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At its peak, the paper was distributed from Flinders and Hastings on the Mornington Peninsula, to San Remo and Phillip Island, Inverloch and the Powlett region, through to Jumbunna and Loch, and as far north as Lang Lang.

This version of The Western Port Times is produced for the U3A Local History Group, based in Grantville.

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- Western Port Historical Society Inc.: hwphs.org.au/
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Grantville's Sporting Prowess

From the *Great Southern Advocate*, 26 April 1894

The Grantville Football Club

A football club has been formed at Grantville since our last issue, and by the first attempt made this season on Saturday last, promise to be in the foremost of the district. Mr. Lang, the popular host of the Grantville Hotel, intends starting a sports boom on a small scale, he having taken great pains to make a good ground for the club next to the hotel enclosure. If an association is formed in the district the Grantville club will join, and there is no reason why an association should not be formed.

[Editor's note: this appears to be the first Grantville football club, with re-foundings in 1899 and 1910. The following match results may give an indication as to why it couldn't sustain a team. When you are thrashed at home by Ryanston, you know it is time to give up].

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From the *South Bourke and Mornington Journal*, Wednesday 1 August 1900: page 3: The World Of Sport.

Grantville and Lang Lang played a match on Saturday week at Lang Lang, the result being: Lang Lang, 9.10; Grantville, 0.3.

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From the *Great Southern Advocate*, Thursday 31 August 1905, page 5: Football Talk.

On Saturday, 19th inst., the Ryanston footballers journeyed to Grantville and played the locals. The Ryanston boys put a very strong eighteen into the field and eventually won by 11 goals 8 behinds to 1 goal 1 behind. The game was played with splendid spirit and the Ryanston team are loud in their praise of Mr. W. B. Lang, of the Grantville hotel, who liberally entertained them.

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From the *Great Southern Advocate*, 21 June 1906, page 5

The second match of the Western Port Football Association was played between the Ryanston and Grantville club on the Archie's Creek ground on Saturday, in the presence of a good number of spectators who showed interest in the great game. A charge of 6d was made to help to defray expenses. The weather was perfect for football; some good play was witnessed, Ryanston winning by 8.14 to 1.2. Grantville have a lot of good players but they have not got into form yet. The best players for Ryanston were Loughnane, Stewart, Sibley, O'Halloran, Powell, Chisholm, and for the losers, Richie, Kennedy, Allan, Lilly, and McLaren. The goal kickers for Ryanston were Loughnane 4, Stewart 1, Sibley 1, Powell 2.

From the *Great Southern Advocate*, Thursday 14 March 1895

Cricket.

Grantville v. San Remo.

A team of cricketers journeyed to San Remo recently to play a friendly game of cricket, with the result that the home team kept the honors amongst them. Grantville made 24 in the first innings, "ducks" being numerous. In the second innings 29 were scored, Lee making 10. San Remo made 61 in their first innings, Eley 24 and Hearn 10, being the principal scorers. The following are the scores:—

San Remo.

Hearn, st White	...	...	...	10
Elliot, b Kennedy	...	...	...	5
Eley, c Lang	...	...	...	24
W. Pickersgill	...	...	...	1
Hull, b Kennedy	...	...	...	0
Randalls, st White	...	...	...	3
S. Pickersgill, not out	...	...	...	7
Forrest, b Kennedy	...	...	...	1
Cleeland, b Richardson	...	...	...	1
Neill, b Lang	...	...	...	6
Bonwick, run out	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	61

Grantville - First Innings.

Gibson, b Eley	...	...	...	0
Lang, b Eley	...	...	...	3
Lee, b Eley	...	...	...	0
White, b Pickersgill	...	...	...	4
Williams, b Eley	...	...	...	0
Kennedy, b Eley	...	...	...	0
Richardson, b Pickersgill	...	...	...	1
Scanlon, b Eley	...	...	...	6
C. Williams, not out	...	...	...	1
Muldoon, st	...	...	...	0
Francis, not out	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	24

Second Innings.

Gibson, b Hull	...	...	...	3
Lang, c Elliot, b Hull	...	...	...	1
Lee, b Hull	...	...	...	10
White, lbw Hearn	...	...	...	2
Williams, b Hull	...	...	...	0
Kennedy, b Hearn	...	...	...	2
Richardson, b Hull	...	...	...	3
Scanlon, not out	...	...	...	3
C. Williams, b Hearn	...	...	...	1
Muldoon, b Hearn	...	...	...	0
Francis, st Eley	...	...	...	0
Sundries	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	29

Queensferry Concert 1881

(From a Correspondent)

From the *South Bourke and Mornington Journal*, Wednesday 1 June 1881: Queensferry, Bass and Kilcunda.

(Re-paragraphed for the sake of clarity.)

Queensferry was enlivened on Friday, 13th instant, by a grand concert, which was attended by about 200 people, and I hear that 200 tickets were sold, the proceeds to form the nucleus [*sic*] of a fund for the laudable purpose of building a large room for all public purposes – Mechanic's Institute, reading room, preaching room, dancing, &c., &c.

Financially it was a great success, and the ladies especially discoursed sweetest music, both vocal and instrumental, but it was certainly very surprising to see and hear the display of some of the songs and singers, amongst the male portion of the vocalists, one in particular appearing on the stage in anything but a seemly state, and trying to sing the low pothouse song of "Studying Economy, I live like a Lord" breaking down several times, and finally giving the audience relief by leaving the stage.

I am not alone in thinking it a great mistake to allow such songs to be introduced at such a concert; in the public house bar, or tap room, they are all right for such as enjoy them, but the line should be drawn. Nothing but what is instructive, leading up to higher aspirations and nobleness of character, should be forced upon an audience who really come expecting better things. The gathering was for a noble purpose, and a pity it was spoiled by unseemly songs within, or drunken brawling outside.

Mr Potter, our very much respected officiating Church of England minister, presided, and added a good deal to make things pleasant by his urbanity and tact.

A vote of thanks to the performers, especially the ladies, was proposed by the Rev. Mr Gaunson, Wesleyan, who passed some deserved strictures on some of the songs, and seconded by Mr Crook, who said, being a stranger, he was greatly delighted to have dropped amongst such a nest of nightingales. The dancing afterwards was kept up till day light.

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From *KooWeeRup Sun and Lang Lang Guardian*, 12 Feb. 1919

A Remarkable Beast. Frightened Villagers.

From the *Evening Journal*, Thursday 28 February 1907
Melbourne, February 27.

Following on the report from Archie's Creek of a strange animal making its appearance on Grantville Hill among some young couples who were out walking. A strange looking animal came crashing through the scrub, making for the township. The young people ran in and reported it, and a couple of men went to investigate. They met a pony belonging to the editor of the local newspaper dressed in sporting breeches and a coat to the fore-quarters, and ladies' snow white underlinen to the hind quarters. The pony was stripped of his garments, and the young people soon recovered from their shock.

May and Queen Bee

Countryman was a short-lived (1925-1929) paper published in Melbourne and aimed at country readers. The section for children was run by "Queen Bee" – likely the wife or a female friend of the owner or an employee, or one of the (male) employees themselves. May Humphries of "Belmont" Glen Alvie, when 12 and 13 years old, wrote a number of letters to Queen Bee, six of which are reproduced here.

From *Countryman*, Friday 31 August 1928, page 9

Baby Brother

Glen Alvie.

Dear Queen Bee,—Just a line to say that I did not get my badge again. I wonder what happened to them all?

Since I last wrote to you my mother has been in the hospital, but she is better and home again now. While mother was away I had to slay home from school and mind my little brother Albert, who is only 2½ years old. He did not mind very much because we gave him plenty of things to play with.

On the 20th of this month my sister Linda had a birthday. She was ten years old. I am two years and three months older than she is. Mother made her a cake and iced it with pink icing and then put 10 candles around it.

I am going to try for the Telegram Competition.

I think I have told you all the news now, so I will close with love from your old Bee,
May Humphries.

[It's too bad that your badge hasn't reached you, but, never mind, I have a little surprise for you! Who do you think got the packet of seeds this week. You did! Plant them and care for them, dear, and perhaps you will think of me sometimes when you see them growing. Glad to hear that mother is better. Linda's birthday is over, I know, but give her my good wishes. I am sending you another badge. Let me know if you get it.]

From *Countryman*, Friday 2 November 1928, page 11

Chickens and Ducks

Glen Alvie.

