

THE KING'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrated Six Months Ahead

Fired in Every State in Commonwealth

MELBOURNE, June 9. The celebration of the King's birthday... which, although it takes place on December 14, was celebrated by salutes fired in every State...

Western Australia has not decided on the date for a holiday... Monday; Tasmania took a holiday last Monday; New South Wales took a holiday last Saturday...

BARRABOOL TRUST VACANCY

Acting Premier Questioned

Acting Premier questioned on the appointment of a committee to investigate the Geelong Harbor Trust vacancy...

COMPULSORY VOTING ON SATURDAY

Qualifications of Tenants of Houses and Shops

Perhaps, many people find the conditions of voting at Legislative elections more difficult to understand than those applying to local elections...

There is one question that has been asked that might best be dealt with separately. A tenant of property in the South-Western Districts... asks how he is qualified to vote...

It is not entitled to vote in respect of a property unless he is the owner or unless it is vacant, which may be the case in regard to land...

It is not clear, it can be said that anyone paying a rental of more than a week is entitled to be on the roll...

MARYBOROUGH MURDER

Police Search for Cyclist

Appears to be Riding Aimlessly About Country

ST. ARNAUD, June 9. Clues to the movements of a cyclist who is being sought in connection with the murder of John Woods (62), prospector, at Maryborough last week, led the detectives to-day to Stawell...

He left Stawell on Monday morning early, and is believed to have ridden north-east towards St. Arnaud. Several people have reported that at 5.30 p.m. on Monday they saw a cyclist sitting beside his bicycle near a woolshed 12 miles from St. Arnaud on the road leading south to Avoca.

On Tuesday a cyclist was seen riding through Bealiba, and later in the day a cyclist was noticed at Wedderburn. The detectives believe that he is the man they are seeking, but have not yet verified the descriptions given by observers...

PLANE LOST IN FOG

Crashed Into Church; Men's Amazing Escape

MELBOURNE, June 9. Two men had an amazing escape from death when the plane in which they were flying became lost in dense fog over Melbourne and crashed into St. George's Church of England, Malvern, and then dropped into a narrow drive outside the main door.

Jack McAllister, 19, of Thorn Street, Essendon, the pilot, and his passenger,

CERES MEMORIAL GATES

Unveiled by Acting Premier

Handsome Tribute to Pioneers and Men of A.I.F.

Erected as a tribute to pioneers of the district as well as soldiers who fought in the Great War, memorial gates at the entrance to the recreation reserve, Ceres, were unveiled by the Acting Premier (Mr. Old), and formally handed over to the trustees of the reserve, before a large gathering yesterday afternoon...

The memorial is a handsome one. The two gates are of iron with stone pillars on either side. One pillar has the inscription: "Erected 1937 as a tribute to the pioneers of the district," and the other: "In memory of the soldiers who fought in the Great War, 1914-1918."

Following a reading from the Scripture by the Rev. Stanley Humphrey and a prayer by the Rev. H. G. Matthews, the president of the shire (Cr. J. W. White) welcomed the Acting Premier.

Cr. White said the township was appropriately named Ceres, after the Greco-Roman goddess of agriculture. For miles, said the speaker, one saw agricultural land of which they might be proud. It was a unique occasion for Ceres to have the Acting Premier in the district for the sole purpose of attending a function there. They welcomed Mr. Old, and felt honored by his attendance.

The Acting Premier traced the growth of the pastoral occupation of the land from the time stock was first landed at Gellibrand in November, 1835, and said there was a story that William Buckley, "the wild white man," claimed to own the Barrabool Hills, they having been presented to him by the Geelong tribe of blacks. Impressed by William Robertson, Buckley gave him the Barrabool Hills, and the very early settlers respected this gift, and for a time grazed their stock on the hills only with the consent of Robertson. With the discovery of gold the Barrabool farmers reaped an even greater golden harvest than the diggers.

