated at approximately £15,000. The premises were insured with the Commercial Union Assurance Company. The managing director (Mr. E. H. Bakewell), who motored down about midnight, stated that he could not say for what amount, but the insurance re-presented what was thought a fair business risk. Included in the stock was 4,000 casks of cement, which was destroyed. The casks burst, and so great was the heat that the cement became distributed in little masses of red-hot clinkers. The motive power was supplied by two steam-engines and a dynamo was used for electric lighting, as work was carried on both by night and day. it is thought that the fire may have originated through an electric wire fusing. Mr. Bakewell said that when he arrived he could see that the place was doomed, although he had hopes that the rotary kiln might not suffer much damage. He added that the company, which had never been troubled with fire before during its 18 years' existence, had no reserve stocks of cement, although at the present time orders awaiting fulfilment constituted a record. The works had been almost rebuilt within the last four years, and a complete installation of new grinding machinery had been put in. The output of the company was 250 tons per week. He spoke bitterly of the in-adequate water supply. The manager stated that the rapidity with which the fire spread caused considerable danger to the stable adjoining the works, in which there were 50 valuable draught horses. The

animals were so terrified by the fire that they plunged furiously in their stalls, and it was with the utmost difficulty that they were released by the ostler (Mr. J. Pedlar) and assistants. At 1 a.m. the wind was still blowing strongly, and several men were put on to guard the stables from the showers of sparks which were coming from the glowing ruins. The fire was a brilliant spectacle, and attracted hundreds of people from all parts of the district. The destruction of these works will mean a serious thing to the neighborhood, as nearly 100 men found constant employment there. So rapidly did the flames spread that little or nothing was saved. Willing hands, however, managed to snatch from the burning building three waggons, a few stores, and all the harness. Two other trollies were also drawn to a place of safety when they were well alight, and it was with some trouble that they were saved from complete destruction. The foreman of the works (Mr. John Murray) and the employes fought bravely against the flames, but their efforts were practically futile. The Brighton Cement Works presented a scene of desolation on Monday. All that was left of the extensive works was a mass of smouldering ruins, from which damaged machinery and a few lonely-looking charred posts stood up. It was impossible to ascertain the full damage to the machinery, but most of it was apparently much affected. Messrs. E. H. Bakewell and Simpson Newland visited the works on Monday, and they decided to put on men to clear off the wreckage as soon as possible. Speaking of the destruction of the plant, Mr. Bakewell said the company might rebuild and start again, and information as to what route the Willunga railway would take would be of great assistance to the company in deciding this matter.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 13 November 1909, page 27

DESTRUCTION OF BRIGHTON CEMENT WORKS BY FIRE.



PICTURE OF THE WORKS PRIOR TO THEIR DESTRUCTION ON NOVEMBER 7.



THE RUINS AS SEEN ON THE DAY FOLLOWING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.
Photos W. S. Smith



PLAYING ON THE SMOKING DEBRIS.

The supply of water at the fire was limited to the hose shown.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 13 November 1909, page 41

CEMENT WORKS DESTROYED.

ESTIMATED DAMAGE OVER £15,000.

A big glare on the south-western sky-line at 10 o'clock on Sunday evening set people in Adelaide speculating. It was a fire without doubt, and one of no mean dimensions. The news must have floated up on the first puffs of smoke, because the fact that the Brighton cement works were ablaze was known in the city a quarter of an hour after the flames had given warning of probable disaster. A motor car with representatives of The Register sped away early to the scene, and cut the journey out in 40m.—no thanks to the roads approaching the mile long hill, where the works are, or were, situated. Imagine a furrowed field, only of banks of packed macadam pushed into undulations by heavy traffic, with bogs, feet deep thrown in, and some idea may be obtained of a thorough-fare which has the impudence to invite vehicular traffic. It was a case of sit tight and hold on, or—!

—An Acre of Debris.—

The fire was doing its work thoroughly when Brighton was reached. Practically only an hour after the alarm had been given the whole of the acre of buildings had been swept. How the fire originated is still a mystery, although one authority has attributed the cause to spontaneous combustion in the coalheap of the boiler room. A few months ago, indications of a similar happening were fortunately observed. Here it was that the first ominous signs were detected at about 9.50. Three employes were on duty at the time, and they made a smart response to the situation. But then came the tragic difficulty of attempting to extinguish a fire with-out water! The man who ran out a line of hose to quell the initial outbreak, found only an escape of steam, which scalded his hands. Eventually the Glenelg Fire Brigade made a determined effort to encourage a trickle, but the firemen might as well have stayed at home.

—History of the Works.—

The Brighton cement works were established about 17 years ago to manufacture a fine article for building purposes from the blue cement rocks at Marino, which had been found after severe tests to be eminently suitable for the purpose. For a long time after the machinery was in operation, the local cement had to encounter bitter opposition, but the cement was finally adopted by the Government for use in the Happy Valley and subsequently in the Bundaleer and other waterworks. Gradually private builders were convinced of its quality, and it has for some years been in general use, and has proved a formidable rival to the imported article, largely displacing the latter from the market. The most notable examples of the use of the Brighton cement are in the fine reinforced concrete premises of The Register Office and Kither's Building, and the new arcade (in course of erection), in King William street.

—statement by Mr. E. H. Bakewell.—

The managing director (Mr. E. H. Bakewell) arrived at about midnight by motor car, and when seen by a reporter he stated that a large portion of the place had been erected within the last, three years, and that almost the whole of the grinding machinery and a good deal of the plant had been installed recently. The only parts of the works that had not been renewed were the engines and boilers, and the company was just about to replace them.

—About the Works.—

The foreman (Mr. John Murray) stated that 100 hands were employed at the works, and the output of cement was 250 tons a week. At a rough guess he estimated the extent of the damage at £15,000 to £20,000. There was a least £3,000 worth of cement and 10,000 new bags in stock, and all were destroyed. "The whole place was alight within a quarter of an hour," he said. "All the employes turned out to render assistance, and did what they could to save everything possible." Mr. Murray thought the fire originated in the roof of the boiler house, which had brick walls and a timber-lined ceiling. It might have been caused by the heat of the furnace, or rotary kiln, which was 75 ft. long inside, and was at full heat.

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—The Railway Question.—

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—Cement Used by the Government.—

When seen on Monday with reference to Government contracts with the Brighton Cement Works, the Superintendent of Public Buildings (Mr. C. E. Owen Smyth, I.S.O.) said:—"Almost from the inception of the Brighton Cement Works this department has dealt consistently with the company. In the early stages of the enterprise the cement was not all it ought to have been, but so soon as the company realized what could be done to improve it the necessary steps were taken. Henceforth during a period of 15 or 16 years this department has never used an ounce of any other cement, and has no cause to regret not having done so. The only trouble is that the works were not larger, so that they could keep a big reserve stock to age. Cement is like good wine, whisky, and varnish; it wants age. It is a great pity that the works have been burned, the supply of cement stopped, the men turned off temporarily, and that the money which would otherwise have gone into South Australian pockets will have to be paid elsewhere. So far as I am concerned in my department not one penny of the money I have to spend on behalf of the Government will go to foreign dealers. I will have British or colonial cement, or none at all! I am doing all I can to get a supply for my contractors. This duty devolves upon me, because the contractors have to buy all their cement through me and pay me for it. I hope to enter into arrangements to-day with sundry merchants in the city, and possibly also with Mr. E. H. Bakewell, that may tide me over a month or so until we know where we are."

1910

From the Sands and McDougall Directory for 1910.

Glenelg Fire brigade Station, Augusta Street, South side, Corner of Rodolph Terrace. J. C. Kellet foreman in charge.

1911

The Brighton Deaf and Dumb Institution was located off King George Avenue, Brighton, now called Townsend House. 4.7 km from the Glenelg Fire Station.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 9 May 1911, page 4

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

LARGE HOUSE DESTROYED

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call by telephone from the Brighton Deaf and Dumb Institution, at 8.5 p.m. on Saturday night intimating that a fire was raging next door to the institution. Foreman Stevens and one fireman proceeded to the scene of the outbreak with the fire-reel. When they arrived there they found a large two-storied house, consisting of 26 rooms, well alight on both floors. No time was lost in running out the fire house, but to the disgust of the firemen they found that the pressure of water was so light that it was almost useless. Considering that the water would only rise to a height of 12 ft., they were severely handicapped in their efforts to cope with the flames, and eventually, in the face of all their hard work, the place was completely gutted, with the exception of a four-roomed cottage situated at the north end, which was saved by the efforts of the brigade after a hard fight under trying circumstances. The house was occupied by Mr. Allan, and is an old land mark in

the Brighton district. As far as can be ascertained it was occupied by Mr. Boswell 30 years ago as a hotel, and is situated in King's road. The superintendent of the Deaf and Dumb Institution complimented Foreman Stevens on the good work performed by the brigade under adverse conditions. After all danger was passed the brigade reached the Glenelg Fire Station at 3.30 a.m. on Sunday. It is understood that the building and contents were insured.

1912

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Wednesday 28 February 1912, page 5

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE.

At the meeting of the Glenelg council on Tuesday night the mayor stated that he had been interviewed by the chairman of the Fire Brigades Board with reference to provision being made of some means of dealing with any fires that might occur during the time that the place was without the services of the regular members of the brigade. The mayor had intimated that he had replied that during the day the corporation employes would be available, and would be promptly called in to assist in case of need, while at night his own employes, who were living near his house, would be available, and a telephone message would ensure the attendance of the men at the earliest possible moment.

1913

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 6 December 1913, page 17

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT GLENELG GASWORKS.

Considerable excitement was occasioned in Glenelg on Friday evening, when a re-port went around to the effect that the local gasworks had caught fire. On enquiry it appeared that apparently, owing to a leakage in the feed pipe of the engine used for pumping gas into the purifier, the gas escaped, and by some unaccountable means caught fire. The local fire brigades were promptly rung up, and were almost immediately on the scene, and after some trouble, and aided by a good pressure of water, they eventually succeeded in extinguishing the flames, which blazed up to a considerable height. The engine room and its contents were a good deal burned, and the full extent of the damage is un-known. When the fire was got under, the pipe, with difficulty, was plugged. It was thought at one time that the gas at the main would have to be turned off, but this course was fortunately found unnecessary and the people of Glenelg were consequently in no way inconvenienced.

1914

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 9 July 1914, page 18

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

FIRE AT GLENELG.

About 11 a.m. on Wednesday a small fire occurred in a house occupied by Mr. Thomas Willey, fruiterer, of Jetty-road, Glenelg. Some clothing had been placed to air before the fire in the sitting-room, and sparks must have ignited the garments. Three chairs, some carpet, and a quantity of clothing were burnt, the damage being estimated at £10. The furniture was insured. The fire brigade were called, and they extinguished the flames.

1915

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 12 January 1915, page 7

FIRE AT GLENELG.

A motor cycle with sidecar, the property of Mr. Harry Lewis, of Glenelg, was destroyed by fire on Jetty road, at 10.30 on Monday morning. The local fire brigade was called to the scene

and extinguished the blaze with a chemical fire extinguisher. The only portion of the cycle undamaged was the engine.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Tuesday 27 April 1915, page 6

UNDER EQUIPPED FIRE STATION

MOTOR REEL FOR GLENELG.

The need of the equipment of the Glenelg Fire Brigade, with a motor reel in place of or supplementary to the existing horse reel, which has been frequently urged upon headquarters, but without avail, was forcibly demonstrated on Saturday evening, when the brigade was summoned to the fire caused by the explosion at Portland Cement Works in Brighton. The distance from the Glenelg Fire Station to the works is quite three and a half miles, and the last half-mile or so is on a steep hill. The brigade obeyed the call promptly, and put on the greatest speed that was possible, but notwithstanding it was over half an hour in covering the ground.

Happily the fire had been kept well in hand pending the arrival of the brigade. The delay in the brigade's arrival might, however, have easily meant the destruction of a valuable property and plant, the dislocation of an important industry, and the temporary unemployment of upwards of a hundred men.

The Glenelg Fire Brigade serves a large and very scattered district, and it is always inbcl to calls to fires at long distances, and in which quickness of arrival is the very of essence of success. It is urged that if the brigade is to be made really effective for the discharge of the responsibilities with which it is entrusted it must be given the motor equipment. The interest on the initial cost of which would, it is claimed, no more than met by the saving in horsefeed, which is now so ruinously dear.

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Friday 15 May 1914, page 4

FIRE AT GLENELG

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call through the telephone exchange at 3.40 p.m. yesterday to a fire at Mr. James Riol's house in Bath street, Glenelg. Sixty feet of fencing was destroyed by fire, which was caused by sparks from a hedge which was being burnt off.

1916

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 17 February 1916, page 2

Our Fire Brigade.

Glenelg possesses a fire station of which any suburban town may justly feel proud, and fortunately for the residents of this fast growing town its services is very rarely required. But because this is so is no reason why it should not be equipped with the latest fire-fighting appliances. One never knows when a flagration of a serious nature might break out, and therefore it is well to be prepared for any contingency that might arise at a time when least expected. The station is well manned and is in charge of a capable officer, who keeps the place spic-and-span, and everything is in good working order to meet any calls made upon it. However, the upkeep of the Brigade costs the ratepayers something like £200 a year—the proportion of the Town Council. And the estimated cost for the current year is somewhere in the vicinity of £800 Included in the upkeep of the brigade is a horse—a very fine animal, which has little else to do but eat, and the cost of its keep is by no mean a small item. In this department a big saving could be effected, and at the same time the efficiency of the brigade strengthened by the installation of a motor reel, the cost of which could be saved in a short period of time through the saving in the chaff bill. Horse traction in fire brigade work has almost become a thing of the past, as all up-to-date stations have been equipped with the latest motor driven vehicles, which can reach a fire in quicker time than a horse, and the cost is ever so much cheaper. In fact, there is very little cost in the upkeep of a motor reel beyond

the petrol used for testing each day and what is required for a call to the fire. And in case of Glenelg that would amount to very little. "The Guardian" thinks that this is a matter which can well be taken up by the Town Council, as all the money saved is so much earned, and can be expended in other directions to the benefit of ratepayers. Glenelg desires to be up to-date in all things, and why not with our fire brigade, particularly if it means a saving of an annual bill for horse feed ?

Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 21 August 1916, page 5

FIRE AT GLENELG.

Shortly after 7 o'clock on Saturday evening the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to a fire in Berkshire street. Upon arriving on the scene Station Officer Cooke discovered that the conflagration was confined to a large shed used as a storeroom by Mr. William Thomas Evans, of 68 Jetty road. The flames were burning fiercely inside the building, in which were a large fruiterer's van, vegetables, fruit, and chaff. Nothing was saved. Mr. Evans estimated his loss at about £75. The property is owned by Mr. F. W. Kelsby, of Blanchetown. It is not known whether any insurance is held over the shed, the value of which is estimated at £30. The main property facing Jetty road is insured in the Queensland Company. The fire, started among a number of empty cases in a corner of the shed, but how it was caused is unknown.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 22 September 1916, page 11

FIRE AT GLENELG.

STARTLING EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.

MAN CHARGED WITH ARSON.

Sensational evidence was given at an inquest conducted by the City Coroner (Dr. Ramsay Smith) on Thursday, at the Adelaide Police Court, concerning a fire in a house in Boundary-road, Somerton, occupied by Frederick Thomas Palmer. Mr. R. Ingleby appeared for Palmer, and Mr. Frinsdorf was present on behalf of the Fire Brigade.

Ernest Wilmott Cook, officer in charge of the fire brigade at Glenelg, stated that at about 7 p.m. on September 18, in consequence of a message from Mr. C. Jones, he went to a house in Boundary-road, Somerton. He inspected the house, and in the room used as a kitchen, found a hole burnt in the floor about 9 or 10 in. square, the remains of a couch, and two partly destroyed chairs and a circular table.

The Coroner—Was there any evidence that the fire had been put out?

The Witness—No, it had not been put out. It had the appearance of having smouldered out.

Was there a fireplace in the room?—Yes, an open fireplace, but there were no ashes in it.

Was there any evidence of any oils or anything that might start a fire either accidentally or intentionally in that room?—No.

Did you find any inflammable material in any part of the premises?—Yes, a gallon tin of turpentine on the front verandah. The tin was almost full.

Clarence Carlyle Jones, land agent, of Brighton-road, Glenelg, said that at about 5.15 p.m. on September 18 he went to Palmer's residence. He met Palmer in front of the place, and they went into the front room, which was much disarranged, and some pictures were broken. He asked him how that had occurred, and Palmer replied, "I will be candid with you. Mr. Jones. I put my foot through the pictures." On entering the adjoining cottage which had been used as part of the house, he saw ashes and cinders on the couch, and said, "My word, Palmer. This looks very serious." He said he knew no-thing about it. Palmer said he had been lying on the couch on Sunday afternoon smoking his pipe. He then said, "Don't accuse me of doing this, but I broke the pictures." The witness said he felt it his duty to inform the authorities. Palmer

repeatedly assured the witness that he had not set fire to the place. He went into the back lobby and brought in a tin, which contained what appeared to be turpentine. He said, "You can see there is nothing gone out of this." The witness went into the other two rooms of that portion of the house, and there was a strong smell of stale smoke.

The witness went on to say that Palmer said there was nothing in the house belonging to him.

The Coroner—Are you one of the executors of his late wife's will?

The Witness—Yes.

Had you told him it would be necessary for him to give up the premises?—Yes and I had asked him to remove his belongings.

Had you given him notice to remove his belongings from the premises?—I had asked him to do so. We had arranged mutually for the goods to be removed on September 11, but they were not removed, and I ex-tended the time until September 18.

Mr. Palmer had no interest either in the premises or in the furniture?—No.

The witness said, in reply to a further question, that the property was left under Mrs. Palmer's will to Palmer's step-daughters, Mabel Alice and Mary Green. An objection to the question was made by Mr. Ingleby, but subsequently the will was produced.

Walter C. G. Comley, aged 12 years, of Scarborough-street, Somerton, said he saw Palmer on Sunday, September 17, at 3.15 p.m., coming away from the front of his house, carrying a box and a little bag. About 4.30 p.m. the witness saw him sit-ting on a chair in the front of the house, and shortly afterwards he left the house carrying a sugar-bag with something in it.

Edred T. Gibson, ironmonger's assistant, said he was in his father's shop on Friday last, and sold Palmer a gallon of turpentine and three sheets of glass-paper. The goods were entered to Mr. Lucas at Palmer's request. Palmer was a painter.

William Lucas, architect, of Sussex-street, Glenelg, said Palmer was in his employ. He was painting a house at Maturin-road, Glenelg. Palmer went to him on Saturday and offered him some money for a gallon of turpentine. He told him to go to Gibson's and pay for the turpentine himself.

The Coroner—Had you told him to buy the turpentine?

The Witness—No.

Do you know if it was required for your work?—No. it wasn't required.

Did he lead you to believe that this particular turpentine was for his own use or for your use?—He said he had had a gallon for his own use.

Did you see him on Monday afternoon? —Yes; he was talking to me.

Did he say anything regarding his property?—Yes; he said he was going to burn the house down and burn himself inside. He also said he had had a lot of trouble, and was very miserable.

Did he make any reference to anything besides his property or to any other people?—Yes. He didn't like the idea of giving up his property. He used a pro-noun, and said rather than they should have the property that he had worked so hard to get he would burn it down and himself with it.

Hercules G. Langman, carpenter, of Magill, said Palmer had spoken to him regarding his property at Glenelg. Palmer had made many statements that led the witness to think he was very sore at having his property taken away from him.

The Coroner—Has he ever said anything regarding destroying the property?

The Witness—Yes; he told me on Mon-day afternoon that he was going to gather up the few things he had made and put them in a heap and burn himself up with them, and come round on the following morning and let me know how he got on about it. (Laughter.) He was non compos mentis at the time.

Do you think he was off his head?—I was positively sure he was.

Did you put it down to drink?—He was certainly a little muddled and very much worried. He told me he had been taking a little brandy to keep his spirits up, as he had been without sleep for a long time.

The Coroner—Do you wish to tender Mr. Palmer as a witness, Mr. Ingleby?

Mr. Ingleby—No. I have advised him to seek the protection the law allows.

The Coroner said there was a prima facie case which, on the present evidence, showed that Frederick Thomas Palmer originated the fire.

Palmer was committed for trial on a charge of arson, and was allowed bail in himself of £25 and a surety of a similar amount.

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Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 12 April 1917, page 1

A FISH SHOP FIRE.

On Thursday night of last week, shortly before 7 o'clock, the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to a fire at Penfold's fish shop, Jetty-road. Station-officer Cook was quickly on the scene with the reel, but fortunately his services were not required, as the fire was subdued by Mr. Penfold. The fire was confined to the smoke house, a rather primitive structure at the rear. There was a fair wind blowing at the time and it was most fortunate that the outbreak was noted in time, otherwise a most serious conflagration might have resulted, as the main building is of a flimsy wood-and-iron construction, and would most probably have burned like so much tinder.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 3 August 1917, page 4

RAILWAY STATION FIRE.

In connection with the fire which occurred on a train at the Glenelg rail-way Station, North terrace, on Wednesday night, it was reported to the City Watchhouse by F.C. Williams that Porter Sullivan was slightly burned while endeavouring to extinguish the flames. His injuries were dressed at the railway station.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 6 September 1917, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE.

