



THE BIRKENHEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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February/March 2013 NEWSLETTER

Hope you have all had a great Christmas break, with your family and friends.

Your Committee is arranging the year's activities for Speakers and Bus trips, (see back page)

Have you visited our Museum recently with your family? We could do with some more members to help at the Museum on Sundays and with the sorting out and rearranging of our exhibits on display, if you have some free time we would love to hear from you.



IN MEMORIAM.

Auckland Star, 25 March 1902, Page 2

LEVESQUE. —In sad and loving remembrance of our little son Stanley Jacis Levesque, aged 11 months and 3 weeks, who passed away on 23/3/02, at his late residence, Birkdale, Birkenhead. Inserted by his sorrowing parents, Edith and Henry Levesque. Our little bud in heaven.

BIRKDALE SHOW ABANDONED.

Auckland Star, 21 March 1925, Page 8

The annual Birkdale Show, which was to have been held today, has been abandoned for this season on account of the health regulations concerning the prevalence of infantile paralysis. This show is held largely for the purpose of interesting the children in the products of their district and consequently children's displays form a large section of the exhibition.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Auckland Star, 11 July 1928, Page 12

The engagement is announced of Iris Selina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T M Shepherd, of Birkdale, Auckland, to Frederick John, elder son of Mr. and Mrs H E Leighton, of Lower Hutt, Wellington.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Auckland Star, 18 August 1927, Page 11

The engagement is announced of Valda Elliott, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H J Elliott, of Island Bay, Birkdale, and Lionel, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs H. Baddek, Onewa Road, Birkenhead.

ENGAGEMENTS ANNOUNCED

Auckland Star, 18 August 1931, Page 11

The engagement is announced between Lilah Eunice, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs G Pugh, Rugby Road, Birkenhead, to Vincent, only son of Mr and Mrs E R Harrison, of Rangatira Road, Birkdale.

OUR WEEKLY MOTTO.

Auckland Star, Volume LIX, Issue 249, 20 October 1928, Page 2

Jessie Lye, Birkdale Road, Birkdale, age 14, wins this week's motto. Highly commended are the works of Ethel Cleaver and Betty Gabites. Better to put a fence at the top of a precipice, than maintain an ambulance at the bottom.

PROPERTY SOLD.

Auckland Star, 16 January 1932, Page 11

A property, situated in Victoria Road, Birkdale, three miles and a half from the Birkdale Post Office, and said to be suitable for strawberry growing, with a five roomed house and washhouse, was sold at auction by Messrs. Kobt. Carr yesterday afternoon to the Crown for £500.

BODY IN CREEK.
Auckland Star, 23 August 1933, Page 8

YOUNG WOMAN'S DEATH.

Yesterday morning the body of Grace Geraldine Morrison, aged 25, a single woman, who lived with her parents at Birkdale Road, Birkdale, was found in a creek at the rear of her parents' property. She had been in ill-health for some time past, and was missed from her home at 8.30 a.m. yesterday. A search was later made and she was found drowned in the creek.

An inquest is to be held at Birkdale late this afternoon by Mr. W. R. McKean, S.M., Coroner.

BIRKDALE BABY SHOW.
Auckland Star, 26 February 1934, Page 10

The awards in the Birkdale baby show, held on Saturday afternoon, were:

Under nine months: Joan Schorman (four months) 1st, Judith Barnfather (seven months) 2nd

Under 18 months, Kenneth Stott (eleven months) 1st, Lynne Roberts (10 months) 2nd. The judge was Mrs H G R Mason.

(Is anyone aware of where these people are now?)

DRIVE FOR RUBBER
Auckland Star, 7 September 1942, Page 2

The result of a drive made in the Birkdale and Beach Haven districts by the Birkdale Women's Institute rubber committee was the collection of a large amount of waste material, including many tyres, hot water bottles, rubber soles and gumboots. All houses in the districts were visited and the material was taken to depots by lorries.

(Does anyone know what the contents of the rubber collection was used for?). Do come along to our next function at St Andrews 16 March 2013 and let us know.

OBITUARY
Auckland Star, 22 December 1943, Page 3

MR T M SHEPHERD

A resident of Birkdale for over 50 years and representing the second of four generations who have lived there, Mr. Thomas Medland Shepherd, died at his home yesterday at the age of 71. Mr Shepherd was born at Mount Eden and was a son of Mr H M Shepherd, of Taranaki and Birkdale, and a grandson of Mr John Shepherd, who arrived from England in the barque Amelia Thompson, in 1841. He was 30 years a member of the Birkdale School committee and served a term on the Birkenhead Borough Council. Mr Shepherd was also President of the Birkdale Fruitgrowers' Association for 10 years. He was a keen cricketer in his younger days, and was President of the Birkdale Cricket Club. Mr Shepherd is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

COMING EVENTS

February 23 - Mystery Bus trip

Cost \$25

Departing Birkenhead College 9.30am Museum 10.00am. We will be stopping for morning tea however, don't forget to bring your lunch.

Phone Betty Durham 09 483 7545 to reserve your place on the coach.



March 16– Speaker – Ken Inger – Gum digging on the North Shore

St Andrews Church Hall

Hinemoa Street

2pm

Cost \$2.00



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