



# The Olive Branch

Reaching out to everyone

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## A Celebration of Women's Day 2022



**Above:** Sylvia, Franci, Nicholas and Precious after Nicholas awarded Franci her prize.



**Above:** A winning Franci. She won the Best Dressed prize.



Women's Day was marked by a prize to be given to the best dressed girl at lunch that day. Franci and her wonderfully flamboyant hat won the day, with Pollie a close second. There was a story doing the rounds, that a prize would given to the man who wore the best tie, but was not to be so. It was Women's Day after all! And then only Lionel and James made the effort. Hard luck both of them!



**Above:** Audrey and Caron looking at their best.



**Above:** Runner up Pollie with her very imaginative styled hat.



**Above:** James with his magnificent tie, Franci wearing her equally magnificent hat, with Caron and Estelle (seated right).





## From the Editor's desk

### Dear Fellow Residents,

We welcome summer and slower, warmer, and more relaxed days!

For this month's issue of the Olive Branch, we have one article written by Frank Peachy, which relates to the era of trams in Johannesburg. We also have Memories of a Journalist and More Matters Historical written by a fellow resident, Marjorie Hutchison. Three great articles to sink your teeth into.

Our front-page features National Women's Day, where a competition was held at lunch time for the best dressed lady. James's hopes were dashed when his "best tie" did not win. Perhaps he

should have worn drag!

We have also included in this issue, pictures which were taken by our talented photographer Caron of the very successful curry evening. The ladies that prepared the curry not only did themselves proud in their culinary skills but also were dressed in their Indian saris. Val was also dressed beautifully in a sari.

We'd love to hear from you If you have questions or feedback about anything included in this edition of the Olive Branch or if you'd like to make a suggestion for an upcoming publication, reach out to us.

Ending on a sad note, James will no longer be doing the layouts for the Olive Branch. Because of his Parkinson's, he now finds doing them rather difficult and is unable to continue. We thank him for all the hard work he has done for the Olive Branch over the past three years despite the difficulties he faces. He really put his heart and soul into it. He will remain on the editorial committee in an advisory role and as a proof reader.

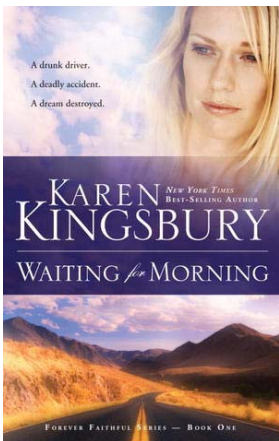
The next issue will be in an all-new format. So, that is something to look forward to.

Until next time.

Love,

**Angie Moir**

## Book Review: Waiting for Tomorrow by Karen Kingsbury



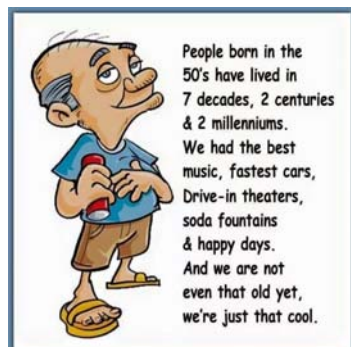
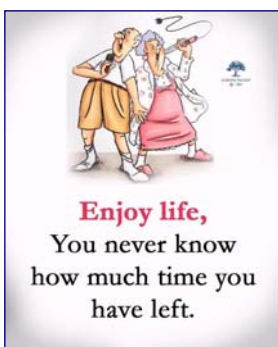
Another great book from Karen Kingsbury, wonderfully well written. A story of tragedy, heartache and shattered dreams.

In this story Hannah's life is turned upside down when she loses her husband and oldest daughter in a drunk driving accident.

In the days that followed Hannah is filled with anger towards her husband for leaving her and for the drunken driver that took her family from her. Hannah buries herself in bringing the drunk driver to justice and prepares presentations to speak out against drunk driving.