PROPOSED GLENELG-BRIGHTON DISTRICT.

For sometime past a movement has been set on foot to establish a Glenelg and Brighton fire district, and according to the following letter the necessary machinery has been completed to bring that about from January 1 next. At Monday night's meeting of the Council Mr. H. M. Bristowe, secretary to the Fire Brigades Board, wrote to the effect that "the Board has recommended His Excellency the Governor to declare that the Fire Brigades Act, 1913, shall apply to the municipality of Brighton, and has also applied for the consent of His Excellency the Governor to the constitution of the Glenelg and Brighton Fire District, which will consist of the Glenelg Municipality and the Municipality of Brighton. The result of the above action will be that the Brighton Corporation will be called upon to pay portion of the cost of the establishment and maintenance of the proposed fire district. The date of the commencement

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of the Glenelg and Brighton fire district is fixed for January 1, 1918." By the new arrangement the present horse reel will give way to a motor appliance, and will probably mean the employment of an additional man on the station at Glenelg, which will be the headquarters.

1918

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Wednesday 20 February 1918, page 3

FIRE APPLIANCES AT GLENELG.

For many years a horse reel has done service in the Glenelg fire district, under the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board, but in view of the proclaimed extension of the fire district to include Brighton it has been decided to substitute for the horse-drawn appliances an up-to-date motor reel. The new motor will be sent to Glenelg in a few days. Arrangements are now being made to instal the necessary fire alarms in Brighton and to connect them with the Glenelg station.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Tuesday 19 March 1918, page 3

MOTOR FIRE APPLIANCE FOR GLENELG.

Ever since the establishment of the branch of the fire brigade at Glenelg a horse-drawn reel has been stationed there and has met all requirements. Recently the Brighton district was added to that of Glenelg, and as this means doubling the area protected it became necessary to provide better facilities for dealing with fires at the Brighton end, which is about four miles from the Glenelg station. The horse vehicle has been withdrawn, and on Monday a motor hose-reel was sent to Glenelg to take its place. If necessary therefore the firemen can be at the extreme end of the district in less than 12 minutes from the time a call was received. Fire alarms will be fixed at different places, and Brighton will soon be as effectively protected as other suburbs.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 21 March 1918, page 2

MOTOR FIRE REEL.

Installed at Glenelg.

"The old order departeth making room for the new" is an old axe which may truly be applied to the Glenelg fire station, in view of the fact that the old horse reel has been replaced by a new and modern motor fire reel. Although it was recognised that the petrol machine would have to come sooner or later, its advent was hastened by the bringing in of the Brighton area into the Glenelg fire district—and in future the southern town will be served from Glenelg in the event of an outbreak of fire. The two districts will be connected by a system of alarms which will make it possible to call the station without delay. While the station has been equipped with the latest in motor appliances, the Fire Brigades Board have, however, not sent an additional man to assist the three already stationed at Glenelg This is a somewhat important matter which requires adjustment, because in the case of a call out to Brighton it is essential that at least one man should remain at the station to guard Glenelg's interest. It is never safe to take chances, for one never knows when a fire, or a succession of fires, may break out and it is always best to be prepared However, Station Officer Cooke is justly proud of his up to-date fire machine, and is now prepared for any contingencies that may arise.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Thursday 22 August 1918, page 5

FIRE AT GLENELG.

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call from Farrell-street about 7 p.m. of Wednesday, and found the two-storey garage on Mr. E. G. Stone's premises in flames. The pressure of water was quite inadequate to quench the fire, and the firemen concentrated their attention on protecting adjacent premises. The garage, which was substantially built of wood and iron, was gutted. Its dimensions were 30 ft. by 16 ft. It was owned by Mrs. M. Tolley, Grove-street,

Unley Park. Two motor cars were in the place when the fire was noticed by Mr. W. C. Melbourne, who gave the alarm, and they were got out. One was slightly damaged by fire. Mr. Stone had about £300 worth of furniture stored in the top floor of the garage, which was totally destroyed.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 19 December 1918, page 2

WANTED—A FOURTH FIREMAN

On several occasions since the Brighton district became incorporated in the fire service of Glenelg, the "Guardian" has advocated the appointment of a fourth fireman, but without success. It is apparent that the members of the Fire Brigades Board, also of the Glenelg Town Council, are not seized with the seriousness of the position; and, that being so, we once again urge upon the powers that be to give the matter the deep consideration that it deserves. We would like to point out that the personnel of the local Fire Brigade is made up of a station officer, a foreman, and a fireman. Each day one of the staff is either on "full leave" or "short leave," which practically means that to all intents and purposes the fire station is manned by only two men—two men to attend to a possible big conflagration in the town! The fact that happily nothing of a disastrous nature has occurred is no excuse why the people of this growing town should be left at the mercy of a disaster which might occur at any time. A striking proof of the force of our argument was given on the night of November 30, when a large grass fire broke out at Seacliff, in the most southerly part of the Brighton district. The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call, and hastened to the scene. The firemen had not been long at work when they received a call of an outbreak of fire at Glenelg, and to Glenelg the firefighters hastened. True these were only grass fires, yet grass fires have ended disastrously for a town before to-day. But, supposing, however, that instead of grass, valuable buildings had been attacked by the flames, what hope would there have been of successfully combating the conflagration at Glenelg? We hold the opinion that there should be at least four men stationed at Glenelg, which would then allow of three being permanently on duty to attend to any calls that might be made upon the service. Two of these could cope with any ordinary outbreak, thus enabling the third man to remain at the station ready in the event of being called to another fire. Of course, it would mean the employment of additional appliances in the shape of a small curricule, besides the extra salary, but the cost would be a mere bagatelle to the added security of householders and owners of valuable property. Whatever may be said to the contrary, one thing is abundantly apparent—the local fire station is decidedly undermanned to serve both Glenelg and Brighton. We hope that the members of the Council will move immediately in the matter, and press the Fire Brigades Board to provide as early as convenient the fourth man— so urgently required.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 19 December 1918, page 1

FIRE BRIGADE BUSY.

Glenelg Calls for a Month.

Fortunately for Glenelg, the calls upon the services of the local Fire Brigade have not been too frequent, which bespeaks the absence of fires. However, during the past month the brigade has had a busy time, during one period of which it looked as though something serious was at last going to happen in the conflagration line, but again fortunately nothing of a particularly serious nature occurred. From November 16 to December 16 the Glenelg Brigade received eight calls, as follow:— November 16, at 2.45 p.m., grass fire in Torrens Square, adjacent to St. Peter's Church. November 28, 2.30 a.m., call to a fire at the stables and storeroom of A. Rugless, butcher, The Broadway, New Glenelg. In this case the loss was fairly heavy, all the harness being destroyed. The Brigade did good work. At 4.30 p.m. the same date a call was received to a grass fire at East Terrace, Helmsdale. November 30, at 10.25 p.m. a big grass fire raged at Wheatland Street, Seacliff, in the Brighton district. While the Brigade was attending that fire another call was received at 11 p.m. to a grass fire at Adelphi Terrace. December 1, at 11.45 a.m., a grass and seaweed fire near the Cottage

Homes was the occasion for another turn out of the Brigade. December 5, at 9.10 a.m., the Brigade was called to the residence of Mr. Lillie, in Clyde Street, where the bedding in one of the bedrooms was alight. The bedding was destroyed. December 6, a grass fire adjacent to the railway goods station got out of hand, and the Brigade was summoned to subdue the flames.

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Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 29 May 1919, page 1

FIRE AT PIER HOTEL.

Lift Tower Damaged.

On Wednesday afternoon at about 3.20 o'clock it was discovered that the lift tower at the Pier Hotel was ablaze, and the Fire Brigade was called in to extinguish the flames. Station Officer Cooke and his men came on the scene in quick time, and by the aid of chemical extinguishers the fire was subdued. It is thought that the fire was caused by the fusing of a wire. The damage is estimated at about £30.

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922), Thursday 29 May 1919, page 1

LIFT ON FIRE.

On Wednesday afternoon the electric lift at the Pier Hotel, Glenelg, became ignited owing to the fusing of the wire which provides the power. The upper part blazed fiercely, the flames being fanned by the draught up the lift well. The fire brigade quickly had the fire under control, but not before damage was done to the extent of about £30.

1920

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 3 February 1920, page 6

ROBBERY AT BRIGHTON.

Last Monday, while Mr. F. Vinall, a newsagent, of Brighton, and his family were absent in Adelaide, a neighbour noticed flames issuing from a bedroom in his dwelling. The fire brigade and the police were communicated with, when it was found that the premises had been unlawfully entered, and then apparently set fire to. The flames were extinguished, but not before a considerable quantity of clothing had been destroyed. On investigation the police found that jewellery and cash had been stolen. Money boxes belonging to the children were subsequently discovered in the vicinity, but they had been cut open and their contents extracted. Altogether Mr. Vinall estimates his loss at about £70.

A sequel to the foregoing episode was witnessed at the Brighton Police Court on Monday, when Samuel John Kennedy was charged before Messrs. J. H. Grundy and J. A. V. Brown, with having feloniously broken and entered the dwelling of Frederick Ira Vinall, at Brighton, on January 26, and with having stolen a gold brooch, valued at 30/. The accused was present in custody. M.C. Kain said that in consequence of something he had heard, he questioned the accused regarding his movements on the day in question. Kennedy then made a statement, in which he admitted the offence, and offered to make restitution. At the same time he accused another local lad of also being implicated. Subsequently, after having been cautioned, the accused voluntarily made a written statement, in which he confessed his guilt and expressed regret. After his arrest, however, he declared that the whole thing was a tissue of lies, and that he knew nothing whatever of the occurrence, but had heard people speaking of it. Kennedy made a rambling statement to the Court in which he professed innocence, and said that he had told the constable that he was the guilty party because he thought that was the quickest way to get out of it. Constable Kain asked for a remand of 10 days to enable further enquiries to be made. Meanwhile an inquest regarding the cause of the fire would be conducted. This application was granted. Accused, who reserved his defence, was granted

bail on his own surety, and one other— each of £50. Kennedy was the victim of a sensational shooting accident in the town recently, and was lately discharged from a hospital.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 8 July 1920, page 1

FIRE IN HASTINGS STREET.

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to a fire in Hastings Street at 12.45 a.m. on Wednesday. The brigade turned out smartly in charge of Station-Officer Horricks. The fire was confined to a large shed on the premises of Mrs. Clark, storekeeper. The brigade quickly extinguished the fire, which did damage to the ceilings and joists. There was a fairly good pressure of water. The shop and contents are insured for £500.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 26 November 1920, page 9

CASUALTIES.

A BURNING ACCIDENT.

Mrs. Alma E. Batt, residing at the corner of Boundary road and Union street, New Glenelg, was the victim of a burning accident on Thursday afternoon. She was melting dripping in a fryingpan on a stove in her kitchen, when the fat ignited and flared up. In her endeavour of quench the flames Mrs. Batt threw water on the burning mass, with the result that it flew out and ignited her dress. Her hair caught alight, her eyelashes were singed, and both arms were burned at the elbows. In her excitement she rushed to the door, in front of which a curtain was hanging, and became entangled in it. This had the effect of suppressing the flames. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned, and Fireman Russell rendered first aid to the sufferer, who was subsequently attended by Dr. Stokes.

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

At about 12.30 p.m. on Thursday, the Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire at Brighton. The motor engine, in charge of Foreman Pahle, was soon on the scene, and it was found that flames had broken out in a five-acre wheat paddock, situated at Shoreham road, about midway between Brighton and Seacliff. The wheat had just been cut, and was lying in stooks, and aided by the wind the blaze spread rapidly. Notwithstanding a poor pressure of water, the brigade effected a good save, but not before about £20 worth of damage had resulted. The crop, which had been cut for hay, was the property of Mr. H. M. Lewis, a farmer. The cause of the outbreak has not been ascertained.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 24 December 1920, page 9

CASUALTIES.

MOTOR CAR BURNT.

Shortly after 10 o'clock on Thursday night great excitement was created in Moseley square, Glenelg, by reason of a motor car having caught fire. The car, a five-seater Krit, belonged to Mr. William H. Streeton, a pianoforte tuner, of Angas street, Adelaide, and was valued at £200. Mr. Streeton, who was accompanied by his wife and young family, decided to return to the city about 10 o'clock, but when he went to start the car, which was standing in front of the post office, he failed to get it to move. Thinking the pipe which conveys the petrol from the tank to the engine was choked, he crawled under the car and endeavoured to clear it with a hairpin. Unfortunately he used an oil lamp to enable him to find out the trouble, and the petrol became ignited, causing an instant blaze. The flames leapt up to a great height, and although fire extinguishers were lent by the owners of cars in the vicinity, these failed to suppress the outbreak, and it was found necessary to summon the Glenelg Fire Brigade. Aided by a good force of water this body soon extinguished the flames. The car was completely wrecked, although the engine will probably be of further use. Mr. Streeton quickly emerged from under the blazing car, but his arms were severely burned. Dr. H. W. Stoddart, who was summoned,

ordered his removal to his home. P.C. Kitchin took charge of the wreckage on behalf of the police. Mr. Streeton had only just purchased the car, which was uninsured. His coat, which contained his purse and money, was burnt, as also was his hat.



Krit KT 5 Passenger 1913 - National Automotive Museum, Reno, Nevada. 2008

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Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 13 January 1921, page 8

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT THE PIER HOTEL.

A fire, which, fortunately, was speedily extinguished through the promptitude of a guest, Mr. Rice, occurred at the Pier Hotel, Glenelg, at about half-past 6 o'clock on Wednesday morning. It is stated that one of the visitors to the hotel went downstairs at about 6 o'clock to obtain a morning newspaper. Before doing so he lit a cigarette, and threw the lucifer, which he thought he had extinguished, into a waste paper basket. Shortly afterwards his wife, who was asleep in the same room, was awakened by a crackling noise, and was horrified to find the curtains ablaze. She screamed and ran out of the room, and the noise awakening Mr. Rice, who was sleeping in a room opposite, he dashed in, and succeeded in smothering the flames with the bedclothes, and the night porter, who had not gone off duty, completed the work with a fire extinguisher, a supply of which is kept on each floor. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned, but the blaze was extinguished before they arrived. The curtains, carpet, and linoleum were burnt, the damage being assessed at about £20. The loss was covered by insurance.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 27 January 1921, page 4

FIRES FOR JANUARY.

Brigade Has Busy Time.

The station officer of the Glenelg Fire Brigade (Mr. W. Horricks) and staff have experienced a busy month, having been called out on several occasions to attend to fires. Fortunately, however, none of them were of a very serious character, being subdued before extensive damage was done.

—At the Pier.—

On the morning of Wednesday, 12th inst., at 6.40, a telephone call was received to a fire at the Pier Hotel. Mr. Horricks found the conflagration confined to a bedroom on the third floor. The fire was quickly extinguished. The contents of the room, including the clothing of the inmates, were damaged.

—At the Rectory.—

On the evening of the 13th inst., at 10.24, the brigade were summoned to a fire at the Rectory, Augusta street. It was found upon arrival that a shed in the yard, used as a lumber and work room, was ablaze. The shed and contents (clothing, tools, &c.) were destroyed. It is not known how the fire originated. Mr. and Mrs. Cavalier were absent from home on holiday at Victor Harbour.

Seaweed and Pilings.

On Friday morning, 21st inst., at 11 o'clock, it was reported that the seaweed and sheet piling on the north side of the Patawalonga were on fire. Station Officer Horricks and his men extinguished the blaze. The same night, at 11.5, another call was received, and it was found that another fire had been started near the scene of the one earlier in the day, and that the sheet piling was alight. The flames were soon got under.

—Stables and Outhouses.—

On Saturday night last, at 10.18, the brigade was called by phone to a fire which had broken out in the stables and outhouses on premises attached to the bakehouse of Proudman Brothers, Adelaide road, Morphettville. Although outside the boundary of the town, Station Officer Horricks proceeded to the scene, and arrived there in quick time. The fire had secured a firm hold, but the firefighters made a good save of both ends of the building. Three stalls and the chaffhouse with fodder were damaged. The stable consisted of six stalls. The building was insured for £95 in the Liverpool, London, and Globe office, and the damage is estimated at £35. The room containing the harness was covered in the I.O.A. for £25.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 1 February 1921, page 4

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE.

Despite the fact that Glenelg possesses a population of more than 10,000 people, and is rapidly growing, its fire brigade still consists of a station officer (Mr. W. Horricks) and a couple of firemen (writes our local correspondent). In addition to Glenelg, it has Brighton in its charge, with the result that if the brigade is summoned to a fire at Brighton, Glenelg is left quite unprotected. Considering the value of house property at Glenelg, this is a matter that requires the attention of the Fire Brigades' Board. During the past month the brigade has had several calls, fortunately of a not important character. Like other residents of Glenelg, Mr. Horricks complains of the slowness of the telephone service. A quick call often means the difference between a good save and absolute destruction where a fire is concerned, but the telephone service, with increased rates and charges, instead of improving, seems to be going from bad to worse.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 3 March 1921, page 2

GLENELG COUNCIL.

The Fortnightly Meeting.

The usual meeting of the Glenelg Town Council was held on Monday night.

—Low Water Pressure.—

The Mayor informed the Council that he attended a call to a grass fire at Somerton by the fire brigade, and noticed that the water pressure was bad. Had the fire occurred on house property the pressure would have been insufficient to successfully cope with it. On the motion of Aldermen Patterson and Kneebone it was decided to request the chairman of the Fire Brigades Board to have a test made of the pressure.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Monday 29 August 1921, page 1

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT GLENELG.

Shortly after 11 o'clock on Friday night an empty four-roomed cottage, belonging to Mrs. Isabella Adams, situated in Pier street. Glenelg, was discovered to be on fire. Mr. Comley, the landlord of the hotel, telephoned to the local fire brigade, and they were soon in attendance. Their efforts to save the place, however, proved unavailing, and the dwelling was destroyed. The place had been condemned, but was insured for £300 with the Queensland Insurance Company. The address of the owner is unknown. The police discovered a half-burned bag of binder twine, which smelt of kerosine, and an empty kerosine tin was found in one of the rooms.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 18 November 1921, page 9

CASUALTIES.

FIVE ALARMS OF FIRE.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade usually looks for a rush of business whenever the mercury soars high. On Thursday it received five "orders" in the way of alarms, and turned out promptly. In no case, however, did the fires result in much damage. The two first calls, at 11.30 and 11.45 a.m. were to grass fires respectively on the south parklands and at Bellingham street, Thebarton. At the last mentioned time another call from Currie street took a unit of the brigade to the premises of a French polisher, Mr. H. W. Langford, where slight damage had resulted to some furniture through a blaze consequent on the upsetting of a methylated spirit stove. At 1.12 p.m. a loud explosion and suspicious vapours caused an alarm at the premises of Mr. E. A. Saunders, Arcade, Rundle street. The firemen found on arrival that nothing worse than the bursting of a cylinder of a soda fountain had occurred—a fire-extinguisher itself had there been a blaze that needed attention. A message from Glenelg soon afterwards reported a somewhat similar occurrence at 12.33 p.m. at the chemist's shop of Mr. W. Patterson, Jetty road. In this instance the explosion of some liquids in bottles started a small fire which slightly damaged the dispensary.

1922

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 25 March 1922, page 6

A SMALL FIRE.

Shortly after 9 p.m. on Friday smoke was observed issuing from Prince's Flats, Jetty road, near Miller's Corner, Glenelg. The local fire brigade, in charge of Mr. W. T. Horrocks, was quickly on the spot. The firemen entered through an upstairs window, and found some clothing in a box alight. The blaze was speedily extinguished. The owners of the flat were absent at the time.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 27 March 1922, page 9

SMALL FIRE.

On Saturday night the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call from the Pier-street alarm and found smoke issuing from a room above a general store owned by Messrs. Tilley Brothers. A lighted cigarette had been thrown on some clothes. Little damage was done.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 30 March 1922, page 9

FIRE PROTECTION AT CAMDEN.

At a meeting of ratepayers, held in Camden Hall, Camden, on Tuesday, to consider the matter of obtaining protection from fire for Camden, Camden Estate, Morphetville Park, and Novar Gardens, a sub-committee, appointed by the Camden Progress Committee, brought to the notice of the ratepayers the seriousness of the present position. After discussion, a motion

was carried unanimously, empowering the committee to wait as a deputation upon the West Torrens District Council with a view to the districts referred to coming within the Glenelg Fire Brigade area. A vote of thanks to the committee for its services was carried on the motion of Mr. E. L. Osborne.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 16 November 1922, page 2

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE.

