



### **BULOKE BULLETIN NO. 290 APRIL 2021**

Donald History Enquiries for March: Rodney Dunn is descended from Percy Dunn who was manager for Andy Sproat before leaving for Woorinen in the 1920s. Rodney wished to know the exact year that the Percy Dunns left Donald and what school Percy Jr. would have gone to. We were able to help with both issues.

John Cooke from Mildura visited the Archives to research our newspapers about William Farrell who invented the Farrell Eclipse Harvester in 1888. William Farrell owned land at Areegra and we were able to introduce John to Keith Liersch who took him to the actual land and discussed the harvester with him.

Helen Durkin donated a 1925 school examination work book, owned by her mother in law, formerly Miss Rose McIlvena of Donald. Rose was a very good student, coming first in her class, and the workbook is a real treasure for the society to have acquired.

Pat and Barry Hepworth asked for the history of their house in Corack Rd. It is still a work in progress at this stage but the house was definitely on site in 1928.

Stephen Hicks called at the archives looking for history of the Holdsworth family who moved to Western Australia. We were able to oblige.

The Youseff brothers, descendants of J.H. Bolden, called at the archives and wished to view the Silver Fire Brigade medal, which was been awarded to J.H. Bolden.

Paul Clempson called into the archives. He wishes to donate photos and will return to find information on the Clempson family. George Clempson was a contractor/concreter who came to Donald c. 1920. He lived at the lovely old house at 31 Houston St. which has recently been restored.

## **Blasts from the Past April 1921.**

**April 1. Cheap Mallee Land For Sale.** 640 acres, 8 miles from Pira Railway Station, and 6 miles from Nyah Railway Station. Sheep proof fence on one side, balance 2 and 3 wires. 1500 yard tank filled from channel running through property. Iron Hut 18 ft. square. PRICE 3 pounds 3 shillings per acre. Good Terms arranged.

**Donald Tennis Club.** The tournament organised by the Donald Lawn Tennis Club on Easter Saturday and Monday provided splendid entertainment for a large number of spectators who congregated at the Donald and Presbyterian courts and some splendid tennis was witnessed. There was a record number of entries for the four events that had to be determined and, on account of this, it was impossible to get through in the two days and the tournament extended over Tuesday.

**April 5. Donald Court.** Appearing at the local court on Thursday before Mr P.J. Conlan, P.M., and Messers Hepworth and Basset Js.Ps., Charles E. Wilson was fined 5 pounds with 3/7 costs for failing to destroy rabbits on his common block. Mr G. F. Oakley prosecuted debt cases\_ Dr Calhoun versus P. Grogan for 10 guineas. Order for amount and 2 pounds one shilling costs.

**April 8. Wheat Lumper Injured.** A wheat lumper named Michael Walsh was seriously injured at the Morton Plains railway station on Friday last. Whilst following his occupation, he happened to be in a stooping position picking up a bag of wheat, when another bag fell from the top of the stack and struck him heavily on the shoulder. He was speedily motored to Birchip by Messers J. McErvale and T. Connellan, and on examination Dr Holland found he had sustained a dislocated shoulder. Whilst suffering intense pain the sufferer can compliment himself on his escape from a more serious injury.

ADVERTISEMENT: **Farmers – See this Big Field Demonstration.** WORTH SEEING. EVERYBODY WELCOME. See the **Titan 10-20 Kerosene Tractor** at Mr T. A. Green's Farm, Litchfield. 1p.m. April 26.  
LUNCHEON PROVIDED

**April 12.** With regard to the observance of Anzac Day on April 25, the Prime Minister (Mr Hughes) has intimated that he had sent a telegraphic message to all State Governments informing them of the intention of the Federal Government to declare a public holiday. He asked that the States co-operate by also proclaiming a public holiday and by uniting with the military authorities, and the returned soldiers' organisations so that the observance would be carried out on right and proper lines. The State Governments have been requested to discourage and prohibit horse racing on Anzac Day.

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**April 19. British War Medals.** In connection with the presentation of the above medals, all returned soldiers are requested to Fall In at 3 pm on Sunday next at the Post Office and march to the Memorial in the Park. Band will be in attendance. J.C. Fowler Secretary R.S.S.I.L.A.

**April 22. Stealing Wood.** It having come under the notice of councillors that some person or persons have been stealing wood from the local power house, the councillors decided at their meeting yesterday to make

every effort to find the offenders, with a view of making an example of them. The police have been informed and it is to be hoped the thief will be brought to justice.

**April 26. Address on Education.** At the invitation of the Shire President and Councillors and the local School Committee, a fair number of parents and interested persons assembled at the Parish Hall on Wednesday evening last to hear the address by the Director of Education, Mr F. Tate M.A., C.M.G. It was a pity that there were not more present as a fine intellectual feast was enjoyed. Mr Tate spoke for about two hours and held his audience right to the close, the address being punctuated with many amusing anecdotes, the subject of education being kept prominent throughout. *(There followed a full report on the address)*

**April 29 Senator Guthrie at Donald.** *Account of the Anzac Day ceremonies, presentation of Medals by Lieut. Colonel Harris and an address by the Senator during which he praised the Soldier Settlement policy of the Government and described his satisfaction with the progress of the settlements at Avon Plains.*