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This month, nothing after the Sproats and the Galvins, both of which are completed and are waiting for their owners to pick up during the “back-to”.

As usual, several one-the-spot requests have been satisfied.

Rather strangely, there have been no requests in advance of the returnees’ visits, but perhaps they are not so far-seeing, and think they will be able to find what they want when they arrive. They will learn! Or, of course, perhaps nobody wants to know anything . . .

Pauline Mittelveld, friend of the late Joan Cockfield, sent 2 photos of Primary school groups with names such as Russell Reseigh, Joan Clifford, Kath Grewar and Leigh Swaby .

After finishing “Farmers in Unity” with some photos and a “postscript” bringing the unity up to date, with an account of the formation of the VFF, there has been time for a little indexing of 1946, one of the years not on the large index. And consolidating the names on that index – I found 286 Smiths, and it took me a whole afternoon to put them in order.

It is hard to believe that from the date of this meeting, there are only four days till the beginning of the celebrations. It has always seemed something “in the future”. But Mary has been working very hard, organising places for the books, the power point presentation that will run continuously, finding a place for the costume lady, and other things that occur to her very active mind.

Publications are ready, at least. Both “Donald’s Football Fortunes” and “Country for Heroes” have arrived from their respective publishers, and look very well. Some of our own are in a shop window, some few will be in a rack at “Soapy’s”; all are in adequate numbers for book-hungry buyers (?). We are now looking for someone to sell the footy book at the DFC reunion and take the money as it rolls in.

In advance, we thank the people who have promised to mind the Archives – and the museum during the hectic 10 days. It is hoped to keep the Archives open 9-5 each day, with the help of those people.

EVENTS MAKING NEWS IN THE "DONALD TIMES" 100 YEARS AGO

April 1, 1913: Mr C. Long begs to inform the residents that he has taken over the Railway Coffee Palace, Donald. The well-known house has been thoroughly overhauled and New Beds and Bedding, Furniture etc. placed therein.

WOOROONOOK: A most enjoyable ball was held in the hall in aid of the building fund of the newly-built Roman Catholic Church.

April 4: The ladies of the Donald Methodist Church gave a "linen evening" to Miss Leila Williams, who is leaving for Perth in a fortnight, where she is to be married to Mr Arnold B. Camerer, Carnarvon W.A., second son of the well-known Rudolph Camerer, late of "Otto Anna" now called "Kimbolton", Cope Cope. Songs and recitations were contributed.

April 8: On Wednesday afternoon April 2nd the homestead of the late Mr Fred Merrett, of Massey, was totally destroyed by fire. The house was unoccupied at the time. It was insured.

The results of Dr. Friedmann's experiments with his specific for the treatment of consumption have so far been satisfactory. The patients treated have all improved in health. The whole civilised world awaits the final treatment upon this new treatment of the dread "white scourge".

April 11: The marriage of Miss Margaret Emma Richmond to Mr Robert Henry Blair was celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents on March 12. The bride was dressed in cream, silk-striped voile, rimmed with silk fringe, overall lace and pearl trimmings. Miss Alice Richmond was attired in mustard-coloured figured voile, with overall lace and buttons; the second bridesmaid, Elsie Richmond, in new blue overall lace and buttons.

Mr Dan Byrne, of the Royal George, with his wife and two children, was proceeding in a buggy to his brother's sale at Mount Jeffcott, when a motor car caused the horse to take fright. The animal swerved down an embankment, and capsized the vehicle, precipitating the party on to the roadway. Mr Byrne sustained an injury to one leg, and Mrs Byrne, painful bruises and abrasions. One child received a sprained ankle, the other one escaped injury.

April 18: A deputation, of Mr W.A. Morgan and Mr Skewes, waited on the Council to obtain recognition of the site in the anabranch of the river for swimming baths. The committee appointed by the citizens had decided that was the best scheme, as it contained better water than the railway dam. Mr Morgan said it was close to the main street and easily supervised and would be a credit to the town.

Cr. Pearse: Hasn't money been spent before in establishing baths? And didn't the flood wash it all away?

April 22: Donald is again to have a picture show, the management of the Star Pictures having decided to show in St. George's Hall every Tuesday evening. The pictures opened in St. Arnaud on Monday last to a crowded house, hundreds of people unable to gain admission.

This is the Donald Enclosure Coursing Club's third year of operation on the enclosure, which now provides ample accommodation for both man and beast, in addition to a running surface worthy of the best club in the land. The committee can count their well-schooled hares by the hundred.

April 25: The main street in Donald has been considerably enhanced by the just completed pharmacy of Mr W.E. Thompson, chemist. The design has been carried out in accordance with all the most modern ideas for the construction of this class of building and the workmanship is of the best. The verandah, of the bull-nosed pattern attracts the eye as a substantial and attractive set-off to the work.

April 29: Members of the Donald Presbyterian Church entertained Mr and Mrs J. Hannah Jnr at a social and made them the recipients of a wedding present in the shape of a purse of sovereigns. Mr John Hannah had rendered much valuable service to the church as secretary and treasurer. His work was always up to date in spite of other duties.