

GIFT TO C.W.A.

Orange Dutch community will present a photograph of the Royal Family of the Netherlands to the Orange branch of the C.W.A. at a film evening in the C.W.A. Rooms on September 18.

Secretary of the Dutch community, Mr. H. Frank, said yesterday the gift was in appreciation of the co-operation extended the Dutch community by the C.W.A.

He said the Dutch community planned to hold all its meetings in the C.W.A. Rooms.

Mr. Frank will hand the photograph to a C.W.A. representative at the film evening.

"We have asked the Chief Immigration Officer of the Dutch Embassy, G. van Rijn, to attend the film evening," Mr. Frank said.

He added that Dutchmen had offered to help with the rebuilding of the second half of the C.W.A. Rooms.

The Dutch Community Of Orange
organise a
Continental

★ Dance Evening ★

in the
DINING HALL of the COMMONWEALTH HOSTEL,
EDWARD STREET, ORANGE

on Saturday, 26th June, 1954, at 8 p.m.

PROCEEDS TOWARDS C.W.A.

Tickets donated by RAFFIN'S, Men's & Boys' Wear
Specialists, 308 Summer Street, Orange.

Elk jaar zijn er meer emigranten die Australiër worden



Veertien Nederlanders werden in Orange genaturaliseerd

Ieder jaar blijkt de belangstelling voor het verkrijgen van het Australische staatsburgerschap onder de emigranten groter te worden. In de twaalf maanden, voorafgaand aan 1 juli van dit jaar werden 29.000 personen genaturaliseerd.

De grootste groep onder de verschillende nationaliteiten, die het staatsburgerschap hebben aangevraagd, is de Poolse groep. Vijfenveertighonderd Polen werden Australiër.

De heer en mevrouw H. Frank, afkomstig uit Den Haag, behoorden tot de Nederlandse emigranten in Orange, die thans Australiër geworden zijn.

Onder de 29.000 nieuwe burgers van Australië bevinden zich vijfduizend kinderen beneden de zestien jaar.

Tot nu toe heeft een van elke drie na-oorlogse emigranten in Australië, die voldeed aan de vereisten om het staatsburgerschap te verkrijgen, naturalisatie aangevraagd. Terecht noemde minister Holt dit een zeer hoog percentage, als men zich realiseert, welke consequenties naturalisatie met zich brengt. In 1953 vroegen 4.700 personen het Australische staatsburgerschap aan. In 1954 waren het 16.300 personen, in 1955 vroegen 32.000 personen naturalisatie aan en in het komende jaar verwacht men niet minder dan vijftigduizend aanvragen.

De Australische regering ziet in het aanvragen van het Australische staatsburgerschap als het ware het besluit van het aanpassingsproces, dat iedere emigrant moet doormaken. Door eigen vrije wil bewijst de emigrant zich zodanig op zijn plaats te gevoelen, dat hij zich geheel wil identificeren met het Australische volk en er dus lid van wil worden.

Ook vele Nederlanders hebben afstand gedaan van hun oorspronkelijke nationaliteit. In het stadje Orange, in New South Wales, waren van de 31 mensen, die genaturaliseerd wilden worden, er veertien uit Nederland afkomstig.

De anderen zijn uit Letland, de Oekraïne, Tsjecho-Slowakije, Hongarije, Polen, Italië en Joegoslavië afkomstig. Vierhonderd mensen waren in het gemeentehuis aanwezig, toen de burgemeester de plechtigheid opende. De heer G. v. Rijn, onze adjunct-emigratie-atta-

ché in Australië sprak de nieuwe staatsburgers toe. Hij zei ongeveer het volgende:

„De plechtigheid, waaraan gij thans hebt deelgenomen, betekent, dat uw wens om Australisch staatsburger te worden, werkelijkheid geworden is. Een dubbele taak hebt u op zich genomen. Gij zult U een goed Australiër moeten tonen en tevens zult gij uw waarde voor Australië moeten bewijzen”.

