

Manoora Centenary Celebrations

The largest crowd ever seen in Manoora attended the opening of the Centenary and "Back to Manoora" celebrations, which began with a procession marshalled by Councillor Noske. Headed by the Manoora Band, the procession, followed by motor cars, proceeded to the new recreation park, where a halt was made at the entrance gate. The grounds were officially opened by the Premier (Mr. Butler), who commended the people and workers of the district for their voluntary efforts, the work they had done, and the interest taken in the new park. He congratulated the Centenary committee and residents, who, he said, were evidently imbued with the same spirit as the old pioneers.

The march then proceeded around the oval, where all the decorated motor cars and horse drawn vehicles were marshalled in readiness for lodging by the Premier (Mr. Butler) and Mr. Melrose, M.P. An adjournment was made to the institute hall, where the official luncheon took place—150 old residents, pioneers, and visitors being entertained. After the luncheon all proceeded to the recreation park, where the tennis tournaments were being played on the new courts. A sports programme was conducted on the oval. A concert was held in the institute hall in the evening.

On the Sunday there were services in all the churches, and large congregations attended. On Monday morning back to school was held. About 200 people assembled, and Mr. D. McCormack, present head teacher, introduced Mr. A. Melrose, who welcomed back all old scholars. As no old teachers were present, school was conducted by Mr. N. T. Frost, who attended the school 65 years ago. The roll call was made, and the 84 old scholars present sang lustily. Items were given by Kathleen Marrot, W. Wheaton, George Neill, Lance Frost, and Fred Patchen, and many reminiscences of the olden days were given. The old scholars were given a treat of water melons by Ern Patchen. The oldest scholar present was Mary O'Brien, 84, a scholar of 75 years ago. Other old scholars who attended more than 50 years ago were George Neill, Charles Moore, Tom Moroney, Fred Patchen, W. T. Frost, Sarah Gray, Laura Larkins, and Annie Leeder. On Tuesday tennis was played, also a cricket match between visitors and local players. An exhibition of tennis by Don Turnbull, Edwards, Washurst, and Mason, together with the Victorian interstate women, Misses Stevenson, gave an exhibition of men's doubles and mixed doubles. At a ball where the declaration of the times took place, Mr. Horace Dunn (Wool King) obtained 25,000 votes, Mr. W. T. Frost (Wheat King) 20,000, and Bob McAlister, 7,000.

Sports Programme

Details of the sports programme.—Locals wheel race, G. Baxter, R. Wardle, H. Broad. Allcomers' trial sprint, G. W. Schrader, J. Rursach, M. Matthews. Bowling at the stump, A. Gray. Centenary wheel race, L. C. Taylor, J. K. Spackman, A. Baxter. Apple and melon race, L. Dungee, W. Vogt. Musical chairs, L. Dungee, T. Faulkner. Handicap high jump, T. Faulkner, G. W. Schrader, E. A. Eckert. Bending race, W. Vogt, R. Blatchford. Glenholme handicap, H. W. Mann, P. Grapler, H. Cockshill. Cricket.—Visitors v Locals—Visitors 230, Locals, eight wickets for 147. Tennis results.—Men's handicap singles—Crawford d. Bucher, 5-3. Women's handicap singles, Miss P. Slattery d. Miss S. Coates. Mixed doubles, Lep and Miss H. Mosey d. Vin McInerney and Miss P. Slattery. Men's double, Crawford and Reddan d. Mosey brothers. Championship doubles—Crawford and Reddan d. Mallen and Giehrts.