In the Government Gazette of October 26th appears the following proclamation, sign by the Lieut.-Governor (Sir George Murray):—"By virtue of the provisions of the Fire Brigades Act, 1913, I, the said Lieut.-Governor, with the advice and consent of Executive Council of the said State (South Australia) do hereby, upon the recommendation of the Fire Brigades Board, declare that the Fire Brigades Act, 1913, shall apply to that part of the district council district of West Torrens, defined in the schedule hereto. "The Schedule. "Comprising that portion of the district council district of West Torrens West and South of the following boundary:— Commencing at the intersection of the south eastern boundary of said district with the western boundary of section 109, hundred of Adelaide: thence northerly along said boundary and the western boundary of preliminary section 104 to the north-east corner of section 2037; thence westerly along the northern boundary of said section and its production to the eastern boundary of section 172; thence southerly along said boundary and the eastern boundary of preliminary section 152 to the southern side of the Holdfast Bay railway land; and thence westerly along said side of railway land to the eastern boundary of the Glenelg Corporation." In plain English, the foregoing means that another district (approximately for a distance of two and a half miles from the fire station) has been tacked on to the Glenelg Fire Brigade—from Morphett Road to half way to the Marion Road—which will now have to attend any fires in the district, in addition to Brighton (as far south as the cement works), and Glenelg. When Brighton was added to the Glenelg district the "Guardian" pointed out the fact that in the case of a conflagration at Brighton, Glenelg was left totally unprotected in case of an outbreak of fire, while the firemen and appliances were attending to a call so far away from home. While nothing of such a serious nature as that suggested has happened to date, there is no knowing when such an eventuality may occur. Glenelg has grown, and is still growing, at a rapid rate since Brighton has been added to the district, that now, more than ever, is it imperative that the fire fighting force of the town should be maintained to a strength that will give the residents of the town no uneasiness. It is the duty of the Glenelg Council to see that the strength of the brigade (both of men and appliances) is kept to a standard which will be equal to all contingencies that it is possible may arise some day—that is, a simultaneous outbreak of fire in the three districts now under the control of the Fire Brigades Board—and served by the Glenelg Fire Brigade. Under the new conditions no one, we feel sure, will seriously contend that the present equipment and men are of sufficient strength. At the present time the Glenelg Fire Station is equipped with a motor reel (a fine, modern fire fighting machine) and three men, including Station Officer Horricks (a most capable officer). But the three men are not on duty each day—having half day and whole day leaves in turn each week. As a matter of fact, only two men are really on duty each day. In the case of a call to a fire the two men on duty attend, and the station is left without a fireman and without additional appliances, should a call come from any other part of the fire district. In certain quarters there appears to be a misconception in regard to our local fire fighters. Many say the firemen here have a cosy job, and have no fires to attend to. Well, a fireman's job is not of the rosiest, and, like a policeman's, his life is not altogether a happy one. Whether there are fires or not, the hours of a fireman are long and tedious. He is on tension all day long, and every time the telephone bell rings he jumps for his tunic and helmet, and is ready to spring into the motor and away. Fire brigades, however, were never created to encourage fires, but were brought into existence for the purpose of safe-guarding life and property—in short, to deal with any outbreak of fire that may Occur. That our firemen have not been called out to any serious conflagration in this town or the adjoining district of Brighton, is a matter for congratulation; but to still be on the safe side it is imperative that the Fire Brigades Board should make any disastrous occurrence impossible. And the only way to do it is to strengthen the fire fighting

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force at Glenelg, as well as instal additional equipment. The people of Glenelg, as well as those of the Brighton and West Torrens districts, should not be left to the mercy of chance. We hope never to experience such a contingency as we have pictured; but one never knows what may happen, especially in the hot summer months—the time of the year when fires are more frequent than at any other time of the year. The "Guardian" recollects that four or five years ago (on the occasion of a luncheon at an annual inspection of the town by the Council, at which the chairman of the Fire Brigades Board, Mr. Frinsdorf, was an invited guest) members of the council were promised by the chairman of the Board that some steps would be taken by the Board to safeguard the interests of the town. He hinted then that the Board had in view the manning of the station with auxilliary firemen—men, who, while not on the regular staff, would be available whenever a call of fire occurred. But nothing further has been heard of the matter. Possibly the Board experienced a difficulty in securing auxiliaries in Glenelg. However, we do not think auxilliaries would prove successful, and nothing short of extra permanent men will fill the bill. The "Guardian" hopes that some member of the council will tackle the matter at the next council meeting. It is a very serious question—one which affects the safety of life and property. If a fire area, as affecting our local brigade is to be increased, then it is imperative that the safeguards should also be increased in proportion—and our only safeguard is the employment of sufficient men to do the job thoroughly, backed up by additional appliances to meet the new conditions introduced.

Express (Adelaide, SA : 1922 - 1923), Wednesday 22 November 1922, page 1

TAR ON FIRE.

Excitement at Glenelg.

Shortly before noon on Wednesday a tar-dressing machine belonging to the Glenelg Corporation caught fire in Smith-terrace, and gave off huge volumes of smoke, which attracted a big crowd, who feared a serious conflagration. The blaze, however, was more spectacular than dangerous, and the fire brigade, with the assistance of a number of helpers, eventually smothered the blaze with sand.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 25 December 1922, page 9

The local fire brigade had a call to a butcher's premises in the Jetty road, where a small fire broke out, in consequence of the fusing of the electric light wires connected with his cool chamber. No damage was done.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Tuesday 9 January 1923, page 11

GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE IN TROUBLE.

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call 10.37 p.m. on Sunday to a motor car that was in flames upon Brighton-road. On account of the shocking state of the road they had the misfortune to break the front axle of their motor reel a quarter of a mile from their destination. A gentle man in a motor cycle fortunately came along, and placed his machine at the disposal of Mr. Horricks, the officer, who proceeded with a fire extinguisher and put out the fire. The motor cycle also met with disaster, as the spring of the seat and one in the mechanism were broken owing to the condition of the road. The car, which was considerably damaged, belonged to Mr. David Oliver, of Brighton-road, and was insured for £150.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 15 March 1923, page 1

THE STREETS OF GLENELG.

Sane Policy of Naming Adopted.

Adam Lindsay Gordon and Lloyd George Honoured.

After many attempts by the Glenelg council to adopt a sane policy of naming the streets of the town, a definite decision was arrived at at the meeting of the council on Tuesday night, when the finance committee presented a report of a special meeting held to deal with the renaming of the streets of the town. The report submitted was a lengthy one, showing the deep research of the town clerk into the legal and other aspects of the question.

The committee made the following recommendations:— Partridge and Scarborough Streets to be name Partridge Street throughout. Rodolph Terrace and Smith Terrace to be named Gordon Street throughout. Osmond Terrace, Spencer Terrace, Caird Street and Hector Terrace to be named Osmond Street throughout. Albert Terrace and Esplanade (from Pier Street southwards) to be named South Esplanade. Alison Street, Morphett Street, and Isabella Street to be named Alison Street. Victoria Place and Althorpe Place to be named Colley Terrace. Brighton Road and East Terrace to be named Brighton Road throughout. Mary Street and Cordelia Street to be named Mary Street. Hastings Street and Broadstairs Street to be named Hastings Street. Ramsgate Street and Margate Street to be named Ramsgate Street. Penzance Street, Torquay Street and Penzance Street North to be named Penzance Street. Byron Street and Washington Street to be named Byron Street. Nile Street and Clyde Street to be named Nile Street throughout. Durham Street aand Thames Street to be named Durham Street. Sussex Street and Shannon Street to be named Sussex Street. Moseley Street and The Mall to be named Moseley Street. Augusta Street and Emily Street to be named Augusta Street. Russel Street and Allen Street to be named Russell Street. McFarlane Street and Pennington Terrace to be named McFarlane Street. Jetty Road, Brighton Terrace and Shakespeare Terrace to be named Jetty Road. Adelaide Road, Liverpool Terrace, Gawler Terrace and London Terrace to be named Adelaide Road. High Street and Reid Street to be named High Street. Berkshire Street and Milton Street to be named Milton Street. Chapel Street, Glenelg, to be named Church street. Adelaide Street to be named George St. Railway Terrace, Helmsdale Extension to be named Dunbar Terrace.

The committee point out that with the exception of High Street and Reid Street, Milton Street and Berkshire Street, Penzance Street, Torquay Street, and Penzance Street North, the house numbering of the town will not be interfered with by the alterations proposed. Ald. Lawton moved the adoption of the report. The matter has been introduced not before its time, and the committee's recommendation should meet with general approval. It would be seen that they had named Rodolph Terrace and Smith Terrace "Gordon Street" which was in honour of Adam Lindsey Gordon, Australian poet, and Adelaide Street has been renamed George Street after Lloyd George. Cr Lee seconded the adoption.

Ald. Rugless desired the assurance of the Mayor as to whether, in the event of the adoption of the report, there would be any legal difficulty in regard to land titles. The Mayor gave the assurance that there would be no difficulty. Cr. Tonkin said the committee deserved the congratulations of the council. The suggested alterations were first-class. Ald. Rugless regretted the changes in two instances only. One that Rodolph and Smith Terraces should be renamed Gordon Street. He knew Smith Terrace for 50 years. It would have been much better if they had made Rodolph Terrace Smith street. He had no desire to obstruct the committee in passing the report. The other objection was the changing of Albert Terrace. There might be a legal difficulty there, owing to existing by-laws, and thought it not wise to interfere with the name of that thoroughfare. He moved "that Rodolph Terrace be named Smith Street instead of Gordon Street." Ald Percival said for some years he had taken a prominent part in an endeavour to rename the streets of Glenelg, and was surprised that the committee had not seen fit to name some of the streets after men that had been named by him some time ago. He again mentioned the late Messrs Moyle and Pearce, both of whom had he considered, earned distinction. He hoped that later on some of the councillors would be honoured by having streets named after them. Ald. McIntosh seconded the amendment. He regretted that Ald. Percival had again brought the matter up of naming streets after men who had served in the council. He was opposed to that idea and would always vote against it. The amendment was lost. Ald. Rugless next moved: "That the name of Albert Terrace should be adhered to, and South Esplanade struck out." Ald. McIntosh seconded. The town clerk

said he felt he would be lacking in his duty if he did not warn the council in connection with the alteration of the name "Albert Terrace." The moment they altered the name they might just as well throw the Albert Terrace by-laws into the fire. If they eliminated the name there would be no Albert Terrace, and in case of legal action it would be fatal. There was not the remotest doubt that the by-laws would be ultra vires; and that would be a great pity after the weeks and weeks of work it had taken to get it through Parliament. He had suggested the leaving of Albert Terrace alone in his report to the committee. He would not like to see the name changed at the expense of the by-laws, which had cost the council £250 and a law suit. The amendment was carried. The report, with the alteration of the name of "Chapel Street," Glenelg, to "Church Street," and the retaining of Albert Terrace was then adopted.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 23 March 1923, page 8

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A NARROW ESCAPE.

On Thursday night, at about 9 o'clock, a motor car, belonging to Mr. F. Hopkins, of Port road, Hindmarsh, had a narrow escape from being destroyed by fire. The car was standing in Partridge street, Glenelg, when Mr. Hopkins lit a match with the object of discovering some defect under it. Apparently the petrol tank was leaking, and the spirit ignited. The car was immediately enveloped in flames. Fortunately, a good service of water was available, and Mr. Hopkins and his friend succeeded in extinguishing the blaze. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned, and speedily arrived, but their services were not required. The damage was practically confined to the destruction of the front seat.

Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1923), Monday 26 March 1923, page 3

A NARROW ESCAPE.

On Saturday evening, at about 9 o'clock, the guard of a passing North Terrace line train from Glenelg noticed a blaze in close proximity of the pavilion of the polo ground at Plympton, and on arrival at the North Plympton Railway Station reported the fact to the stationmaster. The latter promptly telephoned the Glenelg Fire Brigade, and a motor fire engine, in charge of Foreman O. Pahle, was at once dispatched to the scene of the fire. Owing to the shocking condition of the Bay road—which has probably never been in a worse state since it was originally made—Foreman Pahle had to proceed very cautiously, for fear of breaking an axle. On reaching the polo ground, a boxthorn hedge was found to be on fire, as well as a considerable area of grass close to the pavilion. The firemen speedily quenched the flames. An examination of the spot revealed the fact that the fire had apparently started in the vicinity of a large copper, which had been used during the afternoon for boiling water for afternoon tea, and it looked as if embers under the copper had smouldered after the cooks had left, and the breeze had doubtless fanned them into a flame. This spread to a pile of wood alongside; hence the fire. Within a foot or two of the outbreak was a large marquee, filled with tables and chairs, belonging to Flavel & Sons. The fire ran alongside this for some distance, and in one place even penetrated the marquee, and singed one of the guy ropes. How the canvas did not catch alight is a mystery. Had it done so, nothing could have saved the marquee and its contents. The buildings alongside must have caught alight, and some hundreds of pounds' worth of damage would have resulted.

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Daily Herald (Adelaide, SA : 1910 - 1924), Monday 3 March 1924, page 3

FIRE BRIGADE.

CHIEF OFFICER'S REPORT.

OPERATIONS FOR YEAR 1923.

In his annual report to the chairman and members of the Fire Brigades Board the Chief Officer Mr. J. E. Dickie states—Fire calls—During year 1923, 421 calls were received an increase of 128 as compared with the preceding year. Calls are classified as follows:—Serious damage 11; considerable damage 46; slight damage 1128; grass and rubbish fires 64; chimney fires 22; justified alarms 11; line faults 48; and malicious false alarms 101.

Compared with the previous year there is an increase of 1 of serious damage, an increase of 2 of considerable damage, those of slight damage remain the same, a decrease of 17 grass and rubbish fires, an increase of 5 justified alarms, an increase of 2 chimney fires, a decrease of 2 line faults, and an increase of 27 malicious false alarms.

Fire risk—It will be noted that the amount of insurance on property, where fires have actually occurred is the largest in the history of the Brigade; the following comparison of the last ten years;—1913 £335,343; 1914 £425,401; 1915 £206,686; 1916 £263,876; 1917, £201,562; 1918 £509,821; 1919 £649,100; 1920 £527,689; 1921 £627,047; 1922 £417,009; 1923 £1,404,306

Inspections—Inspections have been made of the City, suburban and country stations, also theatres, hospitals, buildings, hydrants and fireplugs, and where any inflammable material has been stored which was considered dangerous the adjoining buildings in case of fire, notices were served for its removal.

Theatre duties—6,910 duties have been carried out during the year by the theatre auxiliary staff, and the staffs of the various places of public entertainment have been drilled and instructed in the use of appliances installed, which have been inspected and tested before licenses have been granted or renewed.

Fire appliances—A periodical test has been made of fire appliances installed in warehouses, factories, offices etc. viz; 756 lengths of hose, wet and dry test, and 3,784 chemical fire extinguishers tested and recharged

Staff—The strength of the Brigade is 105 permanent firemen, 29 auxiliary firemen and 31 theatre auxiliary firemen; a total of 171 officers and men of all ranks.

Brigade workshops, head station—A considerable amount of work has been carried out in the workshop during the year; 21 motor appliances have been in for overhaul, alterations and repairs, and various other work has been done.

Plant—One 60-h.p. Dennis motor tur-bine pump of 600 gallons per minute capacity has been installed at head station, one at Port Adelaide and one at Port Pirie A motor hose carriage has been installed at Mount Gambier and also at Port Adelaide A motor turntable ladder capable of being ex-tended to a height of 90 feet, has been installed at head station.

Motor ambulance—The motor ambulance located at the Port Adelaide Fire Station attended 367 calls during the year

Stations—Renovations and repairs at the various stations have been carried out by the staff and are all kept in good order.

Brigade surgeon—The brigade surgeon reports as follows:—Twenty-nine cases were attended during the year, all being of ordinary sickness, several cases of minor injuries were also dealt with. The total number of days men were off duty through sickness was 181. There has been a gratifying decrease in the number of cases of tonsillitis which was so prevalent last year this is attributed to increased sleeping accommodation. Rigid examinations of all new candidates ensures sound constitution of all men joining.

Fire Alarms—Eight additional fire alarms have been installed during the year viz; 3 at Unley, 3 at Glenelg and one each at Port Adelaide and Semaphore, making a total of 322.

The following firms or places have installed the Grinnell Sprinkler during the year and are connected with head station—Keswick Barracks, John Martin & Co. Ltd., "The News Ltd." Eudunda Farmers' Co-op., Society, Henry Berry & Co Ltd, W. D. & H. O. Wills Ltd., City Car Depot Angas street. This makes a total 18 of these installations

Discipline—The discipline and general efficiency of the brigade has been satisfactory

The officers and members of the police force, the Waterworks Department and the Electric Supply Company rendered valuable assistance to the brigade during the year.

My thanks are due to the officers and staff for their co-operation and the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties during the year

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 4 March 1924, page 13

GENERAL NEWS.

FIRE BRIGADES REPORT.

The report of the Fire Brigades Board for 1923 sets out that power has been granted to the board to issue debentures to the extent of £25,000 for the purpose of purchasing additional equipment. Arrangements have been made for obtaining the whole of the sum mentioned on satisfactory terms. During the period under review the board has added to its equipment a Merryweather 90-ft. turntable ladder and three Dennis motor fire engines. The turntable ladder and one Dennis fire engine have been installed at the head station and the remaining Dennis engines at Port Adelaide and Port Pirie respectively. A motor hose carriage has also been installed at Port Adelaide. Portion of the district of Mobilong, comprising the town of Murray Bridge, has been proclaimed a fire protected area. Application has been made by the District Council of West Torrens for a further extension of the fire-protected area to embrace Marleston, Galway Gardens, portions of Kurralta Park, and Richmond. Application has also been made by the District Council of Grace for the extension of the Fire Brigades Act to the township of Mallala. The lease of the Glenelg fire station property, which contained right of purchase, expired during the year, and the property has been purchased by the board. Mr. E. W. Fosbery (representing the contributory companies) and Mr. A. J. W. Lewis (representing the suburban and country corporations) retired from the board by effluxion of time and were succeeded by Mr. W. H. Cox (representing the suburban and country corporations) and Mr. T. C. Reynolds (representing the contributory companies). Mr. T. C. Reynolds resigned during the month of August owing to his departure from the State, and was succeeded by Mr. E. J. Glyde. The chief officer's report shows that during the year 421 calls were received, an increase of 18 as compared with the preceding year. Calls are classified as follows:— Serious damage, 11; considerable damage, 46; slight damage, 118; grass and rubbish fires, 64; chimney fires, 22; justified alarms, 11; line faults, 43; and malicious false alarms, 101. Compared with the previous year there is an increase of one of serious damage, an increase of two of considerable damage, those of slight damage remain the same, a decrease of 17 grass and rubbish fires, an increase of five justified alarms, an increase of two chimney fires, a decrease of two line faults; and an increase of 27 malicious false alarms. The amount of insurance on property, where fires have actually occurred, is the largest in the history of the brigade. The following is a comparison of the last 10 years:— 1913. £335,343; 1914. £425,401; 1915, £206,686; 1916, £263,876; 1917, £201,562; 1918. £509,821; 1919, £649,100; 1920, £527,689; 1921, £627,047; 1922, £417,009; 1923, £1,404,306.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 5 December 1924, page 16

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

During the temporary absence of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wills yesterday afternoon from their home in Gulf-parade, Brighton, some boys climbed on to the roof, and, seeing a bird's nest which they were unable to remove, they set fire to it, with the result that a hole sufficiently large to admit a man's body was burnt through the roof and ceiling. Fortunately the fire was noticed by some

men and promptly extinguished before the arrival of the fire brigade. The house is the property of Mr. Boucaut, of Brighton.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Friday 12 December 1924, page 8

GRASS FIRE AT MARINO.

About 9 o'clock residents of Brighton and the surrounding districts were alarmed to see a big blaze near to the Brighton Cement Company's works on the foothills. It was at first thought that the works

were on fire, but it was found that the flames were caused by a grass fire on the south-east side of them. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was called out at 8.40 p.m., and fought the flames with bags and branches of trees. The Cement Company's employes, who were on night shift, and residents of Seacliff also turned out. The fire vered towards Marino, and several acres of land leased by Messrs. Shiedaw and Davidson were swept by the flames. At one time it was feared that the fire would reach the Cement Company's powder magazines, but the flames were subdued before they reached the danger zone. The blaze was extinguished in about an hour. At the same time a small fire was burning in the direction of Hallett's Cove, The origin of the outbreaks is unknown.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 23 February 1925, page 11

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS.