6.9.56

Twee van de Nederlandse emigranten, die in Orange het Australische staatsburgerschap verkregen hebben, zijn de heer en mevrouw Frank, afkomstig uit Den Haag. De geschiedenis van hun emigrantenbestaan is de geschiedenis van de vele Nederlanders, die naar Australië zijn gegaan. Zij kwamen vijfeneenhalf jaar geleden in Australië zonder



De heer Gerard van Rijn, de adjunct-emigratie-attaché in Australië, tijdens zijn toespraak tot de nieuwe Australische staatsburgers in Orange.

een cent op zak. De heer Frank kreeg een baantje in een warenhuis in de afdeling herenconfektie, in Sydney. Na negen maanden verhuisde 't echtpaar naar Orange, waar de heer Frank in een manufaktura zaak kwam. Twee jaar geleden nam hij ontslag en vandaag de dag heeft hij drie eigen winkels in Molong, Yeoval en Manildra. Het gezin, dat thans uit zes personen bestaat — er zijn vier kinderen in Australië geboren — heeft zijn eigen huis gebouwd, maar tevens een eigen bestaan. In de „Dutch Club” van Orange heeft de heer Frank een zeer belangrijke rol gespeeld. Nu hij Australiër geworden is, heeft hij echter zijn bestuursfunctie neergelegd.

Wednesday, December 7, 1955

DUTIES FULFILLED

Dutch people disband their community

The Dutch Community in Orange has now disbanded.

At a general meeting of the community held recently, this decision was unanimously agreed on.

Most of the Dutch people living in Orange intend becoming naturalised Australian citizens in the near future and have already become well assimilated in the Australian way of life.

In his report of the activities of the community over the last 12 months, the treasurer revealed that the amount of £240 had been raised and donated to various charitable organisations in Orange.

DONATION

A credit balance of £12/14/6 was still in hand, and the meeting decided to donate this sum to the Orange District Ambulance towards its appeal for a new ambulance.

This has already been done.

Members of the Dutch Community wish to thank all those Australians and the many organisations which have at all times been so willing to help them with their functions.

They are particularly grateful to the management of the Commonwealth Hostel for making the hall available to them for the many dances and parties held there; also the Central Western Daily for its assistance with publicity.

Without the co-operation of the press, the Community felt its efforts would not have been as successful as they had been.

Members of the public wishing to get in touch with members of the Dutch Community, may contact either Mr. J. A. Stalenberg at 42 Cecil Road; or Mr. J. F. Sielhorst, 42 Endsleigh Avenue.

Mrs. Castine's guests at the luncheon included representatives of Orange Quota Club, the C.W.A., committee members of the Good Neighbour Group in Orange, the Mayoress, Mrs. Ridley, and Mrs. A. McDowell, wife of the town clerk. They were Mesdames J. Kalotas, F. Graf, E. Fallick, V. Stansmore, P. Cunningham, E. Naylor, H. G. Plowman. Mrs. H. Franks, whose husband is chairman of the advisory panel, was also present.

New South Wales Immigrant wordt J.P.

ORANGE, NSW — Eerst 8 maanden na zijn naturalisatie is de uit Nederland afkomstige zakenman H. Frank uit Orange NSW ingeworven tot "Justice of the Peace".

Voor zover bekend is hij de eerste J. P. van Nederlandse afkomst in Australië.

Het voorstel om Frank tot J.P. te benoemen kwam van de zijde van het federale parlementslid voor Orange, Charles Cutler.

Frank is in Orange tevens politie tolk voor de talen Nederlands, Duits en Frans.

DUTCH HOLD FILM EVENING IN C.W.A. HALL

With a programme of interesting films of Holland, speeches and unusual presentations, the members of the Dutch community spent an enjoyable evening with their Orange friends at the C.W.A. Hall on Saturday.

In addition to a remarkably fine selection of films, for which the projector was operated by the Mayor of Orange, Alderman E. W. F. White, the night's features included an official opening of the function by the Chief Immigration Officer of the Netherlands, Mr. G. van Rijn, a presentation of a framed photograph of the Royal Family of Holland to the C.W.A., and presentations to the local secretary of the Dutch community, Mr. H. Frank, in view of his departure for Sydney.