Dear Queen Bee,—I have been a very long time writing to you, but I have had no time to do so, so you will excuse me will you please? I received my badge all right. The sweet pea seeds you gave me are all growing nicely.

One of the girls from our school broke her wrist not long ago, and it is not better yet. Her name is Mary Green. We went over to see how she was yesterday, and she was getting on well. We have 24 chickens and some more to come out. We have three or four hens on duck eggs. They will not be very long before they are out. I like little ducks and chickens when they are young.

I wrote to Eunice Stephenson, and she has written back to me. There is not much news to tell you, so I will close, hoping this finds you and the Hive all well. With love from your old C.B.

May Humphries.

[I was pleased to hear from you, May, and all about the little chickens and ducks. I hope they all do well. Was sorry to hear of your friend Mary's accident, but I hope she will be better.]

From *Countryman*, Friday 21 December 1928, page 11

A Fox Pays A Visit

Glen Alvie.

Dear Queen Bee,—It is quite a while since I wrote to you, isn't it? My sister and I are sending one shilling each for the cots. I told you in my last letter that we had a lot of young ducks. Well, we had thirty seven altogether with what were hatched afterwards; well, just the other night a fox came and killed twenty-six of them, and only left eleven of them. They were all lying in the yard and out in the paddock, some with their heads on and some off. We only have nineteen now—eight came out the next day.

Last Friday we had the Merit and Qualifying exams. I was not one of them, though. Five went for it, but I do not know whether they passed or not. I hope they did. Those sweet-peas you sent me are growing very quickly. I think they all came up. When they bloom I am going to send a box of them down to you.

We had our pet lamb shorn two or three days ago and Dad sent the wool away on Friday; there was twelve pounds of it. The week after next I think all the rest of the school will be having their exams. I think that is all the news, so I will close.

With love to yourself and the Hive, and the little ones in the cots. I am, your old Bee
May Humphries.

(What a dreadful shame, May! I suppose you did not get the fox who did all the damage. The wretched animal, to kill twenty-six. Six alone would have been bad enough. What a lot of wool from the lamb, May! I remember we used to think our sheep were doing wonderfully well if they averaged about seven pounds to the fleece.)

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May and Queen Bee (continued from Page 5)

From *Countryman*, Friday 22 March 1929, page 11

A Holiday At Bairnsdale

Belmont, Glen Alvie.

Dear Queen Bee,—I suppose you think I have forgotten all about you, but I haven't. I have been away, on a holiday to Bairnsdale. Have you ever been there, Queen Bee? It is a very nice place. We stayed at my uncle's place at East Bairnsdale. He has a big butter factory. Their house is situated on a hill, at the foot of which flows the Mitchell River, so if my cousins want a swim all they have to do is go to the foot of the hill and jump in. My uncle has a motor car and a motor boat as well. We went once in the boat to Eagle Point and Belle Vue, and in the car to Eagle Point and Lakes Entrance. One afternoon we went up the town to see the factory, and then we went out and had a look at the shops. Last Sunday some friends went with us to San Remo—there were 15 altogether. Eleven of us went for swim and we had a great time; the only part that wasn't any good was the road. We left at about 15 minutes past 9 and got home after 4 o'clock.

Well Queen Bee, I think I have told you all the news, so I will close. Hoping you and the Hive are all well. From your old C.B.

May Humphries.

[No, May, I have never been to Bairnsdale, but have heard that it is a very pretty place. I am sure you enjoyed your holiday there.]

From *Countryman*, Friday 12 July 1929, page 11

For the Cot Fund

Belmont, Glen Alvie.

Dear Queen Bee,—I suppose you thought that I was never going to write to you again, but I have not forgotten either you or the Hive. On Tuesday next we start our June examination. I hope I pass. I go for my merit at the end of the year, as I am in the eighth grade at school. To-day it is cold enough for snow, but I suppose it would be worse if we did have snow. It is very cold and dirty outside to-day, as we have been having rain. Is it cold in Melbourne, Queen Bee? Isn't it dreadful that such a number of the people want rain. I think they could have had some of the rain which we had.

My sister Linda and I are sending, in 5/ for the Cot Fund. I hope enclosed postal note reaches you safely. Our ducks have only just started to lay; we have had three eggs from them. We get about 17 eggs a day from the hens. We have one new cow in. We are only milking three cows now. I think that

is all the news, so I will close.

With love to yourself and the Hive.—From your C.B.,

May Humphries.

[Thanks, May and Linda, for your fine contribution to the Fund. Yes, it is very cold in town just now. We have been nearly frozen for about two weeks. Don't forget to write and tell us if you pass your exam, at the end of the year.]

From *Countryman*, Friday 22 November 1929, page 11

Sweet Pea Flowers

"Belmont." Glen Alvie.

Dear Queen Bee.—You will be thinking I have forgotten all about you. I was sorry to see in the paper that you were ill and could not come to the office. I am sending a box of lovely blue perennial sweet pea flowers, which I hope you will like. I also enclose a postal note for 1/4 to help the Cot Fund along. It was nice to see a letter from our friend "Rosemary," wasn't it.

We have had some beautiful weather. The grass is looking nice and green and the cows are all milking well. A couple of weeks ago we had an examination and I passed in every subject. That was not the exam, for the merit and qualifying certificates. We made about £10 out of the fancy dress ball. My little brother Albert went as "Boy Blue," and obtained first prize. The prize was a beautiful pencil set. We have a pet sheep whose name is Daisy. She has an enormous amount of wool; it is a wonder to me she doesn't get tangled up. Have you seen a "Coleman" lamp, Queen Bee. They give a beautiful light, so soft and white. We have seven Pekin ducks which are all laying. I think this is all the news, hoping you are soon better. With love from your old Country Bee.

May Humphries.

[The flowers were lovely, dear, I have them on my table. You are a good girl to remember the Cot Fund. And brother Albert won a prize. You must feel very proud of him. Yes, I have seen a "Coleman" lamp, and they are very good.]



From *The Wonthaggi Sentinel and State Town Miner*, Saturday, June 25, 1910

Meanwhile At Wonthaggi...

A meeting of those interested in the formation of a junior brass band was held on Monday evening last. Playing members are now being enrolled, and the age limit has been fixed at over 9 and under 16 years. Many parents have expressed their approval of the movement, and the promoters are to be congratulated on the success so far met with. The appointment of a band master will be made next week at a meeting which will be held on a date to be fixed.

An assertion recently made by the Minister of Mines that the business people of Wonthaggi fixed their own valuations on the land leased by the Government is no doubt correct, but in making such an assertion the Minister altogether ignored the fact that the small number auctioned on each occasion was responsible for the high prices realised. And no one knows it better than the Minister for Mines.

At the last committee meeting of the Wonthaggi Progress Association Mr Corcoran raised the question of sanitation, and dwelt at some length on the importance of an effective and better arrangement than the existing one being at once undertaken. He said that unless this matter was at once taken in hand, and some better provision made for the removal and disposal of all kitchen refuse, slops, etc., the place would become a hotbed of fever when the warm weather set in. The existing arrangements were described as crude in the extreme and until a more up-to-date method of dealing with the matter was adopted the present disgraceful state of affairs must continue. It was eventually agreed to move in the matter at the earliest opportunity.

Mr Atkins, who has commenced business as a saddler in Graham Street, established quite a record in his movements recently. He drove from Leongatha on Friday to have a look at Wonthaggi. Being satisfied with the possibilities of the place, he decided to start business here, and returned to Leongatha on the Sunday following. He was at the land sale in Melbourne on the following Tuesday, purchased the first block auctioned, sent building material along for new premises, and returned to Leongatha and disposed of his business there. In a little over a week from the time of his first visit to Wonthaggi Mr Atkinson was in full going order in Graham Street.

Mr. Watt, State treasurer, interviewed by a representative of the Melbourne Press, said he went to Wonthaggi in a sceptical spirit, but he came away impressed with the idea that the site of the township was the most ideal one in the district, and that in the coal field the Government had made the best investment that any Government in Victoria has ever made. "I have," he continued, "the greatest confidence to the future of the place, and I think the Minister of Mines and his officers deserve the greatest credit for the organisation, skill, and [unclear word] they have shown in developing the field."