The book is available in our own library. It is also obtainable at our local book shops. □

Angie Moir



## Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

We know yesterday, today, tomorrow

Has a very lovely smell,  
But let's forget the pretty flower  
I have something else to tell.

Yesterday has passed and gone,  
With mem'ries good and bad,  
Sort them out inside your head  
And throw away the sad.

Let's concentrate upon today  
And do the best we can,  
To love thy neighbour as thyself,  
As told when all began.  
Tomorrow never comes, they say,  
Show kindness every day,  
We pass thro'this world but once,  
you know,  
Spread joy along the way.

Enjoy the tree, inhale its scent,  
It's time we cannot borrow,  
And listen to the word of God  
Yesterday, today, tomorrow.

Poem by C Trotter

(A resident of The Village, Bryanston)

## A 60th wedding anniversary



Pieter and Marie Karsten celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on the 1 September.

And how do we know this? Why, their daughter, Melanie, told us! Surprise Pieter and Marie!

## Memories of a Journalist

Upon browsing through some family photographs recently I came across an old newspaper cutting with some interesting information on my maternal grandfather. My mother was born Dorothy Agnes Frances Lucy in England in 1899. All I can recall hearing from my mother was the large number of children my grandfather had sired. He had 11 children from his first wife and after her death, he married again and produced another 10 children. However, my grandmother survived to see most of her grandchildren. I think my sister and I may have been the only ones she never knew as we were born in South Africa. As a young child I can recall my mother posting food parcels during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and having to write "thank-you" letters to Granny. However, there was a lot I had obviously forgotten until I re-read the newspaper cutting. Unfortunately, I cannot identify which Newspaper the cutting came from as it appears to have been printed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last column on the top righthand side, so the first word on the top of the page is "Friday", on the reverse of which is July 7, 1922. I am quoting the following odd snippets from the article, which is headed: **"Sir Henry Lucy. More Memories of a Journalist":**

"This is the second volume of Sir Henry Lucy's "Diary of a Journalist" (John Murray, 15s. net), and it is as full of good stories as the first. Its entries cover the years from early in 1890 until the end of 1910 and will be found invaluable to the future social and political historian of that era. The number of famous figures that flit across its pages and the amount of unrecorded anecdotes in regard to them is a witness to Sir Henry Lucy's assiduity and wide acquaintance, and if he is occasionally a little ponderous and does sometimes tell a chestnut, that may well be forgiven him when so much of his material is both interesting and novel".

"In one of his first entries he quotes a letter received by him from Robert Louis Stevenson on May 5, 1890:" (I have not quoted this as fairly long but it has to do with Robert arranging to purchase 400 acres of land in Appia for a home for Robert and his wife). "There is an

amusing story of one of Queen Victoria's grandsons who wrote to her for a "tip". She replied "warning the youth against the consequences of forming extravagant habits in early youth," whereupon he replied: "Dearest Grandma, - I received your letter and hope you will not think that I was disappointed because you could not send me any money. It was very kind of you to give me the good advice, and I sold your letter for 4 pounds ten shillings".

"In the spring of 1897 Sir Henry Lucy heard Hicks Beach, standing at the table of the House of Commons, announce that for the first time in the history of England the budget dealt with a revenue that touched 100,000,000 pounds. A distinct note of exultation underlay the constitutionally modest manner of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The sum seemed so stupendous as to be incapable of further growth".