Opening proceedings, president of the Orange branch of the Dutch community, Mr. S. Drost, said it was most encouraging for them to see such a large and representative attendance at the function. He felt that it indicated that the people of Orange were interested in the work and activities of the local Dutch community, and also in the people and life of Holland, because of the films to be screened.

Mr. Drost said that when the Dutch community of Orange was founded almost four years ago by Mr. Frank and a few others, its members realised that they had to play their part in the Australian community and especially in the city of Orange.

"I can assure you that we are well aware of our responsibilities to you, and also now OUR country—Australia," Mr. Drost said.

"We have organised this function tonight," he said, "to again bring the Dutch people and the people of Orange more closely together, and to show you a bit more of the way in life in Holland, with a view to achieving more and more understanding between us, which we consider is very important for the development of our city of Orange and our beautiful country."

SECOND VISIT

Officially opening the film evening, Mr. van Rijn said he was tremendously proud to be making his second visit to Orange, a city for

which he had the greatest admiration.

Speaking of Australia's way of life, Mr. van Rijn said he had first come to Australia in 1942 and left again in 1946, eventually to come back in 1948 with the Netherlands Information Bureau. In 1951 he started the migration set-up with Dutch migration in Australia under the Embassy.

"My job as senior immigration officer for New South Wales and Queensland," he said, "is to smooth the path of immigration in a general way. We look at the economic possibilities Australia offers in certain areas and industries, and, from these sources, we determine our aims, bringing out farmers and suchlike."

Mr. van Rijn said his position entailed many and varied problems, but he felt that in Orange both the Australians and the newcomers had found an ideal solution to the problems, such as that night's gathering, where they were working for a constructive aim.

SECRETARY LEAVING

During an interval in the screening of Dutch films, the president, Mr. Drost, referred to the shock the Dutch community received when they learned that Mr. Frank, their honorary secretary, was about to leave them to make his home in Sydney. Mr. Frank was not only one of the founders of the Dutch community in Orange but a very active worker and a good friend to all of them, often helping many who were unemployed or homeless. They would find it difficult to replace him.

On behalf of the Dutch community Mr. Drost handed the retiring secretary a cheque in appreciation of all he had done for them, and asked him to put the money towards buying a radio for his car.

Following his response, Mr. Frank, on behalf of the Dutch community, presented the president of the Country Women's Association, Mrs. W. Dutton, with a framed photograph of the Netherlands Royal Family as a mark of appreciation of that organisation's continued help and appreciation.

Acknowledging the gift, Mrs. Dutton spoke of the splendid assistance the Dutch community had been to the CWA over the years.

Secretary of the CWA, Mrs. Cameron, on behalf of that body, presented Mr. Frank with a pair of silver Orange souvenir serviettes.

Proceeds of Saturday night's function will go towards the Saint Nicolas Fund for Legacy wards and Dutch children.

MR. H. FRANK, of Casey Street, energetic

secretary of the Orange Dutch community, leaves on September 20 to take up an appointment with a firm representing overseas textile mills in Australia.

Mr. Frank will be based in either Sydney or Melbourne. His wife and three children will join him when he has established a home.

DUTCH FILM NIGHT

Chief immigration officer of the Netherlands, Mr. G. van Rijn, has accepted the invitation of the Dutch community in Orange to be present at the film evening in the CWA rooms, Robertson Park, on Saturday night.

He will be accompanied by his wife, and will officially open the function at 8.15.

During the evening a framed picture of the Royal Family of the Netherlands will be handed to the Country Women's Association as a mark of appreciation of its members' co-operation with the Dutch community in the past.

The picture will be presented to the C.W.A. president, Mrs. W. Dutton, by the secretary of the local Dutch community, Mr. H. Frank.

It will be the last function Mr. Frank will attend officially in Orange, as he will be leaving here on Sunday to take over a new appointment in Sydney.

Any residents of Orange desirous of seeing the pictures of the life and activities in Holland will be welcomed at the function.

Mr. G. van Rijn will be guest speaker at the Rotary Club dinner on Monday night.

The Dutch Community is giving a film evening in the C.W.A. Rooms in Robertson Park on September 18. Red Cross members are invited to be present.

