

Dutchman's Interest In Cherry Blossom

A Dutchman who has been in Orange only six weeks is trying to contact all members of the Dutch community in Orange with the intention of attempting to get them together to help the Cherry Blossom Carnival Committee and Orange generally.

He is Mr. Herbert Frank, of Center Store, Summer Street. Mr. Frank, with his wife and two children, arrived in Australia six months ago by plane from Holland.

Mr. Frank came to Orange and is now working at the Center Stores.

His family are still in Sydney.

Mr. Frank said that by getting the Dutch community together, and assisting wherever possible, it would help to create a stronger tie between the people of Orange and those of his own country.

Mr. Frank also said that he had seen that the Orange Cherry Blossom Carnival Committee had approached the Dutch Government, through the Dutch attache in Sydney, Mr. Van der Laan, in an attempt to procure a crown for the Cherry Blossom Queen crowning ceremony.

"If the crown is available, it will also be a thrill for the Dutch community to be helping in the carnival functions and to see a crown from their own country being used in the crowning ceremony," Mr. Frank said.

Explaining why he brought his wife and children to Australia, Mr. Frank said that he wanted to build a good future for them in a free country.

Mr. Frank would like all members of the Dutch community in Orange to contact him at Center Stores.

Secretary Pleased

Secretary of the Orange Cherry Blossom Carnival Executive Committee, Mr. L. L. Box, said yesterday that he was pleased to hear of Mr. Frank's efforts.

"It is a welcome effort to see that Mr. Frank, at least, wants to help the carnival, and to get other Dutch people in with him," Mr. Box said.

"More especially this year, as if we are given the crown by Holland, they will have a great interest in the carnival.

"As they have selected Orange as their home town, they should be given every opportunity not only to know the people that live here, but to help them in their efforts to do something for their own city."

Mr. Box said that arrangements have been completed whereby

the Greek community will participate in this year's carnival, and also will be represented in the procession by men and women in their Greek national costume.

MIGRANTS AID TO CHERRY BLOSSOM

Over 30 Dutch residents in Orange on Wednesday night attended a meeting in the Palmgrove Coffee Lounge to discuss the possibility of offering their services to the Cherry Blossom Carnival Committee and Orange.

The meeting was called by Mr. Herbert Frank, of Center Store, Orange.

As a result of the meeting, two of the Dutch people have been invited to join the Cherry Blossom Carnival general committee.

They are Mr. Frank and Mr. J. Hulst, who was appointed secretary of the Dutch group.

Mr. Frank said yesterday that it was not their intention to form a Dutch club, as there were a number of clubs here which the Dutch people could join.

He said their only intention was to combine and offer their services to the Cherry Blossom Committee, and to help in every way.

"We are all very pleased to be associated with the Cherry Blossom Carnival, and we already have a few plans," Mr. Frank said.

He said that when at full strength, the Dutch people will number 100, 60 adults and 40 children.

Mr. L. L. Box, secretary of Cherry Blossom Carnival Committee, said yesterday that he attended the meeting at the invitation of Mr. Frank, and was pleased at the result.

"Their eagerness and willingness to do something for the town they are going to live in was very much in evidence by their attitude to the discussions that took place," Mr. Box said, "and their desire to be taken in as citizens should be encouraged by all organisations, not only Cherry Blossom."

THE second meeting of the Dutch community in Orange will be held tomorrow night at the Hotel Canobolas.

Organiser of the meeting, Mr. Herbert Frank, said yesterday that the meeting will be held at 8 p.m.

He said the meeting has been called to discuss plans for the 1951 Cherry Blossom Carnival.

TWO new bodies—the Scottish Association and Dutch migrants—were represented for the first time at Friday night's meeting of Orange Cherry Blossom Carnival Committee.

Their spokesmen, Mr. W. McMaster and Mr. E. Frank, told the meeting that they were anxious to do all they could to assist Cherry Blossom projects, and would be holding meetings shortly to make definite arrangements.

It was then decided that the committee of three, comprising Messrs. Machin, Frank and Bouffler with power to add, draw up a programme for the Monday and submit it to the next general committee meeting.

SIX-HOUR DAY this year falls on October 1, which is the first Monday of Cherry Blossom Week.

Because this will be a State-wide holiday the Cherry Blossom Committee is trying to organise some really outstanding sporting attractions.

Messrs. G. Machin, C. Bouffler and H. Frank have been appointed to organise the programme, etc.

They are anxious to contact all sporting organisations which may be able to co-operate in conducting some form of attraction.

NEXT meeting of the Dutch Committee for the Cherry Blossom Carnival will be held at the Canobolas Hotel on Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The committee will receive reports from Dutch sub-committees on their activities in organising floats, etc., for this year's Cherry Blossom Carnival.

Ambassador For The Netherlands May Attend Carnival

The Ambassador for the Netherlands in Australia, Jonkheer E. Teixeirade de Mattos, will be invited to attend this year's Cherry Blossom Carnival.

It was previously suggested that he come to Orange for the festival, but no approach was made to him.

Mr. J. van Hulst, secretary of the Dutch Community Committee in Orange, said yesterday that Mr. Teixeirade de Mattos would present the crown for the Queen crowning ceremony on behalf of the Dutch people.

Mr. van Hulst said a reception had been arranged for the Consul at the Hotel Canobolas on Saturday, September 29, shortly after he will arrive and the Dutch community in Orange would meet him there.

He said there were about 160 Dutch people in Orange and district.

Mr. van Hulst said radio listeners throughout Holland and in many parts of Europe and England would be hearing about the Orange Cherry Blossom Carnival through local and short-wave broadcasts from two Dutch stations.

He said two recordings had been made in Orange and these would be re-played from the Dutch stations.

The broadcasts dealt with the participation in the Cherry Blossom Carnival of the Dutch community in Orange, Mr. van Hulst added.

The Dutch entry in the Monday's procession should be one of the highlights of the parade.

Mr. van Hulst said they would be entering three floats in the procession, one of them featuring a windmill and Dutch children dressed in their national costumes would sing folk songs.

He said a picture night would be held in the 2GZ Hall on Friday when four films on Holland would be screened and prominent Dutch radio star, Mieke Vermaas, would sing Dutch and Australian songs.

Mr. van Hulst said proceeds from this evening would go towards Cherry Blossom queen candidate, Pat Maloney.

DUTCH PLANS FOR AID TO CARNIVAL

Members of the Dutch community in Orange held their second meeting, on Wednesday night, at the Hotel Canobolas.

Mr. H. Frank, outside representative for the community on the Cherry Blossom Carnival General Committee, said the Dutch community wished to thank the manager of the Canobolas, Mr. P. Speet, for giving them the use of the Rotary Room to hold their meetings.

Mr. Frank said more than 40 Dutch people attended the meeting.

He said they made further plans for their contribution to the Cherry Blossom Carnival, and appointed sub-committees for each section.

Mr. Frank said that he did not wish at present to disclose arrangements made for their contributions to the carnival, but hoped that they would meet with the public's approval when announced.

Dutch Aid For Orange

A Dutchman, who appealed through the "Central Western Daily" last Friday for all Dutchmen in Orange to contact him for the purpose of combining to assist the Cherry Blossom Carnival Committee, has been swamped with inquiries.

He is Mr. Herbert Frank, of Coffee Lounge, Summer Street. Center Store, Summer Street.

Mr. Frank has been in Orange only six weeks.

He intends to get the Dutch community together, to offer their help in any way to the Cherry Blossom Committee, and Orange in general.

Response has been so good that Mr. Frank has decided to call a meeting of the Dutch people tonight at 8 p.m. at the Palmgrove

Coffee Lounge, Summer Street. Mrs. E. S. Parker, proprietor of the Palmgrove, has given permission to Mr. Frank to use her coffee lounge as a meeting place.

Mr. Frank said yesterday that he was pleased with the response.

He also said that Mr. L. L. Box, secretary of the Cherry Blossom Carnival Executive Committee, would be present tonight at the meeting to explain the functions of the Carnival.

Official Guests Will Arrive In Orange Today

Informal receptions will be given today in honour of two distinguished visitors to the Cherry Blossom Carnival—the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. E. C. O'Dea, and the N.S.W. Consul-General for the Netherlands, Jhr. G. R. G. van Swinderen.

Alderman O'Dea and Mrs. O'Dea will arrive in Orange today by car from Sydney at about 1 p.m.

They will have lunch with the Mayor and Mrs. Jaeger and will be given an opportunity to meet members of the Cherry Blossom Committee at an informal gathering at the Royal Hotel at 3 p.m.

The Consul General for the Netherlands will arrive by car from Bathurst at 11 a.m., and will be met by the Mayor, and the president and secretary of the Dutch community in Orange.

An informal reception will be given for him at the Hotel Canobolas at 4.30 p.m.

Tomorrow Alderman and Mrs. O'Dea will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Colvin and the Consul General will be entertained by the Dutch community. During

the day the visitors will be shown over Orange and district.

A civic reception for the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sydney will be given at the Town Hall on Monday morning at 10.30 a.m.

Before the reception the Wollongong Steel Works Band will assemble outside the Town Hall, where several musical items will be given.

Two official visitors from Toowoomba, who have been invited to Orange for the carnival, are expected to arrive on Tuesday.

They are Mr. W. Jenkins, and the deputy chairman, Mr. A. H. Hodge, and their wives. Owing to its proximity to the Cherry Blossom Carnival, no officials of the committee were able to visit Toowoomba for its carnival, which took place this week.

CHERRY BLOSSOM PROCESSION: BIG PRIZE LIST

Prizes totalling more than £300 will be given for this year's Cherry Blossom Carnival Procession.

A proposed list of awards was endorsed and adopted by the Cherry Blossom Carnival general committee at a meeting on Friday night.

Three prizes will be given in each section.