"Sir Henry Lucy's meeting with the King, then Prince of Wales, at a dinner at the Prime Minister's residence in 1909 shows the ready charm and simplicity of the King. After dinner we retired to the drawingroom, the guests forming a convenient circle so that the Prince might pass round and talk with anyone. With accustomed modesty, I retired to the outer circle of the ring. The Prince and Premier, standing on the hearth rug, conversed for some time. I observed the Prince looking across at me and putting some question to Asquith. On receiving reply, he walked right over to where I stood and with a polite reference to the pleasure he weekly enjoyed on reading the Parliamentary Diary in *Punch*, he talked of House of Commons men, displaying intimate knowledge and shrewd judgment of their personal characteristics. The conversation was prolonged, but its almost exclusive contributor was the Prince. I was struck by the total absence of ceremony in his manner. Wishing to speak to me, the Prince strolled across the room with a slightly rolling step, reminiscent of the quarter-deck and began to talk without ceremony of presentation." □

Marjorie Hutchison

## Friends Forever

Daily the two schoolgirls, Noreen and Monica, sat on their cases and chatted on their way home, on the corner where their ways parted. Their mothers knew they were only a stone's throw away and would soon be home for lunch.

The years rolled on but the friendship remained. They attended the same high school in Primrose, made new friends, and sat together on the school bus going home.

Friendships like this are few and far between. Their matric year was 1966, then tertiary education before entering a world where they could exchange their skills for a salary.

Dating guys is part of growing up and having different interests was natural. During these years they didn't see a lot of one another, but there was the occasional telephone call. Then Monica went overseas and lived in England for a number of years. During that time Noreen married John and Monica could not attend the wedding.

Shortly after returning to South Africa, Monica met Pieter and they started dating. It didn't take long for them to announce their engagement.

The two couples experienced life: the arrival of babies, children starting school, illness, addiction, death, children getting married. The cycle is similar for all of us.

Ageing is inevitable. Retirement and finding a place to live where one is safe, and where care is available should one become frail, is essential. Olivedale Retirement Village offers these and much more.

The two friends, Noreen and Monica, who no longer have partners, now both live at ORV. They have come full circle: from living around the corner from one another with parents and siblings, to both living at the Village in the twilight of their lives. □

Monica de Kock





# Coming Events

5 Sept	<b>Info File presentation:</b> On Monday 5 September, the Health and Wellbeing Committee will be hosting a talk by Mike Collinge on how to compile an Info File, easing the way for your next-of-kin. R15 tickets include light refreshments and will be on sale in the library from 11h00 to 13h00 on 29, 30 and 31 August.	<b>Movie evenings</b> are held in the hall each Friday at 17:30. Entry is free though a R10 donation would be appreciated. Residents will be informed of the title of the film of the week by SMS.
3 Sept	<b>General Knowledge Quiz</b> at 18:00. The entrance fee is R50.	<b>Tai Chi</b> classes are held in the hall every Saturday at 15:00. Remember to wear loose clothing. R50 per session.
17 Sept	<b>Fun run</b> in aid of Frail Care (09:00), followed by a braai (12:00)	<b>Afrikaanse Kerkdiens:</b> Sondag in die saal om 17h00.
17 Sept	<b>Karaoke evening</b> at 18:00. Entrance is R50.	<b>Bybelstudie:</b> Woensdae in die saal om 14h30.
3 Oct	How many vitamins do you really need? On Monday 3 October at 15h00, the Health and Wellbeing Committee will be sponsoring a presentation on <b>'The use of vitamins and supplements in an effective and economical way'</b> by dieticians from Nutrition Worx SA. R15 tickets include light refreshments and will be on sale in the library from 11h00 to 13h00 on 26, 27 and 28 September.	<b>English interdenominational church service:</b> Sundays at 09:30 in the hall.
		<b>English Bible study:</b> Thursdays at 10:00 in the Long Room.
		<b>Catholic church services:</b> Sundays at 09:30 and 10:15 in the Long Room.
		<b>Bingo</b> is held Wednesdays at 17:30 each week in the dining room. The price per board is R5. Please have the correct change ready!!

## Word Search

There are 40 camping related words hidden in this puzzle. Two are not listed. Words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. They may even be backwards.

*Cities of the World*

The solution is on page 11.