MULVEY CUP DEBATE

Sir,—Having proved my willingness for assimilation, I had the privilege to become an Australian citizen only one month ago, but I was rather surprised when studying the debate recently held for the Mulvey Cup at the Orange High School, and I would therefore like to comment accordingly.

In the first place, I highly appreciate the level of education reached by the students of the debating High Schools and the open way they tried to express themselves in public life.

However, this does not change one's feelings after having heard the broadcast of the dangerously chosen subject of . . . "that our migration policy is a liability rather than an asset".

After having heard the bitterness of many New Australians of all kinds of life and lands, I would like to express my deep concern that a subject, which is not even completely cleared by the Government, as well as the Opposition, was tolerated by the Education Department, to be discussed the way it was done here in Orange.

In this city we have a New Australian community of more than 1500 people, and a serious discussion like the Cup debate will definitely show its signs among the "new citizens" to be.

We all know too well that this country, with its unlimited potentials, should have started migration years and years ago on a large scale, taking as an example the migration policy of the U.S.A. at the beginning of this century.

One cannot tolerate remarks even if only in debating, because thoughts for their expressions must have been absorbed by the brains of these youngsters.

Regarding supporting families overseas, I feel sure that no human being could close his heart when asked to help in keeping relatives and friends alive, and there seems to be many cases of poverty.

It would be rather undemocratic to follow the words of one speaker, that charity starts at home.

If one is complaining about assimilation I should think the best way would be to give all newcomers the possibility to mix themselves into the community in giving more explanations regarding daily life, routine, habits, conditions and feelings of the Australian community.

Don't let us always criticise, but build together a free and healthy Australia.

—HERBERT FRANK.

30 Casey St., Orange.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cup debate

Sir,—I wish to comment on the statements made by Mr. Frank in the "C.W.D." July 24.

In part I agree with what Mr. Frank says in that the topic for the Mulvey Cup debate was ill-chosen.

I heard many of my fellow students, as well as parents, sound their disapproval of the topic because, undoubtedly, if regarded in the wrong light by New Australians, it would create bitterness.

The topic, too, was unfair for the team members, who were obliged to criticise their own New Australian friends.

With these thoughts in mind I think it would have been better to have chosen another topic.

I do not feel as strongly against the topic as Mr. Frank does, for it must be remembered that although we may disagree with the arguments attacking the migration policy, we must tolerate and respect other people's opinions.

—"STUDENT".



THE home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCarthy in Byng Street was the scene of a very happy party on Wednesday night, when a group of friends were invited along to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Des Adams (above) before they leave for Cairns tomorrow.

Mr. Adams has been manager of Western Cinemas Ltd. in Orange, and is taking the position of zone supervisor for Northern Cinemas Ltd.

An oil painting, the work of Mr. F. Bush, of Sydney (father of Mrs. M. Jacobi), was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Adams. During the night films were shown by Dr. Jacobi of his trip to Hayman Island and Fiji. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. Franks, Dr. and Mrs. M. Jacobi, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bradbury, Mr. F. Benedict and Mr. Arthur Davidson.

First Grade: Patricia Fish, 100, honors; Margo Ross, 99, honors; Dierdre Adams, 90, honors; Cherylyne Price, 90, honors; Joan Lawless, 89, honors; Stephanie Frank, 85, honors; Margaret Powell, 85, honors.

The country this year is Switzerland, and Mrs. H. Frank, a native of that country, will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Frank was one of a large number of people who became Australian citizens at a naturalisation ceremony in Orange recently.

Tuesday, July 24, 1956

Y.A.'s HOLD DUTCH BALL AT MOLONG

The Molong Young Anglicans' "Dutch Ball" last Friday night was a success both socially and financially.

Decorations were in keeping with the title. Hundreds of paper tulips were used, and combined with travel posters, and a large windmill on the stage to present a colourful setting.

Neville Allsop's orchestra provided the music, and Mr. W. Finch was M.C.

A delicious carved supper was served by Y.A.'s and their helpers.

During the evening a belle of the ball competition was conducted and the winner was Miss Joan Smith.