In this year's list, the best decorated motor truck, best decorated motor cycle, and the best decorated carnival hat have been omitted.

Prizes will be given for the best entries in the following sections: National float; decorated float; decorated motor car; decorated horse-drawn vehicle; original turnout; tradesman's turnout (motor); tradesman's turnout (horse drawn); decorated bicycle (ladies and girls); decorated bicycle, men and boys; decorated pram; decorated billy cart; impersonation of a movie star; humorous costume; humorous turnout; and humorous hill-billy turnout.

The committee also decided to make an allowance of £65 to the Dutch committee to assist in defraying expenses with their floats and costumes.

Advice was received from the Town Clerk, Mr. R. H. Heath, that the City Council had granted the Carnival Committee permission to hold their carnival in the Lord's Place area.

Manager of Regional Broadcasting Station, Mr. J. O'Brien, also advised the committee that Mr. Russ Tyson, who conducts the ABC's hospital session, will broadcast the programme from Orange during Carnival week.

Committee treasurer, Mr. J. Jeffrey, manager of the Orange branch of Commercial Bank of Australia, handed in his resignation as he has been transferred to Boorowa.

Mr. A. W. Todd, manager of the Commercial Bank of Australia, was elected in his place.

Support From Business People Sought For Carnival Procession

Cherry Blossom secretary, Mr. L. L. Box, yesterday appealed to Orange business people to give greater support to the coming Cherry Blossom carnival procession than most of them have given in previous years.

"Time is getting short and organisations wishing to enter floats in the procession should now be planning their entries," Mr. Box said yesterday.

"In past years, business people have not shown the co-operation they should in ensuring the success of the procession," Mr. Box added.

He pointed out that this year the procession day would be a

procession. This time they will have a long weekend to do it," Mr. Box said.

"The Dutch community in Orange are setting us a wonderful example this year, and they will be entering three floats in the procession," he said.

Mr. Box said that additions to this year's procession would be the Wollongong Steelworks Band

Tuesday night's dance.

The executive is waiting on final advice as to whether the orchestra is prepared to come.

To prevent last year's severe overcrowding at the ball, only 400 tickets will be sold this year.

There will be no stage tables and a minimum of tables on the dance floor.

The Saturday night's crowning of the Queen will be a much more spectacular affair this

Lord Mayor Of Sydney Here Next Saturday

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. E. C. O'Dea, and the Lady Mayoress and party will arrive in Orange at 1 p.m. next Saturday by car from Sydney. The Lord Mayor will officially open the 1951 Cherry Blossom Week at 8 p.m. on Saturday.

At 3 p.m. the party will be met by members of the Cherry Blossom Committee.

The Netherlands Consul-General for N.S.W., Jhr. G. R. G. van Swinderen, will arrive in Orange by the morning plane service and will be entertained by the Dutch community at a reception at the Hotel Canobolas at 4 p.m.

Prior to the Saturday night's crowning ceremony at Robertson Park, the Consul-General will present the Queen's crown to the Mayor, Ald. J. P. Jaeger, on behalf of the Dutch community.

The crowning will take place at 9 p.m.

At 7.30 p.m. on Saturday the Wollongong Steelworks Band will march down Summer Street from Sale Street to Robertson Park and render items there until the ceremony commences.

The crowning procession will be led by the Orange City Band.

The candidates will be transported on one float. The committee originally hoped that they would have separate floats, but Mr. Box said that the response to an approach to firms to sponsor floats for this procession had been poor and only one float would be available.

As was the case last year, the candidates will not know who has won the competition until Ald. Jaeger makes the official announcement just prior to the crowning.

There will be no competitive dancing at this year's Cherry Blossom Carnival because the committee feels that the expense is not warranted for the limited public support the dancing received last year.

Last year's competitive dancing cost £85 in prizes, plus the cost of an orchestra each night.

Secretary, Mr. L. L. Box, said yesterday that the committee was of the opinion that as the funds from this year's carnival were going towards the Olympic swimming pool, only the absolutely essential expenses could be allowed.

Day By Day

SECRETARY of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. L. L. Box, will address members of the Dutch community at their meeting at the Hotel Canobolas tomorrow night.

He will acquaint the new Australians with the activities of the Chamber.

New Dutch people in Orange are invited to attend the meeting, and join the Association.

Present membership of the Dutch community totals well over 200.

land outlaw.

Orange City Band, described by the Consul-General of the Netherlands as one of the most striking combinations he had yet seen in Australia, then came into the picture.

Headed by their efficient drum



Dutch Consul General, Jhr G. R. van Swinderen, surrounded by compatriots in national dress. This photograph was taken at the conclusion of the Cherry Blossom Carnival procession, in which the music provided by the Dutch migrants was a pleasing feature. Those in the picture include: Reading from left to right: H. Cool (partly obscured), Miss V. D. Meer, J. Vermeulen C. V. D. Berch, J. Splithof, the Consul General, G. Bruinsma, Miss T. De Rooy, Mr. and Mrs. Struyken, Mrs. J. De Rooy and Mr. Spit's two children. Winning first prize for national float, the Greek community donated the prize to Legacy. (Photo by La Dore).

DUTCH EVENING

A Dutch Evening will provide an unusual attraction at 2GZ Hall on Friday at 8 p.m. for the benefit of Miss Pat Maloney's candidature in Cherry Blossom Queen Competition.

Promoted by the Dutch community in Orange, the programme will feature four specially selected films of Holland, showing a modern country with old-time charm; accordion music by members of the "new" community; folk dancing by Dutch children in national costumes.

Star item on the programme will be the famous Dutch radio entertainer, Mrs. Mikie Maas, soloist and guitarist, who is coming from Sydney to give unique numbers. Mrs. Maas, a radio star in Holland, also entertained the troops in Indonesia during the war. The whole of the proceeds will assist the Cherry Blossom Queen candidate, Miss Pat Maloney.

DUTCH MOVIES and Musical Entertainment

2GZ

Tomorrow (Fri.)

at 8 p.m.

Holland, a modern country full of old-time charms.

Proceeds to aid Miss Pat Maloney.

Prominent Citizens Welcome Distinguished Visitors

Many prominent Orange citizens attended two informal receptions on Saturday to the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Sydney, Ald. and Mrs. O'Dea, and the Consul-General for the Netherlands, Jhr. G. van Swinderen.

The distinguished visitors, who arrived in Orange earlier in the day, are guests of the Cherry Blossom Committee during their visit to Orange.

The reception to Mr. and Mrs. O'Dea was held at the Royal Hotel. The Mayor, Ald. J. P. Jaeger, welcomed the guests and introduced them to the gathering.

Canobolas Shire Council was represented by Cr. H. E. Dally.

Many of the Dutch community of Orange were among the guests at the reception to the Consul-General at the Hotel Canobolas later in the afternoon.

Mr. H. Frank said it was a pleasure and an honour for the Dutch people to welcome their Consul-General. The Mayor spoke highly of the contribution being made by migrants from the Netherlands to the civic life of Orange.

A national note was added by two small Dutch children in traditional costume, including clogs, who helped distribute refreshments.

Mrs. O'Dea chose a smart navy frock, relieved with white, topped by a silver fox cape, with a matching navy hat.

Mayoress of Orange, Mrs. Jaeger, wore a fawn tailored costume with brown accessories to tone.

The slim black suit worn by Mrs. A. E. Colvin was relieved with a blouse of daffodil yellow. She added a small black hat and matching accessories.

Mrs. L. L. Box, wife of the Cherry Blossom secretary, chose a fawn frock and a short fur coat.

A navy blue frock and a smart hat in the same tone were worn by Mrs. Rowley Bleechmore.

Mrs. H. E. Dally topped her black frock with a short fur

coat.

Mrs. F. Craine, wife of the private secretary to the Lord Mayor, wore a frock of black, with a matching hat and a fur coat.

Mrs. R. Heath wore a pill-box hat matching her skin bag, with a pale blue woollen frock.

Prominent Visitors' Thanks

Two prominent visitors to Orange during Cherry Blossom Week have told the Mayor, Ald. J. P. Jaeger, that they greatly enjoyed their stay here.

The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. E. C. O'Dea, wrote: "This is to say how much my wife and I enjoyed our visit to Orange at the weekend, and to express appreciation of the hospitality extended to us by you, personally, and the committee during our all too-short stay in your delightful city.

"Might I again compliment the committee upon the success of the Festival, the members of which will, I feel sure, be more than compensated for their work by the result achieved.

"With kind regards and hoping to have the opportunity of visiting Orange again at some not too distant date. — Yours sincerely, E. C. O'DEA."

"Delightful Days"

The Consul-General for the Netherlands, Jonkheer G. R. G. van Swinderen, wrote:

"Allow me to express to you both in your capacity of Mayor of Orange and of President of the 1951 Orange Cherry Blossom Carnival, my renewed thanks for the delightful days I had the honour and pleasure to spend in your lovely city.

"Not only was I greatly impressed by its beauty and that of the surrounding district, but also of the way my countrymen have been received as immigrants, settlers and future Australians.

"It has always been my conviction that a successful immigration depends on the attitude of the original population and the adaptability of the newcomers to get accustomed to the ways of life and of their new surroundings.

"In your city both these conditions have been fulfilled with, I think, great possibilities for the future.

"Please remember me to Mrs. Jaeger, and believe me, yours most sincerely, van SWINDEREN."

Big attendance at reception to Lord Mayor

"During my visit to Orange I have seen evidence of remarkable civic pride. This, I feel sure, is responsible for the outstanding success of your beautiful young city, one of the best in the country."

This was said by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Ald. E. C. O'Dea, when responding to a civic welcome extended to him at the Council Chambers yesterday morning.

"And I'm not saying that just because I'm a visitor," he said.