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M	I	W	I	P	S	M	U	Y	I	N	G	A	C	I	T	F
D	D	Q	J	A	A	I	H	S	A	H	O	Y	O	T	A	O

<b>AIRAI</b>	<b>PARMA</b>
<b>ANGARSK</b>	<b>PIEDRAS</b>
<b>AOMORI</b>	<b>NEGRAS</b>
<b>ARCADIA</b>	<b>PORT SAINT</b>
<b>ASHQELON</b>	<b>LUCIE</b>
<b>ATYRAU</b>	<b>RED DEER</b>
<b>BRUSSELS</b>	<b>REIMS</b>
<b>CIREBON</b>	<b>RUDNI</b>
<b>DAKHLA</b>	<b>SAMARA</b>
<b>DIRE DAWA</b>	<b>SERIA</b>
<b>EMMEN</b>	<b>SI RACHA</b>
<b>HIMKI</b>	<b>TOBRUK</b>
<b>JINHUA</b>	<b>TOYOHASHI</b>
<b>KABWE</b>	<b>UDINE</b>
<b>KADOMA</b>	<b>YANJI</b>
<b>MAICAO</b>	<b>YUNGHO</b>
<b>MANTA</b>	<b>ZINDER</b>
<b>MIAMI</b>	
<b>MUYINGA</b>	
<b>NEIVA</b>	
<b>OLATHE</b>	
<b>OYAMA</b>	
<b>PALM BAY</b>	

# Some Travellers' Strange Complaints

These are actual complaints received by a holiday company from dissatisfied customers:

1. "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
2. "On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food."
3. "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
4. "We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price."
5. "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
6. "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
7. "It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallartato to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things

during 'siesta' time -- this should be banned."

8. "No one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared."
9. "Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers."
10. "I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local convenience store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."
11. "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
12. "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
13. "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
14. "The brochure stated: 'No hairdressers at the resort.' We're trainee hairdressers and we think they knew and made us wait longer for service."

15. "When we were in Spain, there were too many Spanish people there. The receptionist spoke Spanish, the food was Spanish. No one told us that there would be so many foreigners."

16. "We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning."

17. "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

18. "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."

19. "My fiancée and I requested twin-beds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we booked."

*Posted by user Rebecca on the Quora social media site*



## Treats

R 25.00 per packet (Cash Only)

- Nougat Cranberry
- Nougat French
- Peanut Snax
- Fudge
- Traditional Fudge
- Chocolate Turkish Delight
- Turkish Delight
- Coconut Ice
- Rocky Road
- Assorted Gums
- Apricot Balls

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**APARTMENTS FOR SALE**

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Open plan lounge / dining room  
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Open plan lounge / dining room  
Patio with blinds and  
Double garage  
Neat garden  
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# Curry Evening



*Above: The masters of the curries!*

A great evening had by all. It started with visuals of our Indian ladies in their beautiful saris. This set the tone for the evening. The music as supplied by Lionel put the cherry on the top.

Saroj made vegetable bryani. Val and her team made chicken and pork curry and salads.

All the dishes were uniquely spiced and rich with flavour. Some with a gentle palate, were quoted as saying they loved it. Absolutely delicious.

A big thankyou to the committee and all involved who helped to make this evening a great success.



*Above: Val and the delicacies.*



*Above: Nish and Trish.*



*Above: Saroj, Savvy, Penny, Kana and Nish.*



*Above: Got to love these curry masters!*



*Left: Ian and Fran*



# The Era of Trams in Johannesburg



In December 1955, my parents and I (I was 13 years old) moved up from Durban to Johannesburg and that was when I first encountered the Electric Tram System of the Johannesburg Municipality. Durban only had overhead electricity line trolley buses and petrol-driven motor buses for municipal transportation purposes.

So, it became an experience for me to travel on trams between the Johannesburg City Centre, and the nearby Suburb of Joubert Park where we rented a flat at Buckingham Court, Leyds Street. I was often teased at High School as living in a very much cheaper version of Buckingham Palace.

where the tram would have done a U-Turn in order to proceed on the return Double-Track journey.