The official opening was performed by Mr. H. Frank, who was introduced by the Reverend S. Gaden.

Mr. Frank is an Orange and district business man who came from Holland a few years ago.

NEW J.P.'s SWORN IN

Two new Justices of the Peace were sworn in before Judge Brennan in Orange Quarter Sessions on Tuesday.

They are John Joseph Hayden, of Allenby Road, and Herbert Frank, of Casey Street.

Judge Brennan congratulated the two men.

Migrant aid

ORANGE: The Good Neighbor Council has formed a branch in Orange.

The president is Mr. Herbert Frank.

Mr. Frank, a naturalised Australian, was born Holland.

VITAL MEETING

The Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council will hold an important meeting next Thursday at the 26Z Auditorium to discuss the assimilation of newcomers to Australia.

The council has invited Mr. J. T. Massey, M.B.E., to be guest speaker at the meeting, which is to be held at 8 p.m.

His main object will be to give guidance and information on how to foster assimilation and goodwill between New and Old Australians.

The president of the Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council, Mr. H. Frank, said Mr. Massey has been associated with various aspects of immigration and assimilation in Australia, North America, the United Kingdom, Europe and South Australia.

Mr. Massey was national general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Australia after the war.

He was asked by the Commonwealth Government to undertake the organisation of the first Citizenship Convention in 1950.

At the same time, he laid the foundation for a movement which later became the Good Neighbour Movement of Australia.

Mr. Massey pioneered this movement as Commonwealth Co-ordinator, Mr. Frank said.

He travels all over Australia and helps each State in turn with its assimilation activities.

Invitations for this meeting have been sent out to all service organisations to be represented at the Good Neighbour Council.

DANCE GROUP SEEKS HOSTS

One of the highlights planned for the Cherry Blossom Festival—Dutch folk-dancing—may be cancelled if accommodation is not found for the Sydney group of dancers.

Organisers for the visit yesterday appealed to the people of Orange to provide accommodation for the group, comprising 30 young people (boys and girls between 16 and 24 years).

Mr. Herbert Frank said: "We approached a local organisation some time ago seeking assistance with accommodation for the visitors and felt confident there would be a good response.

"Unfortunately that avenue has failed and we are forced to appeal to the hospitality of the people of Orange.

"The visitors, members of the Dutch Folk Dancing Group in Sydney, are due to arrive here on Saturday, October 4, and were to stay until the following Monday afternoon.

PROGRAMME.

"Their engagements included a floor show at Orange City Bowling Club on the Saturday night, the Rotary Club was to take them on a district car tour on Sunday afternoon and on the Monday they were to stage one of the main features of the Cherry Blossom procession and give displays of folk dancing in Wade Park and probably Robertson Park later."

Mr. Frank said the provision of sleeping accommodation for the three nights was, of course, essential and he hoped the traditional hospitality of Orange people would solve the problem.

"Haal die Hollandse kleren voor de dag," or . . .

Bring out those Dutch costumes

Cherry Blossom Festival organisers yesterday appealed to Dutch-born Orange people to take part in a procession on Monday, October 6, in their national costumes.

A Sydney group of help would be appreciated. Dutch folk dancers will be in Orange for the procession and other festival attractions.

The procession on the Monday will be from Sale Street to Wade Park, where the Six-Hour Day sports will be held.

There are about 300 Dutch settlers in and around Orange, many of whom have been naturalised in recent years.

Organisers hope Dutch families still have national costumes, for display at the procession.

Or if anyone would like to make costumes, their

Anyone able to help, or take part in the procession, should contact Mr. Herbert Frank, 30 Casey St., phone 5990.

"Hollandse klenderdracht," national costumes, will be worn as they are in different parts of Holland, including Volendam, Marken, Spakenburg, Texel, West Friesland, Alkmaar, Limburgse Mijnsreek, and Noord Brabant.

A special feature will be a display of 17th-century costumes as worn by early Dutch explorers who came to Australia.

DUTCH DANCERS FOR FESTIVAL

The Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council has arranged for the Dutch folk dancing group at Sydney to attend this year's Cherry Blossom Festival.