Presided over by the Mayor, Ald. J. P. Jaeger, the function was exceptionally well attended by a representative gathering which featured cordial addresses of welcome by many speakers and responses by the distinguished visitors—Sydney's Lord Mayor and the Consul-General for the Netherlands, Jhr. van Swinderen.

"This is the first occasion I have had the pleasure to extend a welcome to the first citizen of Sydney, and I consider it a distinct honour for the people of Orange to have the Lord Mayor with us," Ald. Jaeger said.

He said that Ald. O'Dea had been recognised for many years because of the great work he has done for the betterment of the community generally, a service that had brought about his appointment as a member of the Legislative Council of the State.

The Lord Mayor, he said, had achieved high positions in recognition of his untiring and unselfish efforts over many years, and he congratulated Ald. O'Dea on the splendid manner in which he executed his important duties.

The Mayor, in extending a cordial welcome to the Consul-General, assured him that the people of Orange would do everything possible to assist the Dutch migrants who had come to make their homes in Orange.

Compliment

Dr. A. E. Colvin, M.L.C., said the Lord Mayor of Sydney had paid a tremendous compliment in coming to Orange over the weekend, because he was the representative of one of the greatest cities in the world.

Dr. Colvin said he had been a friend of Ald. O'Dea for many years, and said Ald. O'Dea's ability was freely recognised on both sides of the Upper House.

Mr. John Howse, M.P., said he was pleased to join in welcoming the Lord Mayor because of Ald. O'Dea's official position and also personally, because everybody liked him.

Mr. Charles Cutler, M.L.A., said the down-to-earth expressions he had heard concerning the Lord Mayor were a great credit to one occupying such an important position.

Shire President, Mr. J. M. Caldwell, said the Lord Mayor's name was renowned throughout the State because of the manner in which he is fulfilling his high position, a tremendous task.

Mr. R. Bleechmore, on behalf of the Cherry Blossom Committee, said the presence in Orange of the Lord and Lady Mayoress and the Consul-General had added a material stimulus to the festivities.

On behalf of Orange Base Hospital and Orange Producers' Society, Mr. W. J. I. Nancarrow, welcoming the visitors, told them of the potentialities of the district, saying that the O.P.R. had 1070 members, 750 of them being located on orchard properties around the district.

Responding, the Lord Mayor said he was deeply moved by the warmth of the welcome given to the Lady Mayoress and himself.

When coming he was told that he would encounter cold weather, but it had been delightfully pleasant, enhanced by the warm heartedness of the people and their unbounded hospitality.

The Lord Mayor referred to the supposed rivalry existing between Bathurst and Orange, which, he considered a good thing because it made each do its best for the

respective city.

He knew of the wealth that came from the Orange district as he happened to be the nominal holder of the City Markets.

The Lord Mayor, he said, not only belonged to the city but the State and he tried to live up to the position he represented.

He spoke of the advisability of establishing hostels for the convenience of women and children, and also to assist in accommodating boys and girls who went from country high schools to the Sydney University.

Ald. O'Dea spoke of the importance of beautifying country towns, and considered that such undertakings should not be left to municipalities and shires.

The Consul-General also expressed his thanks for the cordiality of the welcome extended.

He felt certain that the Dutch migrants who were making their homes in Orange would be happy. Orange was an ideal place for them, because big cities presented many disadvantages.

Dutch people were accustomed to live on the standard of life similar to that enjoyed in Orange.

It was therefore very easy for them to become friends and to weld themselves together for the benefit of themselves and their children.

National dancing on Saturday was colourful finale to Festival

New Australians from Orange, Parkes and Cowra provided a bright evening of national songs and dances to wind up the 1951 Cherry Blossom Carnival on Saturday night.

Prizes for the procession were also presented by the Mayor, Ald. J. P. Jaeger, during the evening. The Dutch Community handed their prize to Legacy, the Greeks to the War Memorial Fund.

The gaily dressed teams of dancers, representing Holland, Lithuania, Yugoslavia, Poland and Hungary attracted a large crowd despite the coldness of the evening.

A high platform was erected in front of the Robertson Park Band Rotunda, so that every one was able to get a good view.

Twelve small Dutch children in national costume — the girls in long frocks with aprons and high white caps, and the boys in baggy trousers, striped shirts and red caps, delighted the crowd, with several folk dancers, to which they sang their own accompaniment.

A number of Dutch songs were given by a group of older children, with piano accordion accompaniment.

Young migrants from the Cowra camp, in bright embroidered costumes and je ellery, gave particularly bright Polish dances and three songs.

The Polish dancer, Mrs. Gallo, gave a spirited bracket of contrasting dances. The brightness of her costume was accentuated by gay ribbons streaming from each shoulder.

Dances from Hungary and Yugoslavia were given by migrants from the Parkes camp and two girls presented a dance from Russia.

Accompaniments were played by Mr. M. Kuran, (piano accordion) and Mr. M. Galla (violin).

Mrs. Williams, of the Orange branch of the CWA, presented a bouquet of flowers to representatives from Orange, Parkes and Cowra.

Migrants in the audience joined in the singing of many of the national songs.

Messrs R. Bleechmore and Coleman compered the programme.

The two representatives from Toowoomba, Messrs Hodge and Jenkins thanked the committee and people of Orange for their hospitality.

Orange Dinner

The International Goodwill Week dinner of the Apex Club of Orange was held recently.

The guest speaker was Mr. Franks, president of the local Dutch community, who gave an extremely interesting and instructive address on some aspects

Ned. Gemeenschap in Orange

Ter gelegenheid van het jaarlijkse Kersenbloesemfeest in de provincie stad Orange - waarvan in het vorige nummer uitvoerig melding werd gemaakt - had de uit een 150 mensen bestaande Nederlandse Gemeenschap aldaar zich tijdelijk in los verband aangesloten.

Thans is uit deze gezamenlijke krachtsinspanning een permanente organisatie gegroeid. Eer bestuur is gevormd, bestaande uit J. van Hulst als voorzitter, mr. Teerink als penningmeester, mr. Schaepman als secretaris en H. Franks als vice voorzitter en propaganda commissaris. Enige Australiers uit Orange zullen gevraagd worden als beschermheer op te treden. Mr. Burns, de manager van de Bank of Australasia Ltd., heeft deze uitnodiging reeds aanvaard.

Het nieuwe bestuur is reeds begonnen aan de voorbereidingen voor een groots Sint Nicolaasfeest op 5 December, voor de kinderen van de leden zowel als voor de Legacy kinderen.

De prachtige tafelbestek cassette, welke de Nederlandse groep tijdens de Kersenbloesemfeesten als eerste prijs won, is door de Nederlanders aan de plaatselijke afdeling van de Legacy afgestaan.

Van het Kersenbloesemfeest kan verder nog gemeld worden, dat de in Sydney gevestigde Nederlandse firma „Rofra Recording Company” een reportage van het feest voor de AVRO in Nederland op grammofoonplaten heeft vastgelegd.

Nederlanders in Orange namen deel aan Cherry Blossom Carnival

ORANGE - Dit jaar namen voor het eerst een aantal Nederlanders deel aan de jaarlijkse Kersenbloesem Feesten welke sinds geruime tijd in dit welvarende centrum van fruitteelt worden gehouden.

Gedurende het afgelopen jaar is het aantal Nederlanders in deze mooie en snel groeiende stad namelijk tot 'n 150 zielen gestegen. Aan de grote kersenbloesem optocht, welke tijdens het hoogtepunt der feestelijkheden gedurende het weekeinde van 31 September gehouden werd, namen niet minder dan een vijftig Nederlanders met een drietal versierde wagens deel.

Geen wonder dat de Nederlandse deelname de bewoners van Orange met stomheid sloeg en dat de Nederlandse groep de eerste prijs won, 'n prachtige tafelbestek cassette.

De Nederlandse groep opende met Hollanders in Volendam's costuum met de vlaggen van het oude en van het nieuwe vaderland. Daarachter kwam Prins Willem van Oranje te paard, vergezeld van twee van zijn officieren.

Achter een wagen met kinderen in nationaal costuum en twee trekharmonica virtuozen, die de bekende Hollandse trekharmonica liedjes ten beste gaven, kwam de praalwagen met de bekende witte Hollandse molen, omringd door bloemen.

Vervolgens kinderen op versierde Hollandse fietsen, de bekende Alkmaarse kaasdragers en dan een wagen met een gemengd tafereel waarop boter vervaardigd werd en waarop een kruimel van 18 maanden, eveneens in Volendam's costuum, vrolijk in zijn box stond te kraaien onder de blauwe hemel.

Hoezeer de Nederlanders in Orange zijn ingeburgerd en gewaardeerd worden, blijkt voldoende uit het feit dat men dit jaar voor de kroning van de kersenbloesem koningin om een replica van de Nederlandse kroon had verzocht. Deze werd overhandigd door de Nederlandse consul-generaal, jhr van Swinderen, die met de burgemeester van Sydney eregast van de stad was.

Het belangrijke aandeel dat de Nederlanders in deze boeiende feestelijkheden hadden en de grote populariteit welke deze nog betrekkelijk kleine groep in zo'n korte tijd heeft weten te verwerven, toont eens te meer aan hoe verstandig die emigranten uit Holland zijn geweest, die hun toekomst in een welvarende provinciestad hebben gezocht waar zij niet zo onder gaan in de massa als in een metropool als Sydney en waar hun kwaliteiten en capaciteiten vlugger dienstbaar gemaakt kunnen worden en sneller worden opgemerkt en gewaardeerd.

• De provinciestad Orange ligt 196 kilometer ten Westen van Sydney op een hoogte van 2850 voet (een kleine duizend kilometer boven de zeespiegel) en heeft een bevolking van ongeveer 15.000, terwijl in het omringende district nog hetzelfde aantal mensen wonen.

De stad is indertijd door de grondvester, die nog met Prins Willem van Oranje in de slag bij Waterloo gevochten heeft, naar deze koene Prins der Nederlanden genoemd.