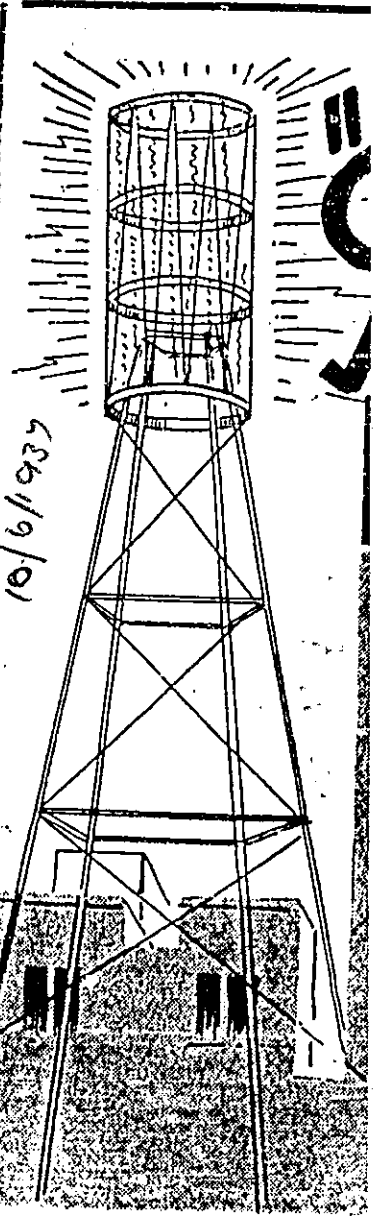
A Lasting Tribute

Mr. Old said that the gathering was honoring the pioneers and the soldiers. The pioneers had made something of the land and the soldiers had fought to maintain it, and it was fitting that the two memorials should be associated. He had pleasure in unveiling the memorial gates and handing them to the trustees as a lasting tribute to the memory of the pioneers and returned soldiers.

The chairman of the trustees of the recreation reserve (Mr. S. H. McCann) acknowledged the handing over of the gates, and said that the great heritage of which they were all so proud had not come by accident. It had been only through great service and sacrifice. Any great service could not be given without sacrifice. The pioneers had built on firm foundations, and the third generation of Australian born was living on the farms the pioneers started. The recreation ground had been started 25 years ago, and the trustees had never had a "cent" from the Government.

Essay for Children

Mr. T. K. Maltby, M.L.A., who presided, announced that he had invited the children attending the Ceres State School to write an essay on "The Pioneers." The best essay written by a boy had been that submitted by Rex Gill, and by a girl that by Alison Honey. He had pleasure in presenting the winners with bronze medallions in honor of their achievements.



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enrolled upon the ratepayers' roll. An owner is not entitled to vote in respect of a property unless he is occupying it or unless it is vacant, which may be the case in regard to occupied land. This may be explained by stating that when an owner's rates on his property occupied by a tenant, the tenant's name is automatically entered on the ratepayers' roll if the property is rated upon yearly value of not less than £15.

To make the position clear, it can be said that anyone paying a rental of 10/- or more a week is entitled to be on the roll. Almost all owners and tenants occupy property rated higher than £10 and £15 respectively as yearly value of the property. Owner includes the mortgagor or mortgagee in possession or in receipt of the rents and profits, and tenant includes the lessee or assignee or a lease originally created for not less than five years.

ier (Mr. Old) yesterday said that he nor the Government was to be stamped in the matter of appointment," said Mr. Old, made by the Government, and by the people of Geelong. We the names of a number of very able men before us, and an he quite sure that the man ect will be the most suitable per-

Old added that the Government not please everyone, and would y to do so.

DEATH OF MR. KECK

tribute by Acting Premier

MELBOURNE, June 3. The death of Mr. H. H. Keck, a well-known figure in the life of the State, and particularly Bendigo, has been taken, the Premier (Mr. Old) said to a member of the Legislative for 13 years, councillor of the of Strathfeldsaya for 40 years, a number of other activities, a splendid expression to his of public service. He was a sterling character, and was with his parliamentary col- On behalf of the members Ministry I offer my deep sym- his widow and other members family."

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

response to Special Appeal

Committee of the Geelong Free Public Library and Museum, which recently on an ambitious scheme to modern building and make more available citizens the facilities of the library, is grateful with the expression being made to the special financial assistance. The committee the response as an indication its efforts to make the library the best provincial institution kind in Australia have the support the Geelong public. following contributions to the appeal have been received:-

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Nell Sloane, 19, of Malvern, who had been residing recently at Mulwala, New South Wales, escaped with lacerations and shock, and were treated at the surgery of Dr. A. Machen Hill, opposite the church.

McAlister and Sloane, who are old Geelong Collegians, were returning from Benalla in a two-seater De Havilland 60 machine owned by Australian National Airways. McAlister is a mechanic employed by that company. After crossing the Dividing Range late this afternoon they ran into very heavy fog, and the pilot was unable to locate the Essendon aerodrome. He tried to find Coodo Island landing ground, and flew in turn over St. Klida, Port Melbourne, Hawthorn and Kew, with his supply of petrol almost exhausted.