Through our advertising columns Mr J. Visbord announces that he has opened a first-class clothing, tailoring [sic], and [unclear word] establishment in Murray Street. Special attention will be paid to the tailoring department, and Melbourne prices will be adhered to.

When asked to provide more lights at the street corners, the Minister of Mines complained that a number were stolen after being placed in position by the Government. "Yes; they were taken for use at other dangerous spots," said Secretary Mealey. The Minister promised to provide a number of temporary lights during the winter months.

It will probably come as a surprise to the occupiers of the Government cottages to learn that they are liable for and will be compelled to pay all rates, etc., which are likely to in future be assessed. This announcement was made by the Minister of Mines on Friday last in answer to a question by a member of the deputation which waited on him. "Every block of land and every house and tent is rateable," said Mr McBride. "The tenant is liable for the rates, and if unable to pay, his goods and chattels can be seized upon in satisfaction for unpaid rates." When asked for an expression of opinion on the subject, many of the Government tenants declared it was definitely stated by the Minister that the amount to be paid as the rent covered all rates and taxes, and it was on that assurance they became tenants of the Crown. All who were spoken to expressed not a little concern and evident surprise at the latest announcement.—[Since the above was in type the Minister of Mines has definitely stated that the rates of the miners' cottages erected by the State had been made to include all municipal and water rates.]

From the *South Bourke and Mornington Journal*, Wednesday 10 January 1877

Phillip Island And Woolamai Shire Council

Saturday, December 23, 1876

Present—Councillor Turnbull (President), Councillors Crump, Kidd, Stewart, Smith, Fowler, Sunderland, and West.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Smith, and carried, "That plans and specifications for bridges at Deep and P. B. Creek be referred to Public Works' Committee."

Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Crump, "That letter from Secretary of Education be received." Carried.

Moved by Councillor Sunderland, "That letter from Members of Westernport S.S. Company, asking for permission to use fence at Newhaven, be granted." Carried.

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Smith, that Mr John Cleeland, who asked for permission to put gates on several roads in Phillip Island, be informed that the Council has no objections to closing of the roads in question by swing gates, if erected under section 399 of the Local Government Act. Carried.

Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Crump, "That letter from W. H. Hickey, with respect to his valuation be received; and the Council cannot entertain the question." Carried.

The Council went into Committee and tenders were opened for grubbing and clearing at Corinella; grubbing and clearing and rough timber bridge Corinella.

Moved by Councillor Crump, seconded by Councillor Fowler, "That the tender of J. W. Emery, for Cont. 88, and the tender of Frederick Jeffries for tender 04 be accepted." Carried.

The Public Works Committee reported on plans and specifications for culverts at Little Deep and Flat Bottom Creeks.

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Stewart, and carried, "That plans and specifications be referred back to the Engineer, with a recommendation in that the culverts be made of double size."

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Fowler, "That the resignation of Councillor Stewart Sloss be accepted, and that Councillor Crump be appointed Returning Officer to conduct the election for the vacancy in Corinella Riding.

Petition from Ratepayers of Shire asking for daily mail communication was presented to the Council, with report of the Committee.—

Moved by Councillor Sunderland, seconded by Councillor Smith, "That the petition be accepted and the seal of the Shire appended."—Moved by Councillor Stewart, and seconded by Councillor Crump as an amendment, "That the petition for daily mail service be not received, as being detrimental to one portion of the Shire, and no action be taken in the matter."—The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost, and the original motion carried.

Moved by Councillor Sunderland, and seconded by Councillor Kidd, "That the President and Councillor Fowler be deputed to present the petition to the Postmaster-General at their earliest convenience." Carried.

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Fowler, "That an additional sum of £5 per annual be allowed Mr. Smith for exclusive use of another room." Carried.

Councillor Smith asked permission to erect verandah.

Moved by Councillor Sunderland, seconded by Councillor Kidd, and carried, "That permission be granted."

Moved by Councillor Crump, seconded by Councillor Kidd, that accounts amounting to £79 10s, as read, be passed for payment. Carried.

Moved by Councillor West, seconded by Councillor Sunderland that tenders be called for one pipe, culvert and five chains forming and draining at McHaffie's dam.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Crump, seconded by Councillor Smith, that tenders be called for grubbing and clearing the road, one chain wide from Bass Bridge to O'Meara's corner.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Fowler, seconded by Councillor West that clerk of works report on road from Duffy's road to Forrests, and approaches to jetty at Newhaven.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Crump, seconded by Councillor Stewart that tenders be called for clearing road half chain wide be called for clearing road half chain wide from Bass road to Murphy's gate.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Crump, seconded by Councillor Kidd, that tenders be called for culvert and draining at Schuler's corner.—Carried.

Moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Kidd, that tenders be called for culvert and drains on Turnbull's road.—Carried.

First Bride for the First Church

From *The Age*, Saturday 18 October 1952, page 14

New Church for Corinella

WONTHAGGI, Friday.—Copies of "Church News" and 1952 coins were placed behind the foundation stone of St. George's Church of England, Corinella, yesterday. The church will be the first erected at Corinella, one of Westernport Bay's earliest settlements.

From *KooWeeRup Sun and Lang Lang Guardian*, 20 Oct. 1954

A Corinella Bride

A wedding of considerable interest took place in St. George's Church of England, Corinella, on Saturday, October 2nd. It was the first wedding celebrated in this new brick church. The bride was Judith Anne Williamson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Williamson, of Corinella, and the groom Ian Manwell Clark, second son of Mr and Mrs J. Clark, of Monomeith. The Rev. K. Raff, who was in charge of the Bass Parish for some time, came from Morwell to officiate. The church was beautifully decorated by the bride's aunt.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a strapless frock of white duchesse satin. It had a pleated bodice, full skirt and a long train and was worn with a long-sleeved bolero. A Tudor wrap edged with orange blossom held the full length, triple-tiered veil in place. White lilac made up the bridal bouquet, which was similar to the bridesmaids and made by Mrs J. Hardman, Judith's aunt. The bridesmaids, Misses Margot (sister of the bride) and Marjorie Wentworth, wore matching frocks of lilac organdie and broderie anglaise with bouffant skirts. They also wore brief boleros and S-shaped caps. Their bouquets comprised mauve and purple lilac and stocks.

Mr Keith Doherty was groomsman and Mr Neville Clark (groom's brother) best man. Mrs Allen sang "The Lord's Prayer," accompanied by Mr F. White. The bride received numerous horseshoes as she left the church.

Mr and Mrs Clark assisted Mr and Mrs Williamson in receiving the guests at the reception held in the Corinella Hall. The bride's mother wore a gunmetal grey silk frock, matching accessories and a white hat. Her spray was a white orchid. Mrs Clark wore a cherry [word obscured] with black accessories and a blue hat, her spray being cherry tulips and blue forgetmenots.

The bride's going away ensemble was a [word obscured] mauve faille frock with black suede accessories, and a head hugging [word obscured] was covered with tiny flowers and mauve orchids were pinned in her bolero. The honeymoon will be spent touring in a caravan, after which they will live in Kooweerup.

from *The Argus*, 5 October 1954, page 7: Family Notices.

She's First Bride

Miss Judith Williamson was the first bride for Corinella's new Church of England. Here she signs the register after her wedding to Mr Ian Clark, of Monomeith. The looks on with the Rev. K. B. Raff, who officiated. The bride formerly lived in Corinella, and the wedding was of considerable interest throughout South Gippsland.



Pioneer Clergyman Passes

Rev. H. E. Potter.

From the *Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser*, Friday 31 December 1915: San Remo.

(Re-paragraphed for the sake of clarity.)

The Rev. Herbert E. Potter died at his residence, San Remo, on Friday, Dec. 24, after a long illness, aged 70.

The deceased gentleman, who was born in Leicestershire, England and the son of an Anglican clergyman, arrived in San Remo some 35 years ago and studied for the ministry while acting as a deacon of the church in this district.

After being ordained as a priest by Bishop Moorhouse he displayed great activity in his office, and his genial disposition made him highly popular. Being a fearless rider he was able to make the necessary journeys over rough bush tracks with comparative ease and he possessed the useful faculty of adapting himself to new surroundings with facility. With the exception of a few absences while acting as locum tenens for clergymen in different parts of Victoria he remained in San Remo till the day of his death.

Not long after his ordination he married the only daughter of the late Mr Thos. Anderson of "Netherwood," San Remo, a member of the family of South Gippsland pioneers, and he leaves a widow and a grown up family of five. Two of his sons are soldiers in the Australian

Army.