Dutch novelties Red Cross shop

Dutch women, dressed in their colourful national costumes will sell novelties and fine hand-worked articles at the Red Cross shop in Lord's Place next Thursday, July 16.

Members of the Dutch Community Auxiliary have been planning for weeks to stock the shop.

In addition to countless hand-worked goods including handkerchiefs and pot-holders, cakes, pastry and biscuits cooked from traditional Dutch recipes will be sold.

For those who prefer their cooking strictly Aus-

tralian, there will be the normal types of biscuits and cakes.

The Auxiliary was formed last year to assist local charitable organisations.

Although Dutch women have helped Red Cross in the organisation of social functions during the past 12 months, this will be the first time they have manned the shop.

Monday, October 29, 1951

DUTCH COMMUNITY HELPS LEGACY

A canteen of cutlery won by the Dutch community of Orange for their floats in the recent Cherry Blossom procession was presented to Orange Legacy at its meeting on Friday night.

The vice-president of the Dutch community, Mr. H. Frank, made the presentation on behalf of the members of his association.

"The thought behind this fine gesture is appreciated by all who are connected with Legacy," said the President of Orange Legacy, Mr. Frank Thurn.

He complimented the Dutch community on the manner in which they were adapting themselves to the Australian way of life, and the interest they were taking in community activities.

His remarks were supported by Dr. W. F. Matthews and Mr. A. B. West.

An invitation was extended to junior legatees up to the age of 12 years to attend the Dutch children's Christmas Tree and party.

Initial arrangements for the Orange Legacy Christmas Tree and party were discussed at the meeting.

The children's Christmas party will be held at Dubbo this year, and junior legatees and their mothers will be brought from centres throughout the western area for the occasion.

The entertainment for the children and their mothers will be organised by the Dubbo Leg-

DUTCH WOMEN RAISED £22 FOR RED CROSS

The sale of interesting Dutch nic-nacs, cooking and handwork, realised about £22 at the Red Cross shop on Thursday.

Members of the Dutch community, who were in charge of the shop, also served afternoon and morning teas throughout the day.

The proceeds were among the highest raised at the shop this year.

A beautiful liqueur cake, made to represent a crown, was won by Mr. Spit, of Franklyn Road.

Members of the Order of the Eastern Star will run the shop next week.

Dutch evening to aid CWA Building Fund

Films on life in Holland and small Dutch children in National costume will add colour to a Dutch evening to be held in aid of the C.W.A. building fund.

Although no date has yet been fixed, preparations for the evening, to be held in the 2GZ Hall, are already under way.

Brightly coloured paper tulips will take the place of admission tickets, and will be on sale at the door.

Baskets of sweets will be sold to the Dutch children, and other entertainments will be provided.

The evening is being organised

by the Dutch Community of Orange, in conjunction with the C.W.A.

Latest donations bring the Building Fund to £1312/3/3.

They are:

Gumble Branch, £4; O.P.R. £5; Quota Club, £10/10; Mrs. E. M. Cantrill, 10/6; W. and E. Friedner, £1/1; previously acknowledged, £1290/16/9 — Total, £1312/3/3.

Women help Legacy

Dutch women made £20/2/- for Legacy at a sale in the Red Cross shop on Tuesday.

But a member of the Dutch community described the support as "poor."

The money was raised from the sale of home-made cakes, aprons, and kiddies' frocks. Morning and afternoon tea was served.

Results of competitions: Decorated cake, Miss Richards; Hotel Canobolas; Dutch hankies, Mesdames Loveridge, Hotel Canobolas, Grey, Hampton Avenue, and Plas and Jongkryl, Commonwealth Hostel.

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HIS is one of the nicest gestures that has been made by any group of New Australians" the State Secretary of the new Settlers League said of the Dutch community's invitation to young Legacy wards to its "Santa Claus" party next Sunday.

Many of the 100 Dutch children in Orange and district will also attend the party.

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'St. Nicholas' Rode Through Orange Streets

Seventy Dutch children and junior legatees assembled at Orange railway station on Sunday to welcome "St. Nicholas" from Spain prior to the traditional Dutch Santa Claus party at Hotel Canobolas.

"Saint Nicholas" surprised the children when he arrived by car because they were told he would come "from Spain by train."

He was greeted by president of the Dutch community, Mr. H. Franks, after which he mounted a white charger and rode to the Hotel Canobolas, followed by the children singing Dutch Christmas songs.

Two "Black Peters," or helpers, accompanied Santa Claus. They were dressed in black trousers, pink satin blouses and crimson velvet berets and boleros.

At the hotel St. Nicholas presented each child with a present.

St. Nicolaas in Orange

An old man with a long white beard, dressed in red and white bishop's regalia and bearing a striking resemblance to Father Christmas arrived in Orange "by train" yesterday with his two dark-skinned servants.

The visitor was St. Nicolaas, the patron saint of children.

After being welcomed at the railway station by the Mayor of Orange, Alderman E. W. F. White, the old gentleman (who was rather agile for his age) mounted a white horse.

Led by the Orange City Band and flanked by his two servants (or Black Peters), he then rode to the Scouts' Hall by way

of Peisley, Summer and Anson streets followed by a crowd of laughing young Legatees and Dutch children and many cars.

At the rear of the Scouts' Hall St. Nicolaas took up his position on an improvised throne from where he handed each kiddie a gaily-wrapped present.

The visit of St. Nicolaas was arranged by the local Dutch Community

for Legacy and Dutch children.

The president of the Dutch Community, Mr. J. Siethorst, paid tribute to the Orange City Band for their willing assistance and gave his personal thanks to the Mayor and Mr. I. Carpenter, president of Legacy, for their assistance.

Ice-cream and drinks were distributed at the

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£3/17/6; Dutch Society of Or-
ange, £2; Mr. S. Wayling,
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meer, Miss de Rooy, Mr. v. d.
Bergh and Vocalist Mr. Splithof
play:

"Near the Windmill."

"A Sailor Likes To Sing."

"Aye-Aye."

5—FILM No. 2.
"Industry and Handicrafts."

6—MISS VERMEER playing on the
accordion:

"Dancing Fingers."

Mr. v. d. Bergh playing on the
accordion:

"Officer of the Day."

Accordionists and Vocalist:

"Cheerio."

7—DUTCH KIDDIES' DANCE ar-
ranged by Mrs. Lonkhuyzen.

8—SONGS BY MIKIE MAAS.
Dutch Radio Star.

— Interval —

9—FILM No. 3.
"Trade and Transport."

10—ACCORDION GROUP & Vocalist:
"Dutch Medley."

"Sari Marias" African Song.

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PART III (12 minutes) "Trade and Transport" is there to let you know that the shipping, port traffic and commerce of Holland—founded centuries ago and still going strong—is a power to be reckoned with in world economy, even in these modern times. Holland is very rightly known as the "Gateway of Europe."

PART IV (12 mins.) "Agriculture and Stock-farming" covers a subject covering enough material to go filming for a year. Here is one of the corner-stones of Dutch national prosperity, and of Dutch exports and exporting industry. The film makes a particular point of showing those branches of arable and stock farming and of market gardening, that are of paramount importance for Dutch exportation. In addition, some of the branches of indirect exporting importance are illustrated.

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Members of the local Dutch community entertained about 40 Legacy wards at a "Saint Nicholas" party at the Canobolas Scout Camp at Lake Canobolas recently.

The picture below shows the children and adults grouped around "Santa Claus" and his two "Black Peters" (traditional aides of Holland's "Santa"). Saint Nicholas distributed gifts to the happy children—all under the age of 12—during the afternoon.

—Candid Studio photo.



Dutch fund response

Organisers of a fund to relieve widespread distress caused by the floods in Holland are pleased with the response already made by Orange residents to the appeal.

To-date, Orange and district residents have subscribed £84/16/6 to the fund.

More than 1,200 people were drowned, hundreds are missing and more than 50,000 are homeless after disastrous floods which swept through parts of Holland.

Subscriptions already received:—

Mr. Holm 10/-; Mrs. Holm 10/-; Mrs. Maloney 10/-; Miss C. Howard 10/-; Miss P. Howard 5/-; Mr. S. Sozan £1; Mrs. Hardawhite 3/-; Mr. L. Hanrahan 5/-; Mr. A. Page 10/-; Mr. Graham 3/-; J. De Rooy £10; F. Birken £1; J. Boxmeer £2; K. Havinga £5; G. Jansen £1; H. C. Jansen £1; J. A. Koot £1; J. Mager £5; C. Malefyt £1; G. De Rooy £2; J. A. C. Schaepman £1; Anonymous £5; R. Struyken £5; J. Groenewegen £4; staff Wangarrie Sawmill £1/1; Mr. A. R. W. Williams £2; D. Drost £1; H. Frank £2/2/-; Andre, Francis, Stephanie Frank £2/10; G. Remmerswaal £2/2/-; the Dutch baker of Orange £2/2/-; Mr. P. M. A. Speet £5; Mrs. E. Frank £3; Dutch community £5/5/-; M.B.E. £3/3/-; Anonymous £2/10; J. Stalenberg £1; Mrs. Harden 10/6; Miss V. Kean £1 and Mr. D. C. Wills £1/1/- Total £84/16/6.

THERE'S no doubt about it our Dutch citizens are "live-wires"—at any age. Mrs. R. Struik raised £100 for the current appeal for Holland's flood victims. Her small son Andrew, aged six, heard about it the next day was late from school. He had taken out "collecting" and raised 13/3 in a "personal canvass" for the same good cause.

Dutch Send £177 To Netherlands

Representatives of the Dutch community in Orange yesterday sent £177/0/0 to the Netherlands Consul-General in Sydney for transmission to Holland.