The use of Trolley and motor buses was for purposes of transporting passengers to the more distant suburbs. I recall travelling in the mornings by motorbus to my High School situated on Mons Road, Observatory. Because the returning motorbus timetable schedules were more spaced out in the afternoons, invariably, after school sporting activities, I walked down from the school's premises to Louis Botha Avenue where I caught a trolley bus returning from Highlands North back home.

One of my treats to myself on Saturday



*Creative Commons*

The use of trams was limited to Johannesburg's City Centre and in suburbs extending not too far out, for example Braamfontein, Hillbrow, Doornfontein, Fordsburg, Jeppe and Belgravia, to name but a few. There is also evidence that a tram route ran as far as the suburb of Newlands, as corroborated in the photo with the article reflecting the "Tram Terminus Supermarket" (many years ago simply referred to as the "Tram Terminus Café," before the age of Supermarkets), at the corner of Main Road and 17th Street

mornings was to board a tram at a point in the Joubert Park area which would then proceed up the steep Twist Street hill and alight at the crossroad with Kotze Street in Hillbrow. Hillbrow, in those days, was well-known for its large variety of shops, restaurants and cinemas. Travelling back to Joubert Park down Twist Street Hill could sometimes be a bit of a hair-raising experience, especially if the tram driver was a bit of a "cowboy" steering the tram down the tramline at an unnecessarily high speed.

My research into the era of trams being

used in JHB revealed some interesting facts. Before the introduction, in the early 1900s, of double-decker electric trams powered by an overhead trolley system with electricity being supplied from an extensive elevated wiring system (as in the lower left image), horse-drawn single-decker trams were the main means of transporting people and provisions in the rapidly expanding town (JHB was formally founded in 1886).

During my review I came across an archival photograph, taken in 1897, of a one-decker tramcar drawn by three horses trotting along Commissioner Street, Johannesburg's first street. According to historical records, by 1939 there were over 240 electricity-charged trams in operation.

The tramcar era was to continue until late into the first quarter of 1961 when the tram system was finally withdrawn. From what I can remember, the options faced by the Municipal Authorities were whether to merely tar-over the tram lines or whether to simply pull them up and re-tar the whole of the road system. The concern of the Municipality was that wear-and-tear of the tarred-over tram lines might result in their re-appearance over a period of time. Looking back, I recollect many complaints being lodged with the Municipality by women who had experienced great discomfort from having their stiletto heels becoming wedged in the tram lines leading to almost ruin of their shoe when being extracted. In the end, the decision was taken to raise the tram lines and re-surface the roads concerned. Many readers who lived or worked in the areas affected during that time will recall the immense disruptions to traffic caused by this rehabilitation undertaking which took several years to complete. □

*Frank Peachey*

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*James Halley / DALL-E 2*

# Crossword

Solution on page 11

## Across

1. Have a sudden inspiration?
5. Gulf war missile
9. Gas of extinguishment
14. Length x width, for a rectangle
15. Brit's "Baloney!"
16. Online publication
17. Arch type
18. Chemical compound
19. Hitched in the field
20. Noble men and women
23. Almond
24. "Buddy"
25. Ancient debarkation point
28. Fix, in a way
30. PC "brain"
33. OK, in a way
34. Regrets
35. Bygone birds
36. Type of illumination

39. "B.C." cartoonist
40. Event attended by Cinderella
41. Aquatic mammal
42. "The \_\_\_ Daba Honeymoon"
43. Fishing site
44. Baseball stat
45. Beauty
46. "Cogito \_\_\_ sum"
47. Avoiding prosecution?
54. Hormone producer
55. Sonatas, e.g.
56. Blue Bonnet, e.g.
57. Cliffside dwelling
58. Certain surgeon's "patient"
59. Bit
60. Burdened
61. Adjusts, as a clock
62. Beanery sign