About 15 years ago Mr. Potter retired from active service in the church but as chairman of the committee of management he continued to take a lively interest in all that pertained to it. He also gave substantial assistance to the building fund of the San Remo church.

Upon being made a justice of the peace he devoted himself with characteristic energy to the performance of the duties which the position entailed. He was not absent from the sittings of the San Remo police court more than three times during its existence.

Mr. Potter at all times evinced genuine interest in the advancement of the district and was ever ready to take the chair at public meetings or entertainments designed to aid in the progress of the community. He will be remembered as a valuable public spirited townsman who spared no personal exertion to help things along and one to whom it was always a happiness to be able to lend a helping hand to those in need of it.

The burial took place in the San Remo cemetery on the 27th December the funeral service being read by the Rev. Mr. Sandiford of Mornington. There were fifty mourners at the grave side.

After the service Mr. Sandiford delivered an address of tribute to his departed friends, and Mr. L. D. Griffiths bestowed the last Masonic honors. In the San Remo Anglican church on the evening of the 26th December, the services were conducted by Mr. B. B. Lousada, who made appropriate reference to the death of Mr. Potter.

From *The Argus*, Saturday 5 December 1925, page 38

Milk Below Standard.

Dairyman's Second Offence.

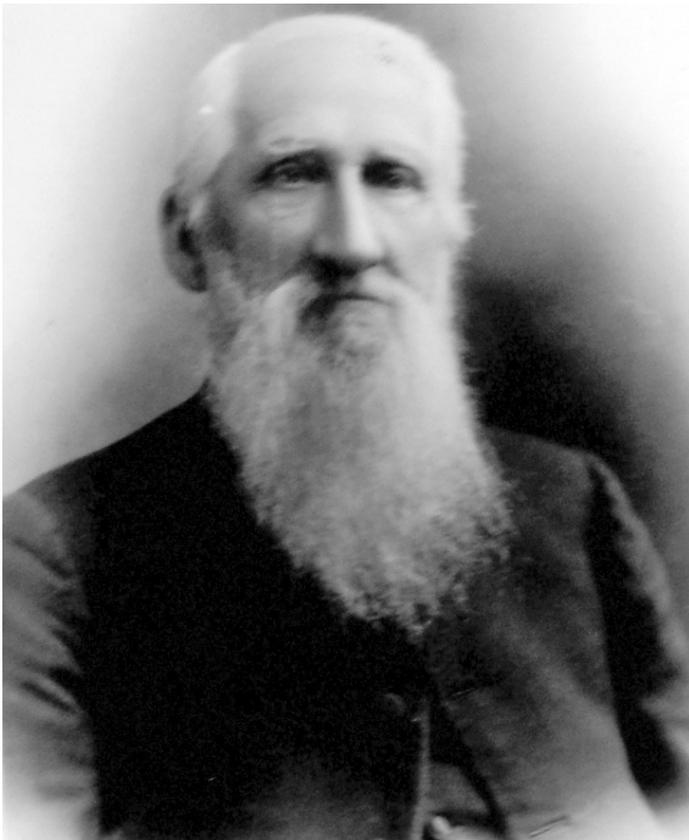
Before Messrs. S. Germon (chairman), W. H. Mitchell, W. Bolton, J. W. Page, and A. B. C. Dennis, J.P.'s, at the Caulfield Court on Friday, J. Price-Jones, dairy farmer, of Woodleigh, was charged with having on November 4 sold milk below the standard required by the Health Act.

Paul Downes, health inspector, said:—On November 4 I took samples of milk from cans at the Caulfield railway station which Jones had consigned to the Metropolitan Milk Co.

Alfred H. Hoch said:—I analysed the sample of milk sent me by Downes, and found that it was 14 per cent deficient in fatty solids. It is a serious deficiency.

Jones admitted a previous conviction.

Jones was fined £10, with £4/1/6 costs.



The Reverend Herbert Potter. Undated photo.

Grantville Soldiers' Welcome Home

Trooper Cole and Lance Corporal Combridge

From the Lang Lang Guardian, Friday 21 June 1918, page 3

(Re-paragraphed for the sake of clarity).

The little community of Grantville enthusiastically welcomed home two of its fighting men on Friday night last. In this respect Grantville can show the way to many more populous districts, for they treat their returned heroes more generously than any we have seen. It was unfortunate that heavy rain fell early in the evening, which prevented people coming from a distance. However, there was a large attendance, and the weather could not damp the ardour of those who braved its inclement condition, although many got a soaking.

The hall was nicely decorated, and the stage was garlanded with foliage and flowers. The evening's entertainment commenced with dancing, interspersed with songs and recitations.

Mrs. McNabb (piano) furnished admirable music, assisted by Mr. G. F. Hopkins (piccolo), Mr. Bowcher also providing excellent music with his accordion. Mrs. Cracknell sang a song appropriate to the occasion, "Sweet Home," and showed possession of a cultured soprano voice of good range, sweetness, and power. She was recalled.

Mr. Bartells gave an amusing recitation about a dog and a phonograph, and was loudly applauded. Mr. Schultz's song, "Eileen Alannah," with flute accompaniment by Mr. Hopkins, was very harmoniously rendered, and gained great applause. Mr. T. Harrison, a visitor from Mornington, sang "Nita Gitana" in good style, and was encored. Later in the evening Mrs. Cracknell sang "Mary," which was as effective as her first item.

Just before supper the real business of the evening commenced.

Mr. C. T. White, chairman, said there would have been a much larger audience but for the almost impossible weather. While listening to that song, "Sweet Home," he could not help being struck with its application to the present occasion. He supposed most of them had sons and daughters, and if home was so sweet to them, how much more so must it mean to these lads coming home from the war?

Lance-Corporal Combridge had been away three years, and had seen much fighting. He had the unique experience of being on the torpedoed Southland. Like most of the

lads, you could not get much out of him about his exploits. But if he liked he could tell you some things that would make your blood boil. He hoped that their young soldier would get better of his wound.

Trooper Cole had not been much in the fighting line, but it was not through any fault of his own. He had been engaged in a very hazardous occupation with horses, and he had been rolled on and incapacitated. He had tried twice to get back, and intended to try again. (Applause.)

He (the chairman) said it was a shame to send these men back when there were thousands of young men fit to go to the front. He did not see where their manhood came in. Only the other day some Anzacs had come back after 3½ years' service. It was a cowardly shame to ask those men to go back again. What had become of our old Australian pluck and stamina?

He thought they must be— well, he wouldn't say what. It was up to them to do something for the returned soldiers. He thought that by and by there would be hard times for those who would not fight. When all the soldiers came back, with their strong R.S. Association, they would have a say in the affairs of the country. They were the soldiers who had fought for it, and they were the men who should rule it. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. W. Lang said it was an honour to welcome these boys home. Lance Corporal Combridge, who had seen 3½ years' service, had the good fortune to receive a wound which had sent him home fairly sound, and the speaker hoped he would come out of the hospital quite strong again. He considered the Government was not treating the men in the right spirit, and was leaving too much to chance.

It should not be left to men who were trying to make money out of the concern, and local disinterested committees should be selected to go into the matter. They were selecting land which was not good enough for the soldiers. Local men wanted to see the soldiers get good and sound investments. They were the men who were entitled to good treatment and a say in the country's affairs. If they did not take and make their own privileges, he

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thought they would be foolish. He trusted that the time would not be long in coming when they would have one grand welcome home of all the troops. (Loud cheers.)

He had known these boys since they were little fellows, and they had always been straight and manly. Cole's calling was a hazardous one amongst horses, and he could say that if this lad had the opportunity he would be just as good a fighter as he was a horseman. (Cheers.) All honor to him.

There were thousands of shirkers knocking about the cities, dolled up and living on the fat of the land, eating the best meals in cafes and restaurants. They should be treated as America was treating her men, and should be made to fight or work. (Cheers.)

Thank God, there were not many shirkers left here. He would say that if they had to call on the girls thousands of them would respond, but he hoped it would not come to that. It seemed as if the shirkers were not to be shamed. It was a shame to send returned soldiers back, and he hoped they would not have to go. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bartells said he had a son on the Southland when she was torpedoed. He congratulated Lance-Corporal Combridge on being one of the noble band whose behaviour on the Southland would ever be remembered as one of the finest pieces of heroism and cool discipline. When he was an old man he would be able to spin yarns about the Southland. Anyhow, he would be able to even if he did not. He could not get his own boy to talk about it. The only ones who could speak about these things were those who were not there. (Laughter.)

