

The Canberra Times stories tell the tale of ordinary people living in Canberra but in general do not give details of the progress of the war. Instead the pages of the paper tended to tell of sporting and social events.

13th February 1940

**ELECTRICITY
Reduced Rates for Canberra
TO OPERATE AFTER FEBRUARY 29**

The Minister for the Interior (Senator HS Foll) stated yesterday that as a result of a review of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the Canberra Electricity Supply undertaking it had been decided to make reductions in the charges of electricity at Canberra.

The new lighting tariff for domestic consumers will be 4d per unit in primary units and 1 and one eighth pence per unit in secondary units instead of 5d and ... respectively...

In additions to these reductions it has also been found possible to reduce the weekly hire charges on electric stoves and bath heaters from 1/- to 6d and to 8d and 4d respectively...

**READERS' VIEWS
Footpath Riders**

The Editor, "The Canberra Times."
Sir, Why is it that Canberra's splendid asphalt and concrete roads are insufficiently attractive to many of the push-bike riders of this City? They obviously prefer to obstruct the legitimate traffic on the footpaths, causing danger to law-abiding citizens who frequently [have] to dodge the young law breakers and thank their lucky stars that fate was good to them. There is no suggestion of police indifference to this evil, as the writer knows that authoritative warnings are often given to cycle offenders. He would, however, suggest that parents of guardians of reckless youthful cyclists exert parental influence in the matter.

Yours etc
"ONE OF THE DODGERS"

1st March 1940

**RELIEF SOCIETY
ORGANISATION IN CANBERRA**

The Canberra Relief Society continues to receive many calls for assistance and last year the expenditure was substantially increased due mainly to the free distribution of milk to needy families. The expenditure was 570 pounds of which payments for milk amounted to 350 pounds compared with 170 pounds. Other items for which heavy expenditure was incurred including clothing, boots and general financial assistance.

Lieut-Col JTH Goodwin presided at the annual meeting of the Society which was held at the Albert

Hall on Wednesday evening. Apologies for non attendance were received from Mesdames Daley, Gourgaud and Dr Nott.

In his report on the activities of the past year Lieut-Col JTH Goodwin said that although a certain measure of support had been received from the general public it was the opinion of the society that more substantial support could be obtained.

The Chairman referred to the preponderance of Government financial assistance to the society. Donations had been maintained by members of the staffs in the Australian War Memorial, Departments of Health, Interior, Treasury, Trade and Customs, Attorney-General, The Prime Minister's Department and the City Bowling Club. A number of other cash donations had been received but the donations were lower this year than for the previous year. It had been necessary to approach the Minister for additional subsidy.

During the year, said the Chairman, the ladies had devoted much of their leisure to weekly attendance at the Acton depot in order to distribute clothing. This had been collected from sub-depots by JB Young Limited and Snows Limited. In this regard the committee desired to record its appreciation of the donations of clothing etc, and to Messrs EW Parsons and T Turner for services rendered during the year.

The society had kept in close touch with the sisters of the Mothercraft Clinic who were in contact with cases of hardship. The provision of the services of a skilled domestic worker to assist in necessitous cases had again operated during the year.

Election of office-bearers resulted: Patron: Minister for the Interior; chairman: Lieut-Col JTH Goodwin; vice-president: Dr LW Nott; treasurer: Mr AW Ayrton; secretary: Mr JF Grinsdale; committee: Mesdames AR Townsend, PA Gourgaud, DP Israel, Messrs AR Waterman, J O'Keefe, hon auditor: Mr WM Adamson; ladies auxiliary committee to assist in the collection of funds (with power to co-opt: Mesdames AR Townsend, PA Gourgaud, DP Israel, WJ Mildenhall, AC Joyce and HF Morris.

The incoming committee was instructed to consider the formulation of a scheme whereby a regular measure of support could be obtained from the public. The thanks of the society were extended to Mr RD Grattan who had acted as auditor in the absence of Mr Adamson.

11th March 1940

**APPALLING CONDITIONS FOR TECHNICAL SCHOOL
TRAINING IMPAIRED BY BAD ACCOMMODATION**

During a visit of inspection to the Canberra Technical College buildings on Friday afternoon, leading educationalists and citizens were astonished to find

this important organisation functioning in over-crowded corrugated iron sheds.

Apart from a large number of RAAF trainees more than 200 Canberra youths and journeymen are receiving training amidst surroundings that can only be described as appalling. This was the considered opinion of several who visited the College.

The visit followed receipt of a letter by the Canberra High School Parents and Citizens' Association from the secretary (Mr AE Helson) of the Trades Advisory Committee.

The committee sought the co-operation of the P and C Association with a view to placing before the minister for the Interior a case in favour of the establishment of the College in permanent buildings on a suitable site.

In September last, the Trades Advisory Committee sent a deputation to the Minister urging that technical education in the ACT should be given the support it deserved: firstly by the setting aside of sufficient funds to start the permanent buildings and also by the improvement of the facilities for training at the College.

Although sympathetic and impressed by the reasonableness of the request the Minister was unable to make the large amount of money available for a commencement of the proposed building.

TRAINING IN SHEDS

However, since the declaration of war, a large section of the technical college buildings has been taken over by the Defence Authorities for the training of RAAF personnel. Two large annexes now being completed at a cost of 6,000 pounds will be occupied by classes at an early date, and it is understood that another large block to cost approximately 6,000 pounds will be erected immediately.

These new buildings are constructed of wood, cement plaster sheets, and have corrugated iron roofs. They are a vast improvement when compared with the buildings which have served the College for more than 12 years, some of which were rebuilt from premises removed from the Royal Military College at Duntroon when that College was re-established.

OVERCROWDING

In the building trades section trainees and apprentices receive tuition in over-crowded rooms. Students receive training in theory, drawing etc in classrooms where practical work is being carried out particularly in the plumbing and sheet metal sections. The equipment generally was stated to be first class, but a large quantity of valuable machinery is housed in dirty buildings, which could not be made fire-proof.

RISKS TO TRAINEES

Trainees in the mechanical engineering workshops run a certain amount of risk owing to the fact that so many machines are packed into a limited space... Three rubbish incinerators burn throughout the day a few yards from the classrooms, while circular saws vied with locomotives in the timber and trucking yards in making a din which baffles description. These distractions are not conducive to good work in the classrooms.

Day and night classes receive tuition and it was stated that many more trainees could be enrolled if satisfactory facilities for study were provided.

The question of trainee apprentices was also the subject of investigation while the opinion was expressed that the residents of Canberra were not aware of the importance of the work being carried out at the College. Apart from one teacher from the NSW Department of Education and who is nominally on the staff of Canberra High [Arthur Martin], the tuition of the College is carried out by four full time and several part-time instructors selected locally by the Department of the Interior.

21st March 1940

BETTING CASES

Two Women Fined

"It seems a remarkable thing how many women are taking up the betting game," said Mr J Ryan PM, at the Canberra Court of Petty Sessions yesterday when two cases of illegal betting came before him.

Lily May Luton was charged with having used a house in Manuka for betting purposes. Mrs Luton, who pleaded guilty, was defended by Mr JL Maguire.

The Police Prosecutor (Sergeant Bailey) said that the police visited a house in Manuka on March 9. He understood that betting had only been carried on in a small way. The defendant told him she had only taken two bets that day and both were for small amounts.

"I think she was telling the truth," said Sergeant Bailey, "Otherwise she could have denied that she took any bets at all." Sergeant Bailey said that the defendant had admitted that some time ago a person in the house used to take bets on a large scale. This person, however, had discontinued taking the bets, but she had continued to take small bets.

Mr Maguire (for Mrs Luton) said that if his client was separated from her husband and by taking the bets was only trying to make ends meet. He asked for a light penalty. The magistrate imposed a fine of 3 pounds with 12/6d costs. When time to pay was sought Mr Ryan said that this would be granted provided that Mrs Luton did not attempt to obtain the fine money by more SP betting.

A fine of 5 pounds with 12/6 costs was imposed on Edith May Harrington of Westlake for using a house for the purpose of betting. Sergeant Bailey said that when the police visited the house they found a pad containing a number of bets. All bets were for small amounts with the exception of one was for 5 pounds. "Unluckily for Mrs Harrington, this bet was on a winner,"... he added. Sergeant Bailey said that according to his information betting had been carried on at this house for some considerable time. Mr WHB Dickson appeared for Mrs Harrington and submitted that the case was not of a very serious nature and the same fine as in the previous case should be imposed. The Magistrate held, however, that his case was more serious especially in view of the 5 pound bet. He imposed a fine of 5 pounds with 12/6 costs, in default 23 days.

CANBERRA COURT

Before Mr J Ryan, PM at the Canberra Court of Petty Sessions yesterday Harry Davey aged 23 of Causeway was fined 7 pounds 10 shillings in default 30 days for having driven a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor...

ONLY ONE CAR LIGHT

Charged with having driven a motor car on March 10 at 1.30 am without two front lights and one rear light, Lenard Flanagan was fined 1 pound with 8/6 costs for the failure to have two front lights and 10/- with 8/6 costs for having no rear light. Constable Brodrribb stated in evidence that he stopped Flanagan and drew his attention to the fact that he had only one headlamp. Flanagan had replied that he had forgotten to have the second lamp, which had been broken a week previously, repaired. Constable Brodrribb said that he then informed Flanagan that his tail light was not alight, whereupon Flanagan went to the rear of the car and switched it on. It was in good order.

Flanagan was not present in the court. Sergeant Bailey said, "He is a very casual kind of man, Your Worship. So casual that he forgot to have his headlamp repaired, forgot to switch on his tail light, and now has forgotten to appear in Court."...

SWIMMING

CANBERRA CLUB

NEW 66 YARDS RECORD CREATED

The final carnival of the Canberra Swimming Club took place last evening in unfavourable conditions, for the sudden change in the weather was against swimming, nevertheless a new record for 66 yards backstroke was created.

In the junior girl's backstroke handicap J Morcombe broke the previous record by 1 and one fifth seconds and lowered the ladies' record by one fifth of a second only to have that again broken by M Brophy in the Mixed Backstroke Handicap by one and one fifth seconds.

Owing to the indisposition of the competitors in the open diving contest for the trophy donated by Sir William Clemens, the final for the event had to be cancelled, but Sir William donated a trophy each to Miss L Chaffe and J McGrath.

The results were:-

33 yards Freestyle under 12: P Brophy, 1, M Hill 2, M Brophy 3. Time 23 seconds

66 yards Freestyle under 14: - J Schneider 1, B Brophy 2, P Campbell 3. Time 45 and one fifth seconds.

66 yards Junior Girls Backstroke: - J Morcombe 1, A Gray 2, Time 53 and three fifths seconds.

66 yards Junior Boys Breastroke: G Bain 1, R Hill 2, W Burns 3 - Time: 58 and three fifths seconds.

66 yards Mixed Backstroke: M Brophy 1, M Holl 2, Time: 52 and three fifths seconds (new record).

33 yards Girls Breastroke under 14: B Brophy 1, J Schneider 2 Time 34 and two fifths seconds

200 yards Men's Freestyle: J Dean 1, J Duker 2, J McGrath 3. Time 3 minutes 1 and one fifth second

33 yards Junior Girls Freestyle: G Israel 1, J Morcombe 2, A Gray 3. Time 24 and three fifths seconds

66 yards Junior Boys Freestyle: G Drayton 1, J Dean 2, Time 55 and two fifths seconds

33 yards under 14 Backstroke: J Schneider 1, B Brophy 2, D Campbell 3. Time 26 and four fifths seconds.

66 yards Ladies Freestyle: E Mauger 1, M Brophy 2, F Thomas 3. Time 47 and three fifths seconds.

100 yards Breastroke: G Israel 1, F Thomas 2, Time 1.40 and two fifths seconds.

Footballers' Relay: Eastlake 1, RAAF 2, Acton 3. Time 58 and one fifth second

33 yards Footballers' Race: W Burns (RAAF) 1, R Hill (Eastlake) 2, W E flick (RAAF) 3. Time 18 and 2 fifths seconds.

Junior Diving: A Bailey (Scr) 16 points, G Israel (4) 16 points 2, W Burns (scr) and A Droop (4) 15 points 3.

Circa 4th April 1940

Death of Corporal William Barry Ramsay aged 31. He was attached to the RAAF Station Canberra and died as the result of the collision with another plane over Government House on 4th April 1941. The Woden Cemetery Burial Register notes that his grave was paid by the Safety Air Board of Melbourne and that his address was RMC Duntroon. His age was noted as 36 years of age.

6th April 1940

Article noting the death of Irene Gladys Kestel aged 20 years was announced in the paper. She was the daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Kelly of 2 Power House Cottages and the wife of Frank Kestel. The burial register for Woden Cemetery notes that Irene Gladys Kestel died on 7th March 1940 and her grave in

the RC Section Woden Cemetery was paid by Francis R Kestel of Franklyn Street Manuka.

The same edition of the paper noted that Church of England Services were to commence in the Westlake Hall on Sundays at 10am. An evening service was planned for 7.30 pm and Sunday School for children during the day.

TOUCH OF WINTER
Snow on Canberra Hills
RIVERS SUBSIDE

Winter clamped down heavily on the district yesterday following the recent heavy rains, and snow was reported to have fallen on the mountains to the south-west of the Territory. During the afternoon fine particles of snow fell in the city area, but melted as soon as it touched the ground.

There has been a considerable amount of water erosion in the city area as a result of the heavy rain and many gutters have been blocked with debris.

The Molongo River quickly subsided from flood level, and the low level bridges were open for traffic. The Commonwealth Bridge has been closed to traffic for an indefinite period to enable new decking to be placed in position.^{1[1]}

9th April 1940

An article noted that the Commonwealth Bridge (one) was to be redecked. Another story noted the overcrowding on buses and one suggestion was that a light rail should be arranged to go to Oaks Estate. Another article on buses in the next day's paper suggested that a bus should be provided for Pierce's Creek residents.

10th April 1940

RAAF TRAINEES
Huts on Low Level Land
SUBJECT TO FLOODING

Alleging that the RAAF Trainees' Hutment Camp now being constructed at Kingston was only from two to four inches above flood water level, Dr LW Nott asked at the advisory Council meeting on the Monday on whose authority the site had been chosen.

Mr CS Daley said that the Air Department had selected the area as it was desirable that the camp should be established close to the Technical College.

Mr Nott asked if it was a fact that despite adverse reports and condemnations of the site including those submitted by local RAAF officers, Department of Health officers, and those of the Department of the Interior, the Air Board had persisted in developing this

site. He also asked if the Canberra Town Planning Committee had been ignored on the question.

Mr Daley said that an alternative site had been suggested to the Air Department, which, however, had decided that the camp should be close to the Technical College. The Planning Committee had not been consulted as the camp was a temporary work for Defence purposes and would be removed as soon as the war ceased.^{2[2]}

Dr Nott stated that he could not accept the excuses. There were many acres of suitable land within easy distance of the College including an area near the Dairy Depot.

"The whole thing appears to have been rushed through from Melbourne by people without local knowledge; even at this late stage it would be preferable if a new site was chosen," he added.

10th April 1940

OBITUARY
Mr Samuel Shumack

The death at Peakhurst on Saturday last of Mr Samuel Shumack aged 89 years removes another link with the pioneering days of the Canberra District and at the funeral at St John's Churchyard (Canberra) on Monday, many old identities paid tribute to a man who by the strength of his character and sterling personality had been held in high respect by the people of old and new Canberra.

Samuel Shumack was born in County Cork, Ireland in 1850 and arrived at Duntroon with his parents, Mr and Mrs Shumack when six years of age. The family travelled from Sydney in a horse drawn wagon, the journey taking three weeks.

After receiving an elementary education at old St John's Church School the buildings of which still stand in the grounds adjoining the church, Samuel Shumack turned his attention to farming. The parents and their seven children established a new home at "Emu Bank" Jerrinderra Creek where Mr Richard Shumack had taken up a selection.

Some years later Mr Samuel Shumack took up land at "Spring Vale" in the area known as "Round Hill" at Weetangera. Here he married Sarah Winter, a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Winter of Red Hill, Canberra. Eight children all of whom survive were born at Weetangera. They are Jemima (Mrs F H Barnes of Peakhurst), Ruth (Mrs McDonald of Bowral), Clementina and Eileen, Messrs Everest (Singleton), David (Sydney), Herbert (Maitland) and Stephen (Sydney). The four sons acted as pall bearers at the Church.

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In the early days Samuel Shumack took a leading part in local cricket, being a member of the famous Jerrinderra XI. With other members of the team he frequently rode long distances to take part in matches, and was an authority on cricket lore, particularly as regards on early day cricket and cricketers.

For many years he was a worshipper at St John's Church and acted as a Church Warden. When his land was resumed by the Commonwealth Government in 1915 Samuel Shumack moved to Singleton and of late years had resided with his daughter, Mrs Barnes, at Peakhurst.

The only surviving member of his family of seven brothers and sisters is Mrs P(?) A Blundell of Tumut district, who with her husband established their farm in the little valley on the Canberra-Brindabella road, which to this day is known as "Blundell's Orchard."

The chief mourners at the funeral were the widow, four sons and a daughter (Mrs McDonald). The service was conducted by Canon Sherris who said that the late Samuel Shumack was one of a band of pioneers whose monuments would remain in the form of flourishing farms and towns throughout the district. The present generation owed a great debt to the pioneers. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave.

12th April 1940

Tender approved for the construction of Barton House at a cost of 35,000 pounds. The contract was let to Messrs Cody and Willis of Glebe. Another contract was let for 75 cottages in asbestos cement in Ainslie for a cost of 57,553 pounds 10 shilling to S Kennedy.

13th April 1940

Article - Barton House construction was underway and it was to be ready early next year. Accommodation for 132 people.

16th April 1940

RAAF HUTS TRANSFER TO NEW SITE Minister Orders

Work has been stopped on the hutment camp for RAAF trainees at Kingston and the camp will be shifted to a new location, south-east of Canberra Railway Station.