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

What might have been a disastrous fire with serious results was confined to one of small damage by the alertness of Mr. G. W. Stott, of Sturt-road, Brighton, on Saturday night. Returning home at about 11 o'clock. Mr. Stott noticed an unusual haze rolling towards his residence from the Brighton-road. He found smoke issuing from premises occupied by Mrs. E. Carpenter, secondhand dealer. Mrs. Carpenter, who lives in an adjoining shop with her children, was away from home. Mr. Stott sent a messenger to Mr. Rennie, of the Brighton Electric Light Company, whose premises also adjoin Mrs. Carpenter's shop, and he informed the police. Mr. Stott, Constable Casley, and Mr. W. Sampson held the fire in check with buckets of water pending the arrival of the fire brigade from Glenelg, but were at a disadvantage owing to the low-water pressure. The brigade was quickly on the spot. A line of hose was passed through Mr. Rennie's premises, over the fence, and so to the seat of the fire, which was in a room at the rear of Mrs. Carpenter's shop. The fire was soon extinguished, but not before the contents of the room were destroyed, together with the floor of the room. Other damage consisted of the scorching of doors and window frames. Considerable damage was also done to Mr. Rennie's shop and workshop by water owing to the leaking of the fire hose. To prevent the premises from becoming flooded the hose had to be removed from Mr. Rennie's place and played from another quarter. The shop in which the fire occurred is one of a terrace of four lightly-constructed shops, two of which have dwellings attached, and are occupied by families. Had the fire not been noticed before it got a firm hold it would have been difficult to prevent the destruction of the whole row. The damage is estimated at £100. It is not known if either contents or the building are insured.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 23 February 1925, page 7

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

At 11 o'clock on Saturday night, as Mr. G. W. Scott was returning to his home in Sturt road, he noticed smoke issuing from the rear of a shop occupied by Mrs. E. Carpenter, who carries on a secondhand business. Mr. Scott notified the police, and accompanied by F.C. Casley and M.C. Maple, endeavoured to extinguish the flames. They were unable to do much, as the

only supply of water came from a ¾-in. tap. The Glenelg Fire Brigade soon got the fire under control. Mrs. Carpenter estimates the damage at £100.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 9 March 1925, page 8

ELECTRIC FAILURE CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

The residents of Glenelg were deprived of electric service from 12.45 p.m. until about 8.25 p.m. on Sunday on account of the fusing of wires in one of the Adelaide Electric Supply Company's fuse boxes immediately opposite the Morphettville Racecourse on the Bay road. The fusing ignited the box, and the burning debris fell from the post on which it was erected to the ground, and spread the flames to the dry grass surrounding the post. The blaze extended along a fringe of grass skirting the Sturt overflow drain, with the result that the Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned. The electric wires connected with the box, in falling, came in contact with other wires, and caused further derangement of the lighting system. The Glenelg Brigade soon extinguished the flames, but not before Fireman D. B. Crease had injured both ankles, in jumping from the platform surrounding the fuse box to the ground, about 18 ft. below. He had mounted the pole in an endeavour to extinguish the burning fuse box with a fire extinguisher. This proved inadequate, and further fusing occurred. To avoid electrocution he jumped to the ground.

Workmen attached to the repair department of the Adelaide Electric Supply Company worked all the afternoon and portion of the evening on the damaged apparatus, and their task of restoring the system to normal could not be completed until 8.25 p.m. Church services at Glenelg had to be conducted by the light of candles and lamps. A result of the fusing was the breaking of an electric wire in front of J. S. Luff's motor garage at the corner of Park street and the Bay road. Here the wire fell across the verandah of the building, causing a pyrotechnic display, and damaging the roofing. The fire brigade was summoned, and removed the wire with some difficulty. The linesmen subsequently repaired the breakage.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 6 August 1925, page 2

MOTOR CAR BURNED.

Early Morning Sensation.

Fortunately fires are of rare occurrence in Glenelg, but at about 1 o'clock on Friday morning last the inmates of the Jetty Hotel were given the experience of a mild sensation as the outcome of a big glare caused by a fire burning in the lane at the rear. The local fire brigade were called out, and it was discovered that a Chalmer car, owned by Mr. R. Wundke, proprietor of the Ozone Cafe, was burning fiercely. The car was completely ruined. It was valued at about £200.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 3 September 1925, page 2

AMBULANCE FOR GLENELG.

MOVEMENT STARTED.

Public Meeting Held Monday.

Holding the opinion that Glenelg should possess an ambulance of its own, for the use of residents at a nominal charge, Ald. Dring recently moved in the Glenelg Council that the Mayor should convene a public meeting, inviting those interested to attend and discuss the matter. Accordingly the Mayor (Hon. H. Tassie, M.L.C) called a meeting of residents which was held in the Mayor's Parlor, Town Hall, on Monday night. Among those present were Ald. Dring, Crs. J. Burns, W. R. Thomas, W. Levy, W. F. Buttrose, Mr. George, F. Hussey (president of the St. John's Ambulance Society), Messrs. Ayres, C. Heward, G. Aikman, F. A. Lewis (town clerk), F. Holmes-by, Bailey, Goodie, Messrs. P. G. Hocking (assistant secretary Hindmarsh Volunteer Ambulance) and H. McCarthy (ambulance officer) were present by

invitation. The Mayor, occupied the chair. Ald. Dring said he felt personally that Glenelg, with its reputation as the premier seaside resort stood in an invidious position because of its non-possession of an ambulance. Quite apart from police cases, many instances had been brought under his notice where people had to pay 25/- for patients to be taken to the city hospital in the police ambulance. Motor cars, too, were largely availed of to take patients to hospital, which was by no means the best method of conveying sick people, particularly if the cases were of an infectious nature. Knowing the experiences of Hindmarsh and Port Adelaide in regard to a citizen's ambulance, it appealed to him that Glenelg should also have one. He felt sure that the people of Glenelg would respond generously to any appeal that might be launched for the establishment of a motor ambulance. He had asked Mr. Hocking, of the Hindmarsh Volunteer ambulance to attend that night, and that gentleman would give them some interesting figures relative to the work of the ambulance in that district. What they had to consider that night was whether or no the town should be provided with an ambulance. He considered that a sound scheme to finance the business would be to issue subscription lists and to hold a carnival. If they could get the Trained Nurses' Society to work in with them the campaign would prove successful. He felt that if Hindmarsh could finance an ambulance, Glenelg could also do the same. The people of Port Adelaide had embarked on an ambulance scheme, and the appeal made proved highly successful, realising about £1,400. The ambulance was housed in a garage of the Fire Brigade under arrangement with the Board, who had taken over full control at a cost of £130 per annum. All necessary repairs and equipment had to be borne by the fund. There would, Ald. Dring thought, be no objection to work the ambulance in Glenelg on the same principle with the Fire Brigade. The fees should be regulated so that it would cost the people requiring the use of the vehicle much less than it was doing at present. Mr. P. G. Hocking (assistant secretary of the Hindmarsh Volunteer Ambulance), said that four years ago a conference between the Hindmarsh Council and the A.N.A., and the Hindmarsh Fire Brigade was held and it was decided to start a volunteer ambulance, which was to be free to the people residing in the district of Hindmarsh. The committee set to work and within eight months the ambulance was housed, and ready for commission. The building to house the ambulance was erected by a busy bee and the material was given them. They had collected £800, chiefly by house-to-house appeals, concerts, and etc. On that money they ran for 12 months, after which they issued cards—valued from 1/- to £1—to the residents of Hindmarsh which was again successful. The last appeal realised £328. The executive found it wise to establish a sinking fund, and as a result a second ambulance had been purchased this year and paid for. The sinking fund at present stood at £20, and the credit balance (general fund) at £80 17/11. A charge of £1 for the use of the ambulance was made to persons residing outside the Hindmarsh area. Calls to accidents were free, but persons in a position to pay were expected to do so. Last year the ambulance attended 112 accidents, and conveyed 35 infectious cases to hospitals. In the four years of its existence the ambulance had conveyed 2,510 persons to and from hospitals. Very often both ambulances were out at the same time. The Hindmarsh Council subsidised the ambulance to the extent of £50 per annum, but this year owing to the strong financial position of the executive, the Council was being relieved of that amount. A fair amount of revenue was also derived from maternity cases. Mr. Hocking advised the meeting that if it was decided to establish an ambulance no charge should be made to residents for its use. If people gave freely they were entitled to the use and benefit of the convenience. He anticipated no difficulty in raising money. At least £1,000 would be required for the ambulance and the garage to house it. Ald. Dring moved "That this meeting forms itself into a committee, with power to add, with a view of establishing an ambulance in the town." Cr. Burns seconded. The town should have an ambulance, and he saw no reason why the necessary funds could not be secured. Mr. Heward supported the motion. The time lost in securing the police ambulance when required was great. Other districts had shown that the establishment of an ambulance had been fully justified. The idea was a good one and he would give it personal support and back it up in every possible way. Mr. Ayers, a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, did not altogether favour the idea. It would be much better if they established stations in the town where first aid appliances could be secured in cases of accident or emergencies. They could get plenty of Boy Scouts who were able to give elementary first aid in case of need. The

Mayor thought it quite possible that £350 would be more than ample to cover expenses of upkeep for the first two or three years. At the same time they must not close their eyes to the fact that Hindmarsh and Port Adelaide were differently situated to Glenelg. They might be able to co-operate with Brighton and Seacliff and get some assistance from them. The motion was carried. Ald. Dring moved "That an executive of eight be appointed to go into details and make enquiries into the matter and report at a later date." Cr. Levy seconded the motion, which was carried. The executive appointed were:—Ald. Dring, Crs. Burns, Buttrose, Messrs. F. A. Lewis, G. E. Aikman, C. Heward, G. F. Hussey, H. J. Bailey. Mr. Hocking extended an invitation to the committee to visit the Hindmarsh Ambulance room any Wednesday evening, and offered to give them any information that might be of benefit to Glenelg. Mr. Heward moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. Hocking and McCarthy for imparting such valuable information to the meeting. In conveying the vote of thanks to the gentlemen named the Mayor said that the information imparted was indeed valuable and had opened their eyes. Mr. McCarthy said they did not need any thanks. They were open to do the best they could for humanity. They had fought 18 years for an ambulance at Hindmarsh. It was a worthy movement. An ambulance should be stationed in every town. They had never experienced any trouble at Hindmarsh. The men were too anxious to get on duty. The meeting then closed.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 1 October 1925, page 2

A SHED BURNED.

On Monday evening, at about 6.40 the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to fire in Sussex Street. Station officer and his men were promptly on the scene with the motor engine. It was found that a shed at the rear of Mr. Dodd's residence was ablaze. The fire was extinguished, but not before the shed had been severely damaged.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 5 October 1925, page 12

FIRE AT GLENELG.

A small fire occurred in No. 5, Elizabeth Flats, Elizabeth-street, Glenelg, about 12.30 p.m., on Sunday. Smoke was seen issuing from the windows, and when an entry was forced the flat was discovered in flames. It is believed the fire was caused through an electric iron being left switched on. The occupiers of the flat were absent. The fire brigade quickly extinguished the flames.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 5 December 1925, page 4

Fire Brigades Busy

In expectation for outbreaks of fire the staffs at the respective stations were on the qui vive all day. Everything was quiet in the metropolitan area, but the out-stations responded to nine calls. The most important was at Norwood where a blaze broke out in a large shed at 65 Nelson street, St. Peters, shortly before midday, and the structure was completely gutted. One room of an adjoining dwelling was also damaged. The shed belonged to Mr. Championn, of Omar place. Unley Park.

A shed in the back yard of Mr. Eric Hamilton, Old Beach road, Brighton, was destroyed by fire this morning. Damage to the extent of £30 was caused. The maid lit the copper in the building at 11.30 this morning. She went away for five minutes and upon her re-turn found the place in flames. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned, but they arrived too late to effect a save.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 7 December 1925, page 14

BURNT AT A GRASS FIRE.

A man was assisting the Glenelg Fire Brigade to beat out a fire in a crop of oats at 11.5 on Saturday morning on the Bay-road, when he was overcome and fell down. His arms were burnt in consequence. Station-Officer Horricks rendered first-aid to the man.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 2 January 1926, page 11

OUTBREAK AT BEDFORD PARK SANITORIUM.

At 12.50 p.m. Yesterday the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to the Bedford Park Sanatorium, and found that a kerosine-stove used for boiling water, had exploded, with the result that the night duty room, and an adjoining sterilising room were damaged by fire, and the outside walls of the scullery or pantry on the opposite side of the passage were scorched. The rooms were of wood and iron. The staff had practically extinguished the fire before the arrival of the brigade fire extinguishers having been employed with success.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 5 January 1926, page 5

Fire in Laundry

At 6.50 o'clock last evening the Glenelg Fire Brigade was called by telephone to the home of Mr. Jessel Cohen, on North Esplanade. A fire in a box of bedding and clothing in the laundry was put out with an extinguisher. The property, which belongs to Mrs. Hale, of East terrace, Glenelg, was insured for £1,000 and the contents for £250.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 7 January 1926, page 2

FIRE AT SAILING SHED.

On Saturday afternoon the brush fence at the northern end of the Glenelg Sailing Club's boat house was set alight, presumably by boys, and the building had a narrow escape. Fortunately there were two or three lads in the shed at the time who noticed the flames playing about the windows. The alarm was given and the Fire Brigade, in charge of Station Officer Horricks, arrived quickly on the scene, and with the aid of fire extinguishers and water had the flames subdued before any serious damage was done to the building, which is covered by insurance. The damage done, however, will be covered by about £8.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 13 February 1926, page 4

GRASS FIRE AT BIRKALLA

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call about 4 o'clock this afternoon to Birkalla, to extinguish a grass fire in the vicinity of the Austral Metal Works. Six or eight acres of grass were burning. The firemen quickly coped with the flames and prevented them from spreading further.

[Birkalla is now called Plympton]

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 24 March 1926, page 1

NO WATER AVAILABLE

Morphettville House Destroyed

Early this morning a fire was discovered at the 10-roomed house of Mr. A. W. Bennett. Morphett avenue. Morphettville, about a mile from the race-course. The Glenelg Fire Brigade received the alarm at 2.15 a.m., and was quickly on the scene. Under the direction of Station Officer W. Horricks three-quarters of a mile of hose was run out, but there was no water pressure and the brigade was powerless? The brigade gave valuable help, however, in rescuing a quantity of household furniture. The house was completely destroyed. The home of Mr. Bennett was one of the most beautiful in the district, and was particularly well furnished. It is surmised that the fire originated through one of the children using a candle to do his

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home lessons. and that the candle fell over, setting alight to some of the furnishings, which smouldered and finally broke into blaze in the small hours of the morning. Had there been a reasonable water pressure it is considered that the damage would have been greatly reduced.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 25 March 1926, page 2

OUR LETTER BOX.

To the Editor.

APPRECIATION OF FIRE BRIGADE.

Sir—May I crave space in your valuable paper to express my keen appreciation and admiration of our Glenelg Fire Brigade. Last Thursday evening, a fire started mysteriously on my premises in High St., and in the present dry state of everything, quickly assumed alarming proportions, so that, what must I fear, have proved a most disastrous conflagration, was prevented entirely by the prompt manner in which they answered the call and the rapid and efficient manner in which they went to work, getting the flames under control as if by magic. I wish now to publicly thank Station-Officer, W. H. Horricks and his staff of gallant firemen, for their successful efforts on my behalf on that occasion. I am sure it must be very gratifying to all Glenelg residents to know that we have such men to protect us from the ravages of fire, giving an added sense of security, especially in this long dry spell that we are now experiencing. I would like also to thank all those kind friends and neighbours who came to my assistance, and helped to keep the fire from spreading until the arrival of the Brigade and especially to those who rang up the station. Thanking you in anticipation.—I am etc., E. H. GODWIN.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 27 March 1926, page 1

Motor Car in Flames

Mr. Reginald Frederick Rogers, a motor garage proprietor of Glenelg, was driving his car along Brighton road, when it suddenly burst into flames at Paringa Park. With the aid of a chemical extinguisher he endeavored unsuccessfully to put out the fire. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was called, and extinguished the flames. The car was damaged to the extent of about £180.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Friday 23 April 1926, page 17

ACCIDENT ON A BRIDGE.

MOTOR LORRY DESTROYED.

Mr. George Henry Hutchins, a carrier, of Charles-road, York, had a narrow escape from death early on Thursday night, when a motor lorry which he was driving collided with the corner post of a bridge on the Tapley's Hill-road. The lorry contained about a ton and a half of timber, which was being taken from York to Evans's dairy, on the Tapley's Hill-road, and was approaching the bridge about 7.15 p.m., when the steering gear locked. The lorry swerved, collided with the corner post of the bridge, and remained suspended over the creek. Mr. Hutchins was thrown to the roadway, but escaped serious injury. The lorry, however, burst into flames, which Mr. Hutchins endeavored in vain to extinguish with sand. The flames spreading and setting fire to the bridge. Mr. Hutchins hastened to communicate with the Fire Brigade, and, owing to the prompt measures taken by the Glenelg division, the fire was got under control without serious damage being done to the bridge. The lorry and the timber, however, were totally destroyed. The former, which was insured, was valued at £475, and the timber at £2.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 2 September 1926, page 4

BOY SCOUT NOTES

(By "The Tenderfoot.")

Our Badges. "The Fireman."

Quite a number of Glenelg Scouts are proud wearers of this badge. To gain it they have to satisfy Supt. Horrocks of the Glenelg Fire Brigade that they can pass tests in use of hose and hydrants, escapes, ladders, chutes, ropes, jumping sheets, fire extinguishers; fireman's lift, dragging patients, climbing and passing buckets; and have knowledge of how to give alarm to inhabitants, fire brigade and police, how to enter burning buildings and work in fumes, how to prevent spread of fire, how to rescue animals and salve property, the use of "scrum" to keep back crowd and how to improvise ropes and jumping sheets. This badge must be re-passed annually.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 20 October 1926, page 16

METHYLATED SPIRITS CAUSE FIRE.

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday to a house off Morphett-avenue, near the Morphettville racecourse. It was found that a small fire, which had been caused by pouring methylated spirits on a stove, had been extinguished.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 8 November 1926, page 11

CASUALTIES.

A SMALL FIRE.

On Friday night, at about 11.40, a fire occurred in the back yard of premises in Brighton road, occupied by Messrs. Henry Charles Hawkes and Charles Ransley Vincent. About 25 ft. of a division fence, and a washhouse containing linen were destroyed. The fire brigade was called out, and extinguished the flames. The damage done is estimated, at £27, and was not covered by insurance. It is believed that the fire originated through the children of the occupants firing off crackers earlier in the evening.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 15 November 1926, page 1

Fire at Chaff Mills

At 11.26 o'clock this morning the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call from the chaff mills and store of Mr. H. Dickinson, of Bay road, Glenelg. On arrival, Senior Fireman Pahle and his men quickly extinguished the blaze, but not before six or seven bags of chaff and pollard had been destroyed, and a large wooden case containing books and business records burned. The cause of the outbreak, which was first noticed by a clerk in the store, is unknown.

Border Watch (Mount Gambier, SA : 1861 - 1954), Tuesday 16 November 1926, page 1

Small Adelaide Fire.

Adelaide, Tuesday.

A small fire, which broke out on the premises of Mr. W. H. Dickenson at Glenelg, was reported to the Glenelg fire brigade at 11.30 on Monday. A few bags of bran and pollard and a number of important business records were destroyed. The fire brigade was promptly on the scene of the outbreak and quickly prevented the flames from spreading.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Monday 22 November 1926, page 8

CASUALTIES.

MOTOR CAR DESTROYED.

A motor car owned and driven by Mr. J. Smith, of Prospect, was travelling on the Brighton road towards Glenelg, at 9 p.m. on Saturday, and when opposite Wheatland street the car burst into flames. A passer-by summoned the fire brigade from Glenelg, but when it arrived the car was completely destroyed. It was insured by the New Zealand Insurance Company.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 1 December 1926, page 7

POOR WATER SUPPLY

Complaints at Brighton

Brighton, like its adjoining seaside town Glenelg, is suffering from an inadequate water supply, and at the last meeting of the local council attention was directed to the matter. It was decided to ask the Government to improve the supply. Mr. E. Tweeddale (mayor) said that he was aroused one morning about 4 a.m. by shouts of "Fire." Jumping out of bed he found that the grass in a paddock immediately adjoining his house was on fire, so he connected up his garden hose, passed it through the fence, and turned on the water. Even at that early hour in the morning he found the pressure was so poor that the hose would not throw a stream more than two or three feet. But for the fact that a couple of motorists helped him to beat out the flames with wet bags much damage in the shape of destruction of fences must have resulted. Someone, he said, communicated with Glenelg Fire Brigade, which was quickly on the scene, but he told the firemen that if they desired their work to be effective, so far as Brighton was concerned, they must bring their own water supply with them.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Tuesday 14 December 1926, page 8

CASUALTIES.

MOTOR CAR AFIRE.

Just before 9 o'clock on Saturday night an Amil motor car, belonging to Mrs. C. Bonnett, of Jetty road, Glenelg caught alight. The fire brigade was summoned, and Station Officer W. Horricks and his men were quickly on the scene and extinguished the flames before much damage was done. The cause of the outbreak was a short circuit on the wire leads. The car was insured for £100.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 5 January 1927, page 10

A GRASS FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

A grass fire, believed to have been caused by a spark from a train, occurred at Brighton just after noon on Tuesday. The grass on several allotments in Marlborough-street, between the railway line and Brighton-road was burnt, and fences were scorched, but no serious damage was done. Railway employes and residents kept the fire in check until the arrival of the Glenelg fire brigade, which extinguished the flames.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 17 February 1927, page 2

GLENELG'S FIRE BRIGADE.

An Appreciation.

It is not often that public institutions receive the appreciation which they at times deserve, and it is therefore refreshing and encouraging to those concerned when an intimation of appreciation comes to hand. Mr. W. Horricks, officer in charge of the Glenelg Fire Station recently received the following from the Brighton Corporation:

"Officer in charge

Glenelg Fire Brigade, Glenelg.

"Dear Sir, "

I have been directed by the council to convey to you an expression of their appreciation for the prompt responses, that your brigade has given to all calls from this district. "Fortunately no serious outbreaks have occurred, but it is felt that if such had occurred it would have received your best attention.

"Yours faithfully, "A. H. SANDERS, town clerk."

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 24 February 1927, page 1

BUSY FIRE BRIGADE.

