

MT. ISA NOTES.

MOUNT ISA, June 1.

The weather for the past week has been intensely cold, and were it not for the fact that the summer is so severe, we would be wishing that the warm weather would visit this district again. The cold alone is not the worst part of conditions here ; it is dust and its evils that has the people worried. Let us hope that we will not be troubled with it as much this year as we were last year.

The accident which occurred on Monday last, when a miner named Benjamin S. Tilley was entombed, unfortunately proved fatal. The deceased was a man who was very popular in football circles, and was very well known generally throughout the district. He leaves behind him a wife and three children, the youngest only six weeks old. On Tuesday the funeral was well attended by his workmates and members of the Mount Isa Mines staff, including Mr. J. Kruttschnitt (General Manager) and Mr. G. J. Gray (General Superintendent). The hearse was immediately followed by representatives of the various Rugby and football teams of the town which denoted the deceased's popularity amongst them.

The Mount Isa district hospital, whose finances have been at a very low ebb for some considerable time, has commenced its annual drive for funds. The Mt. Isa Sub-branch of the Q.C.W.A. generously came to the rescue last week, when they organised a dance which was successful in netting a nice profit for the benefit of the institution. The Rugby League has also decided to give charity rounds of two Sundays, which will establish the proceeds somewhere in the vicinity of £40. The Chamber of Commerce will also throw in their weight in an effort to alleviate the distress in the hospital finances. The Cloncurry Shire Council has also sent along a much needed £200. This has been due to the activity of our two local councillors, Messrs. Boyd and Smith. The proprietors of the Minnie Golf Links, Mr. White has also promised to donate his opening night to the institution. The Mt. Isa

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The returned soldiers' new club in Simpson Street, which is nearing completion, will be a boon to the diggers of Mt. Isa in many ways, and its erection is a striking tribute to the indefatigable band of workers, especially the secretary (Mr. Jock Cummings). All the material was bought locally, and the building was erected to its present stage by the untiring efforts of the many diggers on the field by voluntary labour. Already several functions have been held in the hall, which has been classed as excellent, and canteen concerts will be a feature in the near future. The diggers expect to have their official opening in about four or five weeks' time.

Some time back a meeting was held in Mt. Isa with the idea of forming a rifle club. S.O.S. messages were sent in all directions, with the pleasing result that 40 recruits were enrolled, with promises of 40 more, which was very pleasing to the convenors of the meeting. Apart from kangaroo shooters, there are many crack shots in the district, and members of the Isa Rifle Club will be seeking the scalps of other riflemen in the near future. As in the case of the Returned Soldiers' Club, the formation of the butts is being carried forward by voluntary labour.

The new Mt. Isa Mines Hospital which is situated at the south end of the company's lease, was taken over during the week, and the patients were shifted into their new quarters which are built on the most up to date and modern scale. Dr. Vonder Borch is the medical officer in charge and the staff comprises Sisters D'Archy, Togood, Bartlett, McLaughlin and Matron Lloyd.

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It is alleged the recent audit of the Mt. Isa District Hospital books revealed a deficit short-banked of £125. This sum represented amounts received and not banked, and amounts banked by donors, for which no receipts were issued and used to balance shortages.

Messrs. Tritton and Walton have kindly donated a pig to be raffled at the football grounds on Sunday, in aid of the district hospital. A competition is also to be conducted on the final of the charity round. Mr. H. Smith also gave his hall free for the dance, which was organised by the C.W.A. for the district hospital.