The Minister for Air (Mr Fairbairn) paid a visit to the Kingston site last week following criticisms of the area, and as a result of his inspection it was deemed advisable to remove the hutments already constructed to a more suitable area.

It was pointed out at the last meeting of the Advisory Council that the original site was only a few inches above peak flood level while it had numerous other

disadvantages, such as proximity to coal dumps, rubbish dumps, and the low-lying swampy ground adjacent to the river.

The new camp will be on rising ground and there will be adequate facilities for sports ... It will be comparatively close to the Canberra Technical College where the trainees are undergoing engineering courses.

17th April 1940

Notice of the loss of son, Arthur Keeley of 52nd Btn. The notice was put in the paper by Joseph Keeley of Acton Cottages.

The same issue of the paper gave notice of the Alpine Club to meet at Mt Franklin. The President of the club was Mr Lane Poole of Westridge and Treasurer Mr Jameson.

Mr Lane-Poole was the first head of the Forestry School that commenced in 1927. Below: The Forestry School 1990s.



ACCOUNTANTS CANBERRA BRANCH OF INSTITUTE Inaugural Meeting

The Canberra Branch of the Commonwealth Institute of Accountants was inaugurated at a meeting held at the offices of Messrs HB Allard, Way and Hardie, Civic Centre, last night when a council of seven members was elected.

Mr PW Nette presided and explained the formation of the branch. In September 1938 the Division Council addressed members resident in Canberra upon the advisability of establishing a branch of the Institute at Canberra and submitted an outline of the advantages which would accrue to members. The council expressed the opinion that, with the growth of membership in centres such as Canberra, every opportunity should be afforded members of meeting and exchanging views on the many subjects of interest to the accountant, and matters associated with the Institutes aims and objects.

It was felt that the establishment of a branch would tend to promote a spirit of good fellowship, and increase the prestige of the Institute for the benefit of members generally.

At a meeting held in Canberra on November 15, 1938, a resolution was carried approving the formation of a branch and appointing a committee comprising Messrs J Brophy, JT Pinner and PW Nette to consider the details in consultation with the Divisional Council. It had been possible to secure the use of the office of Messrs HB Allard, Way and Hardie at Civic Centre as a branch office. The space available provided room for a branch library.

It was resolved on the motion of Messrs PW Nette and JT Pinner that the Canberra Branch be formed. Branch rules were also adopted.

First members of the Canberra Branch are Messrs J Brophy, GT Evans, JT Pinner, WM Adamson, JW Ashton, HA Barrenger, LO Brown, DL Canavan, HM Cox, JB Cummings, ES Dusting, AJ Egan, RJ Gibbons, HC Green, LW Henderson, CL Hewitt, RH Hewson, FW Humphreys, DP Israel, JP Lane, MR Mackenzie, WG Mackei, RJ Mair, EE McPherson, PW Nette, AC Newton, NJ Parkes, Edgar Payne, JE Simmie, JH Starling, JA Stevenson, WC Thomas, AR Townsend, AA Tregear, HF Whitlam, HO Baskin, JR Halligan, JS Anderson, JH Jamison,

Councilors were elected as follows: Messrs JT Pinner (president), J Brophy (vice-president), PW Nette, AR Townsend, DP Israel, LO Brown and GT Evans, Mr JH Jamison was elected as secretary and Mr RH Hewson auditor.

A dinner to mark the inauguration of the branch will be held at the Hotel Canberra on Thursday evening. Members of the Commonwealth Government and representative citizens of Canberra as well as Institute members from Sydney and Melbourne will attend...

19th April 1940

Funeral and death notice of Loretta Mary Higgins of Suttor Street Ainslie. The notice was put in by her parents Mr and Mrs Charles Higgins and the funeral took place at St Christophers in Manuka. The child died on the 17th April 1940 aged 2 months. Her grave in the RC section of Woden Cemetery was paid by Charles Joseph Higgins of Suttor Street Ainslie.

20th April 1940

QUEEN OF THE AIR TO BE QUEEN OF THE FAIR Wyn Gilmour Polls 50,685 Votes COMPETITION RAISES 1,762 POUNDS

Enthusiasm in the preparations for the Government House Garden Fair reached a new height last night when at the close of polling in the Queen Competition, Wyn Gilmour, Queen of the Air, was declared to have won by a margin of more than 10,000 votes. The contest had been one of the most remarkable ever held in the Southern districts of New South Wales for residents of New South Wales [who] had joined with the Canberra district to swell the total poll to 140,972 votes.

The polling underwent many changes yesterday as the flood of final effort surged to its peak in the campaigns of the various committees. When it became known last night that the Canberra Picnic Race Club had given 100 pounds to the Queen of Sport funds, a new aspect came upon participants but the Queen of the Air Committee was able to match all-comers.

An interested gathering awaited eagerly the counting of votes at the Bank of Australasia last night where the treasurer of the fund (Mr R F Sheridan) and Mr CO Andrews, a member of the Executive Committee of the Fair checked the returns. The result was announced as follows:

Queen of the Air (Wyn Gilmour) 50,685 pounds
Queen of Sport (Joan Bale) 40,462 pounds
Queen of Commerce (Peggy McLean) 37,661 pounds
Hospital Queen (Sister Tate) 12,164 pounds.
The amounts raised by the respective candidate's committees were:
Queen of the Air 633 pounds 11 shillings & 3 pence
Queen of Sport 505 pounds, 15 shillings 6 pence
Queen of Commerce 470 pounds 15 shilling 3 pence
Hospital Queen 152 pounds 1 shilling.
Total 1,762 pounds 3 shillings... [The Queen of the Fair was crowned by Lady Gowrie at Government House grounds at 3 pm.]

A list of Fund Donations followed the article on the previous page. Following is the list of people mentioned in the article – the amounts paid have been left out:

GJ Webb & Son, Burrinjuck, CH Barbour, Ex-Imperial Service, Miss Griffiths, Harold Brookes, Forrest Reading Circle, Telopea Park Junior Red Cross, George Read, Miss Mary Jones, Mrs EE Burfitt, Miss Jean Wyndham, Mrs Delpratt, Mrs EA Eva, Mrs Owen Litchfield, Mrs Thomas Purves, JH Fairfax Esq, Lady Fairfax, JP McWilliam Esq, Miss Edith Edwards, Miss Faithful Anderson, John Goulston Esq, Mrs Allen Box, Mrs Hubert Fairfax, Consul-General for France, CWA Major's Creek Branch, Miss Mary E Fairfax, OE Friend Esq, Dr Farran, John Cargill Esq, JJ Garry Esq, Mrs W H Childs, Mr and Mrs JH Ashton, Order of the Eastern Star, Mrs RJ Furber, Mrs Lang, Sir Graham Wardell, Mr and Mrs R Crane, Mrs JH Kelly, Junior Red Cross Ainslie School, Mr F Hyles.

Stalls: Garden per Mrs Carrodus and Miss Parkinson, Fancy Work per Miss Price, Mrs SM Osborne and Miss Price, Bag per Mrs Baird, Table Mats per Mrs AA Rankin, Ice Cream etc per Mrs Finlay, Toys per Mrs James, Biscuits per Mrs Waugh, White Elephant per Mrs ECP Plant, Produce per Mrs Sommerville and Miss Horan, Cakes per Mrs Wade...

21st April 1940

(Raising of funds to build the RAAF Recreation Hut - later renamed Lady Gowrie Hut)

A final statement of the result of the Government House Fair held on April 20, was presented to Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Gowrie, at Government House, last night on the occasion of the final meeting of the Executive of the Canberra War Funds Appeal. The total amount raised for war funds was eight thousand, eight hundred and sixty pounds of which six thousand pounds had already been disbursed to the ACT Division of the Red Cross and the Canberra Volunteer Welfare Association.

Her Excellency last night presented cheques of one thousand four hundred and twenty-nine pounds each to Sir William Clemens, chairman of the ACT Division of the Red Cross and Mr W G Piper for the Canberra Volunteer Welfare Association, her Excellency expressed the hope that the work of the Association would progress in caring for our men.

RAAF RECREATION HUT

Their Excellencies evidenced keen interest in the recreation hut which is to be provided for the RAAF in Canberra. Mr WG Piper informed Their Excellencies that the site for the hut had been approved at Manuka and preparations were in train to put the scheme underway. The Association had already received many offers of assistance in materials and would have the co-operation of Canberra builders. It was hoped that the hut would be ready about six weeks after commencement. Plans for the hut were inspected by Their Excellencies, who were particularly interested in the facilities to be provided particularly the hot showers which they had found would be appreciated by the men...

(Lady Gowrie opened the Services' Hut on 13th March 1941)

22nd April 1940

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CLUB PRACTICE GAMES

With the official opening of the season only a fortnight hence League clubs are in the process of finalizing their training lists. Despite the fact that 36 of last season's players have joined the Forces there is no dearth of players. Coaches have speeded up training to the stage where trial games are necessary to give match practice.

MANUKA

Manuka, last year's runners-up, have no lack of players for selection. Over 40 took part and among those to show form were Faux, Rabi, Dorman, Ware, Colman and Yandell. Among the recruits the most outstanding were Grange, Hancock (Adelaide University) and Toohey. Officials are confident that next week will see two Melbourne League players in the red and black uniform.

AINSLIE

At Northbourne, Ainslie... led by Coach Lionel James played a match against Ainslie Intermediates. Unexpected form was shown by several of the younger players and many seniors will have to look to their laurels this season. Players showed how eager they were to impress the selectors. Outstanding form was given by Martin, Backhouse, Lee, James and Collins. Of the younger division, Jones impressed.

EASTLAKE

At Kingston, Eastlake played a practice match between two eighteens. A number of spectators were present. Outstanding was Curtin, a thirteen stone ruck man from South Melbourne. He looks like filling a long felt want in the side. Eyre, coach, also gave a good display in centre and also Kermode on the half-forward line. Murden showed out at times as did Brodie. Eastlake appears to have remedied the weakness of last season.

Queanbeyan have signed up three of the outstanding Mines Rovers players as well as Lucas, a 6ft ruck man, and Lovell from the Naval Station; they should be a force to be reckoned with. All last season's players are available except Griffith (enlisted) and Kelly who is training with North Melbourne.

ACTON

Acton did not take part in a practice game on Saturday, but players are well advanced in training. Under Reg Watson, Acton has been fortunate in securing some outstanding recruits. Sanderry from South Australia, Buttsworth from North Hobart, Wood, Hobart University; McLean, best and fairest Melbourne Technical Schools are four who must find a place in the side.

RAAF

Air Force have elected Wilson centre half-back from South Australia as captain. They appear to be a well balanced side with a nice blend of youth and experience. Jordan from Fitzroy has shown good form, also Sheriff from Launceston.

27th April 1940

Death notice of the wife of Edward Thomas Chipperfield of 46 Causeway. Her name was Daphne and she died on 12th April 1940 aged 27 years. Mother, Mary Truesdale, died on 27th April 1937. Another notice recorded the death of Mrs Margaret Elva Lavelle who died on 31st March 1940 aged 23 years. The cause of death was from an infection in the ear. Her grave in the RC section of Woden Cemetery was paid by John Henry Lavelle of Howitt Street Kingston.

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An article on Women's Hockey announced that there were 14 teams competing this year.

[From a source I have neglected to document]
Additional Construction Work on RAAF Base at Canberra 30th April 1940 – tender let to Maston – included Administration Operations and Airman's Dining Room and Hangers etc. The work was plagued with problems from the beginning with the result that the men working for Maston complained to the Director General of Works on 24th September 1940. Those who signed their names were: E H Forthsyth, Hatchet, Dukes, Luca, A Noonan, B Wilcox, J Burton, B Tongs, B Dufield, W Horesman, HT Crick, JH Fielding, Browne, J Atkinson, C Lalor, R Bland, L ?, Stock, Rex Bray, GE Mason, A Armstrong, S Dingle, G Rodgers, HS Gillett, H Brinkin, M Goulding, W Scott, N Milner, G Frage ?, E Massingham, J Allan, J Gamble, F McGuigan, D Thompson, M Crombie, L Mitchell, G Waller, A Anderson, H Clarke, LH Mann, F Pointer, A Lalor, L Edmond, J Langham, BG Faulkner, Bray, Brennan, Atlee, Butterley, A wells, O'Johnson, LG Kilpatrick, W Matthews, D Thompson, EH Forsyth JP, F Noonan, RD Stewart JP, H Thompson, J O'Connell, W Cameron, D Smith, J Calbert, O Grubb, C Holt, C Statyer, C Morris, EC Pleac?, A Grubb, JE Phillips, JC Smith, W Tame, J Wicks, E Lonigan, C Frazer, CT Stuart, AC Nelson, R Newick, R Magann, M Turner, A Phillips, LH P'chokon, G Dingle.

In the same file was mention of the new hospital at the RAAF Base.

2nd May 1940

CANBERRA DEVELOPMENT WORKS Building Programme

Development work in Canberra is proceeding steadily and the house building programme although not being pushed forward with the tempo which characterized construction in the immediate pre-war days, is being steadily maintained.

The contractor is making progress with the initial stages of the construction of a large batch of cottages of a cheaper type in the new sub-division being developed in North Ainslie between the bus sheds and Wakefield Gardens while foundations are being laid for a number of brick cottages in the Haig Park area.

The finishing touches are being effected to a section of brick cottages adjoining Canberra Avenue at Kingston near the Railway Station and the builders are at work on the RAAF trainees hutment encampment^{3[3]} between the Milk Depot and the Railway. This camp was established near the Power House about three months ago, but owing to an agitation against the site a new location near the Railway was decided upon.

Work is also proceeding with the new 35,000 pounds hostel at Barton for public servants which is expected will be completed before the end of the year.

At Turner a large number of brick cottages are in various stages of construction, while many have been completed.

The Department of the Interior is pushing forward with its programme for the subdivision of the area of Turner nearest Civic Centre, where a number of new streets are being formed. A start has also been made with the placing of metal on the street fronting the Canberra Drill Hall.

For six months tunnellers have been extending the sewer mains from Turner to the new residential subdivision of O'Connor, on the north-western side of Northbourne plantation.

In the established residential areas of Canberra there are now few allotments available, but the development of the new subdivisions on both sides of the river is keeping pace with the house building programme.

Ministerial Inspection

The Minister for the Interior (Senator HS Foll) accompanied by the Secretary to the Department of the Interior (Mr JA Carrodus) and the Assistant Director-General of Works (Mr WM Mehaffey) paid a visit of inspection yesterday to various works that are being carried out in Canberra with a view to ascertaining the progress of the contracts.

The inspection included visits to the RAAF station at Duntroon, various blocks of cottages in Canberra suburbs, the Fire Station, the Patents Office and the nurses quarters at the Canberra Community Hospital which had been partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning.

MILITIA NOTES Canberra Unit

Commanding officers' parade will be held every Tuesday night until the end of May in order to complete three days' home training.

In addition there will be an all-day parade on May 19 when companies all carry out tactical exercises assisted by signalers, machine gunners and the intelligence section.

Efficiency pay will be made available at an early date. All men who were serving on September 2 1939 will be paid at the rate of 4 pounds a year. Efficient efficiency includes attendances at camps and musketry parades. There are still a number of vacancies in 15 MG Platoon. Men desiring transfers to this Platoon should make application through their company commander.

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PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

The following promotions became effective during the three months camp at Glenfield:

Appointed O/C E Coy: Lieut W JS Atkinson

Promoted Acting Lieutenant (pending gazettal): Sgt JR Brackenreg, Serg J Wittingham

Promoted Warrant Officer, Class II: A/CSM AG Gent.

Promoted Colour Sergeants: A CQMS AE Johnstone, CQMS., Cpl J Somerville, OR Sgt A Cpl WE Jones, OR Sgt.

Promoted Sergeant: Cpl C... , Cpl FJ Seymour, Cpl W H Bray.

Appointed Lance Sergeant: Cpl PW Clemens, Cpl JA McCracken, Pt E Cavanagh, Cpl J Cassidy.

Promoted Corporal: A Cpl R Harrison, A/Cpl PL McAndrews, Pte WA Evans, Pte S Evans, Pte SE Thomas.

Personal Notes

During the absence of the Commanding Officer Lieut-Col AT Paul, MC, DCM, who is still and inmate of the Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick, Major OA Beattie ED is administrating command of the battalion.

Captain RE Weeks of Queanbeyan and Lieutenants JR Crawford, R Donegan, and GC Watson of Canberra are now with the AIF Recruiting Training Depot, Ingleburn.

Lieut FH Ordish has been seconded to the 14th Infantry Brigade as Brigade Transport Officer.

Warrant Officer A Mellor AIC, Regimental Sergeant-Major is in Canberra on leave until May 13.

4th May 1940

Article on planned new hospital for Canberra due to start in June 1940. There were to be 114 beds in the general ward and 24 in the isolation ward.

6th May 1940

Details of an accident on the Queanbeyan Road near Molonglo in which Patrick Hayman, 41 of the Arcade Manuka, Ronald James Hall 26 of Bougainville Street Griffith and Henry Lewis Egan 24 of the Arcade Manuka died. The Woden Cemetery Burial Register adds the following additional information – Mrs Mary Hayman of 417 Pitt Street Sydney paid for the grave of Patrick Hayman of The Arcade Manuka who died on 4th May 1940 aged 41 years. He is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery. James Joseph Egan of Police Station Bathurst paid for the grave in the RC section of Woden Cemetery for Henry Lewis Egan who died on 4th May 1940 aged 29 years. His address was The Arcade Manuka.

7th May 1940

Death notice in the paper of Kathleen May Burns, wife of Claude and mother of Jack who died on 7th May 1940. Her address was Fawkner Street Braddon. The Woden Cemetery Burial Register notes that Kathleen

May Burns died on 7th May 1940 aged 41 years. Her grave in the RC section of Woden Cemetery was paid by Claude Ambrose Burns of Fawkner Street Braddon. Also in the Woden Cemetery Burial Register are William Hugh Miller who died on 6th May 1940 aged 63 and Muriel Catherine Grant who died on 8th May 1940 aged 23 years. William Hugh Miller was buried in the Anglican section of Woden Cemetery and his grave was paid by Emma Mary Elizabeth Miller of Molonglo. Alexander Grant whose address was c/o Mrs Summerell, The Arcade Manuka, paid for the grave of Muriel Grant.