Lance-Corporal Combridge was one of the heroes who had shown the world what was considered to be the most courageous conduct on land or sea. It was something to be extremely proud of, and he hoped he would be quite strong and able to take his part in the world again. His youngest son came back from Gallipoli, and afterwards lost a leg in France. It was only those who had sons away who knew the anxious times parents went through – the dangers of the sea as well as those on land, the anxious hearts wearying, waiting and watching for the return of their boys. He congratulated the parents on their boys' safe return. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bartells spoke with deep emotion, and was visibly affected.

The chairman said he had come to the most

pleasant part of the evening, the presentation of gold medals to the guests. These medals are of handsome design, with the Australian coat of arms, surmounted with a boomerang, a soldier being represented with rifle, the reverse side suitably engraved. These medals are given by the Grantville Welcome Home League.

He regretted to say that there had been some friction at the Bass, and was very sorry the Red Cross had closed down. The ladies had practically been insulted by others who were too mean to give, and did nothing except pick holes in the actions of others. They stood it for a long time, but had now resigned in a body. The Bass society included San Remo, Corinella, Grantville, and Kilcunda. Bass had handed back to Grantville their amount of the returned soldiers' fund.

He handed to Lance-Corporal Combridge £10, and the gold medals to both soldiers. Trooper Cole would get his £10 later on. Lance-Corporal Combridge said only those who had been through it had any idea what it was like. He had also listened to the song of "Sweet Home," and realised its import. He had known he was coming home, but could hardly realise it until at a time like this, when it could be appreciated to the full. He would like to tell them how much the Red Cross was appreciated. In fact, he could not find words to tell them what they thought of it in England and France. He heartily thanked them. (Cheers.)

Trooper Cole said he did not know how to thank them all. It had been no fancy of his to come back here, and he intended to have another go. (Cheers.)

The Chairman: If they can't speak, they can fight. I think their parents should be proud of the example shown to the rest of Australia. I know you will be glad to see all the other boys come home. (Cheers.)

"For They Are Jolly Good Fellows" was lustily sung, and cheers three times three were given.

An excellent supper was prepared by the following:— Mesdames Kennedy, Boucher, George, and Schultz, Misses Lang, White, Reid, and Williams.

The chairman moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Hopkins, of the "Lang Lang Guardian," for his assistance during the evening, which was seconded by Mr. Schultz and carried with acclamation. The vote was acknowledged by the editor of "The Guardian."

The proceedings terminated at a late hour, everybody having spent a most enjoyable time.

Illegal Detention – Case Dismissed

Many Witnesses Called

Strong Conflict of Testimony

Experts Differ And The Bench Decides

From The Powlett Express and Victorian State Coalfields Advertiser, 31 May 1918

A case in which great interest was taken was heard at the Wonthaggi Court on Wednesday, before Mr. Tanner, P.M., and Messrs. Wilson, Hollins, Walker and Daly, J's.P.

Henry Haughton, baker, of North Wonthaggi, was charged with illegally detaining a brown mare, valued at £12, by William Tinkler, of Dudley. Mr. Conant appeared for complainant, and Mr. Brunt for defendant.

William Tinkler, engine-driver, State Mine, said he purchased a dark brown 3-year-old mare from Mr. M. Quinlivan, Corinella, about December 4 for £11. About January 24 he put her in a paddock at West Creek, and seven weeks later he brought her home and turned her out. She came back for feed for some time, but later he missed her. Saw Mr. Haughton and claimed a mare in his possession. The mare was branded T on both shoulders. Haughton said there was some mystery about the mare and he wanted it cleared up. He valued the mare at £12. He identified the mare by the brands; she had no distinguishing mark; he was satisfied that the mare was his.

Mr. Tanner, P.M. : Where is the sale note?

Witness : I can get it shortly.

Mr. Tanner, P.M. : It should be here.

To Mr. Brunt: He did not know of any peculiarities about her; she was fairly poor and had worms; on one or two occasions when she was missing he found her at Powlett River, about 5 or 6 chains from Haughton's place; that was on the road to West Creek; he may have said it was peculiar that the horse went to Powlett River and not to Bass. About the 23rd of January he had her branded; did not examine her and see if there was any previous brand.

To the Bench : Alex May owned the paddock at West Creek, but someone else was looking after it.

Michael Quinlivan, dealer, Corinella, said Tinkler bought a brown mare, through him from Whyatt; the same mare is at the court to-day; he heard about it being lost; there was no visible brand when she was sold; he knew the sire and mother of the mare; there was not the slightest doubt about the mare being Whyatt's.

To Mr. Brunt: The mare came across from

French Island about October with some of his horses; she was in a paddock of Palmer's; she was not in his paddock; it was not a peculiar thing for a filly to have a drooping or hanging lip; he did not notice her drooping lip; he knew the mare since she was a foal; he would pick her out of a thousand; she was in pretty fair condition when sold.

Timothy Whyatt, farm laborer, French Island, said the mare out side the court was the one he bred on French Island about 4 years ago; there was a white fetlock, star on forehead, and white hairs on wither, where the saddle hurt it; the sire and dam and two full sisters were on the Island; Mr Quinlivan sold the mare and gave delivery of it at his request; saw her in Haughton's stables and recognised it immediately; he had no doubt about it.

To Mr. Brunt: A lot of horses have a dropped lip; there was never a brand on the mare; he did not brand his horses; he had never seen a horse branded.

Alfred Maddaford, farm laborer, French Island, employed by Miss Small, said he knew the mare before he crossed it over from French Island to Corinella for Mr. Whyatt; it was crossed over on October 9; the mare outside the court was the one he crossed over.

John Geo. Palmer, grazier, Corinella, said he knew the mare from a foal; she had a star on the forehead; he had no difficulty in identifying the mare.

To Mr. Hollins, J.P : The mare was grazing in his paddock.

To Mr, Canant: The mare was landed into his paddock, she was quiet and would almost come into the house.

To Mr. Brunt: When turned out a quiet horse was likely to go any way; plenty of horses would make to where they were bred.

William Osborne, grazier, French Island, identified the mare as one bred by Whyatt.

To Mr. Brunt: He knew George Griffiths, he was his best friend; he was sorry he was giving evidence against him but would say that Mr. Griffiths would be making a mistake if he said the mare was Haughton's; he believed Mr. Griffiths would say the same of him.

William Whyatt, farm laborer, French Island, also identified the mare as one bred by his

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brother.

To Mr. Brunt : When a mare gets into poor condition and has worms, she will drop her lip; some horses always do.

Ernest N. Hamilton, farmer, Corinella, said he knew the mare from a foal. Last saw her when sold to Tinkler, he identified the mare. He owned the sire and bred the mother; the mare throws back to the sire.

William Tinkler, recalled, produced the memo of sale. It was as follows:—

Memo.— Corinella December, 4 1917. Received from Mr. Tinkler the sum of £11 (eleven pounds) for one brown mare, n.v.b. Receiving payment £10 in cash. Duty stamp 2d uncanceled. (There was no signature to the memo).

The bench remarked that it was a peculiar document.

Witness continueing [*sic*] said that Mr. Haughton had told him his (Haughton's) mare was by Right Royal.

M. Quinlivan, recalled, said the memo produced was what he gave Tinkler. He did not sign it because the horse was not his but Whaytt's.

Cecil Moyle, miner, North Wonthaggi gave evidence.

Bass Emery, Bass, said he bred horses, he had some by Right Royal. He had seen the horse outside. Right Royal never saw its mother in his opinion. They all throw to the sire.

Joseph Enever, blacksmith, Wonthaggi, made an affirmation and said he branded the horse with the T brand, produced, on both shoulders because one did not take very well.

To Mr. Brunt: He did not notice any peculiarity about the mare.

The bench suggested that the brand should be shaved; this was done, and subsequently inspected by Messrs A. Foster and G. D. Griffiths.

This closed the case for complainant.

