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Cooking Around

By "Spotter."

SPOTTED.

DIM would be the vision of any spotter, who failed to appreciate the capable leadership of Mrs. E. A. Thornley, the sincerity with which she sponsors any worthy cause and her charming personality.

There is scarcely a women's organisation in Camperdown, in the ranks of which she has not been given a place of honour.

At the moment, she is president of Camperdown branch of the Country Women's Association; V.K. Women's Association; R.S.L. Comforts Fund; War Emergency Appeal Committee; R.S.S.A.I.L.A. Women's Auxiliary and Baby Health Centre Committee.

As well, she is a vice president of the Red Cross; Blind Institute Auxiliary and Australian Women's National League.

She is also on the executive of the Girl Guides Association, Camperdown District Hospital Auxiliary while the Army Ambulance Appeal also had her support as an executive member.

A tribute to Mrs. Thornley's leadership was her appointment as head of the delegation from Victoria to a conference in London of the Association of Country Women of the World, prior to the opening of the World War.

NOW that she has left her lovely home, "Gnathuk," temporarily, she devotes practically the whole of her time to war work and the cause of sweet charity.

KINDNESS WHICH CURED A CRIPPLE.

AN example of Mrs. Thornley's kindly aid, to those whom she finds in trouble, and of how she directs the functions of her organisations to the best possible use, was illustrated a few months ago.

One day, in a street in Camperdown, she noticed a little girl, rather badly crippled. She immediately stopped her car and after questioning the child as to her affliction, interviewed her parents. She then arranged, through the C.W.A., for the child to be treated at a Melbourne orthopaedic hospital.

It was typical of Mrs. Thornley that she should neglect nothing—she paid the child's fares.

To-day, that youngster is fit and well.

NED, THE NETTER.

WALKING along the street, one day, the actions of a man on the Leura Hotel balcony caught my eye. What was Mine Host Tom Crosby up to now?

Closer inspection proved it to be none other than Digger Ned Thornley busily making a camouflage net. Like his wife, E. A. is always right on the job, where the cause is worthwhile.

And he also holds some important public offices with credit, being president of the Camperdown Dads' Association, Patriotic Fund; R.S.L. War Service Comforts Fund and South-Western District Racing Association.

He is also on the executive of the local R.S.S. & A.I.L.A., and Camperdown Hospital Committee.

SONS ON SERVICE.

MR. and Mrs. Thornley's two sons are serving with the A.I.F. and the late Flight-Lieutenant Roger Henderson, whose tragic death occurred while on duty with the Royal Air Force, was a son-in-law.

Prior to his death, Roger was adjutant to the officer commanding his squadron.

Camperdown's Palatial New School OCCUPIED BY CHILDREN THIS WEEK

Built At Cost of £12,600 It Lacks Nothing

ARCHITECTURAL BEAUTY A FEATURE

ON Wednesday, 134 children were evacuated in Camperdown—from the State school, where they have been working in cramped conditions for some months, to the spacious new Higher Elementary school, where their surroundings are almost palatial.

Built at a cost of £12,600, which includes approximately £800 for furnishings, to replace the old school which was destroyed by fire nearly two years ago, the new building—streamlined and stately—is the last word in architectural beauty.

When completed—a few fittings have yet to be installed—it will lack nothing in comfort and convenience; it is even centrally heated.

Camperdown people have a building in which they should feel the utmost pride, for it must be the finest school in the city of Victoria and certainly the up-to-date as any in Victoria.

THE brains of an artist and an idealist designed it. Mr. P. E. Everett, chief architect for the Public Works Department has done much, since he has held that position, to take away from schools and other public buildings, which he has either designed or remodelled, that grim, purely utilitarian look, which so many old buildings possess, and to give to them a dignified beauty, which like all things of beauty will be a joy for ever.

Why, for instance, should schools be painted some deadly color, giving to them the appearance of a gaol rather than a place where children spend most of their time? IMPOSING ENTRANCE.

Having admired the school's graceful contour from the distance, the first thing that strikes you, as you close up on it, is the bright blue door and window facings, and before you enter that door, you stop to admire the circle of sandblasted glass, which centres it and bears the school's crest and motto, "Strive for the Light of Knowledge."

This blue door, which incidentally, is not the only blue one in the school, will not be the only colorful part of the front of the building, for in time, flowers will add beauty to the imposing entrance, brick knockers for the holding of plants being part of the structure.

A BRIGHT OUTLOOK. The entrance is near the administrative wing, and as you enter the headmaster's room and the patent door softly clicks behind you, your attention is immediately focussed on the big window overlooking the plains, lakes and township of Camperdown, and you realise how wise was the choice of this site, which is more elevated and drier than the one on which the previous school has been built. And every room has the same bright outlook.

ACCENT ON LIGHTING. "Let there be light wherever possible" appears to have been Mr. Everett's foremost thought, when designing this building, and he has used ingenious

methods to carry this into effect, the planning for light must have been the most complicated part of the architecture, and the result is, indeed, an achievement.

Besides natural lighting, the building is also well equipped for night use, for although it will not be used for night work, at present, in post war days, this is more than possible. STAIRWAY CORRIDOR.