Another notice in the paper noted that people living in the cottages at the abattoirs had to move because the houses were condemned.

9th May 1940

Funeral notice in the paper for Muriel Grant of Westlake. The notice was placed there by her husband *Sandy* Grant of Westlake. The funeral took place at St John's Church at Reid.

13th May 1940

Funeral notice of Elizabeth Margaret Jane Phillips, wife of James Herbert Phillips and mother of Eric, Neville and Mary (or May). She died on 13th May 1940 and lived at 2 Goreen Street Reid. Her grave in the Presbyterian Section of Woden Cemetery was paid by James Herbert Phillips and Elizabeth Phillips was 44 years of age at the time of her death.

16th May 1940

An article in this edition of the paper gives an account of an accident on the Queanbeyan Road in which five people were killed. Three cars collided. Those killed were Patrick Hayman aged 41, Ronald James Hall 26, Lewis Henry Egan 24, William Hugh Miller 63 and Mrs Muriel Grant 23. The cars were driven by David James Hamilton, Mr WT Traynor and Mr RG Gouge. Mr George Reginald Gouge, dairyfarmer, had as passengers in his car his son aged 11 years, Mrs Gouge, her father and Miller. Hamilton had in his car Stella Blewitt, Thelma Grant, Mrs Muriel Grant, Hayman, Egan, and Leslie John Currie. *The Coroner found that the five deceased persons had lost their lives through injuries sustained in the accident on Uriarra Road caused by negligence on the part of David James Hamilton and committed him for trial at the Canberra Supreme Court on charges of manslaughter.*

21st May 1940

**RECRUITING
Intensified Drive
Speeding Up Nation's War Effort**

The Prime Minister (Mr Menzies) is likely to announce plans to intensify the recruiting drive after a meeting of the War Cabinet to-day.

Ministers will discuss the recruiting position in a general review of Australia's war effort. Mr Menzies, in stressing the need for vigorous action by Australia said yesterday that he hoped recruiting for the Seventh Division and Corps troops would be so prompt and enthusiastic as to indicate in a practical form just where Australia stood in the war for her own existence.^{4[4]}

MUNITION OUTPUT

The Prime Minister said that particular attention would be paid by the War Cabinet to the need for accelerated production of munitions and equipment, which to a large extent conditioned Australia's war effort.

The safeguarding of vulnerable points in Australia had been under active consideration and the Commonwealth authorities had been in communication with the States on the question. Mr Menzies also revealed that the position of enemy aliens was being re-examined.

MORE DIVISIONS URGED

In the opinion of Major-General Rankin MHR, three more divisions should be put into training immediately in Australia. Men should be trained in the use of rifles and machine-guns which were available pending the supply of additional equipment.

The Assistant Minister (Senator Collett) said there was room for the greatest intensification and co-ordination of the war effort in every direction. He thought that this would be forthcoming as it was in the last war when the situation was critical.^{5[5]}

24th May 1940

Announcement of the death of Jean Marie Ryan of Liversidge Street Acton aged 14 years. She was the daughter of AJ Ryan of Giles Street Kingston and her grave was paid by Mrs Agnes Irene Ryan of Liversidge Street Acton. Jean Marie Ryan is buried in the RC Section of Woden Cemetery.

A later issued of the paper noted the death of Marie May Carter on 28th May 1940. She was the wife of Reginald Carter and daughter of Mr and Mrs J Begent of Hargreaves Crescent. The Burial Register of the Woden Cemetery notes that her grave in the Methodist section of Woden Cemetery was paid by James Begent and that at the time of her death she was 29 years of age.

3rd June 1940

Death notice of Arthur McCarthy O'Leary. The Woden Cemetery Burial Register reveals that his grave in the ex-servicemen's section of Woden Cemetery was paid by Arthur D'Arcy on behalf of the Returned Soldiers. He died on 3rd June aged 63 years.

11th June 1940

**SECOND AIF
Enlistments for 8th Division
NSW QUOTA OF 7,000**

MELBOURNE, Monday – The Minister for the Army (Mr Street) stated to-day that more than 90,000 men may be under arms in the AIF. He added that the position depended on the rate of enlistment and the need for reinforcements.

About 73,000 men would be raised for the First Australian Corps troops. He said it is hoped that the 8th Division will be in training by the end of July. It was unofficially announced that a total of 20,000 reinforcements would be raised by September.

The NSW quota^{6[6]} for the 8th Division would be about 7,000. The men would be drawn from the reception depots at Sydney, Newcastle, Tamworth and Wagga. It is learned that the "day boy" companies consisting of troops who will live at home and attend camp each day for training will be filled by Wednesday.

CANBERRA ENLISTMENTS

At the Canberra Drill Hall yesterday 14 men enlisted for service in the AIF while there were also three inquiries for the Air Force. On Saturday morning 21 men attended for preliminary medical examination.

The buffet for the distribution of refreshments to the recruits on Saturday was conducted by Mrs AT Paul and Miss Paul.

CANBERRA DRIVE

The AIF Recruiting Committee at its meeting on Sunday night received a report that arrangements had been made with the authorities for a room to be available in the Jolimont Buildings, Civic Centre, for use as a recruiting office, and it is expected that the room will be ready for occupation this week.

To obviate delay in the examination of recruits it is proposed to have a doctor in attendance at specified periods.

Following the request to the Defence Department that a recruiting officer be appointed the Department suggested that an endeavour be made to have the work undertaken by volunteers and the committee decided to adopt that suggestion; they will be pleased to hear from any retired gentleman who would be prepared to act. The work will necessitate the attendance at the recruiting office during hours to be arranged for the

purpose of assisting recruits in filling in attestation papers and the recording of same. Any person who is prepared to act in that capacity is invited to get into communication with the president (Mr HJ Gates), Department of the Interior, or the hon-secretary, Mr TW White, Wentworth Avenue, Kingston, phone 933.

28th June 1940

INDUSTRIAL BOARD AWARD VARIATIONS SOUGHT

The ACT Industrial Board yesterday heard evidence in connection with a dispute between the Plumbers and Gasfitters' Union and the Carpenters' Union in which an interpretation was sought as to whether the work of fitting fibrous cement roofing should be done by plumbers or carpenters.

The NSW Branch of the Plumbers and Gasfitters' Union asked the Board to set out a line of demarcation regarding the fixing of corrugated fibrous cement roofing sheets. It was claimed that this work should be done by plumbers, not carpenters.

Mr G Holden submitted the claim on behalf of the Plumbers Union why Mr O Bryant (Carpenters' Union) contested the claim and urged that the work should continue to be carried out by carpenters.

Mr CJ Tetaz on behalf of the Department of the Interior opposed the application.

Thomas Robertson, Oak's Estate, stated that he was employed as a leading hand plumber of the Department of the Interior. Corrugated cement roofing sheeting had superseded iron and tiles to a certain extent. At present cement roofing sheets were being fixed by carpenters, although the flashings and down pipes were fitted by the plumbers. He admitted that he had not been called upon to fix the corrugated cement sheets on new buildings in the Territory but had carried out repair work with this class of material. In other parts of the Commonwealth the fixing of cement roofing sheets was recognised as plumbers' work. This class of work had developed in the ACT only in recent years.

Bruce McFadyen, plumber, Canberra, stated that since the war started corrugated cement sheets had largely supplanted iron for roofing. He had fixed this material on roofs since coming to Canberra 18 months ago, and had also had experience in the work at Goulburn and on the south coast. Plumbers' kits included tools for fixing cement sheets.

Henry Gaylard, carpenter, Russell Hill, stated that during his eight years experience in Canberra he had handled tons of cement roofing sheets on the roof of the War Memorial and at other public buildings. He had never known the work to have been carried out by plumbers.

Mr Holden submitted that fitting of fibrous plaster roofing sheets had been recognised as plumbers' work in Victoria.

Mr Bryant held that the established custom in the ACT under which carpenters had always done this class of work should not be disturbed...

29th June 1940

Tenders accepted for Canberra Hospital - 94,100 pounds. Concrete Constructions mentioned and the above tender did not include the doctor's residence.

**SNOWY RIVER MARCH
ARRIVING IN CANBERRA ON JULY 9
District Recruits May Join**

A Snowy River march similar in that which took place during the war on 1914-18 will leave Delegate on July 6. Men will be enlisted at the various centres between Delegate and Goulburn.

Arrangements have been made for the welfare of the men, and it is hoped that a contingent from Canberra will join the marchers from the Snowy River.

Men enlisting in Canberra may await the arrival of the Snowy River contingent and join the march through Kingston, Manuka and City on Tuesday July 9.

The Snowy River men will leave Delegate at 3.30 pm on July 6, proceeding via Bombala to Cooma where they are timed to arrive on July 8. They will leave Cooma on July 9, and arrive in Canberra about mid-day. From Canberra the contingent will go to Queanbeyan, thence to Bungendore and Tarrago en-route to Goulburn where they will be taken over by the military authorities. After the final examination the recruits, if so desired can secure leave to return home.

CANBERRA WELCOME

Arrangements for the reception of the marchers at Canberra are being made by the Recruiting and Welfare Committee.

At 11.30 am on July 9, Canberra recruits and the Pipe band will assemble at Kingston Park and when joined by the main party from Snowy River will march through Kingston and Manuka. At Parliament House a wreath will be placed on the Cenotaph and two minutes silence observed. The men will be conveyed to Civic Centre where the march will be continued. They will be entertained at a luncheon at Hotel Civic. After lunch the contingent will be conveyed to Queanbeyan where other functions are being arranged.

The president of the Canberra Recruiting Committee (Mr HJ Gates) expressed the hope last night that a good response would be forthcoming from the ACT.

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It is interesting to note that Mr E Corey of Causeway,⁷⁷¹ Canberra, was one of the men who took part in the first Snowy River march during the Great War. He has the distinction of being the only man in the British Army holding the Military Medal with three bars.

An appeal is being launched by the recruiting committee for funds to defray expenses associated with the Snowy River march. Each recruit will receive 3/- per day until he is taken over by the Defence authorities. Provision is being made at Canberra for the preliminary training of men who have enlisted in the Air Force, and who have not yet been called up.

QUEANBEYAN RALLY

The Queanbeyan and Yarrawlumla Shire Recruiting Committee is making arrangements for the men to stay overnight in Queanbeyan on July 9. On that night a recruiting rally will be held in Monaro Street with the Queanbeyan Band, speakers, a recruiting officer and a local medical practitioner in attendance.

10th July 1940

TENNIS WAR FUND TOURNAMENT

A Ladies doubles American Tournament will be conducted tomorrow in aid of war funds. Participants are requested to attend the courts specified punctually. Play commences at 9.30am.

SECTION 1 - AT FORREST

Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Rees
Mrs Taylor and Mrs Jamieson
Mrs Hughson and Mrs Lightley
Mrs Taylor and Mrs Elson
Mrs Burk and Mrs McAlister
Mrs Solly and Mrs Ayrton
Mrs Porch and Mrs Holland
Mrs Vest and Mrs Mahoney
Mrs Bruce and Miss Bruce

SECTION 2 - AT MANUKA

Mrs Fielding and Mrs Barber
Mrs Bellhouse and Mrs Drake
Mrs Timbs and Mrs Kennedy
Mrs Douglas and Mrs Thorpe
Mrs Droop and Mrs Willington
Mrs Boyd and Mrs Weaver
Mrs H Taylor and Mrs Hughes
Miss T Southwell and Mrs Bruce
Mrs Kingsley and Mrs Barchard

SECTION 3 - AT MANUKA

Mrs Bland and Mrs Cusack
Mrs Gowing and Mrs Smith
Mrs Limbeck and Mrs Wark
Mrs Keage and Mrs Osmond

Mrs Allbright and Mrs Kent
Mrs Farrell and Mrs Lott
Mrs Cox and Mrs Harvey
Mrs Edwards and Mrs Crawley
Mrs Marriott and Mrs McCloskey

SECTION 4 - AT FORREST

Mrs Fleming and Mrs Condon
Mrs Cox and Mrs Day
Mrs Muir and Mrs Vest
Mrs Davidson and Mrs Cross
Mrs Devlin and Mrs Oldfield
Mrs Ryan and Miss Gowing
Mrs Riddle and Miss Axelby
Mrs McArthur and Mrs Stewart
Miss G Vest and Miss Shumack

SECTION 5 - AT REID

Mrs Miles and Mrs Adamson
Mrs Neilson and Mrs Clancy
Mrs Hunt and Mrs Southwell
Mrs Hintingford and Mrs Hardy
Mrs Buckmaster and Miss Webb
Mrs Kearney and Mrs Byrne
Mrs Moore and Mrs Kennett
Mrs Torrance and Mrs Smith
Mrs Edwards and Mrs Denton

SECTION 6 - AT MANUKA

Mrs O'Neill and Mrs Cantle
Mrs Dixon and Miss Cameron
Mrs Tompkins and Mrs Easter
Mrs Johnston and Mrs Hawke
Miss Taylor and Mrs C Limbeck
Mrs Lansing and Mrs Delminico
Mrs Rumble and Mrs Gadd
Mrs Saunders and Mrs Ramsay
Mrs Jackson and Mrs Rimmington

SECTION 7 - AT REID

Mrs Schenk and Mrs Payne
Mrs Delatter and Mrs Henderson
Mrs Duncan and Mrs Israel
Miss McAlister and Mrs Kellie
Miss Griffiths and Mrs Canavan
Mrs Finch and Mrs Gilchrist
Mrs Gillard and Mrs Stent
Mrs Bailey and Mrs Perriman
Mrs Burgess and Mrs Peterson

SECTION 8 - AT MANUKA

Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Johnston
Mrs Hope and Mrs Ross
Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Black
Mrs Cotter and Mrs Armstrong
Mrs Huddy and Mrs Bradley
Mrs Bower and Mrs Smith
Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Backhouse
Mrs Pye and Mrs Darwon
Mrs Limbert and Mrs Ratcliffe.



**21st August 1940
LADY GOWRIE PRESENTS CHEQUE TO CANBERRA WAR FUND**

A final statement of the result of the Government House Garden Fair held on April 20, was presented by Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Gowrie at Government House, Canberra last night on the occasion of the final meeting of the Executive of the Canberra War Funds Appeal.

The total amount raised for war funds was 8,860 pounds of which 6,000 pounds had already been disbursed to the ACT Division of the Red Cross, and the Canberra Volunteer Welfare Association.

Her Excellency last night presented cheques of 1,149 pounds each to Sir William Clemens, chairman of the ACT Division of the Red Cross, and Mr WG Piper, chairman of the Canberra Volunteer Association.

The chairman of the Executive (Mr WG Woodger) in presenting the accounts, said that special thanks were due to the secretary of the Executive, Mr T Leaper, and the treasurer, Mr HF Sheridan.

Mr Woodger said that whatever success had been achieved by the Executive and the many helpers had been very largely due to the inspiration they had received from Her Excellency.

In accepting the cheques, the Lady Gowrie said that for both Lord Gowrie and herself the day of the Fair had been one of happiest days of their lives. "What was so delightful," said Lady Gowrie, "was the wonderful spirit of good fellowship and good feeling throughout and how everyone worked so splendidly. We both thank you with all our hearts." Presenting the cheque for 1,429 pounds to Sir William Clemens of the ACT Division of the Red Cross, the Lady Gowrie said, "This is the result of a great day's work,

31st July 1940

Car Registrations

1935-36	1935-36	1268
1936-37	1936-37	1783
1937-38	1937-38	1977
1938-39	1938-39	2318
1939-40	1939-40	2441

June 30th 1940 Cars 1847, Lorries 413, Cycles 91, Hire Cars 7, Omnibuses 31, Ambulances 2, Trucks 30. Drivers' licenses - 3371.

Funeral of a person named Ashworth who died on 3rd August 1940 aged 14. Lived Gungahlin. The child's name was Mervyn Henry Ashworth who died on 2nd August 1940 (Woden Cemetery Burial Register) age 14 years. He is buried in the RC section of Woden Cemetery and his grave was paid by Edward W T (or J) of Yass Road Gungahlin.

27th July 1940

Article in the paper that mentions that the USA Legation established in Canberra. The US Minister Mr C Gauss and staff leased the home of Sir Harry Sheehan as the official residence. Servants quarters were added to the home.

113th August 1940 - Hudson Bomber carrying amongst its passengers three cabinet minister and the Chief of General Staff, James Valentine Fairbairn crashed with the deaths of all on board. The aerodrome renamed Fairbairn after the Chief of General Staff.

indeed of many week's work. You cannot know what a great pleasure it gives me to hand you this cheque."

In presenting the cheque to Mr Piper for the Canberra Volunteer Welfare Association, Her Excellency expressed the hope that the work of the Association would progress in caring for our men.

RAAF RECREATION HUT

Their Excellencies evidenced keen interest in the recreation hut which is to be provided for the RAAF in Canberra. Mr WG Piper informed Their Excellencies that the site for the hut had been approved at Manuka and preparations were in train to put the scheme under way. The Association had already received many offers of assistance in materials and would have the co-operation of Canberra builders. It was hoped that the hut would be ready about six weeks after the commencement.

Plans of the hut were inspected by Their Excellencies who were particularly interested in the facilities to be provided, particularly hot showers which they had found would be appreciated by the men.^{8[8]}

28th October 1940

CANBERRA GIRLS Service Club to Work for Soldiers

The Canberra AIF Girls Service Club was formed at an inaugural meeting at the Hotel Civic last night when plans were discussed for sending gifts to Canberra boys who have joined the AIF.

The work of the club will take the form of knitting bees and the organizing of a series of functions to raise funds for the purchasing of small gifts to be sent to the Canberra soldiers.

