

Victorian Apiarists Unveil Memorial.

UNIQUE GATHERING ON HIGHWAY.

On Friday afternoon last just on 100 persons assembled on the Hume Highway just north of Kilmore for the unveiling ceremony of a Memorial Cairn erected in honor of the late Mr. Frederick Richard Beuhne. The memorial was erected by the Victorian Apiarists' Association of which the late Mr. Beuhne was a foundation member and formerly resided at Tooborac.

Association's Golden Jubilee

The ceremony was held on Friday afternoon last as a culmination to the Association's Jubilee Conference held in Melbourne last week. Apiarists from throughout Victoria travelled to Kilmore for the occasion by two buses and a number of cars from Melbourne. Included in the gathering were representatives of the N.S.W., South Australian, Western Australian and Queensland Apiarists' Associations.

Crs. J. Clancy (President) and T. G. Chapman were also present representing the Kilmore Shire Council.

Visitors Welcomed

Mr. Geo. Loft, President of the Victorian Apiarists' Association, in extending a welcome to the visitors said the occasion was a memorable one for apiarists as the man whose memory they were honoring had contributed so much to the success of their Association and the beekeeping industry of Australia. He particularly welcomed the

keeping industry of Australia. He particularly welcomed the representatives of the Kilmore Shire and all were pleased that they were able to attend. It was also very pleasing to have Mr. Claude Beuhne, a son of the late Mr. F. R. Beuhne, present, and other relatives.

Cr. J. Clancy, in response, thanked the President for his welcome and expressed pleasure that the site selected for the erection of the memorial was in the Kilmore Shire. He was also pleased to be present to honor the memory of one of Australia's pioneer beekeepers and extended a welcome to the Kilmore Shire to all the visitors.

Generous Tributes

Mr. Loft then called on representatives to pay a small tribute to the life and work of the late Mr. F. R. Beuhne.

Mr. Fred Morgan, Federal President of the Australian Apiarists' Association, said the late Mr. Beuhne had given very great service to the industry and was well known throughout Australia. His scientific investigations and work with the Department of Agriculture had laid the foundation for the industry's success and beekeepers owed a great debt to the late Mr. Beuhne. He was an active member of an early Association and a foundation member of the Association when it was reorganised in 1892. The late Mr. Beuhne was the first President of the Victorian Apiarists Association from 1900 to 1910. He

of the Victorian Apiarists Association from 1900 to 1910; he was president, secretary and editor of the Association's journal and was never out of office for 33 years.

Mr. Smart (President N.S.W. Association), Mr. Roy Higgins (Vice-President Queensland Association) and Mr. Frank Armstrong (West Australian Assoc-

iation) paid tribute to the work of the late Mr. Beuhne and said his writings had made him a nation-wide figure, as well as an authority on every aspect of the industry. Many beekeepers owed their success to the knowledge gained from the late Mr. Beuhne.

Mr. Maurice Morgan said the late Mr. Beuhne was a great leader in the industry and a sincere friend to all with whom he came in contact, ever ready to give of his great store of knowledge in the interests of the industry. It is very gratifying, continued Mr. Morgan, that the Victorian apiarists have erected this memorial in appreciation of the service rendered to beekeepers by the late Mr. Beuhne.

Mr. Eagland (Dept. of Agriculture) joined in the tributes paid and said he had had the privilege to work under the instruction and guidance of the late Mr. Beuhne for some years and owed much of his knowledge to him. The speaker recalled that the first publication by the Department of Agriculture on bees was written by the late Mr. Beuhne and he also wrote "Beekeeping in Victoria" which in itself was a monument to his name.

Foundation Member Welcomed

The President at this stage extended a particular welcome to Mr. Kneebone, of Ararat, who was the only foundation member of the Association present, and one of the few foundation members now living.

Mr. Kneebone thanked the President for his welcome. He had first met the late Mr. Beuhne in 1900 and he had been one of his best friends. "The late Mr. Beuhne put in a tremendous amount of voluntary work for the Association and had it not been for his efforts when President and Secretary it would have fallen through. I am pleased to see that the work he did was not in vain and the Association has grown to what it is today. It is fitting that in this Jubilee year the Association has erected a wonderful memorial to a wonderful man," added Mr. Kneebone.

Mr. Claude Beuhne, only son of the late Mr. F. R. Beuhne, expressed his thanks on behalf of the family to the speakers for appreciative references to the work and life of his late father. He also thanked the Victorian Apiarists' Association for erecting the fine memorial, and his appreciation to all who had made its erection possible.

Memorial Unveiled

In unveiling the memorial tablet the President of the Association (Mr. G. Loft) said that they could go on indefinitely paying tributes to the work of the late Mr. F. R. Beuhne. As President he felt it a great honor to unveil the memorial to a man who had contributed so much to the beekeeping industry. The late Mr. Beuhne

so much to the beekeeping industry. The late Mr. Beuhne was a resident of Tooborac for many years until his death in 1933 and well known in this district. In selecting the site for the memorial the Apiarists' Association considered that it was on a Highway which the late Mr. Beuhne had frequently traversed during his lifetime,

and on which an avenue of trees had previously been planted.

The Memorial Cairn was built by Mr. J. J. Kenny, of Kilmore, and bears the following inscription:— "BEUHNE MEMORIAL. This cairn marks an avenue of trees planted by the Victorian Apiarists' Association in appreciation and commemoration of the work of Frederick Richard Beuhne in the interest of apiculture."