It was the first instalment of local contributions made in response to the Dutch community's appeal for funds to aid those in the flood-stricken areas of the Netherlands.

The Press section of the Royal Netherlands Embassy stated yesterday that additional information received from the Netherlands, shows that the critical situation in the lives of the people in the flood-stricken areas still continues.

It is feared that the death rate ultimately will be much higher than originally estimated. Tens of thousands of soldiers, policemen, volunteers, etc., continue their efforts to save what can still be saved.

The many offers of help, with money, clothes, blankets, sheets, etc., from the Netherlands population and from abroad, are deeply moving. The Dutch daily newspapers publish stories of extraordinary heroism and self sacrifice by foreign and Dutch helpers.

It is estimated that at least 50,000 people have been safely evacuated by more than 200 planes, 25 helicopters and hundreds of various small craft.

ORANGE APPEAL

Following are details of donations:

C. J. Bulloch, £1; J. Groenewegen, £1; M. F. and H. Center, £3/3; Ph. J. Harbers, £1; J. Koster, £1/10; D. van den Meer, £1/10; A. Veenhuizen, £1; W. and E. Friedner, £3/3; Anonymous, 4/9; J. and T. Lonkhuizen, £5; Firma Schaepman, Runeman-Klosterman, £6; the staff of above firm, £2; J. A. C. Schaepman, £3; Jo. Iet and Henk Runeman, £6; Y. de Boer, £3; W. E. Prentice, £1/1; Dr. M. Jacobi, £10/10; Mrs. M. L. Frank, £2; H. Kuilen-

burg, £2; Children de Graaf, 4/4; Mr. Conner, 5/-; Presbyterian choir, £1/3; Th. Conneman, £3/2/6; H. M. Hoefsmit and H. van Roon, £4; R. Z. Jansen, £2/10; N. J. Oud, £1; Mr. and Mrs. de Graaf, £1/10; R. Schooling, £1/1/5; J. A. Jansen, £2; Commonwealth Hostel, £1/9/6; Miss Ross, 5/-; Mrs. Livingston, 5/-; Mrs. Cook, 4/-; Mrs. Cook, 4/-; Mrs. Pickford, 5/-; Mrs. Hanlon, 5/-; Mrs. Hanlon, 2/-; Anonymous, 4/-; L. Regan, 5/-; M. F. Thurn, £2/2; Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Matthews, £5/5/-; K. Spit, £1; Anonymous, £2; A. Etter, £5; Anonymous, £1; Micky and Russell Frame, 10/-; W. Yates, £1; Anonymous, £2/1.

Previously acknowledged: £86/16 (including F. Tammeling £5 omitted from previous list).

Total, £177.

Flood Relief Fund Total £38,148

Gifts to the N.S.W. Flood Victims' Relief Fund yesterday reached a total of £38,148/15/2.

Gifts should be sent to the N.S.W. Flood Victims' Relief Fund, Town Hall, Sydney.

They are allowable deductions for income-tax.

Yesterday's contributions:

Previously acknowledged, £35,961/16/3.
City of Broken Hill, £794/13/7.
Municipality of Ryde, £227/18/2.
Shire of Shoalhaven, £195/14/9.
City of Parramatta, £160/0/3.
Dumaresq Shire Council, £135/8/-.
Shire of Gosford, £117/2/6.
Municipality of Condobolin, £115/19/-.
Municipality of Mosman, £115/2/6.
City of Ballarat, £80/10/-.
Municipality of Murrumburrah, £63/12/4.
Mittagong Shire Council, £59/3/-.
Municipality of Kuring-gai, £26/5/-.
Dutch Community of Orange, £25.
Mount Parry P. and C. Assoc. and Tennis Club, £14/10/-.
Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Authority Social Club, £12/18/-.
Nambucca Shire Council, £10/15/-.
"Anonymous—Merah North," £10/10/-.
Congregational Church, Punch-bowl, £7/17/6.
Mr. Robert White, £5/5/-.
Mascot Younger Set, £3/10/4.
Mrs. E. E. Thomas, £2/2/-.
Municipality of Dungog, and Hardy's Bay Branch A.L.P., each £1/1/-.
Murrumbidgee Shire Council, £1 Total, £38,148/15/2.

DUTCH APPEAL REACHES £217

The Dutch community's appeal for funds to relieve the plight of those in the flood-stricken areas of the Netherlands has now reached a total of £217/3/3.

Members of the Dutch community will meet at the Little Theatre, Post Office Lane, next Saturday at 8 p.m.

Following are details of the latest donations received:

B. de Boer £1, E. C. van Leeuwen £2, Miss Bold 10/-, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dant, £1/8/-; R. Struik, £5; family E. Pickford 5/-; Mrs. Dennis 2/-; Mrs. M. Douglas and family £1; J. A. de Jong 10/-; Martin Bros. £3/3; Orange Baptist Church £6/7; E. J. Evans and Son £2/2; Mr. R. Mitchell £5; Miss P. Wilson 10/-; Drs. J. Paton and F. D. Smith £2/2; Mr. J. Daly 10/-; J. Bobbeldijk £2/10; family T. Coothe £1; Anonymous 13/3; R. E. R. Upton £2/2; P. C. Rutten £2; W. H. Bentley, Parfett and Co. £2/2; J. van Hulst £2; Dr. J. W. Meldrum £2/2; total, £40/3/3; previously acknowledged £177. Total, £217/3/3.

MAYOR CALLS

A public meeting has been called by the Mayor, Alderman J. P. Jaeger, to start a fund for victims of floods in Britain and Holland.

The meeting will be held in the Town Hall tomorrow night.

Mr. Jaeger has called the meeting in response to a telegram he received last Thursday from the Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman P. D. Hills.

The telegram announced the inauguration of an appeal for flood victims in Great Britain and Holland, and Alderman Hills urged Mr. Jaeger to "assist this worthy cause by opening an appeal in your area."

Mr. Jaeger said yesterday the main object of the meeting was to get a big crowd along to the Town Hall. Suggestions would be invited for ways to raise money for the appeal.

Mr. Jaeger said he wished to acknowledge one donation he had already received from a Lithgow district resident and his wife, who had anticipated the appeal being started in Orange.

The donation, a cheque for £1, came from Mr. and Mrs. E. J. G. Kelly, of Monte Vista, South Bowenfels, for the Dutch and said it was "a small token of great admiration for a gallant people."

Members of the Dutch community of Orange started an appeal for their stricken countrymen on February 5.

Since then, the fund has grown to well over £300.

MRS. H. J. LEVELT, wife of Consul General for the Netherlands Government who was the smartest woman in town last week. Her black mode gown was lightened with an oversize white sharkskin collar and at night she wore a luxurious mink.

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ay, June 22, 1953

Day By Day

MANAGER of the Hotel Canobolas, Mr. P.M.A. Speet, is known among the local Dutch community as the "oldest Dutch man in Orange."

At the reception to the Consul-General for the Netherlands, Dr. H. J. Levelt, Mr. Speet said that after 40 years in Australia he now considered himself an Australian.

Mr. Speet was perhaps the only "Australian" at the reception who could understand a short talk in Dutch by Dr. Levelt to the Dutch migrants. It went "over the heads" of every one else.

Dutch Consul To Come To Orange

Newly-appointed Consul-General for the Netherlands in Australia, Dr. H. J. Levelt, of Sydney, will pay a special visit to Orange on Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20.

One of the main reasons of the Consul-General's visit to Orange is to thank the people of Orange and district for the spontaneous help given the Flood Relief Appeal last year.

Honorary secretary of the Dutch community in Orange, Mr. H. Frank, said yesterday that to mark the Consul-General's visit to Orange, his community would organise a film evening in 2GZ Hall on June 19 at 8.15 p.m., when films of the flood would be screened, and Dr. Levelt would address the gathering.

This, Mr. Frank hopes, will be well-attended, especially by those who so kindly contributed to the Flood Relief Fund.

At 4 p.m. on the Saturday the Dutch community will hold a reception in the Rotary Room at Hotel Canobolas to give the Consul-General an opportunity to meet the Dutch people and representatives of Orange City Council, Canobolas Shire Council, local Parliamentarians and other representatives of local bodies in contact with their community.

CENTRAL WESTERN DAILY

Schoolchildren Assist Dutch Appeal

Latest contributions to the Dutch community fund for flood-stricken victims in Holland include sum raised voluntarily by the 37 children of the Canobolas Public School.

The young pupils brought their savings in pennies to the school and asked that the money be sent to the victims in flooded Holland.

As a result a much-appreciated amount of £3/4/4 has been added to the fund.

At a meeting of members of the Dutch community on Saturday night £7/1/8 was collected for the fund which now totals £318/13/6.

Details:—

J. C. Biaylock £1/1; J. and C. Hutchinson £2; A. Jansen £2/10; W. Martin £2/2; Mr. R. Williams £1; Mr. E. — £5; Lee, Baldock and Millard £2/2; Mrs. R. Henderson 10/-; Mrs. W. Leary 10/-; Mr. Jim Mac Smith £1; Mrs. J. G. Gollins 10/-; Rose Marie Cafe £1/1; S. Fer-

guson 10/-; H. A. Thomas and Sons £1/1; Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Moloney £1/1; Canobolas Public School £3/4/4; Mr. and Mrs. L. Colman £5; J. Buikstra, Millthorpe £1/1; J. Boxmeer £1; Mr. W. Smith 10/-; Mrs. C. Cook 5/-; Mr. W. E. Barrett £5/5; Mrs. E. E. B. Barrett £2/2; Miss T. B. Barrett £2/2; Staff Cool Store, Racecourse Rd., 10/-; meeting Dutch community £7/1/8. Total, £49/19/-. Previously acknowledged £268/14/6.

Grand total, £318/13/6.

Consul Thanks Orange For Flood Appeal Help

Consul-General for the Netherlands Government, Dr. H. J. Levelt, in Orange during the week-end, thanked the local people for their contribution towards the Dutch Flood Appeal.