Already steps have been taken to secure the names of individual members of the AIF so that parcels may be sent to them. The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday night at the Hotel Civic and an invitation is extended to the young ladies of Canberra to attend. Inquiries as to the nature of the work of the club may be made at the Hotel Civic (phone 674). The following office bearers were elected: President Mrs HH Gregory, vice-president Miss P McLean, secretary Mrs W Veale, treasurer Miss Norma Gregory. The social hostesses for July are Mrs E Stubbington and Miss Norma Gregory.

At the conclusion of the meeting it was announced that donations had been received from Mrs Hargreaves 2 pounds, Mr Cooper 1 pound 1 shilling, and Mr G Francis 1 pound 1 shilling.

13th November 1940

PLANS FOR GRIFFITH AND TURNER GOVERNMENT TO BUILD 200 HOUSES

Plans are being prepared by the Commonwealth Government for the erection of 200 more houses in Canberra. The houses will be built at Griffith and Turner, will comprise structures of four, five and six rooms, the estimated rentals ranging from 23/- to 38/6. This was announced yesterday by the Minister for the Interior (Senator Foll) in a statement outlining the progress of home building in the national capital.

Senator Foll said that the Government owned homes in Canberra were valued at approximately 2,035,926 pounds. At the end of September there were 1574 cottages compared with 1182 in June 1938, while a further 215 were under construction apart from the 200 for which plans were being prepared pending final approval.

At the same date, the Minister added, there were 390 privately owned homes erected on Government land under 99 year leases.

Large Waiting List

Senator Foll's statement reveals there is still a waiting list of 407 applicants for homes of whom only 113 are Government employees.

Of the houses under construction, said the Minister, 72 were brick cottages, 21 at Ainslie, 31 at Turner and 20 at Turner. Those at Ainslie are four or five rooms, the approximate rentals being from 18/6 to 25/-; those at Turner of five and six rooms (30/- to 42/-) and those at Braddon of five rooms (27/6 to 31/-). The remaining 143 were fibrolite and timber houses at Ainslie, all being five roomed dwellings at rentals ranging from about 19/- to 23/6.

Senator Foll declared that the housing problem had been complicated in consequence of the war. The construction of the RAAF station at Canberra had caused the defence authorities to estimate that 150 houses would be required for members of the Air Force.

"Some of the present personnel have already been accommodated," declared Senator Foll, "but we have not yet received information as to future requirements. However, the few men still waiting can be met from houses now available, while approximately 100 of the homes under construction are intended for members of the Air Force. Should they not be required for this purpose, they will be available for applicants who are not in the fighting services."

Low Rental Provision

Dealing with rentals, Senator Foll pointed out that particular attention had been paid of recent years to making provision for those in receipt of comparatively low incomes. Houses of four rooms (including kitchen) and five rooms had been provided at rentals

ranging from 17/- to 25/- respectively, but a number of five room houses had been let at 19/-.

The rental of the better type of four room houses usually occupied by lower paid Public Servants is about 27/- per week, and five rooms at from 27/6 to 34/-, while the rental of an average type six-room house ranges from about 32/6 to 2 pounds per week.

Molonglo to be Abolished

In regard to tenements, Senator Foll said there were about 263 at Acton, The Causeway, Molonglo and Westlake. They were erected some years ago to accommodate workmen engaged on constructional work, but those at Molonglo were being demolished as they became vacant.

Originally there had been 98 tenements ^{9[9]} at Molonglo, but it was intended to abolish this settlement as early as practicable, and already the number had been reduced to 43.

Dealing with the accommodation at hotels and hostels, Senator Foll said that these provided for approximately 1,273 persons. Of these 350 were provided for at the Government controlled Hotel Kurrajong and Gorman House, while the remainder were accommodated at hotels, boarding houses or private houses either erected by private enterprise or leased from the Government. In addition several blocks of flats had been erected privately.

The Barton Guest House, which was being built by the Government would be ready early next year, and would provide accommodation for 132, while a new boarding house for 20 guests was being built privately at Griffith.

Future Programme in Doubt

"At present," concluded Senator Foll, "I cannot say definitely what additional housing and accommodation will be provided in Canberra. The future programme is necessarily somewhat indefinite. It must be realised that defence needs come first and it is largely a question of what finance can be made available for Canberra housing as to just what programme of construction we can adopt. I fully realise the necessity of providing additional accommodation, and as far as finance permits my department will continue to do its best to provide that accommodation."

6th February 1941

CYCLISTS WITHOUT LIGHTS

Before Mr MJ Ryan PM, at the Canberra Court of Petty Sessions yesterday Albert Reynolds 20, of Causeway, was fined 10/- in default 4 days with 8/6d costs for having ridden a bicycle on December 19

without a light. Reynolds who pleaded guilty was allowed 14 days to pay.

Sergeant Bailey said that it was Reynold's second offence for riding a cycle without a light.

Arthur Forster of Braddon Flats was fine 10/- with 8/6d costs for having ridden a bicycle without a light. Seven days to pay was allowed. Sergeant Bailey stated that the defendant had a lamp on his cycle but it was not alight. When questioned by the constable, he switched the light on. It was Forster's second offence. Forster said that the vibrations due to the uneven surface of Commonwealth Bridge had caused his light go out. He had broken three lamps when crossing the bridge. Sergeant Bailey agreed that the corrugations even affected the headlamps of cars.

WORKERS NOT INSURED

Alexander John Bradley of Oak's Estate was proceeded against by the Department of the Interior for having failed to obtain an insurance policy to cover men who were working for him at Uriarra on January 9. A second charge of having failed to comply with a notice to produce a policy was withdrawn.

Mr J Mills of the Attorney-General's Department, appeared for the Department of the Interior. He said that on January 19 an inspector went to Uriarra and questioned Bradley who stated that he had made arrangements with a company for a cover of 150 pounds. He had found that this amount was insufficient and had then contacted a Sydney firm. At the time of the inspector's visit, however, the eight men working for him were not covered. In reply to the Magistrate, Bradley said that the men had worked three weeks without cover.

Mr Ryan PM: "What would have happened if an accident had occurred?"

Bradley: "Nothing happened."

Mr Ryan PM: "You never can tell. What would happen to a man if he were injured and you could not pay his expenses? It is a very serious thing."

Bradley was fined 5 pounds with 6/6 costs in default 22 days.

NO TOBACCO LICENCE

Edward Oliver Gumley, shop proprietor of Manuka Arcade, was fined 1 pound with 10/6 costs for having sold cigarettes on October 23 without having a licence. The defendant pleaded guilty, saying that it was purely an oversight. He had had a licence for years, but it had expired a few days before the visit of the inspector, and he had forgotten to renew it.

Mr J Mills who appeared for the Department of the Interior, said that under the Ordinance the defendant was required to hold a licence to sell tobacco. On October 23 an inspector had purchased a packet of

cigarettes from an employee. The defendant was not in the shop at the time.

UNATHORISED GRAZING

John Carpenter Tickner of Farrar Street Braddon was fined 10/- with 6/6d costs for having allowed animals to stray on December 4. Tickner pleaded guilty. Mr J Mills for the Department of the Interior, said that an inspector had found a flock of sheep on a lane branching off Majura Road. The sheep had been put there on December 3. Although the lane was generally regarded as a stock reserve, it had never been gazetted as one because the military authorities made use of it. Mr Mills said that whilst the sheep were grazing in the area, another flock was driven in, and the sheep became boxed....

(The club was opened on 13th March 1941 by Her Excellency, the Lady Gowrie)

CANBERRA SERVICES CLUB

HISTORY OF THE CANBERRA SERVICES CLUB

(This article is from their own journal, not *The Canberra Times*. It refers to an article written in 1940 when money was raised for the building of the club.)

The Club premises are located at Manuka in the southern portion of the building known as the *Lady Gowrie Services Club*. The building was erected and furnished in 1941 by the Canberra Services Welfare Association. The majority of the funds for this project were raised at a Garden Fete held in the grounds of Government House on April 20, 1940 with other funds raised by the Association from raffles, stalls and direct gifts from the public. It must be acknowledged, however, that Lady Gowrie was the inspiration for *The Hut*, as it was affectionately known, and personally was responsible for many contributions of money and furnishings from various prominent people of the day. Her Excellency, the Lady Gowrie, opened the LGS Club on March 13, 1941, and was President until 1944, being succeeded by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester who was President until 1946. Everyday for five years recreation and meals were provided for men and women of the Australian, British Commonwealth and Allied Forces, more than one million meals being served.

Voluntary services were supplied by more than 500 ladies of Canberra and the Australian Capital Territory...

The Presidents were: 1947-48 and 1948-49 RG Parker, 1949-50 J Lewis and CR Coel, 1950-51 CA Quin, 1951-52 A Griffiths, 1952-53 CA Quin, 1953-54 RC Binnie, 1954-55 H Knight, 1955-56 and 1956-57 A W Lloyd, 1958-59 AR Muddle, 1959-60 H Knight.

3rd April 1941

HOME DEFENCE GARRISON RESERVE CANBERRA UNITS TO TRAIN

It is anticipated that about 80 returned soldiers will entrain at Canberra on Sunday afternoon for Port Kembla where they will receive training for three weeks over the Easter holidays.

Last minute enlistments have assumed the proportions of a minor rush and Captain WF Jones MC is endeavouring to assist late-comers through the preliminaries of medical examinations and attestation, and to equip as many of them as possible before they leave for camp.

A number of returned soldiers who are unable to get away this year, desire to enlist in the Battalion as soon as it returns from Port Kembla; and there is a good prospect that Canberra will achieve a full company of 120 supporters by platoon of about 30 from Queanbeyan.

The response from the district has exceeded expectations, and Captain Jones drew attention to the fact that so large a number of returned soldiers have succeeded in passing the prescribed medical tests, notwithstanding an average age in excess of 40 years.

The route march of the Canberra Company through Queanbeyan last Sunday provided proved a success from several angles. The march to the alternate playing of the Queanbeyan Brass Band and the Canberra Highland Society Pipe Band was enjoyed.

At the Council Chambers where the Mayor took the salute there was a warm ovation by the crowd in appreciation of the marching. Afterwards in the Park, when the call for Queanbeyan recruits made by the Mayor and the local committee and to Inspector Gray for his handling of the crowd.

Enthusiasm in Queanbeyan rivals that in Canberra and regret has been expressed that there is not more opportunity for recruiting there before the unit enters camp.

The Canberra Company will assemble in Kingston Reserve at the rear of Kingston shops where the roll will be called, rail warrants issued and final instructions given. Mr WJ Perry has offered to transport all luggage from that point to the train. The troops will then march to the railway station. The time of assembly and departure is yet to be announced. Queanbeyan men will entrain at Queanbeyan.

Captain Jones has called for a short final parade in uniform at 2 pm on Saturday at the Drill Hall, Turner. He expects then to be in a position to complete all arrangements and issue final instructions. After the parade he proposes to go to Queanbeyan and inspect recruits in that centre.

The departure of so many members of the RSL Volunteer Defence Corps who represent the vanguard conforming to the Government's decision to bring the Corps under direct arm control, is noteworthy. It indicates the widespread desire among returned soldiers to take a more active share in the country's defence.

The 13th Reserve Garrison Battalion is being enlisted from returned men who are prepared to undergo part-time training, and who are ready, should the need arise, to shoulder the responsible duty of first line defence against attack on...

4th April 1941

COMMITTEE OPPOSES TEMPORARY OFFICE START ON PERMANENT BUILDING FAVOURED RECOMMENDATION FOR CANBERRA

The construction of the central section of the main administrative block at Canberra at a cost of 216,000 pounds is it is understood being recommended to the Government by the Public Works Committee.

The Committee has been inquiring into Government proposals to build two temporary secretariats at the rear of Parliament House to provide urgently required office accommodation was expressed by the president of the Canberra Chamber of Commerce (Mr WG Woodger) and the editor of "The Canberra Times" (Mr AF Shakespeare) before the Parliamentary Works Committee yesterday.

Each outlined plans to provide the accommodation without the erection of the secretariats. Each plan conformed strictly with the Griffin Plan. Mr Shakespeare urged that the proposed building should be abandoned in favour of commencement of the erection of the permanent Commonwealth Administrative Offices. He said that when the proposed buildings were completed they would fall short of the accommodation required and this proposal would then be followed by another for further provisional buildings.

Mr Shakespeare expressed full approval when he learned that the Public Works Committee would give consideration to a scheme to build to the planned height of five stories. He was mainly concerned that a start should be made on the permanent building. The accommodation problem could only be permanently solved in that way.

Mr Woodger suggestion was that the Government should complete the building of Melbourne Buildings at Civic Centre. He said that the area which was now an eye-sore and was not required at present for shop purposes could be developed for 50,000 pounds. He claimed that the area could be developed in six months if work were put in hand immediately. The block would provide office accommodation for 500. Later when the population of Canberra increased the block could be sold for use as shops.

Mr Woodger said that he could not conceive of any risk of loss to the Government in his scheme. The area if developed would cost the Government 1/- a square foot rent in comparison with 5/- or 6/- as in Sydney or Melbourne. He said that he agreed that there was no doubt that the erection of the permanent administration building would be the best thing for the development of Canberra, before it rises for Easter.

HERITAGE OF PAST NEGLECTED

Mr Shakespeare contended that the present proposal arises from a policy of neglecting the essential requirements of the Federal Capital in general and of public service accommodation at the Seat of Government in particular.

On December 12 1924 the Government offered for sale by auction 99 year leases for business and residential purposes. In the advertisement the Government made certain representations and inducements for the purchase of leases. These constituted a warranty, the fulfillment of which was to be accepted as conditions that would be fulfilled by the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth represented its intentions of transferring the whole of the central staffs from Melbourne to Canberra by December 1934.

The Commonwealth commenced the foundations for the offices in 1924 (? -last number obscured) and it has since defaulted in its Canberra commitments.

FINANCIAL CAPACITY TO BUILD

Various reasons have been put forward to excuse that failure. First there was the economic depression but recovery set in either in 1931 or 1932. Nevertheless the resumption of the Canberra programme was not proceeded with and the reason put forward from year to year was "financial stringency." According to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, there had been since July 1 1931 and up to June 30, 1939, an unbroken succession of surpluses. They are as follows: 1931-32, 1,314,091 pounds; 1932-33, 3,456,608 pounds; 1933-34, 1,301,570 pounds; 1934-35, 711,205 pounds; 1935-36, 3,567,720 pounds; 1936-37, 1,267,558 pounds; 1937-38, 3,494,733 pounds; 1938-39, 627,309 pounds. The total for eight years was 15,839,794 pounds. Thus there was financial capacity to provide Commonwealth offices in Canberra to fulfill the requirements of the Government declared programme but there was "lacking the fixity of purpose to proceed to that end.

In his budget speech on September 10, 1936, Mr RG Casey said, "It is now proposed to undertake a programmed of works extending over several years with the object of removing to Canberra the staffs of the Defence and Postmaster-Generals departments. These works include the erection of administration buildings, a considerable number of cottages, additional school accommodation and extension of the water supply and sewerage systems."

STOP GAP PROPOSAL

The present proposal takes its root in persistent neglect to embark on a far-seeing programme of development and is merely a stop-gap proposal. Successive Governments had failed to provide office accommodation in keeping with the growth of the public service personnel in Canberra.

During the period of this expansion, no permanent office building was erected in Canberra to cater for the increased staffs. A series of expedients was resorted to and small extensions were made until the existing secretariat buildings bulged. At Acton the Department of the Interior has added a considerable space of temporary structures to its existing offices.

The need for additional office accommodation has been growing since 1933 and has been pushed aside by every administration. The attempt to justify the present proposal on the ground of urgency may, therefore be regarded as a further condemnation of the past, but it is not necessarily a reliable guide to what should be done in the future.

According to every measure, the expansion at Canberra is not at an end. There is a natural increase unaffected by war conditions and each added war strain and the approach of peace problems will render additional accommodation both necessary and one day more urgent than the present proposal.

From my observations I consider that when the present building is finished if not before, this committee will be faced with another provisional building on the ground that the Minister of the day is at his wit's end to provide office accommodation.

I do not consider that it is specially urgent that this particular scheme should be proceeded with to relieve the present embarrassment. I do believe that this accommodation should be provided on the permanent foundations.

USE OF HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

According to the evidence of the Minister the proposed secretariats could be completed in six months and that justifies the present proposal in preference to the permanent offices. The period of six months however means six months from the time of starting.

That would be about nine months from to-day after allowance is made for the necessary preliminaries to the starting of the job by the contractor. By that time the present buildings used by the Canberra hospital could be used for offices.

As this alternative would relieve the position as speedily as the proposed secretariats the permanent offices could be proceeded with in the meantime.



Old Acton Hospital – photograph taken late 1990s.

CONTRARY TO FUNDAMENTALS OF GRIFFIN PLAN

The Minister's proposal is in conflict with the principles of the Griffin Plan. That plan was primarily a design for the building of Canberra the details of which were not completed by the designer. The essential consideration in the preservation of the plan is to avoid development that would conflict with its principles.

While modification of the plan in the direction of suiting the geometric pattern to modern needs can be justified, the whole principle of the plan would be spoiled by the erection of a building out of harmony with its basic conception. The area on which it is proposed to erect these secretariats is part of the Government centre on which it was intended to set up permanent buildings of monumental design. Already, the existing secretariats have intruded on what may be termed sacred ground, but to carry provisional building in towards the centre land axis running through Capitol Hill towards Mount Ainslie would be a serious matter.

To embark on a programme of putting provisional or even temporary buildings over this portion of the Government area is fundamentally contrary to the whole conception of the Griffin plan.

In April 1939 a National Capital Planning and Development Committee reported to the Minister its opinion that the erection of provisional buildings in permanent materials had reached a stage beyond which it would not be wise to proceed. This proposal conflicts with all these expert opinions and declared policies.

PROCRASTINATION POLICY ATTACKED

The erection of permanent Commonwealth Offices in Canberra has been deferred since 1923, and whenever public service accommodation requirements have dictated that the work should be proceeded with the stated reason against action being taken has been the time factor.

The Public Works Committee decided in 1923...

