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In June everyone was in winter quarters, preferably in warmer climes, and not thinking about family history at all. Carmel Lowry did call in briefly to check a few details about her uncle Dan, who died recently.

Back in April Kath Meaney came to ask for information about her branch of the Grogan family and their early arrival in Witchipool. Later we emailed her to ask if she wanted the family followed down as far as we could. Both parties forgot all about that question until Kath rang last week, apologetically affirming that indeed, she would like all we had. So that was finished off and sent.

Jill Barclay, who has asked for info on the Scilleys, visited to meet us and to see the “Scilley’s Island” which she found intriguing. Unfortunately she had started her enquiries just after Ray Scilley died, but was advised to ask the funeral directors for the names of descendants. These were willingly supplied, but questions to them have not been answered

Apart from that, the consolidation of index items has proceeded. In early days, different indexers worked on separate issues, and when these were amalgamated, quite a lot of items referred to the same family, so these have to be found and joined together. In those days, too, title, surname and first name were on the one line, which is not the current practice.

Strangely, when the new version was introduced, the beginning of some names has been lost. Often, it is easy to guess what is missing, but one item found this week read “ss R” and that certainly needed recourse to the film reference to complete it --obviously “Miss R something”. The reference was to ladies’ dresses at a ball, and there was more than one “Miss R”. We selected one – neither she nor anyone else would know now, and all the dresses were obviously most attractive!

Anyone who follows Facebook would have notice that Kerrie Brailsford (Borden) has established a group for Donald High School, students and staff, which is a good thing. The school is still reasonably young, and details still available, so they will be preserved while still remembered. She said there is also quite a bit of interest in the old Higher Elementary School classes. Photos are being produced, and names found. For things like that, social media is a good thing.

Items of Interest from the “Donald Times” 100 Years Ago”:

July 4, 1916: Letter from Private A. Pickering: By what I see, what they call farming here, we would call gardening. They hoe the wheat with a little machine pushed by hand, between the drills. They are working away within two miles of the front line.

July 11: Many Australian soldiers who fought at Gallipoli and were invalided to England, found the English girls, and in some cases nurses, to be of a most captivating nature. The result was that many marriages were celebrated. One who had a leg amputated won the sympathy and heart of an English lady, she offered to marry the young hero in order that she could provide a home for him and care for him for the rest of his days. The soldier has not yet accepted the offer.

July 14: Mrs. J. T. Holmes, Charlton, has completed a somewhat unique record of work for the Red Cross. In all she has knitted 62 pairs of socks, 29 cholera belts, 19 Balaclavas caps, and 16 scarves, the majority if the articles being already at the front.

The popular coursing judge, Mr Jack o’Shannessy, who began his career in Donald, is engaged in judging the Waterloo Cup meeting at Werribee. “Jacki” is probably the most popular as well as the leading judge of coursing in Australia.

July 18: At the fortnightly meeting of the P. and A. Society, a letter was received from R. P..Ross, Brisbane, Queensland, asking for 10ft frontage in pavilion for exhibit of Queensland mother-of-pearl and jewellery novelties at forthcoming show. –Left in hands of committee.

RAILWAY COFFEE PALACE

MRS LAIDLAW, late of Ouyen

Has now taken over the Railway Coffee

Palace from Mrs Long.

Cleanliness and Civility is our rule

Excellent cuisine, Moderate tariff.

July 21. A rather sensational bolt occurred in Woods Street at about 6 p.m. on Wednesday last, with a horse attached to Mr J. Turnbull’s lorry took fright, and turning too sharp at Mr A. Smith’s corner, struck a post, breaking a shaft and the turntable. The horse, freeing himself from the vehicle, returned home.

A quiet military wedding was celebrated at the Church of St. Pater, Melbourne, when Miss A. A. Cook, formerly teacher at Jeffcott West School, was married to Private C. Pozzi. The bride, who was attired in rich white silk, wore a becoming white felt hat.

July 25: A painful accident happened to Master Norman Hodgson, seven years of age, son of Mr J. J. Hodgson of Swanwater West. He had led a pony up to a trough to give it a drink when another horse took fright and knocked the boy over, trampling on him. The lad’s arm was badly broken. And he was brought into St. Arnaud for treatment.

July 28: We have received a splendid sample of currants and raisins grown in Donald by Mr E. Watts. The sample conclusively demonstrates that this district will compare favourably with any district in the State if only given the proper care and attention. The garden in which the samples were grown is undoubtedly the prettiest in the district.

Eaglehawks and foxes are reported to be doing considerable damage amongst lambs in the Redbank district, where lambing has started. Mr A. Burge recently shot an eaglehawk the wings of which, when stretched, measured 8 ft. 6 in. from tip to tip.

On the eve of her marriage the members of the Watchem Red Cross entertained Miss Vi McErvale at the residence of the president, Mrs Bairstow. The diningroom was decorated with bunting and evergreen and a banquet spread in honour of the guest. In spite of the disagreeable weather, only ladies were present.

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