Dr. Levelt met many Dutch migrants living in Orange and discussed assimilation problems with them.

At a mayoral reception on Saturday afternoon, Dr. Levelt said that Australian people contributed more than £120,000 to flood victims in Holland.

He said the Netherlands Government was "extremely grateful for this assistance."

"But even more important than material help is the sympathy shown the Dutch people by many Australians," he said.

"I am not exaggerating when I say that Australians are the most kind-hearted people in the world."

"There were many ties between the Australian and the Netherlands Governments during the last world war when men from both countries fought together and died side by side."

Dr. Levelt said New Guinea and the inflow of migrants into Australia had strengthened the bond between Australia and Holland.

Dr. Levelt said: "To say that Dutch people make the best type of migrant is no self-praise. They assimilate better than other nationalities and are willing to work and to make their own living."

Dr. Levelt said he had talked to many migrants since he had been in Orange. He said they had told him they had settled well into Orange and were beginning to make friends with Australian people.

Dr. Levelt appealed to the Dutch people to be "good citizens of Australia and good citizens of Orange."

He also urged the Australian people to give their assistance to Dutch migrants. "I can assure you that the Dutch people will make good Orange citizens," he stressed.

Representative of Dutch Community, Mr. Drost, welcomed the Consul-General and said Dutch migrants living in Orange wanted to take part in the civic

life of Orange. "We want to help local people to make Orange a big city and a greater part of Australia than it is already," he said.

Mayor of Orange, Alderman J. P. Jaeger, said Dutch migrants were no strangers to Australia because they had fought and died together during the last war.

Mr. Jaeger said the Dutch community in Orange had demonstrated their interest in the life of Orange by their assistance in civic celebrations. "They always offer help without being approached," he said.

President of the Canobolas Shire Council, Cr. J. M. Caldwell, said he did not expect the Dutch migrants to forego their own country entirely for Australia. "But I appeal to Australian people to help Dutch migrants all they can to become assimilated," he said.

Dr. A. E. Colvin, MLC, said the more Dutch migrants who came to Australia the better it would be for a young and virile country like Australia.

He said the Dutch people had "always had the greatest of all virtues—courage."

Mr. H. Frank moved a vote of thanks to the speakers. He was followed by Mr. P. M. A. Speet, who told the Dutch people that within a few years they would begin to understand better the Australian way of life and become an integral part of it.

Dr. LEVELT TO SHOW DUTCH FLOOD FILMS

Consul-General for the Netherlands, Dr. H. J. Levelt, will show films of the recent floods in Holland when he visits Orange on Friday.

The film evening, which will be held in the 2GZ hall, has been organised to thank those who contributed towards the appeal. Films will illustrate the extent of flood damage in Holland.

A musical programme, featuring Hanks' Hawaiian Serenaders will follow.

Dr. Levelt, who was appointed Consul General to Australia for the Royal Netherlands Government towards the end of 1952, began his career at the Amsterdam University where he gained his doctorate of law in 1925.

The following year he was attached to the Indonesian Department of the Interior.

POLITICAL ADVISER

Three years before the war Dr. Levelt was nominated political adviser to the Governor General and a political spokesman for the Indonesian Parliament.

During the latter years of the war he was interned by the Japanese in Java and in 1945 he spent eight months convalescing in Melbourne.

Until his recent appointment as Consul General to Australia, Dr. Levelt was Consul General in South Africa for six years.

Dr. Levelt will be extended a mayoral welcome on Saturday afternoon at the Hotel Canobolas. It is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Civic Welcome Today To Dutch Consul-General

Leading citizens of Orange and district and members of the Dutch Community will attend a Mayoral reception to the Consul-General for the Netherlands, Dr. H. J. Levelt, at the Hotel Canobolas this afternoon.

The reception will begin at 4 p.m. after which Dr. Levelt will be entertained at supper by the committee of the Dutch community.

Last night at a film evening, Dr. Levelt thanked the

people of Orange and district who contributed to the flood appeal.

Films illustrating the floods and life in Holland were shown.

On Sunday, Dr. Levelt

and his wife will be the guest of the Orange Rotary Club and will be taken on a sight-seeing tour of the district, and will have afternoon tea at Fairbridge Farm. They will leave Orange on Monday.

APPRECIATION OF DUTCH AID FOR VICTIMS OF FLOODS

The Netherlands Consul-General in Sydney, Dr. Levelt, has sent a telegram to the Dutch community in Orange thanking it for its assistance to the flood victims in Holland.

The telegram reads: "Highly appreciative of initiative and efforts of Dutch community of Orange in raising funds for flood victims in Holland. Levelt."

The Dutch community has already raised more than £268 for the fund.

Miss M. J. Dunne £1, Dennis family £1, M. Simons £2, W. T. Klaare (Cun-
nock) £5, H. de Ridder £5, Miss D. Hobson £1, H. de
ten £2, Dr. K. Redmond
£5, A. Telrink £5, Ch. de
Stalenberg 16/-, Miss E. E.
R. Hudson (Sydney) £20
G. and M. Groenewegen 8/-,
Anonymous 13/3, Smeaton
and Campbell £1/1/-, H.
Neal 10/-, A. Fievez £2, A
small thought for your good
kinsfolk from F. W. Yatt
and J. Palmer £3/3/-, total
£51/11/3, previous acknow-
ledged £217/3/3, total
£268/14/6, and 11 guineas

"The Dutch baker of Orange"

Eén ding staat vast: in plaatsen zoals Newcastle en Wollongong vindt de immigrant geen Nederlandse sfeer, zoals men die kent in de Nederlandse industriesteden.

De Hollandse sfeer vindt men veeleer in de kleinere plaatsen op het platteland, die — zoals in Nieuw Zuid-Wales — inwonertal niet uitkomen boven de 20.000. Voorbeelden daarvan zijn Bathurst (15000), Tamworth (13000), Lismore (15000) en Grafton (13000).

In de ruim aangelegde stad Orange vindt men 500 landgenoten, die werk hebben gevonden in de verscheidenste beroepen, van stadstuinman tot arbeider op schapen-farms (met minstens 6000 schapen), van electriciën en monteur op een fabriek van elektrische ijskasten, en van bakker (zoals de „Dutch baker of Orange” met een reputatie tot in wijde omtrek), tot slagers-knecht, en van beheerder van een sociëteit van notabelen tot arbeider op fruitkwekerijen. Het is in Nieuw Zuid-Wales vrijwel niet mogelijk ergens te komen waar niet een Hollander zit en in tal van plaatsen is er ook een Nederlandse gemeenschap.

Met wie ik ook heb gesproken en waar

Dutch newsmen seek the facts

A party of ten Dutch journalists are now touring Australia for the purpose of publicising their own impressions of conditions as they find them.

Their tour has been sponsored by the Dutch and Australian Governments with a view to determining if the criticisms levelled against Australia and Australians by dissatisfied immigrants are based on facts.

Some members of the party, accompanied by a Dutch immigration officer, will visit Orange on Thursday, when they will be given the opportunity to meet members of the local Dutch community at a tea party at 8.15 p.m. at the Silver Key Cafe.

Adverse criticisms of Australia and Australians has been given wide publicity in European newspapers, and it is the desire of the visiting journalists to see for themselves the conditions under which Australians and New Australians live and how the affairs of the country are controlled.

True Picture

It is intended that the articles to be written by the visiting pressmen in Dutch newspapers will present a true picture of what they see and learn, and also afford valuable assistance to the people of Holland who intend to come to Australia in the near future.

The ten Dutch journalists have already been in Australia for about a month, during which time they have been separated into small groups to visit as much of Australia as possible.

The visit will extend for another month, after which they will return to their homeland to prepare their various articles.

Report on Dutch Migrants

State officer in charge of the Dutch Embassy Immigration Department, Mr. G. Van Rijn, will arrive in Orange today to investigate living conditions of Dutch migrants.

Mr. Rijn's visit to Orange is part of a State-wide tour. He will later prepare a report for the Dutch Government on the results of interviews with Dutch migrants.

Secretary of the Orange Dutch Community, Mr. H. Frank, yesterday appealed

to all members of the Dutch Community living in Orange to attend a special entertainment evening in the School of Arts on Saturday night to meet Mr. Van Rijn.

Mr. Frank said the Dutch people would have the opportunity of questioning Mr. Van Rijn about assimilation

and living problems.

He stressed that the Dutch Government was vitally interested in assimilation problems and in the welfare of Dutch migrants.

Mr. Van Rijn will leave Orange on Sunday. He will stay at the Hotel Canobolas.

In kleine plaatsen onze sfeer

N.Z. Wales vraagt Nederlanders!

Gebrekkig Engels leidt tot heimwee

N.S.W., AUSTRALIA

(XIII)

(Van onze correspondent in Australië)

Uit mijn gesprekken met Nederlandse arbeiders in de staalindustrie van de zich verrassend snel uitbreidende steden New-Castle en Wollongong, gelegen in Nieuw Zuid Wales, en uit eigen aanschouwing van zowel de omstandigheden waaronder men in de fabriek moet werken als die, waaronder men in zijn vrije tijd leeft, is mij duidelijk geworden dat de immigrant in de eerste twee jaren grote geestelijke kracht moet bezitten om vol te houden.

Zij, die daartegen niet hebben opgezien en gevrijwaard zijn gebleven van langdurige ziekten of ongevallen, hebben die 2 of 3 jaren beloofd gezien, zoals de Drentse veenarbeider, die in Wollongong thans een eigen huis bezit, waarop praktisch geen cent hypotheek berust. Hij is niet de enige! Ik trof zulke Nederlanders ook aan onder de honderd, die in de staalfabriek van New Castle werken.

GEEN WERKLOOSHEID.