**CANBERRA COURT
On Licensed Premises**

Austin Finlay, Molonglo, William Staughair, Acton, Gavan Doyle, Queanbeyan and Patrick Donaldson, Canberra pleaded guilty at the Canberra Court of Petty Sessions yesterday to charges of having been unlawfully on hotel premises.

Each defendant was fined 10/- with costs.

Sergeant Bailey said that on March 13 in company with Senior Constable Hilton he was returning from the Hall Show and had cause to enter the Hotel Civic in search of a suspect. It was about 7 o'clock in the evening. He entered the parlour and found the defendants. They had no right to be on the premises as it was after closing time and they were there simply for the sake of obtaining liquor. However, he was not out of sympathy with the men. They had been at the Hall Show and conditions at the Show had been very hot and dusty. That, however, was not the question. They should have obtained their liquor before closing time.

Mr Ryan, PM: Is it their first offence?

Sergt Bailey: Yes. This sort of thing is very rare here.

For having sold liquor after hours Henry Herbert Johnson, manager of the Hotel Civic was fined 10/- with 8/6d costs.

Sergeant Bailey said that the offence occurred on the same day as the Hall Show and arose out of the action taken by the police against the four previous defendants.

Mr WHB Dickson appeared for Johnson and said that on the day in question his client had been absent at the Hall Show conducting a booth there. He had left instructions with the porters not to serve anyone. The porters, however, had mistaken the four men for bona fide travellers¹⁰¹⁰ and had admitted them to the hotel. On the day of the Hall Show there were many travellers about.

In fining Johnson, Mr Ryan, PM, said that it was sometimes very hard to know who was a traveller and who was not. Occasionally one or two strays got in...

**TRAFFIC BREACHES
Excessive Speed**

Before Mr MJ Ryan at the Canberra Court of Petty Sessions yesterday Phillip Furley radio announcer, was fined one pound with 8/6 costs for having driven a motor vehicle in excess of the speed limit on March 13.

Mr JL Maguire appeared for Furley and Sergeant Bailey conducted the Crown case. Sergeant Bailey

said that on March 13, the day of the Hall Show, in company with another policeman, he was pursuing another vehicle in the police car. A car driven by Furley passed the police car and he estimated that this car was travelling between 50 and 60 miles per hour. The incident took place on the Federal Highway and although the speed limit in New South Wales is 50 miles per hour, the limit on the highway which is within the territory is 30 miles per hour...

DRIVING WITHOUT LICENCE

Pleading guilty to having driven a motor car without a license, Gloria Hush of Mt Ainslie camp, was fined 10/- with 8/6d costs. Sergeant Bailey said that on March 28 the police attention was drawn to the manner in which a motor car was being driven along the Canberra Duntroon Road. Mrs Hush was the driver. When interrogated she said she was learning to drive her husband's car. Her husband was in the car with her at the time. Asked if she had a permit to drive, Mrs Hush replied that she did not...

22nd April 1941

**CAUSEWAY GIVES LEAD TO CITY
Welfare Association Formed**

An enthusiastic meeting of citizens of Causeway last night decided to throw the full weight of a newly formed Causeway Welfare Association behind the efforts of the YMCA in their endeavours to assist the youth of Causesway.

The meeting welcomed the General Secretary of the Canberra YMCA (Mr Glover) who outlined a programme which would assist the girls and youths. The meeting authorized the provisional committee of 15 which was elected at a previous meeting to continue in office for 12 months. The objects of this committee are to deal with social and civic problems affecting Causeway. Several speakers emphasized the importance of this work and the lead that was being set to the rest of Canberra.

The meeting elected Messrs H Bladen, R Douch and C Hiland as trustees of the Causeway Hall, Mr CS Daley having made it clear that the hall would probably be handed back to the welfare committee to control.

Mr Hiland detailed events which had led to the holding of the meeting. Statements had been made in the Press to which residents objected. The Provisional Board of the YMCA had been consulted and matters had now been straightened out. Mr Hiland read to the meeting a letter from Mr Glover, which was as follows:- "It is evident that my talk to the hockey club on Monday March 17 has caused pain to many whom in my work I had hoped to serve. This I deeply regret, and trust that in the near future your committee will give me the opportunity to discuss with them ways and means to brighten the future of youth work not only in your district but throughout Canberra. I

feel that the problems being faced by youth not only in this city but throughout Australia need the help of thoughtful citizens and as your committee has the community welfare at heart they can contribute in no small way toward bringing about a clearer and more sympathetic understanding of the young people's problems."

A motion that the meeting accept Mr Glover's statement was moved by Mr H Bladen and seconded by Mr E Knight and was carried unanimously.

Mr Glover announced that he would resume activities at the Causeway on Wednesday night. The Chairman of the Provisional Board of the YMCA (Mr CS Daley) expressed satisfaction that the meeting accepted the statement of Mr Glover. Mr Daley outlined the formation of the YMCA in Canberra and especially welcomed the decision of the meeting to form a welfare committee. He said that in the early days of the Causeway an energetic social committee had functions and had been responsible for the building of the Causeway Hall. In respect to the new Association he felt sure that it would carry on that good work. He could promise that the Department of the Interior would do everything in its power to help the Association...

24th April 1941

SOLDIERS' WIVES GUILD FORMED IN CANBERRA SELF HELP ORGANISATION

Wives, mothers and relatives of men on active service met at the 2CA theatrette Canberra last night and formed a guild which will enable them to meet, discuss their problems, arrange social functions and help them by means of social contacts to feel less lonely.

Discussion took place concerning the choice of name for the guild and eventually it was left in the hands of a committee of seven who will do the organizing work. The committee comprises of Mesdames Love, Sheehan, P Keegan, J F Stirling, May, L Loveless and McFarland. The meeting was convened by Mrs Wyn Gilmour, president of the Women's Radio Club.

Mrs Gilmour explained the objects and said that the guild was not being formed to compete with any other organisation. All that was intended was that lonely women could get together and help one another. It was hoped to obtain club rooms on the northern side of the river and then extend to the southern side. Dr LW Nott praised the Radio Club for its enterprise in making the formation of the guild possible. He thought that the idea was an excellent one and felt sure that it would meet with an instant response. It would also allow for people in outlying centres to gather in Canberra and meet Canberra mothers and wives. Mrs Sheehan, a member of the Radio Club suggested that if a branch of the guild were formed on the south side

of the river an appreciation should be made for the use of the Services Hut at Manuka for the meeting room.

Mrs Sheehan added that the wives and mothers had helped in the building of the Hut and perhaps they might be allowed to share in it as well as the members of the forces. Mrs Gilmour was appointed liaison officer of the Guild. Major Darcy representing the Welfare Association said the Association would give all possible support to the organisation. At the conclusion of the meeting a musical programme was given by members of the 2CA Radio Club.

25th April 1941

Air Raid Precautions Advanced. Under plans approved by the Canberra Anti-Gas Precautions Committee street lighting in the city will be blacked out in three seconds. The secretary to the committee (Mr FA Piggin) stated yesterday that considerable headway in anti-raid precautions... Explaining the system to blackout street lighting in time of emergency Mr Piggin stated that the Committee would co-operate with the PMG Department. Canberra would be divided into 26 areas connected on telephone circuits to the Canberra exchange. If an alarm were given in any area it would automatically be transmitted to the officer in charge of the Canberra Power Station who would black out the street lighting system. The aerial beacon on Mt Ainslie would also be blacked out... It was decided to recommend that private householders in Canberra would set aside one room of the house from which light was not visible from the outside. In cases of emergency residents could assemble in this room and lights in the remaining rooms could be switched off. Exterior lighting of shops and offices would be forbidden in time of emergency. Seven air raid sirens will be erected throughout the city at Parliament House, Power House, Girls Grammar School, Canberra High School, Ainslie School, Ainslie Bus Depot and CS&IR... Mr E J Slater, assistant Commissioner of War Service Homes was appointed controller of air raid wardens and sixty will be appointed in the near future...

26th April 1941

THEIR MEMORY LIVETH NATIONAL SHRINE OF ANZACS CANBERRA GATHERINGS

In keeping with all other parts of the British Empire the citizens of Canberra yesterday paid homage to the valour of the first Anzacs and also to offer intercession for the second Anzacs who with their brothers from the Mother Country and Dominions are engaged in a titanic struggle for the preservation of national liberties which is being threatened by the menace of Nazi-ism.

Several gatherings were held at Canberra beginning with the dawn service at St Andrew's Cathedral, the national assembly in the King's Hall of Parliament

House, which was followed by the public demonstration at the Albert Hall.^{11[11]} Special assemblies were held at the Royal Military College Duntroon, while there were also morning services at various churches and in the evening there was a combined intercession conducted by the Ministers' Fraternal, at the Baptist Church at Kingston.

NATIONAL SERVICE AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

About 2,000 attended the Commonwealth Government's ceremony at Parliament House, but few saw it because the rain caused a last minute change in plans and the ceremony was transferred to Kings' Hall. Several enterprising girls obtained a good view by climbing on to the counters of the messenger's boxes.

For the first time the representatives of the two foreign countries were present. They were Mr JR Minister, Charge d'Affaires at the United States Legation and the First Secretary to the Japanese Legation (Mr Negishi) who was representing the Japanese Minister (Mr Kawai). Both these countries were Allies of Britain in the last war, and America is a non-belligerent partner to-day.

The ceremony kept rigidly to the formal procedures of other years with the exception that the military inspections were eliminated because it was impossible to carry them out in the crowded hall. Thus the ceremony was robbed of its only spectacular feature.

The Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) was absent in one of the States. Lady Gowrie was present attended by Captain and Mrs Bracegirdle.

The cenotaph was placed in front of the statue to the late King George V and wreaths were laid by Captain Bracegirdle, official and military secretary representing the Governor-General (Lord Gowrie) the Assistant Minister for the Interior (Mr T Collins) representing the Government Mr JR Minter, Mr Negishi, the British High Commissioner (Sir Geoffrey Whiskard), the Canadian High Commissioner (Mr C Burchell), Senator Macartney Abbott representing the President of the Senate, Mr SF Chubb representing the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr AJ Day, President of the RSSILA and Mr WR Eldridge, President of the Canberra Legacy Club.

Uniformed detachments in what would have been a colourful parade in the open were lined up from Duntroon Military College, the AIF Officer Training School, the AIF visiting Rugby Union team, the Voluntary Aid Detachment and ambulance workers, Scouts and Guides and the Queanbeyan Band, while other uniforms dotted the crowd.

The official guests also included the clergy, Brigadier EF Harrison Commandant of RMC Duntroon, when

they paraded with College staff cadets and later formed part of the guard of honour at the grave of the late General Sir William Bridges, first Commandant of the College.

They were members of the training-school undergoing and intensive course for commissions in the expeditionary force.

Their soldierly bearing put a stamp of quality upon the adaptability of the average Australian as a fighting man. It was difficult to appreciate that only a short while ago these men were working at benches and desks.

After the impressive parade wreaths were laid for the Australian Staff Corps and the RMC Staff Cadets upon the monument to trainees of the College who fell in the last war.

The rain thinned the public attendance at the memorial service to General Sir William Bridges held at his grave on the brow of the hill overlooking the College.

In a short address the Commandant of the College (Brigadier EF Harrison) said that General Bridges had founded an institution which had become known throughout the Empire for the men it turned out. He gave 100 per cent service to the country and the Empire. After passing through the school of gunnery in England he became the first Commandant of a similar school in Australia. He formed the College on the basis of knowledge he had gained from a world tour to inspect military training systems.

Brigadier Harrison who is one of the few remaining members of the Royal Australia Artillery, who served under General Bridges, said that when General Bridges was appointed Commander of the First Australian Division to go overseas, his knowledge and attention to detail accentuated by hard work over the fields of Duntroon, made the First Division the wonderful fighting machine that it was.

General Bridges, he said, would never ask anyone to undertake a task he would not face himself. He had been killed by a sniper when inspecting a dangerous part of the Anzac line at Gallipoli.

Brigadier Harrison also paid for a tribute to the late General Sir Charles Brudenell White, who succeeded General Bridges as Commandant at the College and was Chief of the Australian Staff when killed in the Canberra air crash last August.

"They were alike in their ideas and ideals and have set an example that we must follow," he said.

"It is not sufficient to give a man a rifle and put him into a uniform and call him a soldier. It can be done only by hard work, and a real officer is made only by harder work. Proficiency is acquired only after years of toil. From their lives we can gain much."

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PUBLIC SERVICE AT ALBERT HALL

Tributes the memory of the Anzacs were paid by more than 800 citizens who attended the Anzac Commemoration Service in the Albert Hall yesterday. The service was organised by the Returned Soldiers, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia, ACT Branch, and took place at the conclusion of the official ceremony at Parliament House.

Swinging along to martial airs by the Queanbeyan Municipal Band returned soldiers marched from Parliament House to Albert Hall.

The President of the Canberra branch (Mr AJ Day) presided at the ceremony.

"On behalf of the League I desire to pay tribute to Sir Geoffrey Whiskard, the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, who will be leaving Canberra shortly. Sir Geoffrey was a good friend of returned men and we will feel his departure. We appreciate the fact, however, that his services may be of better use in England in this time of crisis than they are here," he said.

Led by the Rev. Hector Harrison, members of the audience sing Kipling's "Recessional".

An address was delivered by Brigadier EF Harrison Commandant of the Royal Military College Duntroon who said that in the dim light of this day 26 years ago there stole along the coast of Gallipoli a long line of transports. From the transport boats put off filled with men who hoped to make a surprise landing on the Turkish coast and that landing was made.

Twenty-six years ago the name of Australia was written imperishably on the scroll of fame. To-day our thoughts turn back in silent memory of those Anzacs who made the supreme sacrifice. We owe them more than a passing debt of gratitude. We also owe this debt to not only the fallen but to those who returned, many broken in body but not in spirit, and to their women folk who let them go away. They went to fight for freedom and by their actions proved that Australia had developed into a nation.

"In our thoughts let us not only remember the Anzacs but all our men who went to a surprising number of places in the world - Egypt, Mesopotamia, New Guinea, India and the Homeland itself. Many lie buried in foreign climes. They gave their lives that we may live. Sometimes however we are apt to forget that through their sacrifice we are still British and are still free, but we hope that they have not taught us a lesson in vain," said Brigadier Harrison.

He added that one great lesson that they have taught - those tough great fighting men - is a love of team work. Through the whole of their campaigns it was exemplified. From the "Spud" Murphy, who with his donkey tended the wounded and dying on the shores of Gallipoli, carrying on his work heedless of the

shells to the act of one platoon calling on another for help, we saw this team work. No matter what great acts were performed it was always team work that carried them through. In this team work then we can find a lesson.

At the moment we see thrones toppling, nations going down and war clouds threatening even this country. From the example of those great Anzacs we can learn that team work can stand up to a deluge. Thrones have been toppled before to-day and war clouds have been black but the British nation always pulled through; we have been wetted by deluges but we have never been drowned.

Brigadier Harrison said that the present was the time for everyone to take stock of himself. Everyone should ask himself, "Can you economise in luxuries? Can you assist the Red Cross or kindred organisation? If the answer did not satisfy their conscience then they were "polling" on their mates, and "polling" was the worst crime in the index of the AIF.

Brigadier Harrison said that in order to help the audience in thinking of the men who were now fighting for freedom, he would touch on the work of the Navy, the second AIF, the RAAF, the nurses, Red Cross workers and munition workers. All were doing their bit in this great fight for freedom. Like our forbears in Britain, they were not bowed by the German threats.

"Our forbears taught us that they would not stand bullying." The moment bullying commenced they would enter the ring against the aggressor. The English have done this once again. If we think of that, then we can see the reason why we are in this war. Another reason is that the aggressor is stabbing at the very heart of the Empire," the speaker added.

In this all-in effort duty was in one distinct action - forget self. We must all pull together and selfishness must be ruled out. Make your decision and act accordingly to your conscience. Act as one of the Anzacs of old, "Lest we forget," concluded Brigadier Harrison.

Official guests included Mr TJ Collins, representing the Minister for the Interior, Sir Geoffrey Whiskard, Dr CJ Burchell, Mr CS Daley, the Rev H Harrison, Mr J Minter and representatives of the Returned Soldiers' League.

The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Mr T White. The Queanbeyan Band played the music for the hymns.

DAWN SERVICE AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

The first dawn service to be held in Canberra took place at St Andrew's Presbyterian Cathedral yesterday morning.

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The service was conducted by Rev Hector Harrison and was attended by more than 500.

In the grey light of early morn the Canberra Pipe Band marched from the statue of Robert Burns to the Cathedral.

An intercession service was conducted from the open air pulpit and after the dawn the congregation moved inside the Cathedral for the commemoration service. Hymns were sung and prayers said for the fallen.

Pipe-Major Ross played the "Lament" and Sergeant McIntosh sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille". Wreaths were laid at the Altar by Mr Eldridge on behalf of the Legacy Club, Mr H Keith on behalf of the Canberra Highland Society, and Mr R Stevenson on behalf of the returned soldiers of the parish. The weather remained fine for the holding of the service, but half an hour after the conclusion, rain set in.

SPECIAL MASS AT ST CHRISTOPHERS

At St Christopher's Forrest, Mass for the Dead was celebrated by the Rev Father Moore, the Proper of which with the impressive "Dies Irae" (Day of Wrath) was chanted by the St Christopher's Choir.

The catafalque in front of the Sanctuary surmounted by a soldier's hat and sword was a representation of the presence of the dead.

Father Moore said that they were offering for the souls of the dead soldiers the greatest prayer that could be offered, the Mass which was a repetition of the sacrifice of Our Lord Himself. Anzac Day commemorated a great Australian achievement 26 years ago, but the present Anzac Day would probably be recorded as the greatest in history.

The resistance of Spartans at the Pass of Thermopylae against Xerxes and his invading Persians had been famed throughout the centuries. They were defending their country and their religion but they were defending paganism. Australians to-day were in the Pass of Thermopylae but their place in history would be greater than that of the Spartans. They were defending not paganism but Christianity and they were defending it from a terrible enemy the Neo-Paganism which was the sin against the Holy Ghost. Giving their lives with Australian generosity they encouraged us to give for them our utmost offering. With confidence in prayer and with profit to the living and the dead we could offer for them the repletion of the Redemption.

