

Deputy T.C. leaving

Orange Deputy Town Clerk, Mr. J. Eggins, leaves Orange on June 26 to take up his appointment as Town Clerk of Cooma.

Mr. Eggins, who has been Deputy Town Clerk for 22 months, came to Orange from Cooma. He had been Deputy Town Clerk there for 14 months.

With his appointment as Town Clerk at Cooma, Mr. Eggins, 32, becomes one of the youngest town clerks in NSW.

Mr. Eggins said yesterday he would have "no regrets" leaving Orange.

"I will always have a fond affection for Orange," he said.

"I hope my wife and I will be able to visit Orange many times in the future."

"I particularly regret that my resignation from council will also mean my resignation from the Cherry Blossom Festival Association."

Mr. Eggins was appointed



• Mr. EGGINS

ed secretary of the association this year.

He will finish with Orange City Council on Wednesday, June 26, and will take up duties at Cooma on July 21.

He and his wife will have a short holiday before he begins his new position.

Cooma Municipal Council appointed Mr. Eggins at a special meeting at the weekend.

Mayor of Orange, Ald. R. J. Hill, last night said council was "very sorry" to be losing Mr. Eggins.

"Council congratulates Mr. Eggins on his appointment and wishes him every success," he said.

Chairman of Cherry Blossom management committee, Mr. L. P. Hyland, said Mr. Eggins had contributed much to the successful start of plans for this year's festival.

"As secretary, he has carried out a great lot of formative work," he said. "Many of his new ideas will be used in this year's festival."

"This in itself is a tribute to his fine work."

"The management committee did look forward to having Mr. Eggins promote the festival this year."

"We are very sorry to lose him."

SURVEY 'LOOKING AHEAD'

Plans for a Mitchell Highway by-pass of Orange, and an extensively-revised arterial streets system, looked 50 years ahead, Mr. W. G. Clarke said last night.

Orange would be much bigger than it was now, and the proposed system would provide first-class city access, he said.

Mr. Clarke is a highly qualified American-trained city planning expert.

He is one of the principals of the NSW Main Roads Department's planning consultants, Clarke, Gazzard, and Yeomans, of Sydney.

Mr. Clarke is directing the two-day Departmental survey of road traffic in and around Orange.

Together with 18 assistants, he checked the destinations of hundreds of vehicles passing through Orange yesterday in a 12-hour survey at six points.

Heavy rain hampered officials throughout the day.

Successful

Mr. Clarke, commenting last night after the survey's "extremely successful" first day, made these points.

• The survey was to gauge the city's needs for a proposed by-pass highway and arterial streets system for Orange.

• Proposed changes were not expected to be introduced in the immediate future, but possibly in 50 years when the city had greatly expanded.

Mr. Clarke stressed that in conducting the survey, his company was "very much aware" of the problems of Orange business people in connection with a highway by-pass.

Access problem

"Experts are similarly very conscious of the problems of city and district people in access to the city," he said.

Commenting on results of yesterday's survey, he pointed out that the mass of figures collected would take weeks to analyse.

Nothing clear had emerged after the first day.

"However, there was perhaps an indication that more people than anticipated travel from Victoria to Queensland via Orange," he said.

"It is very hard to be certain of any real indication at this stage, on this point," Mr. Clarke stressed.

The survey will resume at 7 am today and continue until 7 pm.

victims £760

BATHURST, Tuesday. —Judge Cross of the District Court today awarded an Orange man £760 damages for injuries in a road accident.

The man, Arthur Bonham, formerly of Bathurst and now of Main St., Orange, was a passenger in a utility truck which overturned on the O'Connell-Bathurst Rd. on September 30, 1961.

He proceeded against Alfred Ernest Carter and Geoffrey Carter, alleging negligence.

It was stated that Bonham at some time in the future would have undergone plastic surgery to rectify facial damage.

Bonham said he was a passenger in a utility truck driven by Geoffrey Carter from O'Connell to Bathurst.

After the accident he was a patient in Bathurst Hospital for six days.

"MESSED ABOUT"

The pain from his head injuries remained for some time.

To counsel Bonham said he had looked at his face and it was "all messed about."

The scars had taken some time to heal.

Bonham said he had the feeling that people were always looking at him.

He suffered severe "stabbing pains" in the head. These were present every day.

He said his injuries worried him socially.

He said he did not see any reason why Carter's utility had left the road.

Geoffrey Ernest Carter, of Lambert St., Bathurst, told the Court that he and Bonham had been to her at the O'Connell Hotel.

When leaving O'Connell, he was accompanied by Bonham and a girl.

The car hit a bump in the road and the truck "sort of stuck."

Carter denied he was driving too quickly.

He had hit a "bump" and this had caused the accident.

Carter also admitted he could have taken his eyes off the road to talk to passengers.

Chamber of Commerce opposes city by-pass

The six executive members of Orange Chamber of Commerce have expressed strong opposition to the proposed diversion of the Mitchell Highway to the south of Orange.

PASSING THROUGH...