During the past three months the Glenelg Fire Brigade (Mr. W. Horrocks, station officer) has turned out to 29 calls. Fortunately, none of the outbreaks was of a serious character, the majority being grass fires in Plympton and Brighton portions of the district. Several calls were to attend small fires in washhouses and for burning fences. Two cases of "malicious" false alarms were registered during the period.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 19 March 1927, page 5

FIRE AT GLENELG

The Glenelg Fire Station were called to a fire at Mr. N. H. Pope's Elite Grocery Store, at 41 Broadway, Glenelg, at 2.25 this morning. They found that the fire had a good hold on the bulk stores at the back of the premises. The shop itself was not damaged. The flames were subdued within three-quarters of an hour. The estimated damage was between £200 and £300.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 24 March 1927, page 2

A GLENELG FIRE.

What might have proved a disastrous fire, but for the fact that the flames were noticed by a neighbour, occurred at The Broadway, Glenelg, at 2.25 a.m. On Saturday. The fire was observed in a lean-to wood-and-iron storeroom attached to the rear of the Elite Stores, owned by Mr. Norman Henry Pope. When the Glenelg Fire Brigade arrived, in charge of station officer Horricks, and three men, the flames had a firm hold of the interior of the room, which was well stocked. There was a fair pressure of water, and the firemen did excellent work in stopping the flames from spreading into the two shops in front. Mr. Pope estimates the damage done at £400. There is an insurance in the Co-operative Company for £1,000. The premises are owned by Mr. Arthur Rugless, who is at present in Sydney. The origin or cause of the fire is unknown. Mr. Harry Isaacs rang for the fire brigade, his sister, Mrs. Stanniford, being the first to notice the fire.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Thursday 31 March 1927, page 13

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT GLENELG.

Called to the residence of Mr. Alec Liddle, a blacksmith, in Gordon Street, Glenelg, at 9.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the Glenelg Fire Brigade, in charge of Station Officer Horricks, extinguished in the dining room, a fire, which had burnt a couch, window curtains, and charred the wood work of the room.

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Gordon st—E side, 8 Liddle, A, blksmith

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 13 July 1927, page 11

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, GLENELG.

July 12. —Present—The Mayor (Mr. H. S. Rugless), Aldermen McIntosh, Dring, Murphy, and Sutherland, and Councillors W. E. Thomas, Buttrose, Levy, Good, E. J. Thomas, and Burns.

Alderman Sutherland moved that the Postmaster General's department be approached with regard to the placing of a post pillar at the corner of Fifth-avenue and Augusta-street, Helmsdale, and that the Fire Brigades Board be approached with regard to placing a fire alarm at the same place. This was carried.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 18 April 1927, page 10

FIRE AT BRIGHTON.

SIDESHOW BURNT OUT.

Shortly after 10 o'clock on Saturday night smoke was seen issuing from a side-show on the Brighton Esplanade known as "Dave's Dinkum Dugout." The alarm was given by Mr. E. H. Fryer, and the prompt arrival of the fire brigade prevented the flames from spreading to other booths. The whole of the contents of the shed, valued at about £100, were destroyed.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 26 April 1927, page 1

Small Fire at Glenelg

Glenelg Fire Brigade receive a call at 3.50 o'clock yesterday afternoon from a house in Penzance street, New Glenelg, occupied by Mr. John Thompson and owned by Mrs. Dobson, of Adelphi terrace, Glenelg. The outbreak was caused by a back draught in a chimney. Only slight damage was done. The premises were insured for £1,000 with the New Zealand Insurance Company Limited.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 9 August 1927, page 1

Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call from the house of Mrs. E. A. Whittington, Robert street, New Glenelg at 12.40 o'clock this afternoon. On arrival it was found that the chimney was on fire. Little damage was done.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 10 August 1927, page 11

New Fire Alarm at Glenelg

Intimation was received by Glenelg Council last night that the Fire Brigades Board had decided to accede to its request that an alarm should be installed at the corner of Fifth avenue and Augusta street. It will be connected with the Glenelg Fire Brigade. Members expressed pleasure at the prompt manner in which the matter had been taken in hand.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 16 September 1927, page 1

Small Glenelg Fire

Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call just before 2 o'clock today from the home of Mr. W. J. P. Giddings, Moseley street, Glenelg. It was found that a wash house and shed, together with the contents, had been severely damaged by fire. It is not known if the premises were insured.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 15 December 1927, page 16

BUS AND FIRE ENGINE.

COLLISION AT GLENELG.

While travelling along Partridge-street, Glenelg, to a call at Paringa Hall on Wednesday morning, the motor fire engine of the Glenelg Fire Station, in charge of Station Officer W.

Horrocks, was struck by a Tramways bus, which was being driven in a westerly direction along Pier-street. The engine was thrown into the gutter and had its rear wheels broken off. A motor truck, owned by Messrs. J. L. Kenny & Co., took the brigade to the fire, which was in a grass paddock near the college. The fire was subdued before any damage had been done.

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 6 January 1928, page 13

Fire at Glenelg

Glenelg First Brigade received a call yesterday to the premises of J. Inverarity, flock maker, Osmond street, St. Leonards. Grass was being burned off when the flames spread to a large heap of rubbish. Although the damage was not great it took the brigade several hours to subdue the fire.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Wednesday 7 March 1928, page 13

CASUALTIES.

FIRE AT GLENELG.

A fire occurred on Monday in the laundry of a house occupied by Mr. N. H. Pope, Scarborough street, Glenelg. Mrs. Pope had lit the copper fire at 10 o'clock, and went to another part of the house for a few minutes. On return she found some of the clothes alight, and part of the laundry burning. The fire brigade extinguished the flames. The damage is estimated at £30.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Thursday 15 March 1928, page 2

FIRE AT GLENELG.

Luna Land Guttled.

"Luna Land," an amusement structure adjacent to the Pier Hotel, Glenelg, was gutted as a result of a fire early on Tuesday morning. The attention of Constables Patten and Cooper was drawn to the fire about 1.20 o'clock, when they noticed smoke issuing from the north-western side of the building. The fire brigade was summoned, and the engine and firemen were quickly on the scene and soon had the flames under control. Only the shell of the place remains standing. "Luna Land" was the property of Joyland, Limited, and it cost nearly £2,000 to construct. The lease of the site expired at the end of February, and the structure was about to be removed to some other seaside resort, as the council declined to renew or extend the lease. It is not known how the fire occurred. The building and contents were insured with the Commonwealth Traders' Insurance Company for about £1,000. The low water pressure at Glenelg was demonstrated when the firemen attempted to use two hoses. The water just trickled out of the hoses, and it was found necessary to use the fire pump to secure the needed pressure.

Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929), Saturday 15 September 1928, page 15

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Two-Storied House Razed.

Early this morning a house on the Anzac Highway, at Morphettville, was totally destroyed by fire.

At midnight, the City Fire Station received the call, and sent two appliances. The Glenelg Fire Brigade also answered the summons. The house, which was directly opposite the Morphettville Racecourse, was of two storeys, and constructed of wood and iron. It was one of the several houses built in the locality many years ago. No one was living on the premises, which were only partly furnished. The blaze had got a firm hold by the time the brigades

arrived, and despite strenuous efforts by the firemen the building was totally destroyed. The owners are at present unknown.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 13 October 1928, page 19

FIRE AT MORPHETTVILLE.

A wood and iron shop and dwelling at Anzac Highway, Morphettville, owned by Mr. John Tregilgas, of Opey-avenue, Hyde Park, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned at 10.25 p.m., but the building was in a blaze when it arrived. The structure was insured with the Sun Insurance Company, Limited, for £200.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Monday 5 November 1928, page 15

A MOTOR CAR BURNT.

While ascending Tapley's Hill road on Sunday night a motor car driven by Mr. Walter Barnes, of Robsart-street, Parkside, caught fire. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned, and, although the blaze was promptly extinguished, the engine was much damaged. The car, which is the property of Mrs. Barnes, was insured for £100 with Lloyd's.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 5 November 1928, page 11

Motor Car Burned

While travelling along Tapley's Hill road, Fulham, about 9.20 o'clock last night, a motor car driven by Mr. Walter Barnes, of 48 Robsart street, Parkside, suddenly burst into flames beneath the bonnet. Glenelg Fire Brigade was called, but the bodywork of the car was severely damaged before its arrival. The fire was extinguished with chemicals. Mr. Reginald Ernest Blight, of Charles street, Unley, was a passenger in the car, which is owned by Mrs. Sadie Dollar Barnes (wife of the driver). A report on the occurrence has been prepared for the City Coroner by Constable L. E. Button, of Glenelg.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 13 December 1928, page 24

Grass Fire at Somerton

At 12.42 o'clock this morning Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned to a grass fire, which had broken out in Colton terrace, Somerton. The outbreak was extinguished before any damage was done.

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 18 March 1929, page 1

SIDESHOWS DESTROYED

FIRE AT GLENELG

LOW WATER PRESSURE

Two sideshows were destroyed and one badly damaged when a fire broke out on Coley's Reserve, Glenelg, at 2:45 o'clock this morning. The shows were housed in small wood and corrugated iron buildings separated from each other by a distance of about 3 ft. The fire started in the first of the terrace, which was a bagatelle show owned by Mr. H. V. Mays, of Anzac Highway, Glenelg. From there it swept on to the next building, known as the "Three of a Kind" show, owned by Mr. F. J. Fay, of Robsart street, Parkside. The third building, which was partly damaged, contained a toddling tank show, and was conducted by Mr. W. J. Winders, of South road, Richmond. The sides of the building were scorched, and some of the stock was destroyed by fire and water. When Glenelg Fire Brigade reached the outbreak it had a firm hold, and the low pressure of water made it difficult to sub-due the flames. There is one three-inch main on Colley Reserve, and when the hoses were connected it was found that only a small trickle of water was available. The owners of the sideshows lease the land

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from Glenelg Council. Messrs. Mays and Winders started in the 1925-6 season, and Mr. Fay this year. The season for the shows begins on November 1 and ends on April 30. The "Three of a Kind" show was conducted by Seaside Receptions Limited prior to Mr. Fay beginning business. The fire attracted much attention. It was visible from Anzac Highway. All that remains of the premises is a charred mass of timber and twisted sheets of iron, mingled with electric light fittings. Owing to the absence from Adelaide of Messrs. Fay and Mays no estimate of the damage could be obtained.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 24 May 1929, page 1

Petrol Alight

At 2.30 o'clock this afternoon Glenelg Fire Brigade was called to the premises of Bestway Cleaners, Jetty road, Glenelg. Petrol used for cleaning purposes and kept in tins in a well, had caught alight in a shed at the rear of the premises. Damage was done to the shed and cleaning machine.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 15 June 1929, page 1

MOTOR BURNED

Stolen from Owner About 9.45 o'clock last night Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to Finnis street, Marion, where a motor car was in flames The blaze was quickly extinguished but not before the bodywork of the car was severely damaged. Two back tyres caught alight and blew out. The owner of the car is Mr. E. S. Squire, of Mitchell street, Goodwood Park. He reported to the Detective Office about 11 o'clock last night that his car had been stolen. The car was insured for £200. Cause of the fire, which took place when the car was standing on the side of the road, is unknown to fire brigade authorities. Brighton police are investigating.

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FIRE AT GLENELG

Horse Rouses Householder

Dr. Ramsay Smith (City Coroner) has decided that an inquest is unnecessary into the circumstances of the fire which occurred at a house in High street, Glenelg, early yesterday morning. The building, which was occupied by Major William Edward Hill Pascoe, was owned by Major John M. Irwin, of Ramsgate street, Glenelg. It was insured for £400, but was damaged to the extent of about £700. The contents of the house were not insured. They were valued at £300. Major Pascoe returned home about 11.30 o'clock on Saturday night, and went to bed after having smoked for a time in the sitting room. He was awakened about 2.30 o'clock on Sunday morning by the noise of a horse in a stable at the rear. He found that the sitting room opposite his bedroom was in flames. After slamming the door and securing clothing Major Pascoe jumped out of a window. He released the horse and drove his motor car out of the garage. A neighbor communicated with Glenelg Fire Brigade, which quickly had the outbreak under control. The report for the coroner was prepared by Constable Button, of Glenelg.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 24 July 1929, page 19

FATALITIES AND ACCIDENTS

EARLY MORNING FIRE

Shortly before 4 a.m. yesterday the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to a fire in Eitzen-street. On arrival Station-Officer Horricks found a quantity of hessian and tarpaulin burning in a wood and iron shed at the rear of a house occupied by Mr. Francis Clifford Humphries, a dairyman. The flames were quickly extinguished, and little damage was done. The property is

owned by Mrs. E. Jennings, of Helmsdale, and is insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Office for £900.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 6 November 1929, page 23

CAR AND SHED DESTROYED

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to a fire at the residence of Mr. W. Patterson, in Spencer-terrace, St. Leonards, shortly after 9 o'clock on Monday night. A Chevrolet motor car, insured with the United Insurance Company for £100 was destroyed. A washhouse, garage, and storeroom, where the fire started, were practically destroyed. There was no insurance on the buildings and contents.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Wednesday 13 November 1929, page 4

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

On Thursday, October 5, 1929, the Fourth Glenelg Cubs visited the Fire Brigade. We rode on top of the bus and when we reached the terminus marched to our destination. We were taken into the clock room, where all the shutters and switches are located. The next part we were taken to was the motor garage. The fireman took us to the look-out, and underneath the look-out was a well which I thought would be very deep. After looking around there for a while, we went to see the fireman playing billiards. The next place was the most interesting, which was the gymnasium room, where the punching ball, jumps, boxing gloves and other various things were kept. It was a splendid trip and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 4 February 1930, page 1

£3,000 FIRE AT GLENELG MOTOR GARAGE, TEN CARS, AND TRUCK BURNED

Damage estimated at £3,000 was done by a fire early this morning at Pier Motor Garage, St. John's Row, Glenelg. Ten motor cars and a truck were badly burned. Three of the cars were practically destroyed. Before the alarm was sounded the bark of an Alsatian dog, "Rastus," was heard. He had been told by his master to stay in a sedan car parked in the garage on the previous evening. He remained on guard by the car surrounded by flames and smoke "Rastus" crawled out with his fine fur singed. When the flames were extinguished he once more mounted guard over the car.

The alarm was given shortly after 5 o'clock by Mr. John Foy, who sleeps in a room almost above the garage. He notified Glenelg police. Following a telephone call by Sgt. Kroemer Glenelg Fire Brigade was soon on the scene. Water pressure was poor, but within half an hour the brigade, under Station Officer W. T. Horricks, had the flames under control. There were two or three explosions, evidently of the petrol in the tanks of the cars. Carried by the fumes of petrol, the flames soared round the iron roof of the garage, and burned the rafters. Mr. Horricks and another fireman had a narrow escape when the rear portion of the roof collapsed. The flames passed over several drums of oil near the entrance to the garage. Four other oil drums on the north side were scorched. Fortunately there was no wind, otherwise the buildings at the rear and side of the garage would have been threatened. An owner of one motor car forced the lock of the garage, and drove his valuable machine to safety through clouds of smoke. None of the other vehicles was saved. The rear of the garage suffered most. In a corner, the workshop of Mr. F. Rogers, of Rose street, Glenelg, who is engineer at the garage, was destroyed. Damage including that to tools and stock, is estimated at £400. Contents were insured for only £200. A sports model car owned by Mr. A. F. Creeper (assistant manager of the garage) was a total wreck. The aluminium body melted in lumps by the side. The car was valued at £85. A new sedan car owned by Mr. John R. Brennan (chairman of directors of Combined Victorian Theatres Limited, Melbourne, and general manager of Australian Farmers' Service, Melbourne) was practically destroyed. Mr. Brennan valued at £1,100. A new truck owned by Central Provision Stores and a touring car owned by Mrs. E.

Player, of Glenelg, were almost destroyed. Damage of about £300 was done to a sedan car owned by Bond's Motor Service. It is estimated that it will cost £200 each to repair the following cars:—Sedan (owned Mr. Woods of St. Kilda, Victoria), tourer (Mr. R. J. Burns, Karatta), tourer (Mr. J. V. Green, of Bumba, by way of Snowtown), touring cars owned by Mr. P. A. Livesy, of Broken Hill, and Mr. H. G. Evans, Renmark. Another touring car, the property of Mounted Constable Bonython, of Karoonda, suffered to the extent of more than £50. Most of the cars were parked casually over night. Mr. Green was particularly unfortunate as he had purchased his car only a week ago. He is faced with a loss of about £200. The garage was leased from Haussen and Company, Limited, brewers, of Hindmarsh, and was managed by Mr. F. H. Creeper, assisted by his brother. Damage to the building is estimated at £200. It is insured for £450. Stock was damaged to the extent of more than £50. This was not insured. "Rastus" is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Woods, who are staying at Pier Hotel.

Register News-Pictorial (Adelaide, SA : 1929 - 1931), Wednesday 5 February 1930, page 28

Airedale Guards Burning Car: Corporation Picnic



MOTOR GARAGE AND CARS BURNT: Remains of some of the burnt cars, which were destroyed by a fire which broke out in the Pier Motor Garage at Glenelg yesterday. Ten cars and a truck were badly burned.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 5 February 1930, page 16



MANY MOTOR CARS DESTROYED As the result of a fire which broke out at the Pier Hotel Garage, St. John's-row, Glenelg, yesterday morning, 11 motor cars were practically destroyed. The damage is estimated at £4,000.—Krischock Photo.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Thursday 6 February 1930, page 30

GLENELG GARAGE GUTTED

CARS DESTROYED AND DAMAGED

FIREMEN'S NARROW ESCAPE

Eleven motor cars, valued at £4,000, were destroyed or badly damaged by a fire which occurred in the Pier Hotel garage, St. John's-row, Glenelg, early on Tuesday morning.

The fire, which is one of the most serious that has occurred in Glenelg for many years, was noticed shortly after 5 o'clock by Mr. Victor John Foy, of Moseley-square, who immediately reported to the police. Sergeant Kroemer summoned the fire brigade. On arrival at the fire Station Officer W Horricks ran out a line of hose on the northern side of the building, which is separated from business premises in Moseley-square by a 9 ft. right-of-way, and played a stream of water on to the fences and buildings in order to check a possible spread of the fire. Inside the garage the flames had secured a firm hold, enveloping the motor cars which had been garaged there the previous evening. The heat was intense, and flames and smoke soared high through the roof.

Collapse of Roof

Mr. Horricks and one of his men were in the building, directing water on the flames, when without warning, a portion of the roof collapsed and fell. The firemen just managed to escape from the falling debris. After half an hour's hard work the fire-fighters had the flames well under control. When the garage proprietor' locked up on Monday night there were 12 cars in

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the building. On the notification of the fire Constable Patten opened the garage by smashing the lock off with an axe, and on the arrival of the brigade one car was saved.

Owners of Cars

Mr. John Robert Breunan, K.C., of King-street, Melbourne, was the heaviest loser. He is on a short visit, and with two friends arrived at the Pier Hotel last night. His car was purchased for £1,600 a few months ago, and was valued at £900. It was severely damaged, and it is questionable whether it will be worth repairing. Other owners of motors were: — Mr. Harold William Wood, of Southey-street, St. Kilda, Victoria, £350; Mrs. Emily Player, Moseley-street, Glenelg, £250; Mr. Arthur Frederick Creeper, £80, a total wreck; Mr. Harold George Evans, of Renmark, £300; Mr. Percy Aldous Livesey, of Argent-street, Broken Hill, £350; Mr. George V. Green, of Bumbunga, near Snowtown, £220; Mr. Eric Bonython, mounted constable, of Karoonda, £140; Mr. Robert Rogerson, Central Provision Stores, £200; Mr. Albert George Bond, Cameron-road, Hawthorn, £800, severely damaged; Mr. Robert James Burns, of Karratta, via Carrieton. £250.

Engineer's Loss

Mr. Francis Joseph Rogers, who carried on a motor engineering business in the building, suffered a loss to the extent of £200, his plant being almost totally destroyed. He was covered by insurance with the Commercial Union Company. The garage was originally a livery and bait stable carried on in conjunction with the Pier Hotel, but was converted to its present use several years ago. It is a building 100 ft. by 60 ft, with stone walls and iron roof, and is owned by Haussen & Co., Ltd., of Hindmarsh. It was occupied by Ross Motor Bodies, of Gilbert-street, Adelaide, and managed by Mr. Frederick Harold Creeper. The origin of the fire, which started at the eastern end of the building, is unknown. The building, which was gutted, was insured with the Commercial Union Company for £450. The stock of oils, petrol, and spare parts, valued at £100, was not insured.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931), Saturday 15 February 1930, page 18



SURROUNDED BY FLAMES AND SMOKE, Rastus, an Airedale owned by Mr. H. W. Woods, of Victoria, guarded his master's car in the burning garage at Glenelg this week and barked his alarm before the arrival of the fire brigade. After the flames had been extinguished he once more mounted guard over the car.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Wednesday 19 March 1930, page 17

EARLY MORNING FIRE

At 4.40 a.m. on Tuesday the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a telephone call to a fire in a confectionery shop occupied by Dometros Lambros, in the block of buildings known as the Grand Residential Hotel, Jetty-road. The fire was quickly extinguished, slight damage being caused to the shop and contents. Mr. Lambros estimates his loss at approximately £50. The stock, fittings, and plant were insured for £650.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Saturday 10 May 1930, page 15

DWELLING DESTROYED

FIRE AT KURRALTA PARK

Mother and Child on Holiday

A four-roomed wood-and-iron house at Kurralta Park was destroyed by fire last night during the absence of the family. Hundreds of people from the Richmond district and many other parts of the metropolitan area were attracted by the spectacular blaze which broke out soon after 8 o'clock in the residence of Mr. J. A. Cain, at Clifford-street. A neighbor, Mr. Mowbray, of Stirling street, Galway Gardens, first noticed the fire, which appeared to have started in the southern portion of the house. He gave the alarm, and informed the Richmond police. The brigade from Thebarton was on the scene within a few minutes, and shortly afterwards other reels from Adelaide and Glenelg arrived, but there was no hope of saving the house or furniture.