His plight became desperate, and seeing the Malvern Cricket Ground through a break in the fog, he cut off his engine and glided down towards it. As he was doing so a thick bank of fog again swept over, and he overshot the ground, narrowly missed the Malvern police station adjoining the church, and crashed into the side of the church. The starboard wing tore away 15 feet of heavy iron spouting and brought down electric light wires connected with the church, but the plane did not catch fire. As it slewed round, the starboard wing fell away and the port wing crumpled. The fuselage dropped to the ground beside the south transept doorway.

The crash was heard for a hundred yards, and many residents ran to the church, in time to see the two men struggling from the plane. The machine later was dismantled and removed in sections by a truck belonging to A.N.A. There was not a drop of petrol remaining in the tank.

CHILD SLAVERY
Allegations Against Australia

MELBOURNE, June 3. "The allegation is nonsensical and false," the Minister for External Affairs (Sir George Pearce) declared today, in reply to allegations that innocent peasant boys and girls were being sold into slavery in South Africa and Australia.

The statement was made according to a cabled report, by Chao Lung Wen, Chief of Police at Hankow, at the International Police Conference. "If the statement referred to Chinese boys and girls, they would be prohibited entry into Australia under the Immigration Restriction Act," Sir George Pearce said. "If it referred to Australian boys and girls, the allegation is 'scarcely ludicrous.'"

GOVERNOR'S NARROW ESCAPE

CAMPBELLTOWN (New Brunswick), June 3. A crying emergency, involving the escape of the Governor of the province, occurred today, during a spot where the steamship General Thackeray had been standing a fire which broke out during a three-hour stoppage.

Essay For Children
Mr. T. K. Matthy, M.L.A., who presided, announced that he had invited the children attending the Ceres State School to write an essay on "The Pioneers." The best essay written by a boy had been that submitted by Rex Gill, and by a girl that by Allison Honey. He had pleasure in presenting the winners with bronze medallions in honor of their achievements.

On behalf of the pioneers, Mr. L. Lee thanked the committee for its tribute, and said that in the gathering was Mr. John Baglin, who had been born at Ceres more than 60 years ago, and Mr. Harry Mountjoy, another old identity.

The pioneers had left behind them a wonderful heritage, and had it not been for their tenacity, their character, and their outstanding ability to overcome the difficulties of the early days, the present day generation, which knew nothing of such difficulties, would not be in the position it was.

Mr. A. McDonald, M.L.A., responding on behalf of the returned soldiers, said that it was indeed a happy thought that prompted the committee to have the memorial erected to the pioneers and the soldiers, "because, after all," he added, "they have a great deal in common. They both went through life with strife and struggle, and service and sacrifice."

Mr. G. S. McArthur supported Mr. McDonald's remarks. A vote of thanks to the Acting Premier was moved by Mr. V. Irving, the secretary of the committee, whose remarks were supported by Mr. A. Piper.

Night Functions
The evening celebrations were also largely attended. One of the old-time tea meetings was held in the Temperance Hall at 6 o'clock. The tables were presided over by a band of young women, who capably managed them. They were Mrs. A. McDowell and the Misses N., M. and Mrs. Piper, D. Gillett, J. Dans, A. Hart, B. Shearn, M. Walter, B. Lemin, I. Leigh, S. Honey, Norma Lewis and Esmay Taylor.


The meeting which followed was presided over by Cr. McCann, who complimented the committee on the success which had attended their efforts. The evening took the form of a concert, interspersed with short speeches by representatives from the Returned Soldiers, the pioneers and past residents.

Those who spoke for the various bodies were: Soldiers, Mr. W. McAdam; pioneers, Mr. T. J. Lumb; past-residents, Cr. H. A. Lumb and Mr. F. V. Leigh.


Mr. McAdam referred principally to the efforts of the various organizations at home which contributed in a wonderful way to the comforts of the men in the trenches and in other parts. Mr. Lumb in his short talk went back many years and traced the growth of the district up to almost the present. Its record in all things has been wonderful, and its achievements worthy of a people who had shown their appreciation for what had been done. Cr. Leigh referred to the ceremony as the opening to something new. In the celebrations there had been a challenge to youth to go forward, and in the spirit of the soldiers and pioneers add its quota to the good of the community. Cr. H. Lumb also spoke in similar strain, and congratulated the present residents and committees on the community service they are rendering to the district.

Those who contributed to the concert programme were Mrs. L. Anderson and Messrs H. Dans, V. Irving and F. Mann, who rendered songs; the Misses E. and I. Anderson, Mrs. Miss M. Lorraine and Messrs E. J. Leigh and A. Smith, vocalists. Votes of thanks were awarded those who contributed to the concert by Messrs L. C. Anderson and H. Ghett. The proceedings culminated with the National Anthem.

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