## Down

1. Canterbury can
2. Cornstarch brand
3. Merlin, e.g.
4. Too interested in youths
5. British royal house
6. Anatomical horn
7. Brought into play
8. Indian dish made with stewed legumes
9. Period of greatest success
10. Kind of dye
11. Go for
12. Aces, sometimes
13. "20,000 Leagues" harpooner \_\_\_ Land
21. Massage target
22. Accumulate
25. Beginning
26. Doctor's order
27. Ancient assembly area
28. Bad-tempered
29. Leave in a hurry, with "out"

30. One thousand escudos
31. Harness racer
32. \_\_\_ manual
34. Big laugh
35. Conservatory clicker
37. Bikini blast
38. Literally, "dwarf dog"
43. Muffle
44. Gets the lead out?
45. Magical wish granter
46. "Snowy" bird
47. "Guilty," e.g.
48. Enrich, in a way
49. "Hamlet" has five
50. Pink, as a steak
51. Hip bones
52. Profit, in England
53. Functions
54. "For Me and My \_\_\_"

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# Sudoku

Solution on page 10

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# Moments



**Above:** Audrey and Caron went to the Mangwanani Spa and got the full treatment!



**Above:** The winning Music Quiz Team. They certainly knew their stuff! They pipped the runners-up in a run-off after the two teams drew. (Back row: Rose and James. Front row: Tom, Yvonne and Marge.)



**Above:** 4 generations! Doreen with her daughter, granddaughter and great grandson were spotted together at a Saturday brunch.



**Above:** Maureen, the winner of the Knitting Group blanket raffle, exhibits her trophy.

## The Checkers opening



*John relaxes outside on opening day.*

With the opening of the new Checkers centre, I am sure it has made life a lot easier for a lot of our villagers. So having said that we need to give David Marshall a huge thank you. On our behalf David made contact with Hilton from Retail Africa the new owners of Olivedale Corner and asked them if it was possible to do a paved pathway to make it easier for us to walk to the centre. Hilton in turn spoke to the contractors and got the ball rolling and the result speaks for itself. Thank you to all concerned. ☐

*Alan Eadie*

The Little Boy and Old Man

Said the little boy, Sometimes I drop my spoon.  
Said the little old man, I do that too.  
The little boy whispered, I wet my pants.  
I do too, laughed the old man.  
Said the little boy, I often cry.  
The old man nodded. So do I.  
But worst of all, said the boy,  
it seems Grown-ups don't pay attention to me.  
And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.  
I know what you mean, said the little old man.

- Shel Silverstein



## More Matters Historical

As a brief postscript to my article in the May issue, *More Matters Historical*, I forgot to mention the 1958 film "Carve Her Name with Pride" in which Virginia McKenna played the part of Violette Szabo.

My genealogist cousin Alan Rolfe had a number of strings to his bow! He was also an actor, of note I might add! He had his own agent in London! I am not aware of his acting career as his correspondence was only ever about family history. But among his many letters there is one dated 2 February 1992 in which he mentioned that the actress Dame Gwen Ffrang Davies had just died at the age of 101. This reminded Alan of the occasion in 1960 when he was engaged to play the Doctor in the sleepwalking scene of *Macbeth*. Besides Dame Gwen, the cast included Anthony Quayle, Stanley Holloway and many others and was directed by Howard Sackler. This was purely spoken (not acted) and was the first recording in fulfilling a hope long held, that some day there might be assembled ideal casts for recording plays by William Shakespeare. Alan received royalties from the recording until 1987 when his agent died, and Alan was never quite clear whether or not they ceased at the same time, by coincidence, or became absorbed in his estate.