Seen from Foothills

Only a few minutes after the fire was first seen the whole building was well alight, and flames were rising about 30 feet above the roof. So fierce was the fire that it could be seen from the foothills. Water was poured on to the blazing structure, but within a short time the interior was gutted, and portions of the wall collapsed, revealing inside a chaotic mass of tangled iron and burnt wood.

Husband at Picture Show

Mr. Cain said he was at a picture show in the city at the time of the fire. He had been "batching" at home, as his wife and old child were away in a fortnight's holiday at Port Noarlunga. He had cooked his evening meal, and some time after seven o'clock had left in his car for the city. He heard the attendant at the picture show asking for Mr. Cain, and, when he replied, was informed that he was wanted at the office. Someone spoke to him there over the phone, and said there was bad news for him. "Naturally, I thought at once of my wife and child," said Mr. Cain, "but my fears in that direction were set at rest by the news that my house was on fire. I then thought that a joke was being played upon me, but when I learned that Mrs. Gray, a neighbor, was speaking, I knew that it could not be a joke."

Partly Insured

Mr. Cain drove to his home to find the charred remains. He was unable to account for the fire in any way. The furniture and building were only partly insured. Mr. Cain conducts a small cordial factory next to his residence, having lived on the site for many years. He left by car last night to inform his wife of the fire.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Wednesday 18 June 1930, page 4

GLENELG 50 YEARS AGO.

The first article in this Series by Mr. Taplin, from a booklet edited by John Lee in 1883, appeared in the "Glenelg Guardian" of 19th February, 1930.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

At a public meeting held at the Pier Hotel, 30th March, 1876. the Mayor (W. R. Wigley) in the chair, it was resolved to form a volunteer fire brigade, and the following committee were elected to carry out the same, viz.—Messrs. R. C. Andrews, C. Hooper, J. Howard, F. Caterer, F. S. Grundy, W. Hitchcox, T. Lee, H. J. Moseley, J. H. Bowker, J. Jackman, J. L. Hawkes, J. Liddle, W. R. Wig-ley, E. E. Lellman, and D. Miller. The first committee meeting was held on 6th April, 1876, under the presidency of Mr. H. J. Moseley, when Sir Henry Ayers was elected President; R. C. Andrews, Treasurer; and John Lee, Hon. Sec. Subsequently, Sir Henry Ayers took a very active part in the matter, and ultimately the Volunteer Fire Brigade was firmly established. The fire reel and hose were lent to the committee by the Adelaide Fire Insurers' Association; uniforms. &c. were purchased. Mr. Jas. Liddle was appointed foreman, and Messrs. B. Hooper, Wm. Thompson. and Chas. Puxton appointed reelmen of the fire brigade, under the supervision of Superintendent A. J. Baker, of the Adelaide Fire Brigade, under a code of rules and regulations specially drawn up; and the station was fixed at Mr. Liddle's, in Rodolph Terrace. In September, 1877, the whole of the Brigade's property and balance of funds in hand, viz., £30. were handed over to the Corporation of Glenelg, it being found necessary to do this to enable the Brigade to avail itself of the Government subsidy. The Brigade has done some good service in checking the spread of fires, and is still located at Mr. Liddle's, near Terminus Hotel. Miller's Corner, who continue to act as foreman, with reelmen Messrs. B. Hooper and W. Thompson.

The Brigade is now under the control of a Board, consisting of the Mayor, and Councillors Gell, Hamlin, and Lee. Majority of the Colony.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931), Thursday 28 August 1930, page 9

BATHING SHACK DESTROYED

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday night the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to a fire on the beach near the Glenelg pumping station. A bathing shack, the property of Mr. Harry Todd, of George-street, Parkside, was destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building was insured for £80, and the contents for £20, with the General Accident and Life Assurance Company.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 1 December 1930, page 9

A wood-and-iron shed and contents on the property of Mr. Joseph Wilson, Helen street, Novar Gardens, yesterday were destroyed by fire. Damage is estimated at £20. Glenelg Fire Brigade attended.

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Advertiser and Register (Adelaide, SA : 1931), Monday 20 April 1931, page 7

FIRE AT GLENELG

Thieves Had Been on Premises

About 3 o'clock on Sunday morning the Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call to Prince's Mansion, Jetty-road. It was found that the grocery shop of Mr. James Adams was alight. The stock and fittings, valued at £300. were destroyed. It was later discovered that the shop had been broken into, and it is alleged that about £15 worth of cigarettes and tobacco had been stolen, as well as between £5 and £6 in silver. The building, which is owned by Mr. John Ross McNeill is covered by insurance.

Kadina and Wallaroo Times (SA : 1888 - 1954), Saturday 11 July 1931, page 2

VICTIM OF FIRE DIED AT ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

Adelaide, Friday.

When flames from a copper fire ignited her clothing at the Seaforth Girls' Home, Glenelg, on July 6, Nellie Gollin aged 16 years, was severely burned about the body and arms. She was taken to the Adelaide hospital where she died yesterday.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 24 November 1931, page 9

MOTOR CAR BURNED

Truck And Waggon Collide Near Scene

Shortly after 3 p.m. yesterday, a motor car owned and driven by Albert William Hirst, of Osmond street, St. Leonards, burst into flames on Tapley's Hill road, about a mile north of Glenelg. The upholstery, woodwork and inflammable material of the car were consumed by the flames. The Glenelg Fire Brigade subdued the fire. The car was insured with the New Zealand Company for £70. The damage is estimated at £40. During the fire a number of cars gathered, among them being a truck belonging to the Adelaide Electric Supply Company in charge of Albert Ernest Wright, foreman linesman, of Durham street, Henley Beach. The lorry was pulled up on the side of the road 50 feet north of the burning car. About 4 o'clock a petrol waggon of the Texas Company (Australasia), Limited, driven by Raymond Harris Cox, came into collision with the rear of the truck. Little damage was done to this vehicle, but the radiator of the waggon was pushed in, the headlamps were smashed, and the mudguards damaged. The waggon was towed away by another of the company's vehicles.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 11 December 1931, page 30

Brighton fire.— Two sheds at the rear of St. Joseph's Convent, Old Beach road, Brighton, were destroyed by fire shortly after 1 p.m. yesterday. A poor pressure of water hampered the work of the Glenelg Fire Brigade.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 17 December 1931, page 10

Washhouse Damaged by Fire

A washhouse and contents were damaged when a fire occurred at the home of Mr. R. Youlton, contractor, 10 Olive street, Parkside, shortly after 10 a.m. today. The outbreak was probably caused by a spark from a copper in which rubbish was being burned. The premises were not insured. Unley Fire Brigade attended.

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 28 January 1932, page 11

Grass Fire at Seacliff

Believed to have been caused by the fusing of a high tension wire, a fire broke out on Mr. E. G. Butler's property at Seacliff today and destroyed about 70 acres of grass before the Glenelg Fire Brigade put it out. The fire, which was noticed about 3 a.m., burnt to within 200 yards of Mr. Butler's house. Nearby residents helped the brigade to fight the blaze. No damage was done.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 29 January 1932, page 12

GRASS FIRE AT SEACLIFF

The fusing of an electric light cable caused a grass fire in paddocks on the north side of Mr. E. G. Butler's home at Seacombe road, near Seacliff, about 3 a.m. yesterday. The Glenelg Fire Brigade, the Brighton police, men from the remount depot, and a number of others assisted to check the spread of the flames, which were subdued after 20 or 30 acres had been swept. At one stage it was feared that Mr. Butler's home would be menaced.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 27 June 1932, page 6

Fire Damages Shed at Seacliff

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A quantity of timber, a carpenter's bench, garden tools, canvas blinds, and some clothes were destroyed by a fire in a shed at the rear of the home of Mr. S. W. Bailey, of Kauri parade, Seacliff, last night. Damage was estimated at between £20 and £25. The shed and contents were insured. Mr. O. Shepherd, a neighbor, who was passing the house about 10.30, noticed flames coming from the building. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned. The fire was prevented from spreading. The woodwork of the shed was damaged. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. Mr. Bailey locked the shed about 10.30 a.m. yesterday and did not visit it again during the day. The door was still locked when the fire was discovered. Constable Trotman, of Brighton, is investigating.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 28 June 1932, page 9

FIRE AT GLENELG GARAGE

Office And Oil Room Destroyed

The Day Dawn motor garage in Durham street, Glenelg, owned by Mr. Norman Mitchell, a speedway rider, was partly destroyed by fire last night.

The Glenelg Fire Brigade received a call at 10.35 p.m., but when it arrived the flames had a strong hold on the building, which was of wood and iron. The flames shot across the foot-path and scorched the paint off several petrol pumps 18 ft. away. The office and oil room were completely destroyed, and none of the stock was saved, but the fire was confined to this part of the garage. Mr. Mitchell said that he had left the garage at about 10 o'clock. He had locked up, and had switched off all the lights. He estimated his loss at £150. The stock was insured, but the wireless set, valued at £28 10/. was not.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 10 September 1932, page 1

Exploding Crackers Blow Up Shop Window

PANE HURLED ACROSS STREET

Boys With Matches at Glenelg

SAVE BY WOMAN

BOYS playing outside the shop of H. T. Hoeper and Co., general store keepers, at the corner of Partridge and Bath streets, Glenelg, tonight, pushed a lighted match into a window containing fireworks.

There was a terrific explosion, and the window was blown out. Four boys were questioned by Sgt. Kroemer, of the Glenelg police, and it is reported that one, aged 5, confessed that he had pushed a match into the window. Damage to the store was confined to the shattering of a plateglass window, 5 ft. square, valued at £20, and between £5 and £8 worth of fireworks. Mrs. S. J. Newman who lives in Bath street, opposite the store, heard several minor explosions at 7.15 p.m., and went out to investigate. As she reached the front door the window of the shop opposite was blown in by a terrific explosion, and broken glass was blown more than 20 ft. across the roadway of Bath street.

PRESENCE OF MIND

A dense cloud of smoke was coming from the window. With great presence of mind, Mrs. Newman dashed round into Partridge street, and called Miss Hoeper, daughter of the owner, who was staying at the home of a friend in Partridge street. Then she rushed back home, obtained two buckets, and called a number of men to form a bucket brigade. Flames by this time were beginning to leap up, and it seemed that the whole blocks of shops at the corner of the street was in danger. The Glenelg brigade was summoned, but when it reached the scene the water poured on to the flames by the volunteer firefighters had the fire practically under control. Mr. Hoeper, who lives at Burnside, was informed of the fire by his daughter, and he

raced to the shop in a motor car. He made an inspection straight away, and found that of the stock in the store, only a few almonds were damaged. The window and contents were covered by insurance. Among the goods kept in the shop was a small quantity of petrol, kerosene, and methylated spirits, but these were at the rear of the premises, and out of reach of the flames.

SCREEN SAVES STOCK

It is thought that the wire screen at the back of the window saved the stores from going up in flames, for it prevented the exploding fireworks from rebounding into the shop. Miss Hoepfer said that there was a small hole in the corner of the plateglass forming the window. It had been closed up with putty, but the boys had pushed this in, and inserted the lighted match through the aperture thus made. A few small crackers near the glass had caught first, and the flames caused by these had set the remainder of the goods off. Of the four boys said to have been implicated, it is reported that three were brothers, aged four, eight, and 10. Another boy, who is alleged to have pushed the match into the window, was aged five. They are alleged to have run away from the shop when the explosions occurred, but later some of them returned to watch the firefighters at work.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 10 November 1932, page 16

FIRE FOUGHT SINGLE-HANDED

Foreman Badly Burned In Old Chaff Mill

While trying single-handed to save books and money from a fire which totally destroyed Mr. W. H. Best's chaff mill on South road, Darlington, shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday, Mr. B. Wilson (50), of Brighton, foreman of the mill, was badly burned about the face and arms. He was admitted to the Adelaide Hospital. Mr. W. H. Best, chaff merchant, of Ramsgate street, Glenelg, the owner of the mill, has for some time been seriously ill. The mill is said to have been more than 50 years old. A house adjoining the mill, occupied by Mr. H. Osborne and family, was also destroyed by the fire. Furniture from the house was saved. It is believed that Mr. Wilson, who was alone in the mill when the outbreak occurred, was working in the small office on the far side of the mill from the engine. Apparently he made strenuous efforts to subdue the blaze. When assistance arrived, Mr. Wilson was found lying badly burned and exhausted in a nearby shed. The Glenelg Fire Brigade extinguished the flames, but by the time they arrived the mill and dwelling had been almost completely destroyed. The fire is said to have started in the north-west corner of the mill, and to have been caused by a spark from the engine driving the chaff cutter. About 30 tons of hay are reported to have been stacked in the mill when the fire took place.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Monday 12 December 1932, page 15

FIRES in SUBURBS

£150 Damage At Beverley

Although no calls were received yesterday small fires, chiefly of grass, kept metropolitan fire brigades busy on Saturday. The largest blaze was at Beverley, where damage estimated at £150 was done when a large stable and its contents were destroyed. A man was injured in rescuing a horse and cart. The stables, which were the property of Mr. A. D. Tonkin, of William street, Beverley, contained wheat and chaff, furniture, and three trolleys. Stubble was being burnt off in a paddock at the rear of Mr. Tonkin's property, and it is thought that a spark may have set alight a small shed adjoining the stables. A neighbor, Mr. Albert Smith, rushed to rescue a horse and cart he had in the larger building, and received severe burns on his hands. He was treated at the Adelaide Hospital. Mr. Tonkin spoke appreciatively of the work of the Woodville Fire Brigade. It had the fire under control within about 15 minutes of its arrival.

Vines and almond trees in Crozier avenue, Mitcham Park, were badly scorched when about 15 acres of grass was destroyed. The North Adelaide and Thebarton brigades were called to fires on vacant allotments, and the Glenelg brigade attended a small grass fire near the Bronze Wing Poultry Farm, Camden. North Adelaide brigade was called to a small fire in the parklands.

Permit Needed To Burn Grass

Attention was drawn by the Deputy Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade (Mr. G. P. Cooper) on Saturday to the danger of allowing dry grass to remain near fences and buildings. He said it would be advisable for householders to get rid of dry grass and weeds in their backyards. A permit, however was necessary before anyone could burn grass off. This could be obtained from the corporation of the district.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 17 December 1932, page 7

GRASSFIRES IN SUBURBS

Shortly before 12.30 this morning Unley Fire Brigade received a call from a police patrol to a grassfire at Ackland Gardens, St. Mary's West. The police, with the help of beaters, subdued the outbreak, which was under control when the brigade arrived. Yesterday afternoon a rubbish tip caught fire at Somers street, Brighton, and dry grass in the vicinity of the tip caught alight. The Glenelg Fire Brigade put the flames out in about half an hour.

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Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 4 February 1933, page 1

FIRE DAMAGES HOME AT CAMDEN

Early tonight the Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned to a fire in Carlisle street, Camden. It was quickly controlled. One room of the house, a four-roomed villa, was badly damaged. It is believed that the house is occupied by Mr. J. W. Hill, an engineer, who is away on holiday.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 5 October 1933, page 1

CAMDEN HOUSE BURNED

Brigade's Good Save

Damage estimated at £200 was caused by a fire which almost destroyed four of the six rooms of a house in Cromwell street, Camden, this morning. It is not known how the fire started, but the back portion of the house was found in flames shortly after 10 o'clock today. The house, which is owned by Mrs. M. Coleman, is reported to have been uninsured. When the fire was discovered the Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned and made a good save. Constable Butcher, of Plympton, is preparing a report for the coroner.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 6 October 1933, page 28

Old-Age Pensioner's House Burnt

Four of the six rooms of a wood and iron house belonging to Mrs. M. Coleman, widow, and an old-age pensioner, of Cromwell street, Camden, were burning fiercely when the Glenelg Fire Brigade arrived shortly after 10 a.m. yesterday. The brigade saved the remaining two rooms. It is thought that the blaze started from a gas stove in the kitchen, where wax had been spilt recently. It spread to the mantel curtains, and soon the woodwork was on fire. Neighbors rushed to Mrs. Coleman's assistance and removed all the valuable furniture, including a piano. The house was not insured. Damage was estimated at £170. Constable Butcher, of Plympton, prepared a report for the assistant coroner (Mr. P. C. Seikman), who decided that an inquest was not necessary.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 7 December 1933, page 17

Cigarette Ignites Hedge.—Ignited, it is believed, by a cigarette butt, a large cypress hedge and a fence at the residence of Mr. I. R. Thomas, Pier street, Glenelg, were destroyed by fire last night. The fire was extinguished by the Glenelg Fire Brigade.

Glenelg Guardian (SA : 1914 - 1936), Wednesday 20 December 1933, page 3

FIRE ALARM FOR DUNLEATH.

Ald. Sutherland asked at the meeting of Glenelg Town Council on Tuesday evening that the Fire Brigades Board be requested to instal a fire alarm at Dunleath.

1934

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 1 January 1934, page 1

Not one report of New Year's Eve vandalism has been received by the Glenelg Police, in spite of the fact that a large crowd was there. The usual attractions were opened at midnight, but the new year was ushered in without incident. It is two years since the police had trouble with revellers or fence painters.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 18 January 1934, page 7

A grass paddock used for grazing and owned by Mr. G. Hooper, dairyman, at Tapley's Hill road north, caught fire about 5 p.m. yesterday, and about 20 to 25 acres of grass were burnt off. The Glenelg Fire Brigade extinguished the blaze.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 19 January 1934, page 5

The Glenelg Fire Brigade was called yesterday afternoon to three grass fires, but in no case was any serious damage done.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 12 March 1934, page 9

The Glenelg Fire Brigade attended a grass fire yesterday afternoon on the property of Cummings and Cudmore, horse dealers, of Tapley's Hill road, north of Glenelg. About a mile and a half of grass was burnt.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 14 June 1934, page 6

Suburban News

VACANT HOUSE DAMAGED

Early Morning Fire Causes £400 Loss

A fire, which broke out about 2.50 a.m. today at an unoccupied house in Marion road, Marion, severely damaged the building and its contents. The house is owned by Mr. R. W. Wade, market gardener, of Brighton road, Glenelg. The damage is estimated about £400, which is covered by insurance. The fire was noticed by the Marion police, who have their quarters near the house, and the Glenelg Fire Brigade was called. The cause of the fire is unknown. Enquiries are being made by the Marion police.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 14 June 1934, page 11

House Destroyed by Fire at Marion



A STONE AND IRON dwelling, owned by Mr. R. W. Wade, in Marion road, Marion, was destroyed by fire early today.

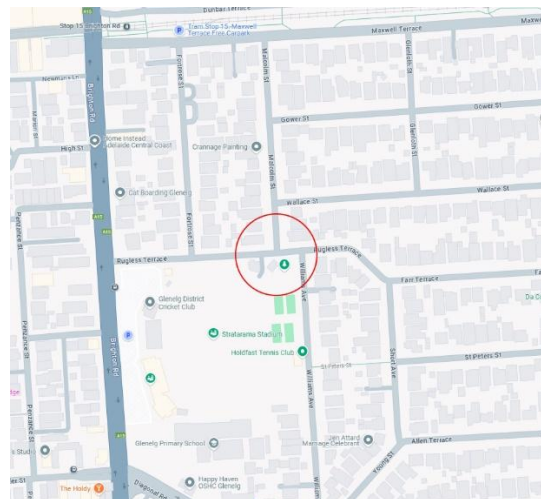
Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 15 June 1934, page 22

House Destroyed By Fire At Marion

A stone and iron cottage, the property of Mr. Robert William Wade, at Brighton road, Marion, was destroyed by fire at 2.30 a.m. yesterday. The house, which had been unoccupied for about two years, was used more or less as a storeroom. The origin of the fire is unknown, the property was insured. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was in attendance. Constable Phillips, of Marion, is preparing a report for the Coroner.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 18 July 1934, page 9

The Fire Brigades Board has advised the Glenelg Council that a fire alarm will be installed at the corner of Malcolm street and Rugless terrace, Dunleath.



Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 8 December 1934, page 13

Fire In Glenelg House

The timely arrival of the Glenelg Fire Brigade in the charge of Senior Fireman Pahle, about 1.20 p.m. yesterday, prevented a fire from spreading in a house occupied by Mr. C. E.

Tucker, at the corner of Brighton road and Anzac Highway, Glenelg. The flames began in a lumber room at the rear of the house, and broke through the ceiling, spread along the upper structure and emerged through the gables in front. Not much damage was done.