• Main Roads Department survey officer, Mr. D. Walsh, of Parkes, gets particulars from Mr. F. Bright, of Newstead, Victoria, who was passing through Orange to Dalby, Queensland.

President, Mr. L. P. Hyland, said any diversion away from Summer St. would be detrimental to Orange as a city on several counts.

"Lithgow suffers because the highway by-passes it," he told Monday night's executive meeting.

"Katoomba businessmen are alarmed at the amount of traffic now going via the Bell Highway."

"We have built our city on the highway, and we want to stay on the highway."

"A lot of money has been invested in Orange shopping centre—one of the best in the State."

Supermarkets

"If the highway goes round our city, eventually the example of some American cities will be followed and supermarkets and other shops will be built there."

"These by-passes may be all right for rapidly-growing centres, but Orange, although developing, has not reached that stage yet."

"Improvements at the railway crossing soon to be made, and further development of car parking in Orange, will enable the flow of traffic here to be satisfactorily maintained for many years to come."

Mr. R. J. Neve said he liked to detour at times to the main roads in places like Windsor.

Most travellers were in too much of a hurry. If a town was off the highway, they passed it by.

Graceful sweep

Mr. Somerville: With the wide, graceful sweep of its main street, Orange has something few other towns have.

Mr. Cridland: The drive along Summer St. leaves a very favourable impression in a visitor's mind.

Mr. Berry said nearly all provincial cities and large towns in NSW had a highway through their centre—and it helped them to grow.

Mr. Hyland: The main street of Penrith is far more congested than our Summer St., but I haven't heard of any move to have the highway there diverted.

Mr. Hyland said that rather than see the highway diverted around the city he would like to see more overhead bridges or subways built across the railway to feed the arteries going through the city.

APPU meeting opens today

The 15th annual conference of the Australian Producers' Union's NSW Division will open in Sydney today by the Minister for Agriculture and Conservation, Mr. Enticknap.

Orange District Council representative at the conference, Mr. W. Lawry, left for Sydney yesterday morning.

A total of 38 resolutions will be put before the three-day conference.

Included in these are resolutions from the Orange District Council and the Orange branch of the APPU.

The District Council will move that a flat rate be deducted in respect of wages tax from every £1 earned and adjustments or rebates made on receipt of the annual income tax assessment.

The Orange branch will move "that different coloured lines be used in 'built up' areas to those used on the open road and that members be asked to seek support from other organisations."

Other resolutions will call for the APPU to press the State Government for a "much more progressive move towards settlement, housing, rural

electricity, telephones, schooling, roads, water conservation etc.," the reduction of the December-January school holidays by one week and addition to the May holiday week, and a resolution on restrictive trade practices.

Cr. J. G. Plowman, Orange, chairman of the fruit and vegetable section of the APPU, will also give his annual report.

Guest speakers at the conference will include Mr. F. J. Richards of the Employers' Federation, Mr. G. L. Puri, Indian Trade Commissioner, and Mr. H. R. Shepherd of the Producers' Direct Co-operative Ltd.

EXPLOSIVES

MONTREAL, Monday. — Fifty sticks of dynamite, detonator caps and fuses have been seized by police investigating the recent wave of bombings in Quebec.

Appeal week

Orange's part in the Australia-wide Red Cross Winter Appeal will culminate on Friday with a street stall and badge sales.

President of the Orange branch of the Red Cross, Mrs. F. Graf, MBE, yesterday made an earnest plea for support for the appeal, which began in Orange on Monday.

"This appeal is Australia-wide and we in Orange have our part to play," Mrs. Graf said.

"This particular appeal each year goes to assist the Lady Gowrie Hospital for Returned Servicemen, Graythwaite Home for Ex-Servicemen of World War I, Red Cross services at Concord Military Hospital, the blood transfusion service and many other Red Cross services.

"We have always had an excellent response to this appeal in the past and I know we can count on our friends in the city and shire for the same support for this year's appeal," Mrs. Graf said.

CP conference to debate Aust's defences

Two motions calling for a strengthening of the nation's defences will be debated at the annual three-day State conference of the Country Party in Orange later this month.

The motions call for a "substantial increase" in national defences, and for the offering of a strategic base in the near North for armed forces of the US.

Three branches of the Country Party have called for the party to "assert all influence to see that the defences of this country are substantially increased as a matter of urgency."

Tocumwal, and the Riverina Electorate Council, have submitted "that in view of the political disturbances in the Pacific area, the US be offered a strategic base for its armed forces on Australian territory in the near North."

Included among motions on defence to be debated is one from Muswellbrook advocating "strong party support for the establishment of

the American naval radio communication base at Exmouth Gulf.

Young branch has called on the conference to express concern at the South East Asia situation and the lack of information available on the stand of the US.

The conference will be held at the Hotel Canobolas on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 26, 27 and 28.

Opening

It will be opened on the Wednesday morning by the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Leader of the Country Party, Mr. John McEwen.

The State Leader, Mr.

C. B. Cutler, MLA (Orange) will address the conference at 3 pm on the Thursday.

Minister for Social Services, Mr. Robertson, and other Country Party Federal Ministers are expected to attend.