CHURCH SERVICES

At St John's and St Paul's Churches of England, early morning services were held, at which many returned soldiers attended.

At St John's the services had special significance. In the Church is an honour roll containing the names of

many of the officers from Duntroon who fell in the last war. In the early days of Canberra, officers from Duntroon attended the services at St John's, it being the nearest church to the College.

The Canberra's Ministers' Fraternal held a united service of commemoration and intercession at the Baptist Church last night. The speaker was the Rev DJ Riley. Prayers were offered by the Rev H Harrison. The service was conducted by the Rev D Waldcock.

20th May 1941

Article that mentioned that the Canberra College Association and Canberra University Association established in 1930 had two wings of the Hotel Acton made available for them to use.

30th May 1941

An article noted that a recruiting drive was underway because not enough men were enlisting. In 1941, 655 men were recruited from the Canberra area for overseas services

June 1941

An article mentioned that a Mobile Recruiting was in the district. Another article mentioned that the Population of the ACT in June 1941 was 12,868 and the Total Population of the country was 7,668,689.

5th June 1941

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

Two letters from Canberra members of the AIF Overseas have been received by the Recruiting Officer (Mr Vic Samuels). One is from Captain Cyril Cole, formerly of the Forestry section of the Department of the Interior and the other is from Sergt Hilarly Hurley. Captain Cole who is in a forestry unit writing from England says: "We are going all out all the time and have years of work ahead of us. We could do with more companies. In addition to our own saw-milling we are building mills for a new company which I hope won't be too long in arriving. I have been asked if my company can erect a mill in another area, though heaven knows who is going to work it." Captain Cole states that Sapper Norman of Canberra is in his company.

Sapper Hurley writing from the Middle East says that he has been in action for quite a while in Libya. "Our little anti-tank gun plays havoc with the Germans, and already we have five to our credit. I have seen quite a number of Canberra lads here in the front line and all are happy and well. They are all after a good looking Hun for a batman but they want to get in early because our artillery is blowing them up day after day."

CAUSEWAY HALL OPENING

A sub-committee of the Causeway Welfare Association has arrangements well in hand for the opening of the reconditioned Causeway Hall on Friday June 27. At the function the memorial tablet containing the names of all Causeway residents who have joined the fighting forces will be unveiled.

The secretary of the Association (Mr Cyril Hiland) said yesterday that the early part of the evening would be taken up with a concert after which a dance will be held. Supper arrangements will be conducted on cafeteria lines by Mr D Mildner.

CAUSEWAY WELFARE

"The Department of the Interior is pleased with the attitude shown by the Causeway Welfare Association and the citizens of Causeway in their efforts to promote civic pride in their suburb." This statement was made by an official of the Department yesterday.

He said that the Department would give all possible help to the Association. Repairs to the Causeway Hall are almost completed. The building is being painted, inside and out, and arrangements are proceeding for the purchase of 500 seats.

As part of its scheme for improving the Causeway the Department of the Interior has installed enamel baths and chip heaters at the Causeway Mess. This is the first step in a scheme of improvements which will cost several hundred pounds.

A baby welfare clinic was opened in the ante-room of the Causeway Hall yesterday. The clinic will be conducted by the Canberra Mothercraft Society every Wednesday.

28th June 1941

CAUSEWAY HALL HONOUR ROLL UNVEILED

Not since the boom days of 1926 has Causeway known such enthusiasm as was displayed at the opening of the reconditioned hall last night. More than 600 people attended to hear the Minister for the Interior (Senator S Foll) officially reopen the building and unveil a memorial table containing the names of 34 men who have enlisted in the fighting services from Causeway.

The official opening was followed by a concert and dance. Her Excellency the Lady Gowrie attended the concert and on her entry was presented with a bouquet by Norma Small. The official guests included Senator and Mrs Foll, Dr CJ Burchell and Miss Burchell, the Rev Father Moore, Mr JR Glover, Dr and Mrs LW Nott, Mr JA Carrodus, Mr and Mrs CS Daley and Mrs E Shean.

Introducing Senator Foll the secretary of the Causeway Welfare Association (Mr Cyril Miland)

expressed regret that the President of the Association (Mr W Hurley) was unable to be present because of illness. Mr Hiland paid tribute to the people of Causeway in supporting the Association and to the Department of the Interior for its co-operation with him and officers of his Department in the last few months. "Your object is to promote civic pride in your suburb, and I don't think you will fail," he added. Senator Foll paid tribute to the men of Causeway who had enlisted in the services. He said he understood that 40 men had enlisted but up to the present the Association had only been able to arrange for 34 names to be placed on the tablet. The others would be added later. "I hope the men of Causeway will be able to return soon and see their names on this glorious roll," he concluded. At the conclusion of the concert programme Dr LW Nott moved a vote of thanks to Senator Foll for opening the function.

The hall was specially decorated for the occasion. The stage was draped with flags and two big spot lights gave added effect. The hall was originally built in 1926 by a working bee in two successive Saturday afternoons. The reconditioning was done by the Department of Interior and the hall is one of the finest in Canberra.

The concert which was of a high standard was appreciated by the audience. Artists who contributed were Mesdames E Welsh, R Senior, Shean, Misses Shirley Ransome, B Crampim, D Thomas and Messrs T Hunt, G Shaw, C Morgan, CJ Merralls, A Johnson and Ron Smith. Music for the dance was supplied by Jonnie Jones and his orchestra.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Tenders accompanied by the necessary deposit will be received up to 2 pm Tuesday 15th July 1941 for the following:
Purchase, Demolition and Removal of Tenement No 85 Molonglo...

INDUSTRIAL BOARD ELECTION HOW TO VOTE

Skilled tradesmen secure your Representation of the Board, safeguard our Wages, Conditions and Interests by voting:-

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| | | Lamond, David |
| | | Muir, John Ferels |
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DEPUTY MEMBER VOTE

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| | Helson, Albert Edward |
| 1. | 1. Jenkins, John Richard |
| | Robson, Robert |
| | Rogers, Leonard |
| | And Nos 2,3 and 4 in order of preference |
| | Authorised by FH Brian and JR Jenkins. |

5th July 1941

MINISTER REVIEWS CANBERRA'S CHANGING SKY-LINE

"Dominating the sky-line as I have walked down to Acton in recent months has been the rapidly rising structure of the new Canberra Hospital," said the Minister for the Interior (Senator Foll) yesterday. "Looking round other new buildings standing are the new hostel at Barton, new transport depot, Patents Office and almost complete War Memorial and hundreds of new houses. Wartime building expansion in the Australian Capital Territory has been remarkable. More than 20 millions has been spent by the Department of the Interior in the last twelve months on works for the Defence Service but civilian building has not been neglected. Of the latter Canberra's share has been nearly 700,000 pounds."

SLOW PROGRESS DURING WAR YEARS

"Canberra is still a long way from the architectural goal so well planned by Mr W Burley Griffin, and progress must be at a slower tempo during the war years. General works associated with the development and maintenance of the Capital City however have been steadily proceeded with during the last twelve months.

Homes for the people who form the life of the Federal city still demand most attention and the need for housing accommodation in Canberra has necessitated the continuance of the large programme undertaken during the previous years. During the 194-41 period 110 new residences were commenced while 299 including those which were not completed in the previous year were handed over for letting. This alone involved 223,000 pounds.

The need for a modern building and modern equipment to care for the sick had long been a pressing want in Canberra and I feel quite proud of the fine building that is going up opposite my own headquarters at Acton. The new hospital will have accommodation for 158 bed patients and the service made available should well repay the outlay off 150,000 pounds which is involved."

NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR RESIDENTS

It is Senator Foll's wish to see every family in a modern and bright home of which they might well be proud and the work of scrapping old settlements in the Capital¹²^[12] would be continued just as quickly as new homes could be found to accommodate those tenants. In the meantime steps had been taken to make present residences as bright and comfortable as possible.

The problem of accommodation particularly during the periods when Parliament was sitting has been alleviated by the building of a new hostel at Barton. It was opened only at the beginning of the month and was practically booked out nearly immediately.

Barton House cost 37,000 pounds. During the year a new building to house the staff of the Patents Office was completed at a cost of 117,000 pounds and 15,000 pounds had been spent on a new transport depot.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

In addition to the building work which is visible to the eye, many essential engineering services had to be provided to meet the new subdivisions and development," added Senator Foll. "A low level reservoir was built at Red Hill. It has a capacity of two million gallons and has a 20 inch feed main. A second reservoir for the northern suburbs was commenced early in the financial year. These undertakings together with the duplication of the suction main from the Cotter to the pumping station, and the three and half mile rising main to Mount Stromlo are undertakings costing 56,000 pounds."

CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR EFFORT

Senator Foll mentioned that work in connection with the completion of the Australian War Memorial was well in hand at the outbreak of war, and now had reached such an advanced stage that it should be completed well in time for an impressive opening ceremony on Armistice Day this year. A great deal of work has been done within the Territory to help the war effort, much of it, such as inaugurating classes at the Canberra Technical College to train workers for positions in munitions factories, not looking as impressive on paper as the establishment of a RAAF school of technical training at a cost of 29,400 pounds and additions to the Military College at Duntroon. But it is all an integral and vital part of the Commonwealth's combined war effort, " Senator Foll concluded.

**STRUCTURES NEAR COMPLETION
DECISION AWAITED ON GOVERNMENT OFFICE PLANS**

The Canberra building programme for the year which ended on June 30 witnessed the completion of several large buildings, the most notable of which from an architectural standpoint was the Patents Office.

Many projects had an important bearing on the war programme, their importance being greatly in excess of the proportional costs. The largest building under construction are the Australian War Memorial, which is to be opened in November, and the Canberra Community Hospital which is scheduled for occupation early next year.

Immediate importance attaches to the future intentions of the Government concerning Government offices. During the year a proposal for temporary secretariats at a cost of 80,000 pounds was rejected by the Public Works Committee which suggested two alternatives. One of these – the completion of the Melbourne Buildings block at City at a cost of 50,000 pounds – is understood to have been recommended to Cabinet and an early decision is awaited.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

LARGEST STONE BUILDING IN THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

Commenced in 1937, the building of the Australian War Memorial at Canberra which will rank with the best in the world is now almost complete.

The memorial will be the largest stone building in the southern hemisphere. Although the supply of certain materials such as bronze doors has been interrupted by the war, temporary fixtures will be installed in preparation for the opening on November 11. Mr Heyes, director of the Memorial said yesterday that the official opening committee comprising of Sir Harry Chauval, Sir Robert Dyer and Captain LS Bracegirdle. The Governor General will declare the Memorial open and ceremonies will also include an address by the Prime Minister... (sentences mixed - not in correct places in article...)

BEGUN IN 1937

The contract for the building of the Memorial was let in two sections. Work on the second of these was begun in October 1937 and called for the stone facing of existing buildings and the construction of the main entrance block, cloisters, the Court of Honour, the Hall of Memory and Tower.

About 100,000 super feet of sandstone have been used in the facing of the building which will be the largest stone building in the Southern Hemisphere.

GRADING OF SITE

Workmen are at present engaged on the grading of land in front of the Memorial prior to the construction of three flights of steps and three terraces 30 feet wide which will lead to the Memorial from the roadway.

Entrance to the building is made between two pylons 59 feet high. The main door opens on to a loggia which commands a view of the Court of which war relics....

SERVICES HUT

The Services Welfare Hut at Manuka is a war time addition to the architecture of the National Capital. Valued at 5,000 pounds, the hut is a timber and brick structure decorated externally in cream and green. The sloping green roof blends admirably with the foliage of the adjacent Manuka Oval.

The interior of the Hut, is simplicity itself, but a note of cosiness and warmth is struck by the furnishings. Not costly, they are nevertheless of excellent quality and of modern design. The Hut is divided into four sections, a main lounge, a billiard room, library and kitchen.

The kitchen is one of the most up to date in Canberra. Equipped with both electric and wood burning stoves it greatly facilitates the work of the helpers who provide meals for the servicemen. Special drying racks and all types of modern devices are within easy

reach. At the rear of the Hut is a spacious porch so designed that it is in the rays of the sun for many hours during the winter months.

PATENT OFFICE

Completed last year the Patent Office is an example of modern efficient architecture retrained in characteristic and set in ideal surroundings. The requirements of the Patents Office are unique in Australia. The design of the building is the result of a study of the requirements, both present and future, and while efficiency is a keynote of the planning and... a pleasing appearance has been achieved.

The main building is E shaped with a frontage of 225 feet and containing a centre-wing and two side wings extending back a distance of 190 feet. It is two storeys high in addition to the basement which houses the boilers, air conditioning plant and staff recreation rooms.

A separate single storey 75 feet by 32 feet at the rear of the main building contains the records of the department.

Steel frame construction was employed in the erection of the building while reinforced concrete slab support the wooden floors. The flat roof is finished with flat paving squares and is specially designed to withstand the variations of the climatic conditions of Canberra.

The walls of the interior are brick while the exterior has been finished with Hawkesbury sandstone - a material which gives a dignified appearance to the building.

Steel framed windows are fitted throughout. The panels between the ground and first floor windows on the main façade are filled with cast zinc spandrels painted to tone with steel sashes and mullions.

The main entrance and subsidiary entrance are in bronze. Heavy glass swing doors with etched panels open from the main hall into the public space which is panelled in Queensland maple -this is also fitted with a flush paneled counter and the general effect is most pleasing.

The west wing is devoted mainly to the library which consists of two large rooms, one on each floor and also a librarian's office. On the ground floor is the Photostat room and two dark rooms. The east wing contains the examiners' offices, the rooms being separated to window sill height by brick walls surmounted by plate glass partitions.

15th July 1941

**HOUSING IN CAPITAL
2324 HOMES IN THE CITY
OVER 850 IN FIVE YEARS**

Housing development in Canberra during the past 12 months has been responsible for more than 250 new homes, of which 221 were completed for the Government and the balance for private owners under housing loan advances.

For five years past, the erection of new homes had been a feature of Canberra's development. More than 850 houses have been completed since July 1 1936 of which 269 were built for the Government in the year ended June 30 1940 and 221 during the year ended June 30 1941.

Despite this active programme the demands for housing in the capital have outstripped the building programme which has been supplemented by several blocks of flats and the Government still had a waiting list of 350 at June 30 last.

Several factors have combined to create a heavy demand for housing in the capital. The reduced programme during the depression years left an acute shortage which has been intensified in turn as the building programme in Canberra regained its former momentum.

The rebuilding of the Royal Military College led to the evacuation from that area of about 70 civilian families who had been in occupation of the cottages at Duntroon during the period that the college had been located in Sydney. Additional skilled workers had also to be provided for in Canberra in association with the current building programme.

The chief housing requirements however were occasioned by transfers of staffs from Melbourne, the natural increase in Canberra staffs and special developments of administrative fields.

A further factor has been the gradual elimination of tenements which had been erected in the earlier years of Canberra as a temporary expedient.^{13[13]}

During the last financial year ended June 30 last, cottages erected in the Australian Capital Territory on behalf of the Government totaled 230 at a cost of 203,000 pounds. The cottages were located as follows:

Ainslie	142
Braddon	20
Griffith	17
Turner	47
Outside City area	4
Total	230

In addition building permits were issued for 33 privately owned residences. The actual number of houses completed for the Government during the period under review was 221 compared with 269 in the previous year. In addition there were 51 houses in course of construction at June 30 last. At June 30 there were 2,324 residences in Canberra of which 383 were privately owned and 1941 were owned by the Government.^{14[14]}

This development has been a big factor in the transportation of the valley of Canberra from a broad expanse of sheep pastures in 1923 to a beautifully laid out modern city in 1941.

In 1928 the initial development comprising groups of houses scattered at Kingston, Westridge [Yarralumla], Duntroon, Acton and Braddon at that time did not amount to more than 50 homes.^{15[15]}

Today instead of an odd dozen houses as in 1923, the suburb of Kingston now has 194 Government owned and privately owned residences. Forrest (formerly Blandfordia) has a total of 227 dwellings. Most growth has been shown in Ainslie where there are 558 residences of which 36 are privately owned.

The present housing distribution is as follows:

Suburb	Private Owners	Govt Owned	Total
Acton	-	24	24
Braddon	55	176	231
Ainslie	36	522	558
Deakin	5	20	25
Reid	17	218	235
Turner	-	67	67
Griffith	82	299	381
Red Hill	35	4	39
Forrest	65	162	228
Kingston	76	118	194
Barton	12	54	66
Yarralumla		57	57
Causeway	133	133	133
Westlake	61	61	61
Other areas	11	11	11
Total	383	1941	2324

During the last two years there has been a small change of ownership between the Government and the private owners. In both 1940 and 1941 the Government purchased two homes from private owners and in the same year sold eleven and two houses respectively to private owners.

In the temporary suburbs there has been at the same time some reduction in houses. Molonglo has been reduced from a settlement of 88 tenements to 21 and the complete elimination of this settlement is intended

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as existing tenancies come to an end and new housing is provided in the permanent suburbs.^{16[16]}

Causeway is also undergoing changes. Three houses are now being removed and two more are marked for removal whilst a total of 12 houses will be eliminated from the area.^{17[17]} The thinning down of this settlement where houses are to be repainted to afford a better appearance as well as improved conditions for residents.

PRIVATE HOUSES NUMBER ONE IN SIX

Side by side with housing development by the Government private enterprise has played a prominent part in Canberra. To-day one in six is privately owned and of the total 383 private homes, 353 have been erected or are in course of erection through housing loans.

During the last financial year permits were issued for 33 private houses and housing loans were advanced totaling 50,001 pounds.

