

MOCULTA'S NEW PARK AND PAVILION OPENED AT BIG GATHERING AND PICNIC ON SATURDAY

The opening of Moculta Park and Pavilion, unveiling of a tablet on a memorial cairn, followed by a sports meeting and school picnic, made Saturday a red-letter day for the district. "This is the first piece of public property in this locality," said Mr A. Presser (Park and Picnic chairman) in his opening remarks. He added that this was really Moculta's Centenary effort, launched a year ago. He then touched on efforts in the interim—a Queen competition, purchase of the land, incorporation and fencing, old trees grubbed and 152 ornamental ones planted, erection of the pavilion, hurdy-gurdy, swings and attention to many other matters; all indicative of district enthusiasm and support. A continuation of this, he said, would make the Park a fitting tribute to the pioneers and a spot the district would be proud to own.

In introducing Mrs F. G. Scammell, he said the committee was delighted by her acceptance of the invitation to open the Park, as she was the youngest daughter of the district's pioneer family—the late Mr and Mrs Abraham Shannon. He had pleasure in handing her a pair of inscribed scissors as a memento of the happy occasion. Mrs. Scammell thanked Mr Presser and residents for the honour. She had that day returned to the district after an absence of 48 years, she said, but could recall the names of Moculta people of that time. Amid applause she cut the ribbon, opened the gates and declared the Park open; whereupon she was handed a posy by Dawn Bartsch. A vote of thanks was carried on motion of Mr E. B. Schilling, who owns and lives in the old Shannon homestead. Col. Dean, in supporting, referred to the convincing demonstration of transport progress in 100 years; pointing to the aeroplane which, flying low, was encircling the park. It was in charge of Pilot Cyril Kleinig, whose great-grandfather, the late Gottlob Linke, a pioneer of 1837, had arrived in the district in a bullock dray.

Mrs Dean then asked Mr Presser to unveil the memorial tablet on an imposing cairn, designed and built by Mr Halich, Nuriotpa, at the expense of an anonymous supporter. Mr Presser said he felt unworthy of such honour, and was incapable of adequately expressing the deep sense of debt the community felt it owed to the pioneers, to whose memory the cairn was to stand. After the unveiling he was handed a

buttonhole by Dawn Bartsch.

After singing of the National anthem the children, headed by Moculta School

Band, marched to the pavilion, where Mr Presser welcomed the visitors and said the committee was pleased to see so many former residents present from as far as Dimboola, Vic. In introducing Mr R. J. Rudall, M.P., and asking him to officially open the building, Mr Presser thanked him for his interest in the Park and his help in getting for them the free services of the Government Town Planner.

Mr Rudall congratulated the district and the committee on their achievements. He understood that, although Mr Rasmus had charge of erection of the building, the bulk of this and other work in the Park had been done by voluntary labour. He had pleasure in declaring the pavilion open. Dawn Bartsch thereupon handed him a pretty buttonhole, and he was thanked on the motion of Mr M. M. Bryant (H.T. and Picnic secretary) and Mr E. J. Andrews. Gross takings for the day were about £70. Music was provided by the Angaston Band, conducted by Mr Kon Dawe.

The committee in charge of arrangements comprised Messrs A. Presser (pres.), M. Bryant (sec.), H. Weber (treas.), A. Wilksch, B. Bartsch, B. Wilksch, W. Linke, H. Nagel, W. Lebek, L. H. Horner, R. Schliebs, G. Woidt, B. Schilling, J and E. Koch and T. Rosenzweig. Big entries and keen competition were features of the sports events, of special interest being the sheaf toss, won by A. Rothe at 32 ft; but the bar had then to be raised to 34 ft. 3 ins. before R. Schliebs could eliminate the coming young champion, W. Bartsch for second place.

Other events: Ladies' tape cutting, Mrs T. Klemm, Mrs H. Weber; Distance stepping, Miss Ada Henschke, Miss F. Wilksch; Barrow driving, Miss E. Parls, Miss G. Rosenzweig; Flat race, Miss M. Park, Miss E. Lindner, Gents' aunt sally, H. Kurtzer, E. Zinkler; 3-mile cycle handicap, H. Rudiger, F. Woidt; 3-mile open handicap cycle, A. Hearl, R. Seidel; Musical chairs on cycles, H. Kurtzer, H. Rudiger; Flag race (horseback), H. Rudiger, A. Linke; Bending race (horseback), H. Berry, T. Neumann; Cigarette race, E. Zinkler and Miss D. Rudiger, H. Rudiger and Miss G. Pech. Messrs R. Schliebs and T. Rosenzweig had charge

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Mr E. Koch, who had charge of an anonymously-donated turkey competition, won by Mr H. Kurtzer, also conducted that for a goose donated by Mr W. Linke and won by Mr W. Schilling. It was then re-sold on the bugler system by Mr R. Schliebs, realising 18/- Mr Schliebs again proved an efficient auctioneer when he got £0/10/6 for a sheep sold under the same plan. It was donated by Mr E. J. Andrews and won by Mr H. Wilksch, who offered it for re-sale. Mr I. Koch had charge of this event. Among other donors of trophies were Mrs J. Koch, Miss G. Rosenzweig, Messrs R. Friend, J. O. Lihou, W. Lebek, H. L. Sheard, Mutton Bros., A. O. Lawrence, A. V. Krause, H. Nagel and H. Rudiger.

Mr M. Bryant was handicapper and Mr G. Woidt starter for juvenile races; Messrs W. Giles and W. Patching being judges. Results of events: Flat races, boys 12-14, F. Bartsch, A. Koch; 9-11, C. Horner, E. Rudiger; 6-8, R. Krieger, K. Krieger; Girls 12-14, Melva Bartsch, Myrtle Linke; 9-11, Daphne Bryant, Ruby Koch; 6-8, Doris Koch, Dorothy Bartsch. Number races: Boys 12-14, F. Bartsch, M. Wilksch; 9-11, C. Horner, P. Linke; 6-8, R. Krieger, N. Linke; Girls 12-14, Olga Koch, Dulcie Henschke; 9-11, Edna Wilksch, Ruby Koch; 6-8, Dorothy Bartsch, Gladys Wilksch. Boys' obstacle race, 12-14, P. Rudiger, W. Linke; 9-11, L. Rudiger, R. Schilling; 6-8, D. Schilling, C. Schilling. Girls' consolation race, 6-8, Myrtle Krieger, Gladys Bartsch; Girls' needle race, 9-11, Daphne Bryant, Doris Linke; 12-14, Melva Bartsch, Dulcie Henschke.