Werkloosheid is er onder de Nederlanders zeer beslist niet. Ik heb dit officieel en officieus onderzocht. Moelijkheden met de huisvesting zijn er daarentegen onder degenen, die hier korter dan twee jaar zijn, wel. Vandaar dat er nog altijd gezinnen zijn, die in kampen of „hostels“ wonen, zoals in Nelsons Bay, 60 km. boven New Castle, met als gevolg dat de man gescheiden is van zijn gezin gedurende de 5-daagse werkweek, omdat hij niet elke dag per autobus heen en weer kan trekken en zelf ook in een „hostel“, dat dichterbij zijn werk is gelegen, moet verblijven.

LOF VOOR GEESTELIJKEN.

Het zal mijn taak zijn om in latere artikelen meer bijzonderheden te vertellen, doch ik wil reeds nu opmerken, dat een bijzonder woord van lof niet mag ontbreken voor het werk, dat de geestelijken, zowel Protestantse als Katholieke, verrichten. Telkens weer blijkt, dat de Nederlanders, die bij een kerkgenootschap zijn aangesloten, onderling een hechter band bezitten dan zij, die een binding aan de kerk ontbreken. Australië zou een paradijs zijn, indien er geen aanleiding bestond gerechtigdheidde critiek uit te oefenen. Onredelijke klachten vernam ik echter alleen op de plaatsen en in de gezinnen, waar men

INTELLECTUELE BEROEPEN

Het mag niet worden verheeld, dat er van de 16.000 werklozen in geheel Australië, meer dan 9000 in Nieuw Zuid Wales wonen. Dit zijn echter vrijwel uitsluitend ongeschoolden.

Ik mag echter evenmin verheelen, dat ik juist in Nieuw Zuid Wales tal van Nederlanders heb aangetroffen, die in intellectuele beroepen een leidende functie vervullen: een landmeter, een tijdstudieinspecteur, een textieldeskundige (van de Enschedese textielschool), een leeraar (Engels M.O.), een architect, om slechts enkele beroepen te noemen, verspreid in grote en kleine steden.

Dit verschijnsel is uiteraard inhaerent aan de grotere ontwikkeling van Nieuw Zuid Wales in vergelijking met andere staten van het Gemenebest. Het in vergelijking met West-Europa minder ontwikkelde cultuurleven van Australië drijft de intellectuelen bovendien als vanzelf naar dat deel van het continent, waar het zich het meest ontplooit. In dat opzicht neemt Nieuw Zuid Wales ongetwijfeld een sterke positie in.

zich afsloot van de kerk of van maatschappelijke organisaties.

EIGEN- EN NIET-EIGEN SFEER.

Eén ding staat vast: in plaatsen zoals New Castle en Wollongong vindt de immigrant geen Nederlandse sfeer, zoals wij die kennen in de Nederlandse industriesteden.

Hollandse sfeer vindt men veeleer — en dikwijls — in de kleinere plaatsen op het platteland (de „country“), die — zoals in Nieuw Zuid Wales — in inwonertal niet uitkomen boven de 20.000, waarvan bovendien een groot deel woonachtig is in de uitlopers, waarvoor de naam „voorstad“ een onjuiste indruk zou geven van het landelijke karakter. Zulke plaatsen zijn Bathurst (15.000), Tamworth (13.000), Lismore (15.000), Grafton (13.000) en tal van andere. Een van de sprekendste voorbeelden hoe de Nederlanders, die zich daar vestigden zich er thuis voelen, ondanks het gemis van wat hun dierbaar was in Nederland, is Orange in de blauwe bergen, een ruim aangelegde stad, waaraan de naam gegeven is van Prins Willem van Oranje, de latere Koning Willem I.

Men vindt in die plaats, die ondanks die naam geen enkele historische verbondenheid met Nederland kent, 500 landgenoten, die werk hebben gevonden in de onderscheidenste beroepen, van stadstuinman tot farmhand (landarbeider) op schapenfarms (met minstens 6000 schapen), van electricien en monteur op een fabriek van elektrische ijskasten, en van bakker (zoals de „Dutch baker of Orange“ met een reputatie tot in wijde omtrek), tot slagersknecht, en van beheerder van een sociëteit van notabelen tot arbeider op fruitkwekerijen. Het is in Nieuw Zuid Wales praktisch niet mogelijk ergens te komen, waar niet een Hollander zit en in tal van plaatsen is er ook een Nederlandse gemeenschap.

Materieel een goed leven!

Beschreef onze Australische correspondent in zijn vorige bijdrage in de serie „Ontdekkingsreis door het vijfde werelddeel“, dat de Staat Nieuw Zuid Wales — 20 maal groter dan Nederland en slechts 3.5 miljoen inwoners — rijk gevarieerde kansen voor onze emigranten biedt, doch daarnevens eveneens de rijkste schakeringen in levensomstandigheden en arbeidscondities kent, in zijn hiernaast staande beschouwing laat hij uitkomen dat in deze Staat nog steeds een onverzwakte vraag bestaat naar Nederlanders. Materieel gaat het onze immigranten aldaar goed, werkloosheid komt onder de Nederlanders niet voor.

TAAL BEHERSEN!

Met wie ik ook heb gesproken en waar ik ook een voet in huis heb gezet, men heeft mij verteld van de eerste moeilijke beginperiode. Lang niet allen wonen in een huis, velen behielpen zich met garages, houten keten, tijdelijke optrekjes, doch even zovelen beseffen voor het eerst van hun leven wat het zeggen wil op eigen grond te wonen. Materieel gaat het deze mensen allen goed, de meesten zelfs beter dan in Nederland en hun leven staat veel dicht bij de natuur dan in het bijna 2 miljoen inwoners tellende Sydney, dat weliswaar ook een grote tuinstad is, maar waar het moeilijk valt een deel te worden van de Australische gemeenschap.

Wie zich in dit land wil thuis voelen, zal alle mogelijke moeite moeten doen de taal te beheersen. In de gevallen, waarin ik een duidelijk heimwee naar Nederland constateerde, kon dit steeds worden teruggebracht tot gebrekkige kennis van de Engelse taal. De directeur van een fabriek in Orange, die een eenvoudig Nederlands gezin vrij regelmatig in zijn huis ontving, verklaarde dat de zich ontwikkelende vriendschap belemmerd werd doordat telkens de conversatie vast liep wegens de gebrekkige kennis van de taal.

FRUITKWEKERIJ: WERKTERREIN!

Ondanks het meermalen verkondigde feit, dat Nieuw Zuid Wales „overbevolkt“ is, is mij uit gesprekken met werkgevers, zowel in de industrie als in de landbouw, gebleken, dat nog talloze immigranten hier een werkterrein kunnen vinden.

Wie het er voor over heeft, vijf jaar op een fruitkwekerij te werken, krijgt alle kans zoveel te sparen, dat hij nadien zelf een bedrijf kan kopen. Wie een goed vakman is, zal zijn weg in elke industrie en in elk ambacht kunnen vinden. Onder de boeren bestaat nog steeds vraag naar bekwaamen landarders, met voorkeur voor Hollanders. Het is opvallend, dat in Nieuw Zuid Wales, dat het merendeel der immigranten heeft opgenomen, de vraag naar Hollanders onverzwakt voortbestaat.

Wednesday, September 22, 1954

In faultless English and with a fluent delivery, a young man in a senior position at the Dutch Embassy paid a graceful compliment to Australia, and, in particular, to the City of Orange, where, he said, his countrymen have quietly and without fuss become useful and accepted citizens of the Commonwealth. He said Orange is very well and favourably known all over the Netherlands.

SAYS ORANGE IS POPULAR WITH DUTCH

Australia is popular with the Dutch and this year will see a record number of migrants from Holland come into this country, said Mr. G. van Rijn the senior emigration officer attached to the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Australia, in an address to Orange Rotary on Monday night.

Mr. van Rijn gave an interesting picture of present day conditions in Holland and some of the reasons for the remarkable recovery made by the Dutch after the devastation of Holland during the war.

To-day, he said, although prices and wages are ruthlessly regulated and the average worker earns only the equivalent of £6 (Australian) per week—Holland faces up to the necessity of maintaining a high place in the world market for manufactured goods in order to give employment to her overlarge population.

Holland at present has about ten and a half millions living in a space equal to about one twenty-sixth that of New South Wales or as he said, it is as though the population of this State was at least three hundred millions.

It is necessary under these conditions to have a larger degree of Government control of commerce and agriculture than in a country like ours.

As part of the national plan to ease the strain on the country migration has for a long time now been the most important. The Dutch favour Australia, Canada, South Africa, New Zealand and parts of South America.

This year it seems that Australia is in the favourite position and we might expect to receive about 23,000 Dutch migrants.

POST-WAR PROBLEMS

Speaking of Holland's post war problems, Mr. van Rijn said that early in the scheme of things an effective meeting together of labour and capital was achieved by means of a Forum known as the "Foundation of Labour".

As a result of close co-operation between labour and management much was done to achieve the mutual object of rehabilitating Holland and restoring to each a fair share of the profit. Strikes have been unknown while communism or its influence is negligible.

Comparing Australia with Holland he said that his own country was like a watch—perfect.

He thought Australia was like a tractor—rugged, maybe a bit rough here and there—held together sometimes with makeshift spare parts—but of dynamic strength and enormous potential.

Amid laughter he begged his audience not to take the analogy too seriously and hastened to explain that Holland was too small and overcrowded anyway, for people to be rugged and dynamic. He thought that the old continent still had much to offer us and much to teach.

While on the other hand Australia with its own expression of the art of living and the attraction of future development was a constant inducement to some of the best citizens of Netherlands to migrate here.

Here, he said is a country which allows a man to have more scope—Australia in the years to come may lose some of its present charming and easy going way of life but it is becoming a country of ever increasing importance and already has assumed a position as the bastion of the Western World in the Pacific and will be strong.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Rotary member Chris Jackson the local District Officer of the Department of Labour and National Service.