1935

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 4 February 1935, page 2

Damage estimated at £20 was caused by a fire on Saturday night in a wood-and-iron shed at the rear of a house in Alison street, Glenelg, owned and occupied by Mr. H. Butler. The shed, gardening tools, and firewood were destroyed. The Glenelg Fire Brigade extinguished the blaze.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Monday 25 February 1935, page 15

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Poor Water Pressure Handicaps Brigade

Returning from outings in the hills and at Glenelg. Mrs. J. W. Groth and her daughter, May, found their home at Cross roads, Plympton, in flames last night. Mr. Groth, who is a dairyman, was sleeping in a front room of the house when the fire began shortly before 11 p.m. He said he was awakened by a crackling noise in the dining-room, but thought that it was his elder daughter preparing supper on her return with a friend from Glenelg. Later, seeing a light, he went to the dining-room and found it in flames. Wakening his son, Ted, who was sleeping on the lawn, and his younger daughter Jean, who was sleeping on the verandah, Mr. Groth ran to obtain help. Practically his only clothing at that stage was an eiderdown covering which he had snatched from his daughter's bed, and which he had wrapped round his legs. The brigade was informed through the help of passers-by. On his return to the house, Mr. Groth attempted to enter the house to save some of his possessions, but was driven back by the smoke and heat. The flames had a strong hold when the brigade arrived, and though the flames had not destroyed the front rooms at that point, the whole building was alight soon afterwards. The poor water pressure handicapped the brigade, which was in the charge of Senior Fireman Purvis, and before midnight the entire house, which was a six-roomed wood and iron structure, was destroyed. Mrs. Groth and her daughter reached the house before it was demolished. The family lost practically all its possessions. Mr. Groth borrowed a pair of trousers and a coat from a neighbor, the only clothing he saved being a singlet. A new suit, a dress suit, Masonic medals, and several notes were among the articles he lost in the fire. The family searched for a cockatoo which had been resting in a trellis at the side of the house, but could not find it. Arrangements were made for the family to sleep at houses of neighbors. Constable Duthie, of Plympton, is preparing a report for the coroner. The house was insured.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Friday 22 March 1935, page 4

£100 Damage by Fire At Minda Home

Damage estimated at more than £100 was caused by a fire in the laundry at Minda Home, Brighton. yesterday afternoon. The laundry, which is a brick building, was severely damaged, and some clothes in it were destroyed. Dyeing apparatus was also burnt. It is believed that a spark from the furnace was responsible for the fire, which was extinguished by the Glenelg Fire Brigade. The property was all covered by insurance.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 21 May 1935, page 10

Motor Car Damaged By Fire

A motor car belonging to Mr. Basil Sandison, of Osmond street, St. Leonards, was damaged when it caught alight in the back yard at his home yesterday afternoon. The fire was extinguished by the Glenelg Fire Brigade. The car, which was valued at £40, was insured. Constable Trotman is preparing a report for the coroner (Mr. Blackburn).

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 18 July 1935, page 1



THE REMAINS of the house, owned by Mr. R. Tomlin, of William street, Camden, which was destroyed by fire at 2 a.m. today. The occupants lost their entire possessions in the fire, and escaped in their night attire.

OCCUPANTS SAVE ONLY NIGHT ATTIRE IN CAMDEN BLAZE

Motor Pump Bogged on Roadside

Thrilling escapes were made by the five occupants when a wood and-iron house in William street, Camden, was gutted by fire about 2 a.m. today. They lost everything but the night attire they were wearing. A motor pump from Glenelg fire station, while racing to the fire, left the bitumen at the corner of Anzac Highway and Morphett road, and became badly bogged.

Fanned by a stiff breeze, the flames spread quickly, and before the firemen arrived the house and contents were destroyed. The house was occupied by Mr. Robert Tomlin, a pensioner, his sons Thomas and Richard, and their wives, and a grand-daughter, aged two years.

The fire was first seen by Mr. Richard Tomlin, who was sleeping in a front bedroom. "I was almost stifled with smoke when I awakened," he said. "I called my wife and rushed into the passage. The centre of the house was well alight. We raced to the front door, but it was jammed. I broke a lead light at the side and pushed open the front door from the outside. "I called to my brother, and heard his wife answer. It was difficult to see because of the dense smoke." A graphic story was told by Mr. Thomas Tomlin, who escaped with his wife and daughter through their bed room window."

"I was awakened by my brother's shout," he said. "We were sleeping in a side bedroom. When I opened my eyes the room was full of smoke. I called my wife and opened a door into the dining room. The fire there was burning fiercely, and the heat and smoke forced me back into the bed-room. I grabbed my child, who was asleep in a cot, and knocked a wire screen

from the window and climbed through. I then assisted my wife to escape the same way. "Then I rushed to the outside of the room in which my father was sleeping, and helped him through the window. "I ran to a shop and telephoned the Glenelg Fire Brigade and the police. An hour elapsed before the brigade arrived. By that time the place and contents were destroyed." Station Officer. W. Horrocks, of Glenelg, said that he received a call at 1.53 a.m. He and two firemen started for the scene of the fire with a motor pump, Practically at the corner of Anzac Highway and Morphett road, Camden, the two off-side wheels of the vehicle, which weights about three tons, got off the bitumen. The vehicle became bogged.

FIREMEN USE MOTOR CAR

Almost immediately Mr. W. Heslop, newsagent, of Glenelg, arrived in his motor car. An attempt was made to tow out the bogged fire vehicle. When this failed several lengths of hose and other gear were placed in the car and the firemen raced to the fire. The house was practically gutted when they arrived. The fire vehicle was afterwards dug out and towed on to the bitumen by Constable Duthie's car. The Tomlin family lost everything except their night attire. The house, which was owned by the State Bank, was insured, but the contents were not.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 25 November 1936, page 19

Grass Fire At Grovene

The Glenelg Fire Brigade was called to a grass fire in a vacant block of land in Lady street, near Grovene, early yesterday afternoon. About a quarter of an acre of grass was burnt.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 1 December 1936, page 11

Fire At Somerton. — A hedge and about 20 ft. of fencing on the property of Mr. B. P. Murray, of Tarlton street Somerton, were destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. A wood and iron fence on the adjoining premises of Mr. J. Kilgariff was slightly damaged. The Glenelg Fire Brigade extinguished the blaze.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 17 December 1936, page 13

£1,000 Damage In Glenelg

Damage estimated at nearly £1.000 was done to stores and houses at Glenelg where 130 points fell in 20 minutes. The storm broke at Glenelg about 11.15 a.m.— more than an hour before heavy rain fell in the City—and within 10 minutes the principal centres of the town were inches deep under water.

Fire Station Flooded

Very soon after the first downpour, the floor under the engine room of the Glenelg Fire Station was flooded, the water pouring in through the doors. It was estimated that 4.000 gallons of water entered the premises. No damage was done to the apparatus, however.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 30 December 1936, page 1

SIDE OF BUS SMASHED IN

Fire Follows Impact

Almost the whole of the near side of a motor bus was smashed in, a man was seriously injured, and the vehicles caught fire, when the bus came into collision with a motor car at the intersection of Anzac Highway and Stonehouse avenue, Camden, at 7.35 a.m. today.

The man seriously hurt, who was driving the car, is:— Keith Alexander Stephen, of Bennett street, Hilton, manager of the Colas Shell Co. of Australia, South road, Richmond, admitted to the Adelaide Hospital with a probable fracture of the skull, concussion, and a lacerated scalp;

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condition serious. A passenger in the car, Noel Besley, 28, of Percival terrace, Glenelg, was treated at the hospital for abrasions to a leg. The bus driver was uninjured.

The car was travelling along Anzac Highway, and the bus, driven by Morton Norris Kent, of Goldfinch avenue, Cowandilla, and owned by C. R. Cloughton, of Wilton terrace, New Mile-End was turning into Stonehouse avenue. Swerving in a fruitless effort to avoid the collision, the bus broke off two concrete posts, passed over a drain, and finished on the footpath. After the impact the petrol tank of the car caught alight, and the flames spread to the woodwork of the bus.

Fireman Cyril Roebuck, who was driving a fire brigade motor pump on an exchange trip from Glenelg to Adelaide, witnessed the accident, and extinguished the flames. The car, a steel body sedan, was extensively damaged. Motor Traffic Constable Pocock made inquiries.

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 21 January 1937, page 11

DRIVER OF BUS NOT TO BLAME

Collision at Camden

At the inquest held today by the City Coroner (Mr. Blackburn) into the death of Keith Alexander Stephen, 48, of Bennett street, Hilton, manager of the Colas Shell Co. of Australia, evidence was given that his car skidded for 35 ft. along the road before it collided with a motor bus. Stephen died on January 7 from pneumonia following injuries sustained in the collision which occurred at the corner of Anzac Highway and Stonehouse avenue, Camden, on December 30. Mr. Kevin Ward appeared for relatives of Stephen, and Mr. Eric Millhouse represented the driver of the bus. Cyril Roebuck, fireman, of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, said that Stephen passed him on the Anzac Highway travelling between 40 and 45 m.p.h. Motor Traffic Constable Pocock gave evidence that skid marks he measured on the road were 35 ft. 6 in. long. Morton Norris Kent, of Goldfinch avenue, Cowandilla, driver of the bus, said that as he was turning to the right to enter Stonehouse avenue Stephen's car swerved to the left and struck his bus. His opinion was that if Stephen had kept a straight course there would have been no collision. Mr. Blackburn found that although Stephen died as a result of injuries received in the collision, he was satisfied that the driver of the bus was entirely free from blame.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 4 March 1937, page 9

Engine of Motor Van Damaged by Fire

Slight damage was caused to a motor van owned by Australian Dry Cleaners, Kent Town, when it caught fire on Brighton road near the post office yesterday. The driver, Mr. C. F. Seward, of Wakefield street, Kent Town, tried to smother the flames with sand. Glenelg Fire Brigade was summoned and put out the blaze within a few minutes. Damage was confined to the engine. The van is insured.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 12 March 1937, page 23

Small Fire At Seacliff

The walls, ceiling, and contents of the kitchen of an eight-roomed house occupied by Mr. C. H. D. Tapp, of Waratah street, Seacliff, were damaged by fire yesterday afternoon. It is understood that the fire was caused through an electric stove becoming overheated. The Glenelg Fire Brigade soon extinguished the blaze. The house is owned by Mr. J. Morley, of Brighton.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 19 June 1937, page 14

Mr. William Thomas Horricks, 67, of Osmond street, St. Leonards, who died at his home yesterday, was formerly station officer of the Glenelg Fire Brigade. Mr. Horricks was a member of the brigade for many years. He was well known in yachting circles at Glenelg. He has left a widow, two daughters, and one son.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 7 July 1937, page 24

Motor Lorry On Fire At Brighton

A two-ton motor lorry was partially destroyed by fire at the home of the owner, Mr. Ernest Howard Murray, of Yarmouth street, Brighton, early yesterday morning. It is believed that the fire occurred as the result of a short circuit. Mr. Murray left the lorry in a shed at the rear of his home late on Monday night.

About 12.15 a.m. yesterday, George Laundry, of Brighton, who was returning home from work, saw smoke issuing from the shed and aroused the occupants of the house, who subdued the flames with buckets of water. Constable Andrews, of Brighton, and the Glenelg Fire Brigade attended. The cabin of the lorry was destroyed, and portion of the shed was damaged. The lorry was insured.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 23 July 1937, page 34

Fire At Glenelg

A spare room and its contents in a house occupied by Mrs. Elsie Muriel Wulff, of Sussex street, Glenelg, were damaged by fire shortly before 9 a.m. yesterday. The blaze was extinguished by the Glenelg Fire Brigade. A hot brick, which was placed in a bed in an other room on the previous night, scorched the mattress, and Mrs. Wulff, unaware that it was still smouldering, placed it in the spare room. The mattress was evidently burning all night, for when the door of the room was opened yesterday morning the contents were burning and the mattress had been destroyed. Mrs. Doris Lilian Haire, of New street, Unley, is the owner of the house which is insured. Constable Harrison, of Glenelg, is preparing a report for the Coroner, Mr Blackburn.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 9 February 1938, page 26

Fire Destroys Garage At Grovене

Attracted by the smell of burning wood, Mr. R. G. Mules, who was listening to the radio inside his house in Augusta street, Grovене, yesterday, went outside and found the garage ablaze. He rescued a bicycle from the fire before the Glenelg brigade arrived. The garage, which was constructed of wood and iron, was severely damaged, and several tools were destroyed. The garage was insured. Mules is a well known jockey.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 9 February 1938, page 7

TENDERS will be received by the under-signed until noon of WED, Feb. 23rd, for ALTERATIONS and ADDITIONS to GLENELG FIRE BRIGADE STATION for the S.A. FIRE BRIGADES BOARD. Plans may be seen at my office. No tender necessarily accepted. CHRIS. A SMITH. Architect. 5 Prospect rd. Prospect. Phone M2670.

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Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 23 February 1938, page 15

Glenelg Fire Station.— Tenders will close today for extensions to the Glenelg Fire Brigade Station to provide for more modern fire-fighting equipment, which will be installed this year. Mr. Chris Smith is the architect.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 1 March 1938, page 11

Fire Protection Will Cost Brighton Double

The Brighton Council has passed for payment its contribution of £300 to the Fire Brigades Board for the year ending December 31. The estimated necessary expenditure in the Glenelg and Brighton fire districts was. £3,069, an increase of 77 per cent. on last year's estimate, when the Brighton Council contributed £140. In an explanation of the increased cost, it was stated that wages had increased; it had been necessary to station another man at Glenelg; and more efficient pumping appliances had necessitated extensions to the engine room.

Mail (Adelaide, SA : 1912 - 1954), Saturday 19 March 1938, page 35

Protecting Metropolis From Fire

PLAN NEARS COMPLETION

When two new appliances are delivered to Glenelg and Woodville within a few weeks, the metropolitan area will be more efficiently protected against fire than it has ever been. The delivery of these appliances will almost complete an extensive modernisation programme authorised by the Fire Brigades Board some time ago. Already Norwood, Port Adelaide, and Thebarton have been provided with the most modern suburban fire-fighting appliances and equipment in Australia. Extensions to accommodate the new and larger equipment are now nearing completion at Glenelg. Immediately these are finished, a new pump will be delivered. It is expected that the opening date of a new station at Woodville will be announced shortly. This building is almost ready for occupation. LEADING THE WORLD Designed by the chief fire officer (Mr. J. J. Whyte), the latest suburban appliances embody features that are not included in the latest English and American units. Mr. Whyte's design has attracted attention not only in Australia, but overseas. Recently an American scientific magazine published a photograph and description, of the appliance. Compactness is the keynote of Mr. Whyte's suburban appliance. The ladder, capable of reaching a third floor window, is released merely by the twist of a steel clip. The ladder and suction hose may be released in a few seconds by one fireman. The provision of sliding trays carrying 2,000 ft of hose enables the appliance to be prepared for a fire in a matter of seconds. When the unit re-returns from one fire practically all that has to be done to prepare it for the next is to put in trays already loaded with fresh hose. FIREMEN SEATED The pumping equipment is carried under the seating accommodation, which may be lifted bodily out of the chassis. The idea of seating firemen instead of requiring them to cling precariously where they can, is one of the latest developments in firefighting. In the past many men have been thrown off hurtling fire engines and killed. Underneath the sliding hose trays are roomy and easily accessible compartments for carrying equipment, such as nozzles, keys, and adapters. The maximum speed of the firefighting unit is 60 miles an hour. It weighs four tons when fully laden.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 16 April 1938, page 20

FIRE THREATENS BRIGHTON HOME

Car And Two Buildings Destroyed

Damage estimated at £500 was caused by a fire in a garage at the rear of the 25-roomed house occupied by Mrs. E. M. Nairn, in Dunluce avenue, Brighton, about 3.35 a.m. yesterday. A 1937 model closed motor car, insured for £350, a garage and its contents, including work benches and tools, were destroyed, as well as the dividing fence, and a wood and iron shed in the adjoining property. Although the fire had a firm hold before the Glenelg and headquarters brigades arrived, damage to the house occupied by Mrs. Nairn, and the adjoining house, occupied by Mrs. J. H. Mules, was prevented. The blaze was under control 15 minutes after the appliances, which were accompanied by Chief Officer Whyte, arrived.

The blaze was noticed by Mrs. Mules, who saw a light dancing on the blind of her window. When she raised the blind she saw that the garage in Mrs. Nairn's property was alight. She roused Mrs. Nairn, who called the brigade. The firemen concentrated on saving the 25-roomed house, and removed another car from the side of the garage before it was caught by the fire. Flames licked the verandah at the rear of the house, and slight damage was caused to the windows and the verandah. The motor car which was destroyed was owned by Dr. L. A. Wilson, of Unley road, Malvern.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 14 June 1938, page 14

£70 Damage Caused By Glenelg Fire

Damage estimated at £70 was done to stock and the rear portion of the Serv-Wel drapery shop on Jetty road, Glenelg, by a fire. The alarm was given by Mr. G. H. Mauger, who lives next door to the shop. He was in his back yard when he noticed flames shooting from a rear window of the shop. When the Glenelg fire brigade arrived the back of the premises was well alight, and it took the brigade half an hour to subdue the flames. The cause of the fire is a mystery. The electric meter switches were all turned off, and the manager (Mr. O. Thamm) informed the police that everything appeared to be all right when he locked the shop 2½ hours before. The shop and contents were insured.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 28 June 1938, page 12

OBJECTION TO FIRE BRIGADE PAYMENTS

Brighton Alderman's Story Of Recent Blaze

The Mayor of Brighton (Mr. F. J. Brown), at a meeting of the council last night, said that the payment by councils of contributions to the upkeep of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade was an unjust burden, and one which should fall to a greater extent on fire insurance companies. Ratepayers paid for the upkeep of the Fire Brigade through their insurance premiums, council rates and State taxes. Mr. Brown added that the Brighton Council's contribution had been increased from £140 to £300 this year, but it would be reduced next year. No change could be made without an amendment to the Fire Brigades Act. He suggested that the question should be brought before the Suburban, Municipal and District Councils' Association.

Alderman Deer said that there had been only three fires in the Brighton district in 40 years. Thirty minutes after the most recent fire started, the brigade from Glenelg arrived, but by then the fire had been put out by a garden hose. When the brigade's hose was used, it burst. The council paid £6 a week for this service, and deserved something better. Alderman Deer moved that the Glenelg Fire Brigade be given a surprise call, to show what time would be taken to get to Brighton. The resolution was lost by five votes to four.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 16 August 1938, page 7

False Alarm As Test For Firemen

Answering a surprise alarm by the Mayor of Brighton (Mr. F. J. Brown), the Glenelg Fire Brigade made a 3½ mile dash along Brighton road today in 4¾minutes. In another three-quarters of a minute, the hose was coupled to a hydrant and water was being played on an imaginary fire. The test, which was the result of re-cent criticism of the Glenelg brigade by members of the Brighton Council, was made in the presence of members of the Fire Brigades' Board, the mayor, Ald. Deer, and Crs. Opie and Pearce. Unlocking the glass panel of a street fire alarm outside the Brighton School in Brighton road, Mr. Brown turned the handle and called out the brigade. It came as a complete surprise to the Glenelg firemen. Following a fire at Brighton a few weeks ago, a member of the Brighton Council complained that the Glenelg Brigade took 30 minutes to answer the call and had used an old, leaking hose. After the demonstration, the members of the board were entertained by the Mayor of Brighton, who complimented the brigade on the efficient manner in which it had turned out. His remarks were supported by Ald. Deer and Cr. Opie. The chairman of the board (Mr. H. Jackson) replied.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 2 September 1938, page 30

Beach Shack Destroyed By Fire

A small shack, owned by Mr. Williams, and situated on the foreshore at Kingston Park, Marino, was destroyed by fire early last night. Mr. Williams visited the shack about 8.45 p.m. and lit a kerosene heater. After the heater had been burning for some time Mr. Williams noticed that it was smoking and tried to blow it out. Instead of going out it flared up, and he attempted to throw it out outside. As he lifted it the bottom fell out, spraying kerosene over the wood and iron building. Within a few minutes the building was alight, and it burned so rapidly that he was unable to remove any of the contents. The Glenelg Fire Brigade was called, but the fire had too strong a hold when it arrived.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 4 October 1938, page 20

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fence Burnt.—Portion of a brush fence at the home of Mr. Frederick Gardiner, of Joan avenue, Dunleath Gardens, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. A parrot in a cage perished. The fire spread to the timbers of the house, but no serious damage was done. The Glenelg Fire Brigade attended, and Constable Trotman, of Glenelg, made enquiries.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Monday 7 November 1938, page 1

Garden Hose Prevents Fire From Spreading

Slight damage was done by a fire which broke out today in premises occupied by Mrs. Linda May Cruickshank at Farrell street, Glenelg. Units from the Glenelg Fire Brigade extinguished the flames within 15 minutes. Mrs. Cruickshank was washing in a laundry when a neighbor noticed smoke rising from the roof. A garden hose was played on burning rafters till the fire brigade arrived.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 8 December 1938, page 6

FIRE OUT OF CONTROL

Plympton Man Fined £2

"I THOUGHT that the Bushfires Act only applied to the country," said Francis Henry Wilkinson, of Railway terrace, South Plympton, when he was charged in the Plympton Court to-day with having failed to clear a space of at least 12 ft. before lighting a fire in the open on November 20. A fine of £2 with 10/ costs was ordered by Messrs. W. M. Hicks and L. Davis. who were on the Bench. Constable H. A. Schroeder said that on Sunday, November 20, the

Glenelg Fire Brigade was called out at 6.30 a.m. to a grass fire that had been started by defendant. Grass on two vacant allotments alongside his home was burned off and several fence posts charred. WIND INCREASED Witness questioned Wilkinson, who admitted that the allotments did not belong to him. Wilkinson said that he had cleared grass away from his fence to a width of about 6 ft. and thought that a path across the allotment would also be a fire break. The wind suddenly increased and the fire got away from him. The constable told the court that had neighbors not come to Wilkinson's assistance, a serious fire might have occurred. As a neighbor considered that her sheds were endangered she called the Glenelg Fire Brigade. Wilkinson—She got excited and rushed to her telephone. Mr. Davis—People are entitled to get alarmed if they see a grass fire sweeping towards their property. Constable W. Duthie, who prosecuted, added that if householders wanted to burn rubbish during the summer it was their duty to inquire at police or fire brigade stations about the precautions they had to take. Many of the grass fires were caused by the same disregard of precautions as Wilkinson had shown.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Saturday 17 December 1938, page 5

Small Fire at Brighton

A shed and its contents at the home of Mr. R. Fry, of the Crescent, Brighton, were damaged by fire this morning. The fire is believed to have been caused by hot pipes from a copper. The Glenelg Fire Brigade had the fire under control in a few minutes.

