

Cr. H. Bennett Retires After 23 Years'

Service

Minlaton District Council colleagues and friends of Mr. H. Bennett gathered in the Council Chambers last Tuesday night to wish him well in his retirement from the Council after 23 years of service, including 16 as Chairman.

Mr. Bennett had earlier attended his last Council meeting in his capacity as Councillor for Koolywurtle Ward, and heard expressions of appreciation for his work in the Council and for the district as a whole.

At the social which was attended by some 50 people Mr. Bennett was presented with an inscribed silver tray and whisky decanter set by the Chairman of the District Council (Mr. J. J. Honner).

Mr. Honner referred to Mr. Bennett's sterling services generally, the community benefits which he had originated or supported and his long period of service.

Mr. Lloyd Watters spoke of his happy experiences as a Councillor under Mr. Bennett's chairmanship and the President of Minlaton Sub Branch R.S.L. Mr. Stat Cook, recalled the founding of the Eden Fund by Mr. Bennett and the late Mr. Trebilcock.

Founded in the year 1944-45, the Eden Fund has since been supported by the Council to the extent of £100 each year.

Curramulka R.S.L. was represented by Mr. Doug Cameron.

A previous Acting District Clerk, Mr. A. G. Carne, referred to the excellent relationship which had existed between the Chairman and District Clerks, while

and District Clerks, while orations were the work of the present District Clerk, Mrs. Oswald.

Mr. R. E. Oswald, spoke on behalf of Council employees, past and present.

Mr. Bennett's work in establishing the Higher Primary School and later the Minlaton High School was recalled by Mr. Les Wadey, present headmaster of the Primary School.

The two contestants for Koolywurtle Ward, Messrs. G. A. Mahar and W. E. Croser, paid a tribute to Mr. Bennett's record of service.

It would be difficult to follow in the footsteps of such an example, they said.

Acknowledging the good wishes and tributes paid,

Mr. Bennett said that a great deal of credit for the district's development was due to the Councillors who had assisted him during his term of office.

He mentioned also the work of the late Mr. Roy Crocker, who was the former District Clerk.

He had been pleased to be associated with these men in such projects as the rebuilding of the Town Hall, the Minlaton District Hospital, the street improve-

ments and the provision of sporting facilities.

As was to be expected, there had been some opposition to some projects, but he had reason to believe that they had all been handled with credit to his associates.

Mrs. Nicholas provided the supper, and the flower decorations were the work of the present District Clerk Mrs. Oswald.