The dancers will appear in the Cherry Blossom procession and will give a performance in Robertson Park.

The group has had considerable success in Sydney's Waratah Festival.

CEREMONY FOR NEW CITIZENS

Seven nationalities will be amongst the group of New Australians which will take the oath of allegiance at a naturalisation ceremony in the C.W.A. Hall on Thursday night.

The president of the Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council, Mr. H. Frank said yesterday the ceremony would have a different character than those held previously in Orange.

Mr. Frank added:

"For a long time the G.N.C. has felt these ceremonies were conducted in a manner too severe for the occasion.

"We have invited the Orpheus Male Choir to attend the official part, and after the ceremony a New Australian four-piece orchestra the "Skymasters", under the direction of J. Boers, will provide music for dancing."

Mr. Frank said the G.N.C. had taken the initiative for this new type of naturalisation ceremony.

It would be the first to be held in Orange this year, but there are many more to come, he added.

Molong Businessman Attends Reception At Government House

Molong businessman, Mr H Frank, last week attended the Tenth Citizenship Convention at Canberra, and was a guest at a reception at Government House.

The Convention was held from Tuesday 20th to 23rd.

Mr Frank, who is President of Orange Branch of the Good Neighbor Council, was chosen as one of the two delegates to represent the West of NSW.

He said on Tuesday that it was a great honor to attend the Convention and to meet Australia's leading men.

He said a highlight of the Convention was the opening ceremony performed by the Governor General and the reception at Government House by Sir William and Lady Slim.

He said that at the reception formalities were dispensed with and guests were given a grand opportunity to look over the Governor's residence.

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CENTRAL WF

Citizenship talks

ORANGE MAN SAYS STRESS ON NEED TO HELP MIGRANTS

Speakers at the Australian Citizenship Convention in Canberra last month had stressed Australians should consider more and different ways to help migrants accept their new country, Orange delegate, Mr. H. Frank, said yesterday.

Mr. Frank said he now had a "better and deeper knowledge" of the difficulties confronting migrants than ever before.

He was one of three N.S.W. country delegates representing an area with an estimated migrant population of 1,200 excluding British settlers.

He is also president of the Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council.

Commenting on the convention, Mr. Frank said:

"The aim, expressed throughout the convention, was to foster assimilation and integration between Australians and new settlers to build a bigger and better Australia.

"The presence of the Governor-General, Sir William Slim, Lady Slim, the High Commissioner for Great Britain, Lord Carrington and the Minister for Immigration, Mr. A. R. Downer, gave sufficient proof of the importance of the convention."

The Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, was unable to attend.

"I was most impressed by the experience," he said.

"As a fairly new citizen of this country I was able to mix in a free way with the most important people in Australia.

"The reception at Government House made a deep impression on all the representatives of newcomers to this country.

REAL DEMOCRACY

"This is an example of real democracy one rarely finds in overseas countries.

"It would be virtually impossible for a citizen in a European country to be given the chance to see more of the inside of officialdom."

Mr. Frank said several speakers at the convention stressed that Australians should consider more and different ways to help migrants to accept their new country.

Although the new settlers got valuable help during the first few years of their arrival, afterwards many of them were more or less left to their own devices.

"I have been able to study the development of the migrant population in the Orange district for a number of years," he said.

"Being a naturalised Australian myself, formerly a Dutchman, I can well imagine the many difficulties confronting settlers of some years' standing.

"Many of them, particularly those from Western Europe, have obtained a working knowledge of the English language.

"They have good positions, and many of them are well established in a career suitable to themselves.

"And yet there is much evidence they are, in many ways, shunned by their Australian neighbours.

One reason may be that they do not readily take an active part in a club or organisation.

"This is because similar organisations or clubs simply do not exist in their native countries.

"Legacy, Far West, Spastic, P. and C. and similar organisations and associations do not exist there because they are not considered necessary.

Service clubs, which are very popular in Australia, exist in a very limited way.

"This is proof that most Europeans are more individually minded than Australians.

"They have a keener interest in their home-life and their family.

PATIENCE

"Accordingly, a lot of patience is needed on both sides, together with a large amount of understanding, if the New Australians are to assimilate into an 'Australian way of life.'