The annual general meeting of the Mt. Isa sub-branch Q.C.W.A. was held in the State School on Thursday night last, 28th. of May. At the invitation from the Branch, Mr. J. Kruttschnitt occupied the chair. The following members were present: Mesdames J. T. Boyd (President), Melville, Holley and Burns (Vice-Presidents), McIntosh (Treasurer), Cooper, Bainbrigg, Gooch, Silby, Tritton, Skews, Nicholson, Bourke, Coleman, Gray, Kruttschnitt Hunt, Campbell, Jones, Leahy, Denshan, Catt, Real, Tansey, Teece, Lyndon, Walters, Brown, Damarell, Sturgess, Reid, Pollard, Crawford, Hooper, Pattell, Griffiths, G. Beard, Beard, Sinclair, Purdy, Real and Misses Martin, Wilson, Dillon and R. Boyd (the secretary). Gentlemen present from the invitation of the branch were Messrs. Kruttschnitt, Tansey, Tilden (Cloncurry "News"), Kirvalidze (R.S.L.), Jones (Ambulance), and Dr. Vonder Borch. Apologies were received from the Rev. Hayes and Rev. O'Twomey, W. G. Gray, Councillors Boyd and Smith, Dr. Pincus and Miss Lloyd. Mrs. Sandberg (President of the Cloncurry Branch) sent word wishing the branch a very successful annual meeting, for which the members thanked her. The President's report read: "In reviewing the work of the Mt. Isa Sub-Branch of the C.W.A. during the year, I have the honour to report to members that Mrs. A. J. Crowther, Divisional President, with Mrs. Heale, Divisional Secretary, of the Association, paid a visit to the Mt. Isa Branch, and they were given a warm welcome and entertained by

Mt. Isa Branch, and they were given a warm welcome, and entertained by the members during their stay. Mrs. Crowther gave a most interesting address on the objects of the C.W.A., together with instruction for the future guidance and welfare of the association. Mrs. Crowther visited the site selected by members for a rest home on the Esplanade, approving of this site, and with your President, interviewed Warden Wilson, requesting his assistance in obtaining the assistance. Unfortunately this site was not granted, and a site on the corner of Simpson street, next to the Urquhart Tennis Court has been recommended. Certain funds have been set aside for a rest home, and when the approval of the building is received, it is hoped that the room will be erected. Considering the depression during the year, and the amount of unemployment, a great amount of distress has been brought under this branch's notice. Everything possible has been done by your members to alleviate distress, and to help those in need of help. The dinner for the War Service Sisters and Returned Soldiers, which the C.W.A. gave on Anzac Day, was satisfactory, there being over 100 present and the dinner being such a success was due to the good work of the members. Great assistance has been rendered by the C.W.A. to the school children at various times to help assist in their welfare. The local hospital has been visited, patients cheered and helped in every way possible, functions have been organised successfully to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the district hospital, and everything possible done to alleviate distress. The period under review has been very successful, thanks to members for their zealous assistance in making dances, socials, etc., such a success, and the thanks of the C.W.A. is also due to the press and the mine officials for their response to our endeavours. I wish to thank all those who have assisted and helped me to carry out my duties as President during the year."

The President's report was received and adopted. Treasurer's report and financial statement, audited by Messrs. Tilden and Franzman, showed a credit

financial statement, audited by Messrs. Tilden and Franzman, showed a credit balance of £171/14/3, was accepted and approved. It was decided that all cheques be signed by the President and Treasurer. Mesdames Catt and Tuiton moved and seconded that the monthly meetings be held, one in the afternoon and the alternate one during the night, but this motion, on being

put to that meeting, was lost. Mrs. Boyd moved, seconded by Mrs. Gray, that the monthly meetings be held in future in the afternoon. This was carried. As there were no other nominations for the position of President, the Chairman duly elected Mrs. J. T. Boyd President for the ensuing year. The President, in a charming speech, thanked her colleagues for the honour of returning her to office and assured the members that she would do her utmost to further the cause of the C.W.A. Vice-Presidents were: Mesdames Cooper, Melville, Burns and Holley, elected unopposed. There were two nominations for the position of Treasurer in the persons of Mesdames McIntosh (retiring Treasurer) and Mrs. Bainbrigg. A ballot resulted in Mrs. McIntosh being elected with a majority of 12 votes, the voting being Mrs. McIntosh 22, Mrs. Bainbrigg 10. Miss R. Boyd was unopposed for the position of secretary, and she was elected to that position for the ensuing year by the Chairman. Dr. Vonder Borch gave the ladies present a very instructional speech on the subject of forming baby clinics. Mesdames Boyd and Gray were appointed trustees to the rest house. Mesdames Burns, Holley, Cooper and Melville thanked the members for appointing them as Vice-presidents. Mr. P. Kirvalidze presented the branch with a cheque for two guineas on behalf of the R.S.L. Mr. Jones also thanked the association for the good work it had done in the past. Three cheers were given for the chairman. The meeting closed and the ladies entertained their guests.

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Mrs. M. A. Boyd is at present visiting her daughter in Home Hill.