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News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 12 January 1939, page 7

All Over In One Squirt

Fire!

The alarm flashes up to the Glenelg Fire Brigade today. The informant isn't quite clear; but he understands a car is in flames. No time to waste. The fire chief and four men man a pump and are on the scene right at the end of the jetty in a minute. The fight begins, but it is over in one squirt. A suitcase in the rear seat of the car has caught alight, and a pair of socks valued at 3/ have been destroyed.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 25 January 1939, page 20

Fire Brigade Display At Glenelg

On February members of the South Australian Fire Brigade will give a weight lifting, wrestling, and boxing dis-play on Colley reserve. Glenelg. The proceeds will go to the Bushfires Fund. The display has been arranged by the Glenelg Citizens' Association.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 2 February 1939, page 16

Firemen's Display At Glenelg

Members of the South Australian Fire Brigade made a contribution to the Bushfire Relief Fund at Glenelg last night, when six expert weight lifters and hand balancers, including Eric Magor, holder of 40 Australasian weight lifting records, gave an excellent display on Colley reserve. The demonstration was arranged by the Glenelg Citizens' Association, the organiser being Mr. J. D. Eitzen. There were more than 400 people in the enclosure on the lawn. Weight lifting, tumbling, gymnastics displays, and clever hand balancing feats were executed by Magor. Ken Davies, Fred Kerr, Les and Bill Nation, Tom Schwerdt, and the firemen, most of whom are champion weight lifters, gave a fine performance. A three-round boxing contest between Vern Heinrich and Phil Redway was won by Redway on points. Mr. Eitzen said that the amount received would be handed to the firemen, who would give the money as a contribution from them to the fund.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Monday 13 March 1939, page 18

False Fire Alarms.— Twice yesterday afternoon fire-fighting appliances were rushed from suburban fire stations in answer to malicious false alarms. The Glenelg Brigade answered a call from an alarm in Anzac Highway, St. Leonards, and the Norwood Brigade sent appliances to a call from Knightsbridge road. This call was also answered by a motor vehicle from city headquarters.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 26 April 1939, page 6

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THE FIRE BRIGADES BOARD. TENDERS will be received by the under signed until 12 o'clock NOON, THURSDAY, 4th May, 1839, for RE-ROOFING portion of the GLENELG FIRE STATION with IRON. Including GUTTERING. Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Station Officer, Fire Station, Gordon street. By order of the Board. R. B. BEETON, Secretary. Brookman Buildings, Adelaide. 24th April, 1939.

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Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Thursday 18 May 1939, page 44

WOMAN INJURED

Tram And Lorry Collide

A motor lorry driver and his wife, who was a passenger, narrowly escaped serious injury when the lorry collided with a Glenelg-bound tram-car at the Morphett road level crossing, Morphettville, at about 8.45 p.m. on Sunday.

The lorry, which was hurled about 90 feet by the impact, was shovelled along the tram tracks by the tram, and severely damaged. It burst into flames, but the driver and his wife were able to get clear before they were burnt. The fire was quickly extinguished by the Glenelg Fire Brigade. Mrs. Rosie Irene Hilda Challans, about 30, of Beadnall terrace, Dunleath Gardens, was admitted to a Glenelg private hospital with concussion, broken nose, lacerations, and abrasions. She was taken to the hospital in a civil ambulance. Her husband, Bertram Challans, the driver of the lorry, escaped unhurt.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 31 May 1939, page 22

Fire Brigade.—The Fire Brigades Board informed the Glenelg Council last night that the corporation's contribution towards expenditure for the ensuing year would be £624, compared with £596 last year.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Saturday 29 July 1939, page 23

THIEVES SET FIRE TO GLENELG SHOP

Attempt To Blow Safe Open Explosion Shatters Office

In an attempt to blow open a safe on the premises of H. T. Hoepfer & Co., at the corner of Partridge and Bath streets, Glenelg, shortly after midnight last night, thieves set alight to the office and ran away. The explosion failed to open the heavy steel door of the safe and the locks jammed. The safe contained the day's takings. Passengers on a bus saw the store burning. While Mr. J. Rugless, of Madge terrace, Glenelg, was telephoning for the Glenelg Fire Brigade from a public phone on the corner, a violent explosion occurred, shattering an office and fittings inside the premises, and alarming residents within a radius of several hundred yards. When the Fire Brigade, under Station Officer W. M. Buchanan, arrived the office was burning fiercely, but a good save was made. Station Officer Buchanan found that the front door of the shop had been forced and the outside lock replaced. The thieves had taken cotton goods from the shelves to pack around the safe door and it is believed that the fire was caused by the burning fuse setting fire to the material. The thieves apparently ran away before the explosion occurred. Detective McGrath and the Glenelg police are investigating. A steel bar was found wedged in the back door, where the safeblowers had unsuccessfully attempted entrance. They left by one of the front doors not far from where they entered. Several bus passengers alighted and stood watching the blaze inside while Mr. Rugless was ringing the brigade. but scattered quickly when the explosion took place a few yards away, wrecking the small office which they could see, and scattering debris about the store. Constables Moss and Trotman attended from Glenelg. The police are seeking two men who were seen to leave just before the explosion.

Chronicle (Adelaide, SA : 1895 - 1954), Thursday 3 August 1939, page 16

In an attempt to blow open a safe on the premises of H. T. Hoepfer and Co., at the corner of Partridge and Bath streets, Glenelg, shortly after midnight on Saturday, thieves set alight to the office and ran away. The explosion failed to open the heavy steel door of the safe, and the locks jammed. The safe contained the day's takings. Passengers on a bus saw the store burning. While Mr. J. Rugless, of Madge terrace, Glenelg, was telephoning for the Glenelg Fire Brigade from a public phone on the corner, a violent explosion occurred, shattering an office and fittings inside the premises, and alarming residents within a radius of several hundred yards.

1940

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Wednesday 20 November 1940, page 16

Official Funeral For Fireman

Robert Smyth Savage, 34, of Augusta street, Glenelg, a fireman at the Glenelg fire station, who died on duty at Glenelg yesterday, will be given an official funeral tomorrow afternoon. He was riding his bicycle along Wheaton street yesterday morning, while engaged in testing fire alarms, and collapsed. A passer-by reported the accident to the Seacliff police, who found Savage dead. The funeral will leave Savage's father-in-law's home at Frewville and pass the Fire Station in Wakefield street, city, where it will be joined by all available firemen from the city and suburbs, and will then proceed to the West terrace cemetery. Firemen on duty at the station will parade in Wake-field street when the funeral passes. Mounted Constable G. W. Nicholls, of Seacliff, is making enquiries about the death.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Friday 22 November 1940, page 12

Official Funeral For Fireman

Robert Smith Savage, fireman, of Augusta street, Glenelg, who collapsed and died on Tuesday afternoon while on duty inspecting fire alarms in the Glenelg district, was given an official funeral at the West terrace cemetery yesterday afternoon. Two fire brigade appliances were used, one to carry the coffin, and the other the flowers. When the cortege passed the Wakefield street fire station it was joined by about 50 uniformed firemen and members of the A.R.P. auxiliary fire services, under Deputy Chief Officer Cook, who marched to the cemetery.

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Members of the brigade on duty at the station paraded in Wakefield street when the funeral passed.

1941

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 25 February 1941, page 5

Fire in Glenelg Cafe

Fire, the cause of which is not known, caused £150 damage at the cafe of Mr. P. E. Conroy, of Jetty road, Glenelg, early today. The outbreak was discovered at 3.39 a.m., and had a good grip on the front of the shop when Glenelg firemen, under Station Officer Buchanan, arrived. They quickly had the blaze under control. The building was un-occupied at the time.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 26 February 1941, page 8

Visitors See A.R.P. Fire Drill at Glenelg

Progress of Glenelg A.R.P. drill at the Glenelg Fire Station was followed closely last night by a group of visiting officials. These included Mr. C. Hawker, chief warden; Mr. E. T. Ray, deputy chief warden; Mr. R. Duncan, head warden; and Mr. K. L. Rainsford, warden for the Marion district. After Senior Fireman Lee, of Glenelg Station, had explained to the visitors the working of modern fire pump appliances, they visited each section of the A.R.P. workers in various stages of training. Subsequently they spoke highly of the efficiency and eagerness of the men attending the drills.

1944

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 18 January 1944, page 4

Brigade Funeral For Glenelg Fireman

A fire brigade funeral is being accorded Senior Fireman William John Lee, formerly of the Glenelg Fire Station, who died in hospital on Sunday after a short illness. The funeral is taking place this afternoon at North Brighton Cemetery. Fireman Lee, who was aged 58, had 29 years' service in the brigade. He has left a widow and five children.

1946

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 9 April 1946, page 7

FIRE REEL AND TRAM COLLIDE

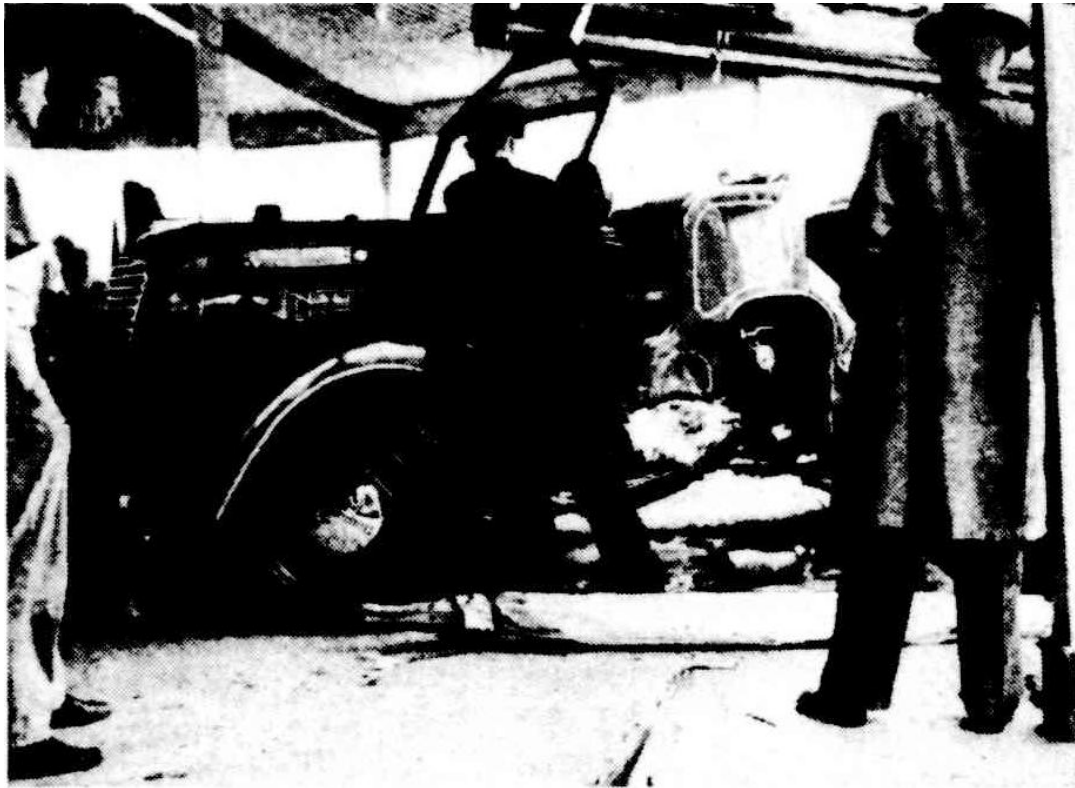
Street Smash At Glenelg

After coming into collision with a Glenelg-bound tram while racing to a fire yesterday, an appliance from the Glenelg Fire Station veered round in its tracks, tore down verandah posts as it mounted the footpath, and came to rest against the window of a shop in Jetty road. A second appliance was sent to the fire, but developed engine trouble near the scene of the accident. After a lorry belonging to Gibson Bros, had been pressed into service to carry equipment to the fire, it was found that householders had already extinguished the blaze—a rubbish fire—with a garden hose. Apart from bruises, none of the four firemen riding on the first appliance was injured in the accident, which occurred at the inter-section of Gordon street and Jetty road, Glenelg, at about 11.30 a.m. The reel, which was being driven to premises of Mr. J. Colton, in Moseley street, was crossing from Gordon street into Partridge street when the collision occurred. It was extensively damaged by the impact. The contents of broken chemical extinguishers splashed over a wide area of roadway as bystanders scurried for shelter. The front of the tram was crushed in and a window broken, but driver and passengers were un-injured. A plateglass window of the shop owned by Turners, Limited, butchers, was shattered when the fire reel crashed near it.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 9 April 1946, page 1

Fire Engine Crashes Into Glenelg Shop

On its way to a fire in Moseley street, Glenelg, yesterday morning, a Glenelg Fire Brigade truck came into collision with a tram on Jetty road and swerved off to crash into a butcher shop window, smashing a verandah post and a plateglass window. Photo shows the truck shortly after the accident.



Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Tuesday 27 March 1951, page 1

Fire Engine Stolen At Glenelg

A fire appliance of the Glenelg fire station which answered a call to premises in Weewanda street, Glenelg, at 12.45 a.m. today was found to be missing when the firemen returned to the street a few minutes later. The appliance has been officially reported to the police as having been stolen. Detectives later questioned men at a private hospital in the locality.

1949

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Thursday 3 March 1949, page 3

£700 FIRE AT GLENELG

Kitchen And Furniture Destroyed

Damage estimated at £700 was caused by a fire which broke out in the kitchen of a house in Diagonal road, Glenelg, yesterday. The contents of the kitchen, including a refrigerator and a radio set, were destroyed, and other rooms were damaged by smoke and water. Mrs. Clement John Gage, whose husband was absent at the time, had left the house a few minutes before to call her three-year-old daughter. She returned to find smoke billowing from the back of the house and the kitchen in flames. While trying to force her way to a telephone in the hall, she told the police, Mrs. Gage was driven back when flames burst through a door leading from the kitchen. She phoned the brigade from a neighbor's house. Workmen called from a near-by building formed a bucket chain, pending the arrival of the brigade. The cause of the fire is un-known. Constables A. Keough and K. Castanelli prepared a report.

1950

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Wednesday 8 February 1950, page 1

Dash to hotel fire at Bay

Three fire appliances from headquarters made a lightning dash to aid the Glenelg Brigade when fire broke out early this afternoon at the Pier Hotel, Glenelg.

The fire was between the ceiling and roof of the verandah on the third floor. Fanned by a strong wind from the south, it looked as if the fire, which was in the south-western corner, might quickly spread throughout the building. Firemen dragged lines of hose up four flights of stairs to the roof and after hacking holes with axes managed to quell the fire as it broke into two bedrooms. When Glenelg Brigade called for help, a 120-ft. extension ladder and two pumps were despatched from the city. The extension ladder was run up in Elizabeth street at the rear of the hotel and kept in readiness while firemen searched for dying embers. Chief Fire Officer (Mr. J. J. Whyte) said that with the strong wind little could have been done to save the building if the fire had got away. The outbreak occurred as painters were burning off paint around the balcony with a blowlamp.

1951

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 6 February 1951, page 24

FIRE DESTROYS FURNITURE

Fire in a wood and iron shed at the rear of Maritimo Flats, Colley terrace, Glenelg, destroyed contents of stored furniture and bedding this afternoon. Glenelg Fire Brigade saved most of the 18 ft. by 35 ft. shed. The value of the contents, which belonged to tenants, is not yet known. Cause of the fire is unknown.

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Tuesday 27 March 1951, page 5

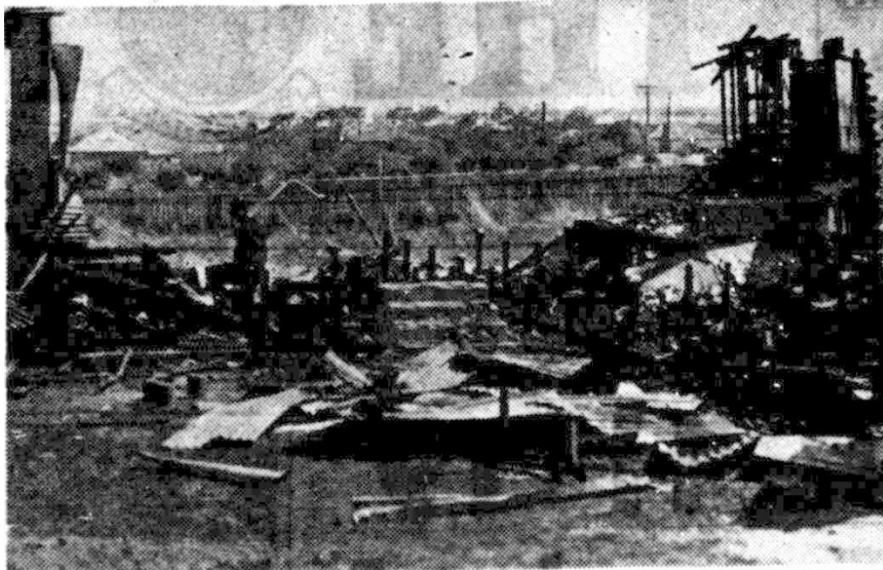
The Glenelg fire appliance stolen from Weewanda street, Glenelg, while firemen were at the rear of a house attending a small hedge fire at 12.15 a.m. today, was found abandoned 1½ hours later in Ramsgate street, Glenelg.

The appliance had been called to the fire at 12.10 a.m. and on arrival found the blaze had been quelled with a garden hose. One of Station Officer Paul's crew walked to the front of the house in time to see the wagon disappearing down the street manned by several men in civilian clothes. Police and fire brigade headquarters were immediately notified and another appliance was rushed from the city to stand by at Glenelg Fire Station. Crew hitchhiked. Meanwhile the Glenelg crew rode back to their station in a passing motor truck. Deputy Chief Fire Officer McCallum said when he was told the appliance had been stolen he could scarcely believe it. To his knowledge it was the first case on record. As Glenelg district was so big it could not be left without fire protection, and he had immediately sent another appliance. A police patrol found the appliance at 1.53 a.m. PCC Rawson is looking for the joyriders.

1954

News (Adelaide, SA : 1923 - 1954), Thursday 21 January 1954, page 2

FIRE DESTROYS NEW HOUSE



REMAINS OF the prefabricated house.

Mystery Blaze destroys home

A new £3,000 prefabricated house was almost destroyed and another was damaged in a fire in Benny crescent, Beaumaris, early today. Total damage, including tools and stored paint lost, is estimated at about £3,500. Both houses—five-room, German prefabs, were unoccupied.

Investigations by the fire brigade, police, and the builders have so far failed to reveal any cause of the blaze. The block was clear of grass. The prefabs were two of a large number being erected in the area by Overseas Construction Co. Pty. Ltd. for the SA Housing Trust. They were almost ready for occupation. Glenelg Brigade, which answered the call at about 4.30 a.m., found one building enveloped in flames, and concentrated on saving the adjoining house. One wall of this was burnt out. The houses were insured.

Advertiser (Adelaide, SA : 1931 - 1954), Monday 12 April 1954, page 1

Schoolroom Fire: Arson Suspected

The CIB arson squad will visit Brighton Public School this morning to investigate a fire which yesterday damaged desks, chairs and stationery equipment in the upper grade 1 classroom. Police believe that van-dals entered the classroom through an unlocked door, piled books and papers in the centre of the floor and set fire to them with matches. Ink was splashed over the classroom, furniture and blackboard. Four chairs and three desks, as well as a cup-board containing stationery equipment were damaged by the fire. Glenelg Fire Brigade, in the charge of Station Officer N. W. Castle, attended the outbreak.