Henry Haughton, baker, North Wonthaggi, formerly at Powlett River, said that about three years ago his grey mare foaled a dark bay foal; when five months old it was paddocked out with the mother; from 18 months old the foal run about North Wonthaggi on the common; when two years old he found she had worms, and treated her; she was in a low condition with worms and vermin; turned her out again, and in about three weeks she disappeared; about five weeks ago he saw her on the common; the horse he was riding put his head over the

mare; he took her home, noticing the brands; the mare went in the gate on her own; as she was in low condition she would not feed; recognised her by the shape and head of the old mare, a white patch on the fetlock, and spot on forehead; everything corresponded with her appearance as when she left; he had to treat her before she would eat; she had a dropped lip; she made straight for the place where she was fed first; he could not see the slightest difference in this mare to the one he lost.

To Mr. Conant: He told Tinkler that his mare was by Right Royal, one of the best horses in the Commonwealth; he did not advertise the loss of his mare; she was a miserable brute and not worth very much; he had not worked her; did not break her in, but mouthed [*sic*] and rode her; she was lost for about 10 months; was present when Griffiths tried to brand her.

To Mr. Brunt : While Griffiths was branding her the brand broke and slipped; Griffiths said the brand would be no good; the mare was sweating and the hair was long.

John Munro Lang, miner, said he had fed the mare often; he identified her as Haughton's; knew her by the star, mane and dropped lip.

Adam Forster, dairyman, Powlett River, said he had been bred and born and reared amongst horses; the mare was Haughton's; there was no sign of any other brand than the T; a brand lightly put on would grow out.

Geo. Hicks, bread carter, employed by defendant, said he knew the mare since she was a month old; she was Haughton's; he had fed her often; he had 30 years' experience with horses, and had been in a racing stable; when the mare came back she went to the place where she had been fed.

To Mr. Conant: He believed Right Royal was the sire, but she was a disgrace to Right Royal; he had seen some scrubbers in his time.

To the Bench: There was a slight result for some months from the brand.

Margaret Haughton said the mare which come back was the one her husband bred; she was in the yard and called her by name, and the mare followed her; she had no doubt that the mare was her husband's.

To Mr Conant: When the children saw the mare they said "That's Bessie". Her husband did not advertise the loss of the mare.

George Davies Griffiths, grazier, North Wonthaggi, said he had worked with horses all his life; he was on a horse station in Queensland with 2000 horses. The mare

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was Haughton's; he recognised her by the dropped lip, unusual in young horses, and white mark. He branded the mare with a bad brand, which broke when using it; it left a very faint mark; the mare was sweating and had long hair; he knew the brand would not last. There was now no visible brand except the T. The brand he had put on had disappeared.

To Mr, Conant: In my experience 90 per cent of the progeny always throw back to the mare; he would not forget a horse with a march like that or the coronet.

To Mr. Brunt: The Arabs always held the opinion that progeny throws back to the dam.

To the Bench: With the hair wet and long a good brand could not be made.

This concluded the case and the Bench retired to consider their verdict.

On resuming Mr. Tanner, P.M., said that after giving the case careful consideration, the bench came to the conclusion that the complainant had not proved his case, and the case would be dismissed.

With regard to costs, Mr. Conant submitted it was not a case for costs. All the witnesses had given their evidence bona fide.

Mr. Tanner, P.M., said that no exception could be taken to the evidence called for either side.

Mr. Brunt consulted with his client and stated that under the circumstances he would forego costs.

Mr. Tanner, P.M., said that it showed a very generous disposition. Complainant had won and was entitled to costs.

The case was accordingly dismissed without costs, and an order was made for a return of the mare to H. Haughton.

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It was subsequently learned that a careful and close investigation of the shaved portion of the off shoulder, where one brand T had been made, disclosed the existence of another brand; when the skin was felt and stretched the other brand was noticeable.

Bass, Dalyston and Grantville Butchery.

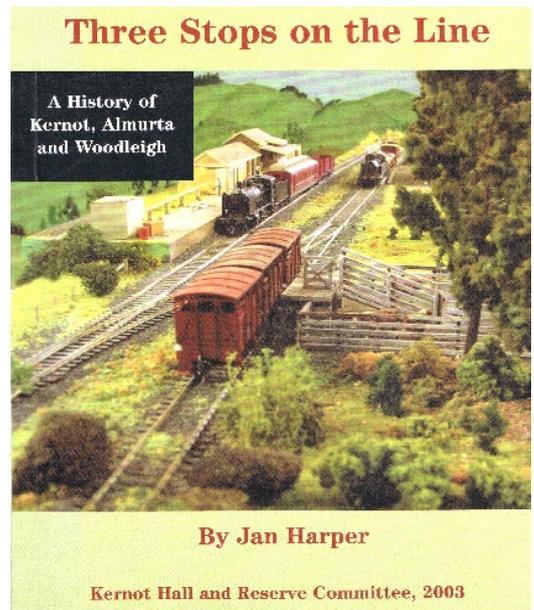
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From the *Powlett Express*, 5 May 1915



Written by Jan Harper for the Kernot Hall and Reserve Committee in 2003 the book is still relevant, perhaps even more so given the recent surge in interest in local history.

Kernot, Woodleigh and Almurta came into their own during the railway era, from 1910 to 1978. Settled from 1886 onwards, life changed as milk from the dairy farms and stock raised on properties were linked with markets through the silver thread of the new railway line. Communities expanded as railway personnel, and the infrastructure they attracted, boosted the settlements.

While this history reflects that of Gippsland as a whole, it is unique to the area in drawing our personal lives and juxtaposing them with larger social and economic trends.

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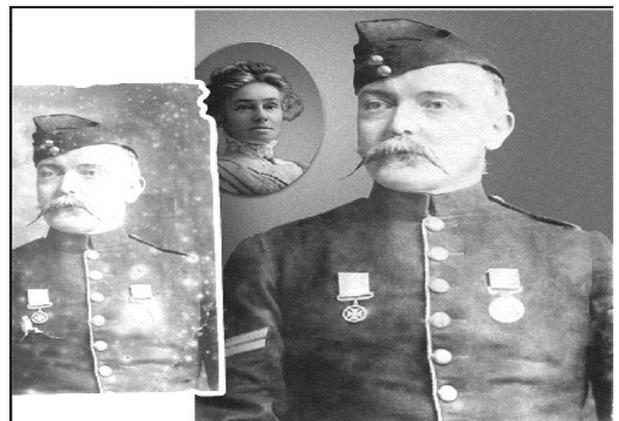


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Agricultural Shows.

Grantville and Jeetho.

From the *Weekly Times*, 10 March 1906

(Re-paragraphed for the sake of clarity. Photos by W. J. Stout.)

The season has been a very unfavorable one for summer shows. Stock are in low condition, fruit is scarce and of poor quality, root vegetable and maize crops have been almost a failure, while as for flowers few this season are to be seen at any of the shows.

It has been a trying time particularly for those who usually exhibit at the summer shows. Notwithstanding all these drawbacks, however, the annual show of the Grantville and Jeetho Agricultural Society, which took place last week at Grantville, did credit to the district.

Mainly owing to the causes named, there was a falling-off of over four hundred in the number of exhibits, as compared with the show of 1905. The quality, however, was well maintained, there being a good exhibition of Ayrshire, Jersey and dairy cattle, draught horses, ponies and sheep.

Grantville is situated on the eastern shore of Westernport Bay. It is reached by train to Lang Lang; and thence about 13 miles by coach. The coach journey skirts the Bay during the whole distance. Along the immediate coast the country is very poor, consisting mainly of very light sandy loam, and here and there patches of pure sand. It is timbered with ti-tree and a dwarfish growth of eucalyptus.

The summer having been so long and dry, things at present are looking their worst. The village of Grantville is prettily situated, as it commands an extensive view of Westernport Bay. An ideal spot has been chosen for the show ground.

A visitor to Grantville for the first time wonders where are the resources necessary to support an agricultural show. He soon learns that on the hills due east, between the Bay and the Great Southern line, there is rich agricultural and dairying country, densely settled with prosperous farmers. It is from the hills the people come on show

day, and with them come also nearly all of the principal exhibits.

Light rain set in on the morning of the show, and continued until about mid-day. Unfortunately for the district, it then cleared off, but the threatening appearance of the weather in the earlier part of the day greatly interfered with the attendance. Judging did not begin until about noon, but the work was put through expeditiously.

The judges evidently knew their business, and did not hesitate in giving their decisions. There was none of that lingering over the task and hesitating as if uncertain what to do, so frequently seen in show yards, and which proves so wearying to both exhibitors and the public.

