

OBITUARY

MARGARET ANN CARTER

There passed away in the Charleville Base Hospital on 21st February, one of Charleville's most esteemed pioneers—the late Mrs. Margaret Ann Carter. She was born on April 30th 1866, at Carcoar, NSW. She came to Charleville with her parents (the late Mr. and Mrs. Marks) at the age of 10 years. Her marriage to the late Henry John Carter took place in Sydney in 1905. Mrs. Carter was at one time Mayoress of this town, and during World War I she was president of the Red Cross, and formed the Sock and Comforts Fund, and through her efforts hundreds of pairs of socks were knitted for the soldiers. She also was an indefatigable worker for her church and various other charities, and she was the convenor of many fetes and tea tents.

In 1920 she was elected a life member of the old Charleville hospital, and was also a past president of the CWA, Charleville branch, and held office as member of the State Council of that organisation.

Mrs. Carter was the first lady in this town to run the now popular street stalls known as Paddy's market. She raised large sums of money by those means for the C. of B. Hostel, which at that time was only in its infancy.

Her exhibits at the local P. and A. Show were outstanding, and one year she carried off the prize for the best one-woman exhibit. In 1935 she was awarded the King's Jubilee Medal for patriotic services rendered during the 1914-18 war.

When the late Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith arrived in Charleville on the first historical aerial flight from England, Mrs. Carter was on the reception committee.

She is survived by her son (Harry), her daughter (Alice), and one grandchild. Her eldest child (Grace) pre-

deceased her.