Houses erected each year since 1934 under housing advances have been as follows:-

Year	Homes
1934	23
1935	30
1936	17
1937	23
1938	27
1939	45
1940	38

Housing finance has been an important factor in the building of private homes from 1926 onwards. The scheme inaugurated by the Federal Capital Commission was incorporated in the Commonwealth Housing Scheme under the Housing Ordinance of 1928. During the past 12 years changes have been made in the ordinance but the basic principle has remained.

An advance of 70 percent is made on the Government valuation of the proposed building. Interest and repayments have kept lower than in similar scheme elsewhere. Under Canberra advances, the period of repayment for a brick house is 35 years and for a wooded house 25 years.

Although the scheme was originally designed to permit people to erect, purchase or alter existing houses to suit their requirements or enable householders to obtain more favourable mortgage conditions, since the depression money has only been advanced for new building. The basic requirements of the housing scheme are that

plans for a residence be drawn by an architect and that they be approved by the Housing Commission. This is necessary to ensure that the building regulations will be conformed to and standard architecture in Canberra be maintained.

Leases provide for a 99 year tenure with a rental of 5 percent on the unimproved value of the land. For the last ten years, however this rental has been reduced by 4 percent.

BRICKS USED IN CANBERRA

Building activity in Canberra is reflected in the number of bricks used each year from the Canberra Brickworks. The figures since 1935 compare as follows:-

Year ended June 30	Bricks used in Buildings
1935	1935
	4,806,380
1936	1936
	4,083,625
1937	1937
	6,692,226
1938	1938
	5,934,000
1939	1939
	7,473,684
1940	1940
	8,458,000
1941	1941
	6,308,000

BARTON HOUSE CANBERRA'S LARGEST HOSTEL

Barton House built under Government supervision for private lease represents an appreciable step in the development of Canberra with its handsome appearance and modern appointments.

The one hundred and sixty-five bedrooms which were occupied almost completely on the opening day several weeks ago, have also greatly relieved the shortage of accommodation in the Australian capital.

The main portion of the building which is of the two stories and built in the long corridor style comprises a main lounge room and study room in addition to the 165 bedrooms. A projecting dining room leads to the kitchen and the laundries and staff quarters.

The contractors, Cody and Willes of Glebe succeeded admirably in blending the three main exterior features, brickworks, paintwork and roof. Clean face bricks are interlaid with others of a mottled variety and the sheer

double-storey frontage is relieved by a variegated tile roof.

From the richly covered floors to the plaster ceilings the interior appointments are attractive and comfortable. Seven hundred yards of carpeting and one thousand yards of linoleum were laid by Mr T Byrne of Canberra. The carpet is Australian made axminster with a Persian all over pattern. Silky oak timber was used throughout in the joinery work, most of which was done by W Burden of Kingston. The building is completely served with hot water and the writing card and dining rooms are electrically heated. Electrical appointments were installed by WA Harris of Reid.

The richly appointed entrance hall and dining room gained most from the Canberra Fibrous Plaster Works whose work in installing the ceilings has been specially commended by departmental officers. The entrance hall ceiling is a plain sheeted area with 18 inch fluted cornice moulds. Plain flush-joined areas with an 18 inch plain run cornice mould adds greatly to the appearance of the dining room. Three four by three ventilators have been set in the ceiling. The bedrooms and corridor ceilings are plain cornices and steel beams are encased with special plaster casings.

Glazing most of which is plain was carried out by Robert Briton of Manuka. The kitchen to which two chilling rooms are attached has stainless steel fittings and other desirable features for cleanliness. The plaster ceiling has been painted to allow the whole room to be washed. An Esse stove of the latest type is installed.

8th August 1941

The Battle for Canberra has taken a very favourable turn as the result of the recent political turmoil, said the President (Mr G Woodger) at the Chamber of Commerce dinner last night. "We have had some apparently hopeless moments during the last year or two under the Menzies regime, and it appeared recently that the position was getting even worse with the transfer of the Pensions and part of the Customs Departments to Sydney, but Fadden has made no bones about his views that administration should take place from Canberra, and our appeal to him to stop the rot has already borne fruit...we can look forward to a future with much more confidence and with the feeling that Canberra will come into its own as the proper centre of Commonwealth control..."

18th September 1941

OBITUARY Mr Joseph Read

The funeral took place yesterday at St John's Cemetery Canberra of Mr Joseph Read, of Sutton, who died late on Monday night at the age of 64. The late Mr Read who was well known in the district was an old identity of Canberra, his father having been one of the pioneers of Sutton.

A service held at St John's church was attended by one of the largest congregations in years. Mourners attended from Canberra, Brindabella, Sutton, Nace, Royalla, Queanbeyan and Gundaroo. The late Mr Read leaves a widow, five sons and five daughters. One son, Geoffrey, is overseas with the AIF.

25th September 1941

CANBERRA BLACKOUT IN THREE SECONDS Air Raid Precautions Advanced

Under plans approved by the Canberra Anti Gas Precautions Committee, street lighting in the city will be blacked out in three seconds. The secretary of the Committee (Mr FA Pigginn) stated yesterday that considerable headway in anti raid precautions. Explaining the system to blackout street lighting in time of emergency, Mr Pigginn stated that the Committee would co-operate with the PMG's Department. Canberra would be divided into 26 areas connected on telephone circuits to the Canberra exchange. If an alarm were given in any one area, it would automatically be transmitted to the officer in charge of the Canberra power station, who would black out the street lighting system. The aerial beacon on Mt Ainslie would also be blacked out.

Mr Pigginn said that the proposed system was similar to that which had been operated successfully in Sydney for some time past. The committee decided to recommend to the Department of the Interior suggestions made by Mr J Craggs, Commonwealth Lighting Advisor who visited Canberra recently. It was decided to recommend that private householders in Canberra should set aside one room of the house from which light was not visible from the outside. In cases of emergency residents could assemble in this room and lights in the remaining rooms could be switched off.

Exterior lighting of shops and offices would be forbidden in time of emergency.

Seven air raid sirens will be erected throughout the city at Parliament House, Girls Grammar School, Canberra High School, Ainslie School, Ainslie Bus Depot and CS&IR.

Steps have been taken to secure air raid sirens from Sydney to be used in tests. Mr EJ Slater, assistant Commissioner of the War Service Homes, was appointed controller of Air Traffic Wardens and 60 will be appointed in the near future. Two auxiliary fire depots will be installed on the north side of the river and the other at the Census Office. Twenty-four volunteer firemen will be organised for the north-side of the river.

It was also decided to ask the Canberra Community Hospital authorities to endeavour to secure extra

stocks of lint and bandages etc, equal to one year's supply in time of emergency.

Mr Piggin said that the Committee would invite the Canberra Chamber of Commerce to co-operate with the committee.

28th October 1941

DEMONSTRATION AT YWCA

A demonstration of physical education embracing all sections of the work being carried on by the Canberra YWCA under the physical fitness campaign from the tiny tots to the senior classes, was given at the YWCA gymnasium last night. The display was arranged by the Physical Education Secretary (Miss Lorna McConchie) who has been in charge of this section of the YWCA activities since it was expanded as part of the national fitness campaign in 1940. In the course of the classes organised by the YWCA in Canberra about 300 women and girls have received tuition in various classes of physical education.

The importance which physical fitness activities have assumed in the work of the Canberra association was emphasized by the President (Mrs RC Stevenson) who said that today as never before, physical fitness had assumed vital importance. In the world today, peoples were faced with the survival of the fittest.

It is fitting that the YWCA should be chosen for this work," added Mrs Stevenson, "for it's symbol, the blue triangle, stands for the development of body, mind and spirit."

The demonstration included drill by the tiny tots, country dancing, ballroom dancing, and gymnasium work and games. The Causeway and Westlake Clubs joined in the brisk ball games including captain ball, figure of eight and corner spry, and the Causeway girls also gave an exhibition of skipping. The grace of fencing was seen in bouts by Misses L Chaffe and J Cox and D Cox and M Porter. An attractive portion of the programme was the Greek dance, "Shadows in the Pool," by M Tullock, E Shumack and N Daley.

Included in the programme was a display of pyramids by 20 members of the YMCA trained by Mr CM Glover which marked the first public appearance of Canberra YWCA boys.

CANBERRA COMMITTEE REPORT TO-NIGHT

A report of activities of the Canberra Volunteers' Welfare Association from its inception in October 1939 will be presented to the first annual meeting of the Association at the Canberra Services' Club rooms tonight.

The meeting will adopt the constitution of the Association and elect officers.

Reviewing the work of the Association the report states that the committee at first forwarded comforts direct to members of the Forces serving in the AIF,

but subsequently provided all comforts through the Lord Mayor's Fund, which is the New South Wales unit of the Australian Comforts' Fund. By this arrangement overlapping of effort was avoided and the facilities of the favourable buying contracts, free transport and the entry of all comforts as army stores to overseas countries, to avoid duty payments, were availed of to ensure best value for the money expended being obtained.

During the early Militia and Light Horse Camps, the families of married men were granted considerable assistance as it was found that such families had their incomes reduced to a degree causing extreme hardship.

From its inception the committee investigated all cases of hardship brought to its notice and granted assistance or provided services where necessary. All investigations had been carried out by a sub-committee experienced in such work and in a strictly confidential manner. Assistance to dependents covered the provision of medicine, medical and hospital expenses, food, fuel, clothing and household assistance. Enlisted men without funds were provided with sustenance or accommodation until transport from the Territory had been available.

WELFARE HUT

To meet the special needs which arose from the Australian Capital Territory becoming a training and communications centre, the committee improved comforts, supplied sporting materials and furnished a Recreation Hut for the 2nd school of Technical Training and partly furnished a recreation marquee at the aerodrome in collaboration with the Lord Mayor's Fund. From Funds made available from the Government House Garden Fair held in April 1940, the building of the Canberra Services Club was undertaken and it has become part of the war-time activities of the city.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

At all times wool has been distributed free of cost to organisations, groups and individuals to knit sox and garments. This has enabled extensive distribution of such articles and their inclusion in appropriate parcels provided for those leaving the Territory on enlistment.

The Association has provided various furnishings for the Drill Hall and has recently provided furniture for a room at Civic Centre, where the ladies of the Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Family Guild meet regularly and has made available for the Club for meetings of this Guild. Refreshments for the Guild have also been provided. An interesting activity of this Guild is making camouflage nets. By arrangement the welfare of those serving and their dependents rest with the Association leaving the interests of returned members and their dependents to the RSS and AILA and the interests of relatives of deceased members to the Legacy Club.

1st November 1941

AIF CASUALTY LIST

The following casualty list for New South Wales was issued yesterday by the Defence Department:-

AUSTRALIA

Accidentally killed- Dvr AB Taggart, Singleton

ABROAD

Died of illness, previously reported Dangerously ill – Gnr W Cavanagh, Young
Wounded in Action – Pte VC Taylor, Lindfield.
Prisoner of War, Previously reported missing – Pte HC Fohmsbee, Orange
Previously reported missing, now Prisoner of War:
Pte AK Connor Lismore
Cpl SD McPherson Lismore
A/Cpl A Mitchell Narrabeen
A/Cpl JD Robinson Earlwood
Pte L Rose Murwillumbah
L/Cpl WS Wildman Collaroy
Previously reported Missing believed Prisoner, now Prisoner of War – Pte D Maxwell McKees Hill
Transferred from Seriously Ill to Dangerously Ill list – Pte J R Fitzgerald, Carlton.

RECRUITING NEW DEPOT AT KINGSTON

A new organisation for recruiting in Canberra was adopted by the Canberra Recruiting Committee at a special meeting last night. Two centres will be opened, one at City and the other at Kingston, to handle recruiting, and all matters whether for the AIF or RAAF will be handled through Mr RA McKillop who is acting as secretary for the committee.

It is believed that the new organisation will be more suitable to the present rate of enlistments which in view of the high percentage already achieved in Canberra, cannot be expected to repeat the heavy numbers recorded in the past.

Recruiting enquiries at City will be handled in future by Mr RA McKillop in his office above the Courts and Titles Office, while Mr Llewellyn Hughes will establish a recruiting depot at his premises in Giles Street Kingston. Dr Nott will handle medical examinations from the City office and Dr Finlay will be the medical examiner for the Kingston depot. Both Dr Nott and Dr Finlay have consented to fill in enlistment papers for men who approach them direct.

The work of the RAAF pre-selection will be carried on through the secretary, Mr McKillop, with the assistance of members of the committee.

At a meeting of the committee last night, the Chairman (Mr WG Woodger) said that there had been a misunderstanding concerning information conveyed to the committee regarding University enlistments. There was actually no man-power officer attached to the Canberra University College and the Canberra

University authorities had taken no action at any time to interfere with the recruiting of students. The sub-committee of the College, however, was appointed to assist students in any problem, with regard to war service and through the committee 45 students of the College had already enlisted for service with the fighting forces.

The secretary (Mr McKillop) reported to the committee that the changeover in the recruiting arrangements had been achieved smoothly and placed on record his appreciation of the assistance he had received from Mr Vic Samuels, the former recruiting officer, who remains a member of the Recruiting Committee.

4th November 1941

AIR RAID WARDENS RAPID PROGRESS IN ORGANISATIONS

More than 50 air raid wardens are meeting weekly in Canberra for instruction in their duties in the event of an emergency stated the Chief Warden (Mr EJ Slater) in an address to the Canberra Rotary Club last night on Air Raid Precautions.

Mr Slater said that although Canberra was not regarded as an important military target, it was from a psychological viewpoint, probably the most important centre in the Commonwealth. An enemy might gain greater propaganda value from an attack on Canberra than by dropping bombs on more important industrial centres where greater damage might be done.

The organisation of what was known in England as the Fourth Defence Force, namely, the civilian defence, assumed particular importance. Although in large cities such as Sydney and Melbourne black-outs had already been staged, in the event of an emergency provision had to be made for precautionary measures which would last for nights instead of hours.

With this in view, the Air Raid Warden Service was organised and wardens would be appointed in every district of Canberra and would be expected to know and be known in the suburb in which they lived. Canberra had been divided into 24 groups and these in turn would be subdivided into posts manned by one to three wardens each. There would be sectional control of each group, and two senior wardens, one for each side of the river, would co-ordinate the efforts of the various groups in his portion of the city.

It was proposed to establish a control centre at Hotel Acton, which would be the nerve centre staffed by telephonists, messengers, clerks and representatives of the rescue, decontamination, fire fighting, demolition and air raid warden services. Organisation of these aspects of the air raid precautions was proceeding by the fire fighting service, the police, medical services and the training of first aid assistance.

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Canberra had been classified as a controlled lighting centre. Public lighting would be controlled so that a complete black-out of street lighting and public buildings could take place in a very short time. The extent of control of private lighting had yet to be determined. In private homes, it would be desirable to provide for the complete blacking out of one living room to be used in emergency whilst other rooms were lit by subdued low power lamps. An air raid warning system was being developed.

An important element in the development of air raid precautions was the education of the public in their duties in the event of an emergency. The duties of citizenship had been defined under State legislation but there was as yet no ordinance in the Australian Capital Territory to direct the public as to what they should do.

Monday, 10th November 1941

OFFICIAL OPENING OF WAR MEMORIAL Ceremony Rehearsed on Saturday FINAL TOUCHES TO PROGRAMME

Complete plans have been finalized for the official opening of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra on Tuesday and rehearsals were held during the week-end by the War Memorial Staff, military units, police, ambulance and other units.

Lt-Col FUJ Tinkler, organiser of the ceremony, timed the rehearsal with a stop-watch and he is confident that the actual event on Tuesday will go without a hitch.

The Memorial will officially opened by His Excellency the Governor-General at 11 am and the address will be given by the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia. His Excellency during his address after the observance of two minutes' silence at 11 am will declare the Memorial open to the general public.

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

The following is the detailed programme of ceremonial.

9 am: Traffic police will be in position at allotted stations.

9.15 am: All officials including the officer-in-charge of traffic control, marshals, WO Wilson and representatives of the guard of Honour, navy, army, air force, school cadets, VADs, girl guides, boy scouts, school children, St John's Ambulance and the bands will report to the supervisor of ceremonial at the dais.

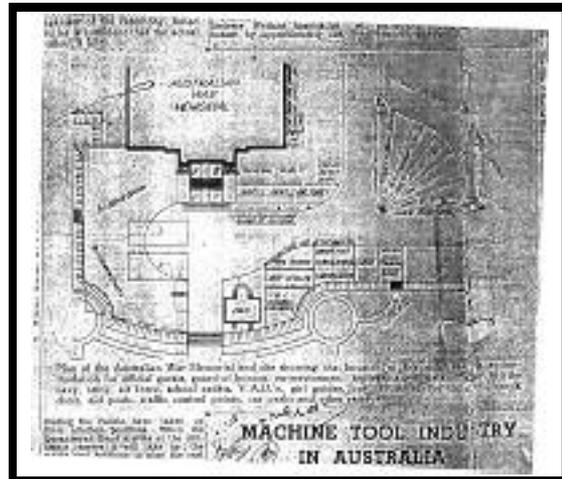
9.45 am: The following personnel will parade in the order set out from front to rear at Reid Park facing the Australian War Memorial where detachments will be sized, proved and inspected in readiness to march and arrive on markers in front of the memorial:

Unit	Number
Eastern Command Band	28
Guard of Honour ex-servicemen	50

Navy	25
Army	25
Air Force	25
Grammar School Cadets	35
High School Cadets	35
Queanbeyan Band	22
Other ex-servicemen in blocks of 100	300-400
VADs	40
Fire Brigade & Ambulance	
Service Auxiliary	
Girl Guides	50
Boy Scouts	50
WO Wilson RSM Royal Military College Duntroon	
will act at Marshall at Reid Park.	
10.00 am Detachments as formed will leave Reid Park in column of route from the right, Guard of Honour leading immediately in rear of the Eastern Command Band proceeding in front of Memorial via Anzac Place and Flanders Avenue. On the line of the march an interval of ten paces will be maintained between detachments and twenty paces between the rear file of High School Cadets and Queanbeyan Band.	

