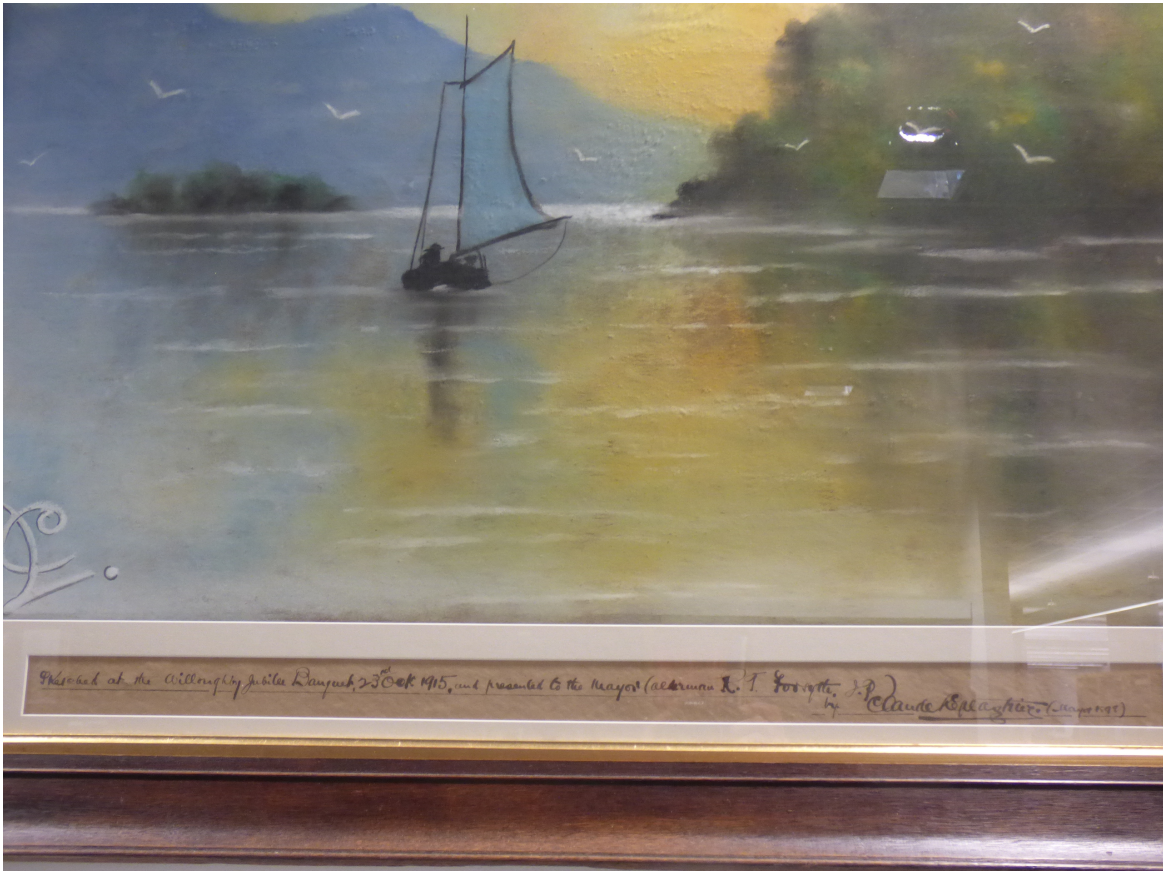


Cartoonists

Emile Mercier
Claude Leplastrier



Leplastrier sketch

CLAUDE LEPLASTRIER lived at 'Kewsbury' in Sutherland Avenue, Chatswood, from about 1894 to 1912. As a young man he had a special talent as a 'lightening sketch' artist. It is thought this involved drawing a likeness of a person whilst on the footpath, in a very short time. One of his landscape works hangs in the Chatswood Library.

Taking the mick

EMILE MERCIER who was married in Chatswood showed an early talent in black-and-white drawing. He attended Julian Ashton's Sydney Art School. Mercier sold his first cartoon to Smith's Weekly in 1923. Later he made freelance sales to the diggers' magazine Aussie, the Bulletin, the Melbourne Punch, the Melbourne Herald, the Sydney Sportsman and the ABC Weekly. He also made money with humorous cartoons for advertising campaigns. His 1927 brochure for Advanx Tyres included the caption 'invite us to your flat'.



Restuarant Bill by Mercier