Orange, Young and Yeoval branches are among those who have motions appearing on the agenda.

Orange motions are:

- That in view of the large number of people not in a position to meet hospital costs when called upon, and who have refrained from making provision to meet such costs through a hospital contribution fund, the matter of compulsory contribution be introduced.

- That the party is opposed to the State Coordination Act and the Roads Maintenance Contributions Act, and seeks their abolition.

Among Yeoval motions are:

- That the Country Party seek to have third party motor insurance on a sliding scale with a no-accident bonus as an incentive to the careful driver.

High rates

- That the conference believes saturation point has been reached in local government rating, and that the Country Party press for a greater share of State revenue for local government.

- That the Country Party bring pressure to bear on the Minister for Decentralisation (Mr. Renshaw) and the Commissioner for Railways (Mr. McCusker) to reduce the minimum rate of bulk loading to smaller towns like Yeoval and Cummock.

Cudal's motions are:

- That conference call for the removal of the Stamp Duty tax on the purchase of motor vehicles and tractors, and agricultural machinery.

- That the Parliamentary Party, State and Federal, be requested to press for a reduction in probate and death duties, having in mind that these imposts bear with great severity on rural properties.

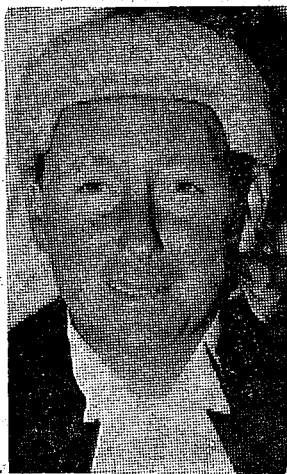
One motion of interest, headed with three other motions under Miscellaneous, has come from Young. Two other branches submitted similar motions.

It calls on the conference to support a uniform petrol price throughout Australia.

The conference will be chaired by Mr. J. B. Fuller (MLC).

It will open at 9.30 on the Wednesday with the checking of credentials and signing of the roll.

Longer Court sittings



JUDGE CROSS

Orange Quarter Sessions and District Court will sit five days instead of four at future sittings.

Judge Cross announced this last night.

Judge Cross said he had applied to the NSW Attorney-General to have the extra day included in the Orange sittings.

"The volume of litigation at Orange is such that a full five days on each sittings is necessary to complete the work satisfactorily," he said.

The next Quarter Sessions at Orange were due to begin on Tuesday, June 18.

They will now start on Monday, June 17.

Judge Cross last week extended the present Bathurst Quarter Sessions sittings to cope with work.

So far, Orange is the only centre in which Judge Cross has sought to have the sittings extended permanently.

RAIN DELAYS BIKE TESTS

Wet weather has so far prevented Road Safety Council officer, Mr. D. Butterworth, from testing bicycles at Orange High School.

Mr. Butterworth, who arrived in Orange on Monday with a special bike testing machine, was to have completed his visit today but the weather has forced him to extend it until Friday.

If he is unable to inspect the bikes before Friday he will postpone the inspection until his next visit to Orange.

The special machine Mr. Butterworth uses is electrically operated and capable of testing efficiency, weight, equipment and lighting equipment.

"Orange High School has no sheltered area to carry out the tests, and the wet weather causes the machine to give an incorrect reading," Mr. Butterworth said.

Mr. Butterworth's "testing territory" is bounded by Penrith and Broken Hill.

He said yesterday that of 2046 bikes inspected in the last six months, 1640 were found to be defective or requiring adjustment.

Day by Day

The other day at the Sydney Fish Markets an old dear was poking at some squirming lobsters. "Are these fresh?" she asked the man-in-charge.

"Nah, lady, not them. We just winds 'em up every ten minutes."

FOR the past few months, Merryfields schoolchildren have been busily taking used stamps off envelopes for the Quota Club, who distribute them overseas to raise money for several charitable organisations.

However, the other day the children struck trouble—they ran out of stamps.

Yesterday they asked us to mention they would be pleased to receive any used stamps you could give them. So now it's up to you.

THAT headache of all headaches, the end of the financial year, is fast approaching and the familiar signs are beginning to show.

Last night, the Commonwealth Bank staff in Orange worked late "posting" interests for entry into books at a later date.

Incidentally, have you kept all your receipts for the Taxation Commissioner?

FACING UP TO IT

"If they put up the tax on cigarettes any more, I'm afraid I shall have to stop my wife smoking."—Comment of a man in the street, interviewed on Budget.

IF devotion to duty could be defined, survey officers would probably get a mention.

It must have taken great application to the job yesterday for the 18 men and women conducting the Main Roads Department survey around the city.

In pouring rain and extreme cold they enthusiastically went about their jobs stopping every second car.

Orange police officers, too, had their share of the "rough work" helping with the official side.

Mr. W. G. Clarke, Sydney consultant in charge of operations, last night said he was amazed at the keenness of his men, many of whom are from Orange.

Mr. Clarke also lauded the co-operation given by motorists.

OVER the next few months there will

A beard-growing contest to welcome Cobb and Co's overland coach on August 23 has so far attracted six entrants.

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