Probably, the most imposing part of the building, inside, at least, is the corridor, opening out onto which are three large cloister-like, this corridor would do justice to a university. Its walls of special "cream" bricks from Ballarat are similar to those used throughout the building. They effectively line the classrooms for six feet from the floor and have obviously been used because they will not show marks or any signs of wear. The upper parts of the walls and ceilings are of white plaster.

MODERN FEATURES. All the classrooms contain spacious cupboards and the corridor is also to be lined with 160 four feet high steel lockers—one for each child—for books, hats and coats. Provision has been made for 350 lockers, should future requirements warrant them. As well, the boys and girls will have lockers in the rooms, which they will use for changing their attire for sports and cookery lessons.

Double glass sliding doors are a feature of the classrooms and add beauty to the corridor. In all the rooms, blackboards made of slate (the latest idea), run the full length of one wall, and some rooms have one at each end.

The cookery, staff and office floors will be covered with brown enamel basins for experimental work, nickel plated taps, an aspirator and benches and shelves protected by acid proof ma-

"Chronicle" Brings Results

SCHOOL FLAG GIVEN WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF REQUEST

WITHIN ten minutes of the publication of the "Chronicle" on Thursday, the appeal in it for a flag for the new Camperdown Higher Elementary School, brought results.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith read the paper, while it was still hot from the press and immediately offered to buy a flag.

Since then, Camperdown A.N.A. has also donated one. Both offers have been gratefully accepted by the headmaster (Mr. J. F. Kennedy) who, with the staff and pupils extends sincere thanks to the donors.

The school is hopeful of getting as rapid a response to its appeal for donations towards beautification of the grounds, a library and pictures. It is hoped to hang two or three good pictures in that being used for art instruction.

The woodwork room is also being well fitted up. The tragedy of this is that, at present, there are no woodwork instructors, who together with science and maths teachers are to use the words of the headmaster (Mr J. F. Kennedy) "as precious as gold," the army and air force having absorbed them all.

BEAUTIFUL COOKERY CENTRE. It is the cookery centre, which will make all gasp with admiration, and fill every woman in Camperdown with envy.

This is one huge room, and according to the contractor, Mr Lushbrook, of Ballarat, is the size of a small six roomed house.

Gleaming with cream enamel and tiles, it has three one-fire stoves of different types, so that the housewives of to-morrow may gain experience with each. An electric stove is also to be installed.

The fire stoves are separated by wood boxes and have glass shafts above them to provide maximum light. The taps at the sinks and cupboard handles are all nickel plated.

At one end of the room are a dining alcove and laundry, and the centre is well equipped with saucepans, cutlery and other utensils indispensable to the art of cooking.

BUILDING CAN BE EXTENDED. The lay-out of the building makes it possible to add further rooms along the Errey street frontage, if required in the future.

Mr. W. Bowen, Public Works Inspector, of Warrnambool, supervised the construction. EVEN THE SUN IS CONTROLLED. As you leave the school, you absorb a few more features of its architectural beauty—its invisible roofs, camouflaged chimneys, the concrete parapet which prevents the hot mid-day summer sun from penetrating any further than the windows of the classrooms, but allows the

THIS IS WHAT THE PUPILS THINK

WHAT do the pupils of Camperdown Higher Elementary school think of their new surroundings?

The "Chronicle" was at the school, yesterday, as they were marching in, and from the ranks received the following answers.

TOO BUSY ADMIRING SURROUNDINGS FOR WORK. Lorna Hill, Form 3, said she and her mates were so busy admiring their beautiful surroundings, they found it most difficult to concentrate on their studies and a lot of the teachers' questions went unanswered on Wednesday. However, they would make up for this in the future, for who could help but work well in such a building?

Lorna had one big regret—that Form 2, which had had to miss cookery lessons last year, owing to lack of facilities, would not be receiving instruction in the new cookery centre.

Lorna is not a girl who likes moving. She thought that in these modern times they should have been able to press a button and find themselves automatically installed in the new building. She said she was sure that it was worth while to be worked in.

GLASS WINDOWS AND A TYPICAL FEMALE REMARK. What attracted Gene Haugh, Form 3, most were all the glass windows.

Lorna (interrupting): And they'll attract your football, too!

Gene, ignoring the remark as typical of the opposite sex, went on to say he also liked the brick work and thought the whole design "bonzer." It was great to have so much room, after being cramped in the State school for so long.

AS GOOD AS ANY HIGH SCHOOL. Dick McGarvie, Form 5, said that with all the facilities to hand, he and his cobbles felt they were in a high school. The equipment must be equal to that of any high school in the State and would make the attaining of their leaving certificates much easier.

CENTRAL HEATING SHOULD AID STUDIES. Graham Barber, Form 2, thinks the winter not so bad after all, since experiencing the comfort of central heating, and is sure they will all be able to work better with it. He was also impressed with the splendid sporting facilities and locker and change rooms.

WOODGARK ROOM PREGRET. The three boys all regretted that the fine woodwork room would be a white elephant, until an instructor could be obtained.

All four pupils were looking forward to seeing the surroundings beautified and to helping with this, if called upon to do so.

And woe betide anyone who damages, in any way, this building of which they are so proud.

A RED LETTER DAY. And standing out in bold block metal lettering are the words "Higher Elementary School." Until the war is over, "Camperdown" cannot be added to this for security reasons.

But the red letter day in Camperdown's history will be the date of the official opening—just as Wednesday was the red letter day in the lives of 134 district children.