My grandfather Samuel Robert Rolfe

was quite a remarkable man, his father died when he was 17, leaving Samuel and his mother without money or means. Samuel got a job in the London Meat Market Monday-Thursday 5am – 1pm / Friday 5am – 6pm and his mother took a job as Chapel Keeper. Samuel married Margaret Blackboss at the age of 21. Although his pay from the meat market was meagre, the staff had an invaluable addition to this in kind. At the end of each week they had the right to take as large a joint of meat as they liked (sometimes with kidneys and the like as well) for which they only paid the lowest price of the day, which amounted to 'offal' price and quiet nominal. This was support indeed and in the hands of his capable wife, managed to last the whole week. Besides their growing brood of 7 children (of whom my father was the youngest) they also supported various relatives on both sides of the family.

Samuel was a staunch supporter of the International Order of Good Templars. (This was one of the temperance societies formed to combat the evils of strong drink!!!) Samuel's most remarkable achievement was organizing and conducting choirs of 5,000 voices at the Crystal Palace Annual Temperance Fetes in 1879, 1880 and 1882. Choirs were raised and worked up in centres all over the country. All this work was done at night. Samuel would leave the meat

market at 1pm, take the express train to Cardiff or Leeds, conducting rehearsals, and return by night express, getting what sleep he could on the journeys and resume work at 5am.

My uncle, Herbert Charles Rolfe, paid great tribute to his mother. "She was a very hard working woman and was always 100% behind her husband in everything he did. Samuel could never have achieved what he did without her".

My father, Arthur Stanley Rolfe, married his first wife in 1922 and they went to Canada. (The name Medicine Hat rings a bell). My father found a job surviving in the mines. He worked chest-high in water all day and just froze solid once he hit ground level. He still had to walk home where his wife had a bath in the living room with hot water at the ready to thaw him out.

Sadly his wife died later that year and he must have returned to England then as he met and married my mother in 1923. They both emigrated to South Africa in 1928.

What a hardy breed all our ancestors were! I often think of the Voortrekkers. How hard it must have been, especially for mothers of young children. Only the tough and resilient soldiered on. Hardy indeed! □

Marjorie Hutchison



## A Beautiful Story

A son took his father to a restaurant to enjoy a delicious dinner. His father is quite old and therefore, a little weak too. While eating, food occasionally fell on his shirt and pants. The other guests watched the old man with their faces contorted in disgust, but his son remained calm. After they both finished eating, the son quietly helped his father and took him to the toilet. Cleaned food scraps from his crumbled face and attempted to wash food stains on his clothes, graciously combed his grey hair and finally put on

his glasses.

As they left the restroom, a deep silence reigned in the restaurant. The son paid their bill but just before they leave, a man, also old, got up and ask the old man's son, "Don't you think you left something here?"

The young man replied "I did not leave anything."

Then the stranger said to him, "You left a lesson here for every son and a hope for every father."

The whole restaurant was so quiet, you

could hear a pin drop!

One of the greatest honours that exist, is being able to take care of those who have taken care of us too. Our parents and all those elders who sacrificed their lives with all their time, money and effort for us, deserve our utmost respect. □

Author unknown

### Sudoku Solution

5	4	2	7	6	8	3	9	1
9	8	3	4	5	1	2	7	6
7	1	6	3	2	9	4	8	5
6	9	5	1	4	3	8	2	7
2	7	8	6	9	5	1	3	4
1	3	4	2	8	7	5	6	9
4	2	9	8	1	6	7	5	3
3	6	1	5	7	2	9	4	8
8	5	7	9	3	4	6	1	2





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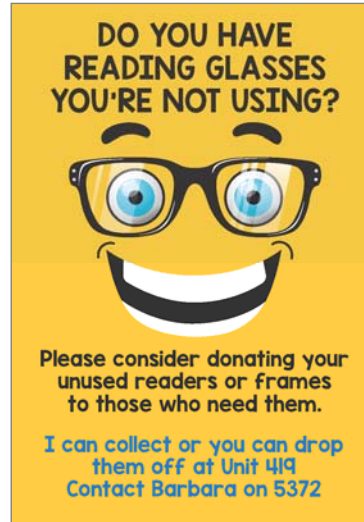
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**Word Search Solution**

The missing words are Chicago and Anaheim.

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