PLAYING OF BANDS

During the march from Reid Park to the front of the Memorial the Queanbeyan Band will play as far as the turning point into the main drive leading up to the dais, from which point the Eastern Command Band will take up the march and continue playing until the Guard of Honour and Service Detachments, including the Cadets have taken up their allotted positions. When the Queanbeyan Band arrives at the children's reserve it will take up the march and continue to play the rest of the column into their respective areas.



10.10 am: School children will march independently into positions via the back of the Memorial and eastern wall under control of their own teachers, timing their departure from starting points to arrive at the children's reserve at this time. Assembly areas for these parties will be in the vicinity of the north-west corner of the Memorial.

10.15 am: Bands, guard of honour, and detachments will be in position.

10.25 am: Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Board of Management of Australian War Memorial, diplomatic representatives, senior officers in command of Navy, Army and Air Force of the Commonwealth, and clergy in position on the dais. Guests arriving after this time will approach seating accommodation via the terrace steps. Traffic officers will not permit cars to proceed beyond the foot of the steps in Anzac Place after this hour.

COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

10.30 am: Upon the approach of the Vice-Regal Party, the Supervisor will give the order, "The Parade will come to attention," – and the individual detachment commanders will then call their respective detachments to attention.

Their Excellencies the Governor General and the Lady Gowrie arrive.

Royal Salute. Officers in uniform salute. The Governor General's flag will be broken to synchronise with the first bar of the National Anthem.

The OC Guard of Honour (Captain AE Jackson, MC, late 1st and 53rd Btms, AIF, is presented to the Governor General.

His Excellency inspects the Guard and then with Her Excellency walks to the dais. During the inspection Eastern Command Band will play "The Duke of York."

10.30 am: The assembly area for the children of St Patrick's School, Braddon and the Convent of the Good Samaritan Manuka, will be on Reid Park adjacent to Anzac Place. At 10.45 am, in order to join in the opening ceremony they will move from the assembly area, via Anzac Place and the terrace steps, to a position immediately below and in the rear of the dais, ready to take up their allotted positions prior to sounding of "Stand Fast" and the "Last Post." Concurrently with this movement the representative of the Roman Catholic Church will occupy his position on the dais.

10.35 am: Commemoration Service begins.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY

10.57 am: "Stand Fast," "Last Post."

11 am: Two minutes silence. "Reveille." The Prime Minister invites His Excellency the Governor-General to open the War Memorial.

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Address by the His Excellency the Governor-General who will then declare the Australian War Memorial open.

"Advance Australia Fair."

The Chairman of the Board of Management invites the Prime Minister to address the gathering.

Address by the Prime Minister.

"National Anthem."

Laying of wreaths.

11.30. 11.30. Their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Lady Gowrie and party enter the building.

11.40: Public admitted to the building. During this interval of ten minutes a musical programme will be rendered by Eastern Command Band and at the close instructions will be given to the public through the public address system regarding their entry to the building.

EX-SERVICEMEN

In connection with the ceremony at the War Service ceremony at the War Memorial to-morrow, ex-servicemen selected for the positions of marshals, and guard of honour have already been notified by letter as to the time and place they are to assemble.

As the result of representations by the hon secretary of the Returned Soldiers' League, the minister of the Interior (Senator Collings) has given his approval that time off with pay is to be allowed all ex-servicemen in the employ of the Department on outside work from 7.30 am and fill in a special application for leave form, which they can obtain, from their ganger or foreman.

All ex-servicemen, other than marshals and guard of honour, will fall in not later than 9.30 am in Reid Park facing the Memorial, and will march to a position allotted them for the ceremony. Civilian dress with hat and medals and/or ribbons will be worn.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CANBERRA CITY OMNIBUS SERVICE
Official Opening of War Memorial,
Tuesday, 11th November 1941.

Special buses will run from Kingston at 5 minute intervals to the War Memorial between the hours of 9.10 am and 9.55 am and 9.55 am. On No 1 Route between Griffith and Deakin at 10 minute intervals from 9.15 am and 9.55 am travelling via Commonwealth Avenue Bridge. Between Griffith and Hotel Kurrajong at 10 minute intervals between 9.15 am and 9.55 am via Scotts Crossing. Buses will depart from the GPO at 9.15 am, 9.20 am, 9.45 am and 9.47 am and 9.50 am travelling via Parliament House,

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Acton and then City, thence via Torrens Street and Doonkuna Street to the War Memorial.

Buses will leave Ainslie Terminus at 9.32 am, 10 am, and 10.05 am.

Buses will leave the War Memorial on all routes on the conclusion of the ceremony.

Buses indicated above will be marked SPEICL. Additional buses will leave Kingston on No 1 Route at ten minute intervals between 1.45 pm and 2.25 pm and on No2 Route between 1.55 pm and 2.15 pm, returning between 3.15 pm and 4.30 pm.

The following buses will be cancelled:-
12.32 pm ex Acton Offices down No 1 Route.
12.32 pm ex Acton Offices down No 2 Route.
1.8 pm ex Kingston up No 1 Route.
1.12 pm ex Kingston up No 2 Route.
12.36 pm ex Kingston up No 3 Route.
1.12 pm ex Anzac Parade via No 2 Route.

JA CARRODUS Secretary.

COAST DEFENCE

Canberra Unit of 13th Battalion

The Band of the 2nd Brigade in Charge of Captain Henningham will arrive in Canberra this morning. Canberra members of the 18th Garrison Battalion will welcome the personnel at an evening to be held at the Forrest Bowling Club tonight.

Knowing the important part this band is playing in the opening of the War Memorial and as this evening will be the only welcome arranged all members of the local unit are expected to attend; wherever possible a small luncheon basket should be brought along.

The usual weekly parade was held yesterday and whilst the attendance was good it is emphasized that the annual camp is approaching and for the Canberra men to maintain the high efficiency for which they are noted it will be necessary to have a regular attendance at the few remaining voluntary parades during 1941.

WAR HISTORY

Conference to Decide

Plans for an official history of the present will be discussed at conference this week between the Official War Historian (Dr C E Bean) and the Ministers for the Interior, Army, Navy, Air and Information.

The conference will consider the form of the record of this war, and the staff to be employed. It is expected to agree that an official historian should handle contributions by writers specially assigned to the various services in addition to the official war correspondents.

It is understood that Dr Bean who recently completed his work on the official history of the last war will not seek an appointment associated with the work on the record of the present war.

CHORAL CONCERT

The Canberra Ladies Choir, conducted by Mrs Eric Mitchell, have chosen attractive groups of choral numbers for the choral concert at the Albert Hall on Armistice night in aid of Red Cross funds.

Madame Evelyn Hall, the gifted Sydney contralto will be the guest artist of the evening. The solo pianist chosen is the brilliant young Canberra artist, Miss Estelle Peters, who will also act as accompanist. Mr Terence Hunt, who appeared at the Noel Coward Red Cross Concert a year ago has chosen an interesting bracket of songs.

The sale of sweets and programmes is being arranged by Mrs H Clapson and Mrs Ally Nish. Good bookings are reported from the booking offices at Cox's Civic Centre, Miss Campbell Manuka and Li Hughes of Kingston.

TRAVEL BY NATIONAL AIRWAYS Daily Service to Sydney and Melbourne

Leaves Melbourne 3.00pm	Leaves Sydney 10.30 am
Arrives Canberra 5. pm	Arrives Canberra 11.35 am
Leaves Canberra 5.10 pm	Leaves Canberra 11.45 am
Arrives Sydney 6.15 pm	Arrives Melbourne 2 pm

Booking Agent: JW Ireson, Allinga Street City (next to JB Young).



Above: Horses for Hire at Duntroon



Above: One of the Convine boys at Westlake early 1940s

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**PUBLIC SERVICE NOTES
ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual general meeting and smoke social of the ACT Branch of the Commonwealth Public Service Clerical Association was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday. The annual report showed that the membership of the Branch at September 30 was 436, six less than at the close of last year, despite the fact that 81 new members were accepted during the year. The loss was due to enlistments, to officers on military leave for the duration of the war and to transfers to other States.

The revenue showed a credit balance of 13 pounds, 17 shilling and 6 pence as against 41 pounds 16 shillings and 3 pence. There was an increase in subscriptions to the extent of 10 pounds 5 shillings and 3 pence but this was more than offset by an increased expenditure, mainly an additional 22 pounds 10 shillings for head office maintenance.

OFFICE BEARERS

The following were elected: President, Mr SS Dusting (Commerce Department); vice-president, Mr W Howe (Audit Department); secretary, Mr NJ Lind (Interior); treasurer, Mr WA Adamson (Interior), trustees, Mr GA Crease (Interior), Mr DIP Israel (Interior); auditors, Mr RW Harvey (Audit), Mr G Grigg (Taxation); Publicity Officer, Mr SA Rattigan (Customs); Branch Councillors: Department of Interior: Messrs AK Lawrey, NJ Lind, F Mitchell, M Webb; Department of Customs: EA Rattigan, O Wolfensberger; Department of Commerce: Doughty, J H Scholtens; Department of Statisticians, C Grieg, Moss; Department of Taxation, G Grieg; Department of Prime Minister, Mr J McG Bower; Department of Superannuation, Mr L Lamb; Department of Labour and National Service, Mr LF Crisp.

Some Departments omitted to lodge their nominations before the prescribed date and it will be necessary for them to submit the names to the new council for acceptance.

MR FRANK MEERE

It was with regret that members learned that Mr Frank Meere who has been secretary of the Branch since its inception had to sever his connection owing to transfer to Sydney. A motion was moved by Mr Forbes expressing appreciation of the service rendered by Mr Meere to the Branch. This was passed with acclamation and a small presentation was made in absentia.

Mr Meere's understanding of Association matters, his logical reasoning and his tact and judgment have enabled this work of the branch to run smoothly and have contributed in no small measure in bringing about the willingness of the Public Service Board to meet representatives of the Association to discuss all questions.

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Further tributes to the work performed by Mr Meere in the position of secretary were paid by the retiring past president, Mr Jones, the retiring president, Mr Swan, and the president, Mr Dusting.

SMOKE SOCIAL

The artists who provided the entertainment and it was really good entertainment, were: Messrs Johnson, Shaw, Kirkland, Wormaid, Morgan, Hunt, Hundt.

COUNCIL MEETING

Councillors are asked to note the first meeting of the new Council will be held on Thursday December 11 at 8 pm at Hotel Canberra.

One article in *Canberra Times* noted that the RAAF Comforts' Fund was established in December 1941.

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Announcement in the paper of the wedding of Reeka Johnson of Westridge and Allan, second son of the late Mr Ware and Mrs Ware. The wedding took place in St John the Baptist Church at Reid.

13th December 1941

Late Night Shopping Ban Enforced Immediately.

Canberra settled down yesterday to the changes required by the decision of the Government in Melbourne of Thursday. The Council of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday asked all shops to abandon late shopping night and at a special meeting last night decided to cancel previous arrangements regarding the closing of shops during the Christmas New Year leave period during which Commonwealth Departments had been closed in former years. Consideration is being given to the question of reducing lighting in Canberra. Many retail traders are already cutting out neon signs and window lighting at night. A more serious question both from the stand point of power consumption and controlled lighting, however concerns street lighting. Attention is being given to the question of either reducing or eliminating street lights.

Although the Canberra electric supply is from a hydro-electric source and does not involve coal consumption it is pointed out that every unit saved in Canberra will be available for use in other centres served by the grid system and that if coal is not actually saved in Canberra it be in more vital centres of war production.

It is learned that all available labour has been allocated to special work in Canberra.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTS

Following the announcement regarding late night shopping, members of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce consulted yesterday and the following public statement was issued for the guidance of retail traders and public.

"The Council of the Chamber of Commerce is requesting all members to observe the mandate of the Prime Minister's for the cessation of late shopping and therefore [will] ... close at 6pm."

"In announcing the Government's decision," the Prime Minister said, "I emphasize that decisions have been made. That they will be put into effect forthwith, and they must be accepted by the Australian people for they represent actions that are vital to our security as a nation."

"Although no regulations have yet been made to give effect to the Government's decision as an instruction for the observance of which it should not be necessary to await compulsion.

The Council therefore, is confident that the Canberra storekeepers will appreciate the fact that their stores are closing as the part which has been enjoined upon them by the Government in the present emergency and that the public in turn will accept this short notice in the same spirit."

Storekeepers reported that there was instant public response to the Government appeal and that day shopping was active in anticipation of the abolition of late shopping hours.

A special meeting of the Council of the Chamber of Commerce was held last night at which it was decided to cancel the annual Christmas dinner of members which was to have been held next week. Shopping arrangements already decided for the Christmas and New Year holiday period were cancelled. Shops will now remain open on all except Christmas, Boxing and New Year's days, and there will be no late shopping. The Council decided to make a public appeal for holiday shopping to be undertaken as early as possible in the ordinary day hours of trading...

BUSH FIRE MEN.

In preparation for possible bush fire outbreaks in the ACT the Bush Fire Council has established three new look-outs since last summer. They are at Mt Brindabella, Black Spring Mountain, and Pierce's Creek. The existing ones were at Mt Stromlo, Uriarra, Kowen, Parkwood and Mt Aggie.

The new two-way radio with its central station at Mr Stromlo connecting with various mobile units should do much to facilitate the work in times of emergencies.

Telephonic communication to the fire look-outs is also in readiness for reporting news of outbreaks and comment or advice on its progress.

Two Sticks Road and the road to Mt Franklin, it is felt by the Council, will not only give easy access to valuable lands or forests and look-outs should fires

break out again, but the roads will act as very effective fire breaks.^{18[18]}

Even lack of water close to a fire should not prove an insurmountable difficulty with the excellent equipment which the Council has. Supplies of water have been established in vulnerable places, while a tank with a mobile pumping gear will be able to draw water from any natural supply nearby, such as creeks, billabongs or waterholes. A gas producer unit truck forms part of the permanent equipment while long handled fire beaters made of sacking have been planted in various districts ready for use.

In future only men obeying commands of the Bush Fire Council will be paid for work in connection with fires. They will be available in spite of their daily occupation, anytime they are wanted.

The Council consists of Messrs CE Lane-Poole, FN Snow (Graziers' Association), JE Morrow (Lands Section of the Department of the Interior), LD Pryor (Forestry Section Department of the Interior), with R Kappler as secretary.

New Fire Controllers recently appointed are as follows:- Black Mountain, TC Read; Charnwood, AC Kilby, Fairleigh (NSW) CC Rettallack, Gudgenby WE Brayshaw, Kambah CDC Tanner, Kowen FW Hyles, Majura D Cameron, Mt Clear HH Curtis, Mulligan's Flat HE Curran, Naas TE Oldfield, Orroral LV Gregory, Tharwa CC Jeffrey, The Rivers NC Milson, Tidbinbilla JB Maloney, Tuggeranong MJ Gallagher, Weetangera Evan Cameron, Woden NJ Broderick.

Residents of these areas would be well advised to note the name of their local controller in some prominent position ready for possible use.

MILITIA CALL UP Registration Details

MELBOURNE, Friday

The Minister for the Army (Mr Forde) announced today that all men affected by the Militia call-up, announced last night must register before December 23.

The men affected are those in Class 2 and Class 3, namely all single men and widowers over 35 years of age but under 45; and married men and widowers with children between 18 and 35.

Registration forms which are now obtainable at area offices and post offices contain questions relating to certain personal data, including vocation. This is to assist the Manpower Authorities to ascertain whether the man filling in the card is in a reserved occupation or not.

The Minister emphasized that exemption for hardship must be one of real hardship. "I expect in these days of extreme national emergency that this will be borne in mind," added the Minister.

Women Munition Workers

The steps which the Government proposes to take to ensure a maximum war effort were approved by the Advisory War Council to-day. These include a proposal for the employment of an additional 17,000 women in munitions factories and steps to ensure an adequate labour supply wherever necessary to maintain a maximum production of essential products.

The War Council also discussed a proposal for a probable rationing of commodities but action was deferred pending a thorough survey of the position by the Minister for War Organisation of Industry. It is understood that the Government will shortly discuss daylight saving as a means to conserve coal.

The Minister for the Army urged that registrations should be made as early as possible to assist the authorities and that the final day would be December 23...



Leslie Brinkman and Mrs Oakley and her daughter in Sydney. All lived at Westlake in Canberra in the 1920s. Mr Oakley died of TB and his wife and daughter returned to Sydney. This photograph was taken near Circular Quay in the early 1940s.

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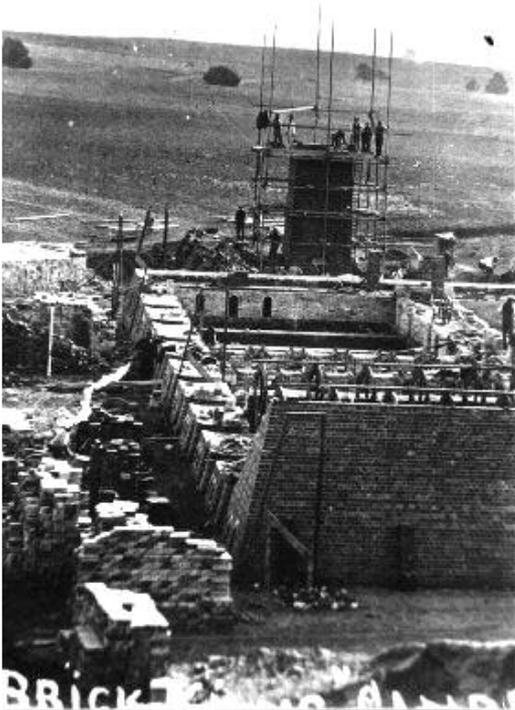
Below: Three of the Kaye girls circa 1913. In the background is the Molonglo River. The site of the entrance to Kaye's farm house yard is marked by a tall pine in Lennox Park behind the Hyatt Hotel Canberra.



Above: Bill Boyd's truck circa 1924. Collecting bricks from brickyards ready to transport to building sites.



Above: Cottages near Civic erected 1921-1922.



Above: Construction of the Canberra Brickworks 1913



Above: Red Hill Horse Camp, Westlake 1927 (now the site is part of Latrobe Park Red Hill.)