

Historical Officers Report From the Pages of the Camden Advertiser

7th March 1940

£300 OFFERED

District Hospital May Score Local Subsidy

A generous offer has been received from an anonymous local source to provide subsidy on a £ for £ basis, up to £300, for any amount collected by Camden District Hospital Board in response to its appeal for assistance to relieve the present pressing financial situation.

The only provision is that at least £100 must be raised before the subsidy will become operative. Our many readers throughout the Camden, Campbelltown and Picton districts are invited to assist the appeal. Even the smallest donation will be welcome, as its value will quickly be doubled by the subsidy.

PARS OF INTEREST.

Burraborang Valley, like other parts of the district, is suffering from its driest spell for upwards of sixty years. The four rivers in the area: Wollondilly, Nattai, Cowmung, and Warragamba, stopped flowing some time ago. Constable H. C. Haylock of Camden, who visited the Valley on a fishing excursion recently, said **that** each riverbed was merely a succession of pothole pools. The oldest residents could not remember such dry conditions during their life-times.

21st March 1940

CAMDEN'S WAR-TIME SERVICES.

Arrangements were made to provide comforts for members of the A.I.F., especially those from the local district, at a well attended meeting of Women's Voluntary Services held at Camden last Thursday.

It was stressed that one of the main objects of the organisation was to render any service necessary to the community. First-aid students may obtain books on this subject from Miss Maisie Pattison at Clifton Bros. (Camden) Pty. Ltd.

Home nursing classes will commence after the Easter holidays for persons 16 years of age or older. Those wishing to join the class are asked to forward their name to Miss Grace Moore, "Ellensville" Camden.

THE HOTEL ROYAL

Historic Association with Camden's 100-Year-old Township.

There is an atmosphere of friendliness and comfort when one enters the doors of the beautifully appointed Hotel Royal at Camden today, where a

century old tradition of, good service to visitors, travellers and district residents is being faithfully observed.

On the site, 100 years ago, black-bearded tradesmen were busily engaged in building Camden's very first licensed house. For sixty years early-day weatherboard structure remained a popular meeting-place for the district's former generations.

Early in this century a brick Royal Hotel was erected and continued its service until 1930 when demolition was necessary to pave the way for a larger hotel.

Time marches on with progressive step and today the modern Hotel Royal picturesquely mark's an historic corner in our township.

The present licensee, Mr. Frank A. Podesta, Is proud of the Hotel Royal historic associations, and in keeping with the recent additions to the premises, has installed the latest refrigeration and hygienic bottling plant known to science.

Mr. and Mrs. Podesta know the requirements of the public and have spared no expense in the furnishing of the Hotel Royal, It now ranks with the best country hotels In New South Wales, and It is, in fact, the first country hotel on the Hume Highway, the Nepean River dividing the Metropolitan County of Cumberland from the township of Camden.

28th March 1940

WAR-TIME EFFORTS AT CAMDEN.

John Street, Camden—from Argyle Street to the Town Hall will be a "Red Cross Carnival area" on Friday, April 12, from 5p.m. to 10p.m.

A chocolate-wheel and "housie-housie" games will be in operation. Attractive stalls displaying produce, cakes, homemade sweets, novelties and other articles will help swell the funds. There will also be fish-ponds and hoop-la. Coffee and supper will be served throughout the evening at a small cost.

Camden V.A.D.'s will meet on Monday night next at 8 o'clock to discuss the assistance to be given at the Red Cross Carnival, and to consider the question of further hospital training.

MENANGLE PARK NOTES

(From Our Correspondent)

It is expected that a section of the A.I.F. will take up training at Menangle Park after the Easter holidays. The Sydney University Regiment recently completed three months training here.

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