Draught horses were well represented, there being keen competition in all the sections. Some very useful mares were exhibited. Mr R. J. Wilson took the first and champion prize for draught stallion. Mr W. Craig was first for brood mare, and J. T. Smethurst for dry mare. Three pairs of plough horses competed, the first prize going to Mr W. M'Craw.

There was a large display of light horse stock, ponies being numerous. For blood stallion, Mr E. C. Watton took first prize, and Mr G. Lynch for brood mare. Mr E. C. Watton was also the successful first prize taker in the competition for mare best calculated to breed Indian remounts. Much interest, as usual, was centred in the hunters and high jumping competitions. There was a good show of ladies' hacks.

Some well-bred Ayrshire cattle were exhibited, the principal prize-takers being Messrs A. T. N. Facey, Cranbourne, and Myles Bunn, Bena. Mr Facey's well-known bull, Glen Elgin's Philanthropist, took first and champion prize. Mr Facey's Bud of Glen Elgin took first prize

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The Lady's Hackney Competition. (l-r) Miss Alma Chapman (Almurta), Miss Grant (Almurta), Mrs Clare Atkins (Strezlecki Creek), Miss McMahon (Bena).



Mr Myles Bunn's (Bena) prize Ayrshires. It isn't clear which, if either man, is Myles Bunn.

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for cow, three years old, in milk, but she was defeated in the competition for the champion prize by Mr M. Bunn's two-year-old heifer, Dora of Willowvale.

The dairy cows were all of good quality. First for dairy cow was won by Mr M. Bunn with a good Ayrshire, this same exhibitor also taking first prize for pair of dairy heifers. Mrs Milnes exhibited some very good dairy cows, and took first prize for pen of two best cows.

An interesting milking competition was conducted by the society in December last. Prizes were offered for the best group of three cows showing the highest butter test from one milking. There were eight entries.

Stewards appointed for the purpose saw the three cows in each case milked dry on the farm on the night of the 5th December, and next morning they saw the cows milked, weighed the milk, and took samples away for the purpose of having them tested.

One of the conditions was that the prize-winning groups had to be exhibited later on at the society's show. Messrs Walker Bros., of Glen Alvie, won the first prize, their three cows in one milking yielding 2.855 lb. of butter. Mr A. H. Brown was second with 2.580 lb., and Mr J. Tulloch, 2.565 lb., third. The milk was tested by Mr G. M'Kenzie, manager Almurta butter factory, and the quantity of butter calculated by Mr J. S. Dalton, manager of the Loch factory. Having the cows milked on the farms under natural conditions proved much more satisfactory to the competitors than the usual way of having the tests conducted in the show yards.

This is not a good season of the year for exhibiting sheep to the best advantage. The pastures, too, being so dry the sheep were not in show form. This class, nevertheless, was strongly represented, the whole of the exhibitors being local farmers.

The exhibits of farm produce were limited in number, but the quality was good. Splendid samples of green maize were exhibited.

Speaking generally, and the unfavorable conditions taken into consideration, the show

was a success. As already stated, the dry weather was responsible for a shrinkage in the number of exhibits as compared with last year, while the steady rain in the morning kept a lot of people at home. The exhibits, however, were quite up to the usual standard of merit.

The president of the society, Mr James Biggar, and the secretary, Mr A. Belfrage, contributed in no small degree towards the success of the exhibition.

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Milking Competition

Below are the official results of the above competition, which took place on 6th December. Messrs. Walker Bros, are the fortunate winners this season, Messrs. A. H. Brown and J. Tulloch being second and third respectively. The details of the competition were arranged by Mr. C. McKenzie, manager of the Almurta factory. The butter result was calculated by Mr. Dalton, manager of the Loch Butter Factory.

Name of Cow	Weight Milk.	Test	Butter.	Total Butter.
<u>Walker Bros.—</u>				
Fawn	22.0	4.2	1.020	
Magpie	25.0	4.1	1.135	
Bluey	20.0	3.2	.700	2.855
<u>H. Brown—</u>				
Stella	22.0	3.9	.950	
Minnie	18.0	3.7	.740	
Scabby	18.0	4.4	.890	2.580
<u>J. Tulloch—</u>				
Dolly	24.0	3.4	.900	
Toby	24.0	3.6	.960	
Ivy	21.0	3.1	.705	2.565
<u>H. Pratt—</u>				
Mag	20.0	4.3	.955	
Queenie	18.8	3.8	.790	
Beauty	22.8	3.2	.785	2.530
<u>M.A. Buckley—</u>				
Sophie	19.8	4.0	.860	
Cherry	22.0	3.0	.710	
Saucy	19.12	4.1	.995	2.465
<u>W.C. Greaves—</u>				
Thelma	21.0	3.0	.800	
Daphne	20.0	3.9	.865	
Belle	16.8	3.8	.700	2.365
<u>B.P. Peters—</u>				
Tidy	19.0	3.4	.710	
Toft	20.0	4.0	.890	
Dainty	17.0	3.9	.745	2.345
<u>W.C. Greaves—</u>				
Pet	14.0	3.6	.640	
Dairymaid	16.0	3.9	.685	
Lady	15.0	4.0	.660	1.985



Show official, judges and members of the Committee. Andrew Belfrage (Society Secretary), in white shirt.

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The Churches

The Rev. Furlong of the Church of England preached in L. C. Holmes store at Poowong. The first ordained minister to reside at Poowong was the Rev. Sparling and the present church was opened by Rev. Dr. Moorhouse in July 1884, the Bishop having to come on foot from Drouin owing to the coach breaking down.

Services were also established in the Jumbunna district by Mr Wiltshire, whose two sons, Colonel A. R. L. Wiltshire, D.S.O., Croix de Guerre and C.M.G., now of the Bank of Australasia, and Lieut. John Wiltshire, M.C. were both members of the A.I.F. in the Great War.

Mr Elvery was the first Church of England minister followed by Mr North, at Korumburra. Services were in the beginning held at Mr Guy's home and Shepherd's galvanised iron store and afterwards in the Mechanics' Institute.

A log hut on A. W. Elms's farm was utilised at Outtrim until the advent of the coal miners justified a more pretentious church building.

Mr John Reld, of St. Helier, initiated the Presbyterian Church at Jeetho in 1885. The Rev. John Murdoch took charge and was succeeded by Rev. John Taylor and Rev. J. W. Little, all within 14 weeks.

Mr A. Gillan soon became known as the father of the Presbyterian Church in South Gippsland. A church costing £250 was erected at Poowong in 1890 and in 1893 the Rev. J. G. Davies was appointed to the ministerial charge of Korumburra.

The Roman Catholic Church at Korumburra was consecrated by Archbishop Carr on Sunday April 28, 1895, and a new parish was formed comprising the townships of Loch, Jumbunna and Outtrim, with Father Keating as parish priest. The first service prior to 1893 fortnightly services had been held in the Mechanics' Institute amongst the timber in Station Street. The first actual gathering of worshippers was under the Rev. Father O'Leary, held on the landing at the top of the stairway in the Korumburra Hotel, newly built by Mr A. Radovick, at the corner

of the street named after him and Commercial Street.

The soldiers' memorial at the top of Commercial Street occupies a commanding position, and 165 names of the "glorious dead" are inscribed on the marble facets erected in grateful memory by the people of Poowong and Jeetho.

Local institutions

The district owes a debt of progress to its press. The Korumburra Times was established when the township was in the making by the late S. W. Mitchell. The Times has had many changes in ownership. Mr Mitchell disposed of it to George Morrison, and shortly after E. C. H. Oliphant took it over. In 1904 the late George Whittaker became the proprietor, but unfortunately was thrown out of a jinker and killed while returning from Grantville show in 1905. P. H. Watkinson became possessed of the property, and disposed of it to Bishop and Wilson. Carrying on for six years, the proprietorship again changed to that of Messrs Wilson and Thompson, who are still conducting it, and publish on Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

The Great Southern Advocate, of which Mr A. Juratowitch is the proprietor, was established by the late J. M. Gannon, J.P., at Loch, in 1889; then at Bena, and for the last 31 years at Korumburra. The Loch Express was taken over and incorporated by The Great Southern Advocate nine years ago; and the business has marched with the progress of the district.