DUTCH JOURNALISTS SAY MIGRANTS ARE NOT DISSATISFIED

Unfavourable publicity about conditions in Australia, published in Dutch newspapers, was "very far from the facts," a party of Dutch journalists said in Orange last night.

The party came here yesterday to meet members of the local Dutch community, to see how they are living and to get their views on life in Australia generally.

The visitors include Messrs. J. D. Rempt, E. Schul and R. Hagoort (journalists) and a Dutch immigration officer, Mr. J. Teekens.

In an interview with the Central Western Daily, Mr. Hagoort said:

"The real purpose of our visit is to see what is the position of Dutch immigrants out here, because it has been freely published in our country that many of the Dutch people who had migrated to Australia "were not very happy."

"We are here to find out for ourselves exactly how Dutch migrants are faring, and, shortly after arriving in Australia, we came to realise that what has been published about conditions in Australia is very far from facts.

"We have found in almost every instance members of the Dutch community to be 'very pleased and real happy.'

"Members of our party, who break up into small groups, have already been in Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania and also parts of New South Wales, including many country centres.

"We were very anxious to come to Orange, because the name of the place is a good name for us Dutch people.

"I understand your Orange was called after our Prince of Orange, who later became King William I.

Orange Praised

"It was real pleasing to us when we came to Australia to learn that there are about 200 Dutch migrants living in your beautiful city.

"We have seen several of them today and we hope to see more tomorrow. They all speak in one grand voice about Orange and its people," Mr. Hagoort said.

Mr. Hagoort was born in Rotterdam and first became a teacher in a primary school. After two years he was given a job in a Christian Trade

Unions' Centre as assistant secretary, and also did a lot of journalistic work. After three years he became editor of "De Standard," a Christian daily newspaper, remaining with it until 1942 when he did not like working for the Germans.

Since the time of occupation by the Germans he was a member of an underground movement against the Germans. In 1943 he was editor of an underground paper called "Our Free Netherlands."

He is now "special editor" of "De Rotterdammer," which publishes in three different places in Holland.

His special duty is to deal with social welfare, with immigration coming under that heading.

"The other members of our party are editors of different papers, and we were chosen so that many papers would have a representative on the Australian mission," Mr. Hagoort said.

"To obtain contacts with Dutch migrants is the job we have to do throughout the whole of Australia."

"There were eight of us when we left our homeland, but on arriving at Perth, W.A., on September 27, we were joined by another Dutch journalist."

Dutch Minister welcomed

Netherlands Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, Mr. J. C. Suurhoff, was informally welcomed to Orange by the Mayor, Alderman E. W. F. White, at the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Suurhoff, who also controls the migration of Netherlands people, came to Orange to visit Dutch migrants in this district to find out how they are settling in in their new country.

With two Netherlands Embassy officials, he arrived in Orange at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The party left yesterday afternoon.

The Mayor, accompanied by Inspector P. Kennedy, of Orange police, and Town Clerk, Mr. R. H. Heath, welcomed the Minister and his party at 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Mr. Suurhoff was accompanied by Dr. Pieters, Agricultural and Immigration Attache at the Netherlands Embassy at Canberra, Mr. G. Van Ryn, Chief Migration Officer for the Commonwealth from Sydney, Mr. J. Sielhorst, president of the Orange Dutch Community, Mr. Kleintjes, secretary of the Orange Dutch Community, and Mr. H. Frank, a member of the Community.

Mr. White apologised for the absence of Mr. John Howse, M.P. for Calare, and Mr. Charles Cutler, MLA for Orange.

"It is my pleasure," Mr. White said, "to extend to you a very cordial welcome."

"I hope your visit will be a very happy one he," said.

Mr. White told Mr. Suurhoff of the history of Orange and its growth since World War Two.

SEND MORE

"I hope we can send very many more Dutchmen to Orange and I wish you all the best in the future development of your city."

Mr. Suurhoff is in Australia at the invitation of the Commonwealth Government in order to obtain first-hand knowledge of the way in which Dutch people settle in.

While in Orange he visited numerous Dutch families, attended a gathering of the Dutch Community on Saturday night in the CWA Rooms and inspected the Commonwealth Hostel in Edward Street.

Visit of Dutch Minister

The Netherlands Minister for Social Affairs and Public Health, Mr. J. C. Suurhoff, will visit Orange on Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 30.

Mr. Suurhoff, whose department controls migration, is in Australia to see for himself how Dutch people are settling in their new land.

His visit to Orange was announced yesterday by the president of the local Dutch Community, Mr. J.

F. Sielhorst.

Mr. Suurhoff will arrive by car at 2.15 p.m. tomorrow week, and a delegation from the Dutch Community will greet him at the Hotel Canobolas, where he will stay.

During the afternoon he will probably visit a typical household of Dutch New Australians.

There will be a Mayoral reception in the Mayor's room at the Town Hall at 5 p.m., and a social func-

tion will start in the C.W.A. rooms at 8.30 p.m.

On the Sunday, Mr. Suurhoff is expected to visit the Commonwealth Hostels in Edward Street and some more Dutch families. He will return to Sydney in the afternoon.

Mr. Suurhoff will be accompanied by the Netherlands principal migration officer in Australia, Mr. Pieters, and the migration officer at the Dutch Embassy, Mr. van Rhyn.

The Orange Dutch community will hold a social after next Tuesday night's naturalisation ceremony in the Town Hall, secretary Mr. H. Frank said yesterday.

A Dutch brother and sister and a Hungarian will be naturalised at the ceremony.

"This will be the first naturalisation of Dutch people in the city of Orange," Mr. Frank said.

He appealed for as many members of the Dutch community as possible to attend the naturalisations.

"We will hold a social afterwards at Little Paris," Mr. Frank said.

He added that the Dutch community had written to the City and Shire Councils urging them to hold natur-

alisation ceremonies at night to enable more people to attend. Both councils had replied stating that they would endeavour to do this.

Mr. Frank said copies of these letters had been sent to the Secretary for Immigration in Canberra and he hoped they would be publicised in the magazine Good Neighbour.

Latest activity of the Dutch community in Orange had been the raising of £47/10 for the C.W.A. building fund. A cheque for this amount was handed to the C.W.A. at its last meeting.

Mr. Frank said he would visit Wagga next Tuesday to have talks with the president of the New Settlers League there.

"They have the most progressive new settlers organisation in Australia and I hope to bring back some valuable information with me," he said.

Next entertainment night was planned for July 17 at the Commonwealth Hostel.

"We are also planning a night at a later date to raise money for the Red Cross," Mr. Frank said.

Orange children in home

Thirteen Orange children are at present in the Far West Home at Manly and several more are on the waiting list.

The Orange branch of the scheme reports that applications for admittance to the home of Orange children are being received on an average of one per week. Priority is given to the more urgent cases.

Three Orange children who require urgent treatment will travel with a Far West sister to Sydney on September 14.

The Orange branch re-

cently received advice that a 14-years-old boy who had been sent to Sydney was too old for admittance to the home. However, Matron Hill issued a railway concession form for the boy and his mother to come to Sydney and arranged for a specialist to see him.

The Tourist Hotel has again won the competition for the largest amount in

its collection box, with the Central Hotel again in second place.

The Dutch community has advised the branch that it will run a cabaret dance at the Commonwealth Hostel soon in aid of Far West.

At a recent meeting members of the branch expressed their appreciation of this gesture.

Dutch to hold dance in aid of Red Cross

Members of the Dutch community in Orange will hold a cabaret dance on Friday night in aid of the Red Cross as a token of their appreciation for Red Cross help to their native country during the war and in the recent floods.

Secretary of the Dutch community, Mr. H. Frank, said yesterday the Red Cross dropped thousands of parcels of food and clothing into Holland during the war. It had also done wonderful work in flood relief.

He said that the dances and other functions organised by the Dutch community were the only way its members could widen their circle of Australian friends.

"By holding these functions we have a greater chance of being absorbed into the Australian way-of-life," Mr. Frank said.

He said their functions were usually attended by about 65 per cent. Dutch people and the remainder were Australians.

"Soon we hope the majority at our gatherings will be Australians," Mr. Frank added.

FILM EVENING

One of the next functions planned was a film evening on Saturday, September 18 in the C.W.A. Rooms.

"We will show a complete Dutch newsreel which

has been flown from Holland. These will be flown out every two months and we hope to show as many as possible," Mr. Frank said.

He added that other films from Holland would also be shown.

"These films should enable our Australian friends to learn a bit more about Holland and the way of living there," Mr. Frank said.

He said the Orange Polio Society would also benefit from another night the Dutch community would hold later in the year.

Preparations had also started for the traditional

St. Nicholas party, when Legacy wards and Dutch children would be entertained.

"The activity of the Dutch community has increased due to the fact that 20 Dutch families have moved to Orange and are now living at the Commonwealth Hostel," Mr. Frank said.

He said Dutch recordings were now being played over 2GZ every Sunday at 6 p.m.

During the week the chief immigration officer for the Netherlands Embassy, G. van Rijn had visited as a routine check on the living conditions of recent arrivals.

Dutch Community presents
CONTINENTAL
CABARET DANCE
Commonwealth Hostel,
SATURDAY, SEPT. 4th
8 p.m.
Proceeds to Orange Branch
Red Cross.

Cheque for Red Cross

A cheque for £71/3/9 was yesterday presented to the Orange branch of the Red Cross Society by the Dutch community of Orange.

The money was proceeds of a cabaret dance the Dutch community held at the Commonwealth Hostel on Saturday night.

"We are very happy with the result of our effort," secretary of the Dutch community, Mr. H. Frank, said yesterday.

THE DUTCH COMMUNITY OF ORANGE
presents a

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