Korumburra fire brigade has done good work during its past 35 years, and is shortly to be equipped with the latest appliances, towards the cost of which the townspeople have already subscribed £400. Its membership is 25, under Capt. J. L. Parry, and the secretary Mr E. Miles.

The golf club, numbering close on 100 members, has a 9-hole good sporty course handy to the town, with sandy greens and everything in excellent condition. An annual tournament covering two days is held at King's Birthday time, and visitors on all occasions are made very welcome. The president is

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Father Hoare and secretary Mr O. A Renkin.

A brass band, under the baton of Conductor J. Colson, 15 members strong, enlivens the town, and a theatre that would be a credit to any Melbourne suburb shows ample value for the £18,000 expended upon it. The president of the brass band is Mr A. P. Lloyd, and the secretary L. Cassell. There is also a bagpipe band in existence, which is in great demand on appropriate festive occasions, and the Korumburra Dance Band, of which Mr J. Stewart is manager and Mr L. Fine secretary.

First State School

Korumburra State school was opened by Mr E. F. Williamson as a part-time school in 1891, with an attendance of between 20 and 30, which, on his leaving in 1910, had grown to 480, the average being 420, of which number 79 old students enlisted for the Great War. The present handsome brick building was opened in 1913, followed by the installation of a convent school in 1914.

The higher elementary school was proclaimed in 1920, with Mr P. J. Green as first head master. All this is in striking contrast with the educational facilities of 1881, when the Jeetho East school, two miles north of Korumburra, was constructed of bush material by the settlers themselves.

With walls of split palings, shingle roof, and floor of rough-hewn slabs, its dimensions were 24 ft. x 15ft., and a height of 9ft. The desks were split slabs across wooden blocks, and the seats similar in construction, but less elevated. Mr E. Williamson, afterwards head master at Korumburra, was the first teacher. In the same year a school was established on the property of Mr Frank Geach, and in 1889 was removed in sections to Mount Eccles, one of the highest altitudes in South Gippsland.

The Traders' Association has been in the habit of providing each year three Scholarships for the lower forms, whilst the local A.N.A. lodge adds encouragement by bestowing a medal on the dux of the school. A swimming pond 60ft. x 20ft., deepening to 5ft. at one end, is invaluable for teaching natation.

A paddock for the use of the horses on which scholars ride to school, purchased by the parents, is greatly appreciated during teaching hours, and the children, are forcibly reminded, by a photograph hung in their spacious hall, of the growth of their school since 1891, when the attendance was about

20 in a small galvanised iron structure among tree stumps and fallen logs.

The Butter Factory

The Korumburra and District Cooperative Butter and Trading Company Ltd., at its 29th annual meeting, held in August of this year, showed a turnover on butter trading account of £295/14/1, and a credit balance of £8079/14/10, and on produce trading account a turnover of £64,149/16/10, and a net profit of £78/0/1. After providing for ordinary depreciation to the amount of £2862/4/, and the usual deferred payments on cream and rebates on produce purchases and agency accounts, totalling £14,000, the net profit standing to the credit of profit and loss account, including £142/4/8 carried forward from the previous year, is £4416/13/1. This has been dealt with as follows:—£1000 for dividends, £2000 placed to revenue account, £1000 special depreciation on plant, and £416/13/1 carried forward: total, £4416/13/1.

The quantity of cream received was over 2933 tons, being actually 6,571,045lb.; butter manufactured, over 1479 tons, viz., 3,313,323lb. The grade percentage of butter was:—Choicest, 97.693 per cent., firsts 2.059 per cent., and seconds .248 per cent. The average fortnight price paid per lb. of butter-fat, plus the amount contributed to cost of cream cartage, was:—Choicest, 19,868d. per lb.; firsts, 18,868d. per lb.; seconds, 16,368d. per lb. These prices do not include the 1d. deferred payment, to be paid in September, 1929. The butter manufactured was 213 tons more than last season, and is a record for the company.

During the year a butter-milk drying plant had been established, and during the eight months of its working satisfactory profits had been earned. The chairman is Mr James Anderson, and secretary Mr F. Barton, and manager Mr R. A. McKenzie. There are five other butter factories within a radius of 11 miles.

The movement for starting a butter factory at Korumburra originated with Mr W. S. Newton, of the Farmers' Club, in 1900. It started with a capital of £3000, the first directors being Messrs H. Sanders, W. J. Newton, J. Bell, J. F. Shepherd, H. P. Cook, E. L. Smith, and E. Mulholland, with G. W. Mitchell secretary and W. J. Wilson manager. The output for the first half-year was 120 tons.

The original wooden building has given
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place to an extensive brick structure, arranged on the latest models of efficiency. An extensive transport system, ensuring the collection of cream and other produce from the outlying farmers within a radius of 20 miles, ensures the regular collection of fresh cream from the suppliers, which goes out in the form of butter under the registered well-known K.B.F. brand to Melbourne and London.

Dairy Stock Improve

Following in the wake of the butter factory's progress, the quality of the cows has been steadily improved, and culls have been weeded out. This work has been encouraged by Messrs Thomas and Pepper, dairy experts. Pasture top dressing has become increasingly popular. Milking machines are general, and marketing in the metropolis made profitable by cooling milk prior to despatch.

Herd-testing, although of only recent adoption, has proved a great success, inasmuch as that, following upon the first unit of 766 cows, applications covering 600 additional head have been received towards the establishment of a second unit. In one herd of 11 grade Ayrshires belonging to Albert Yann, of Bena, the average butter fat showed 367.81b., and 24 grade Jerseys belonging to R. Wylie, of Jumbunna, 324.33lb. Ayrshires in the past have been the predominant breed in the district, generally speaking, but Jerseys of late years have been coming into favor.

The average rain fall is 48 inches, although prior to the clearing of the bush it was over 50 inches.

Pig-raising has also been encouraged by the acquisition of pedigree stock until Korumburra has acquired a reputation throughout the State for its swine as well as kine.

Sheep had much to contend against – firstly, with dingoes, and later with foot-rot – until the establishment of flocks of the hardier types suitable for the country.

Potatoes and onions thrive. Cereals are mostly grown for green feed, and flax and beet are in an experimental stage.

Land values from the beginning have steadily mounted from practically zero, when encumbered by the virgin bush, to £40 to £80 an acre for river flats; best hill country up to £45 an acre, other well-improved hill country £30 an acre, and hill country requiring improvement from £15 to £20 an acre. River flats will dairy one cow to 1½

acres, and hill land will dairy one cow to 2½ acres, which experts assert as equivalent to about £75 of land value per cow.

The butter factory lorries, which collect cream from a distance of 20 miles, have added to the prosperity of the outlying settlers. Early in the nineties, just as the bulk of the scrub had been cleared and the land laid down in grass, the series of dry years elsewhere, culminating in the 1902 drought, benefited South Gippsland, owing to the high price of stock, and the rapid rise in land values between 1894 and 1904 increased at the rate of £1 an acre per annum.

The grazier generally allows three acres to a fattening bullock or dairycow and the fattening period lasts from spring to autumn, and the carrying capacity of the country is from two to three sheep to the acre, according to the season of the year.

Within the immediate district of the town building allotments and residential areas range from £2 to £4 a foot. As previously stated, £140 a foot has been paid in the business hub, and not far away 26ft. frontage which 30 years ago, with wooden shops on it, was bought for £600, has since been sold for £3000, and next door to it a 16½ ft. frontage, bought for £350, has changed hands at £2250. Very recently £13,000 was refused for 100ft. frontage to Commercial Street. Generally speaking, Commercial Street foot frontages vary from £50 to £130.

Korumburra Agricultural Society, the strongest in South Gippsland, holds a one-day show in February, during which prize money is distributed amounting to £400, and with an average attendance of 2000. It is notable for locally bred Jersey and Ayrshire cattle and Berkshire and York shire swine, which have in many cases proved successful prize-winners at Melbourne Royal Shows.

Friesians and Herefords are being experimented with, and amongst sheep, mostly Lincolns, Leicester, and Shrops., an increasing number of Romney Marsh and some Corriedales are putting in an appearance. Berkshires and Yorkshires form the majority of pig entries, with a fair sprinkling of Tamworths. The show ground occupies 13 acres within the town area, and the drill hall is utilised for the profusion of domestic sited exhibits. The president of the society is Mr M. J. McLean; vice-presidents, Messrs H. Fuller, J. H. Goddard, and R. Yann; and the secretary, Mr L. M. Tolson.