"One cannot be expected to relinquish the ways and customs of his native country completely in a few years.

"And neither can Australians expect them to acquire a new way of life in a short period."

Mr. Frank said he expected New Australians to take a lot more interest in politics in the near future.

There were many intelligent minds among the New Australian groups, and their interest had been made clear at the last government elections.

He said there was general satisfaction among delegates at the convention about the way the Commonwealth Government handled the migrant situation.

24 NATURALISED AT AN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

At the naturalisation ceremony on Thursday night the Mayor, Alderman L. Cassey, said the 24 new Orange citizens had come to Australia "to help develop this vast land so that we may use it for the good of mankind everywhere."

The C.W.A. Hall in Robertson Park was crowded for the impressive ceremony by relatives, friends and others.

Dr. A. E. Colvin represented the Minister for Immigration (Mr. Downer) and Mr. John Howse, M.P. (Calare). He was accompanied by Mrs. Colvin. Other official guests included the Mayoress (Mrs. L. Cassey), the Town Clerk (Mr. A. B. McDowell), the president of the Orange branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society (Dr. K. Redmond), the Commonwealth Employment Officer in Orange (Mr. Chris Jackson), president of the Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council (Mr. H. Frank), president of the Orange branch of the Red Cross Society (Mrs. V. Graf), president of the C.W.A. (Mrs. M. Ryrie), and president of the Quota Club of Orange (Miss J. Gardiner).

Apologies for absence included those from Mr. Howse and from Mr. C. Cutler, M.L.A. (Deputy Leader of the N.S.W. Country Party).

After the opening of the ceremony, Alderman Cassey said:

"Tonight it is our responsible and pleasant duty to admit 24 new members into the fraternity of Australian citizenship.

"With them they have brought something of the skill and the arts of the old world, and from our own experience here in Orange of their predecessors we know that these candidates, too, will become sturdy, reliable Australians, who will advance this country as they themselves advance and prosper."

Mr. Cassey said the new language, mannerisms and customs were often perplexing to the newcomers.

The new conditions were often better enjoyed by their children.

"We do not expect—nor do we want them—to forget their homelands or their ties of affection overseas," Ald. Cassey said.

"It would be unnatural to do so.

"These bonds can serve to lift Australia to a higher place in the international scene.

"Their natural love for their homeland, and their letters back home give us, older Australians, an opportunity to let Australia become known all through the world as a friendly and vigorous and free country."

Ald. Cassey said a great responsibility rested on the Australian people to assist the newcomers to welcome them into the Australian community.

Dr. Colvin extended a warm welcome to the candidates.

"I would like to say how happy I am to see you all here tonight at this happy gathering," he said.

NEED FOR HARMONY

Referring to the Orpheus Male Choir, which had sung at the opening of the ceremony, Dr. Colvin continued:

"One thing that struck me is this harmony we have here tonight.

"Harmony is what we want in this world, and it seems very appropriate we have it here on this occasion.

"If harmony between the people, starting in Orange, were to extend to other centres and progress further, it must spread right around the world.

"You are about to join the family of the Queen, but I hope you will never forget your homeland," Dr. Colvin said.

Dr. Redmond explained the significance of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

He said they were not only going to become citizens of Australia, but also of the entire British Commonwealth.

Ald. Cassey told the candidates of their rights and duties as Australians.

He told them of their right to live their own lives, worship their own God and express their personalities in their own way.

THEIR RIGHT

He said this was their right as Australians.

They would swear allegiance to the Queen as Sovereign of the British Commonwealth, and live according to the laws of Australia and fulfil their duties as Australians.

After the candidates had renounced allegiance to any other State, Ald. Cassey took their oath of allegiance to her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

He then handed the new citizens their certificates of naturalisation.

Ald. Cassey personally congratulated the new citizens, and said he hoped they would remain residents of Orange and join appropriate associations, clubs and societies.

He said every section of the community would welcome them.

Mr. Frank said 24 had been naturalised that evening, but, because their children would automatically become Australians, Orange was gaining at least 50 new citizens.

He urged them to tell their relatives and friends to fill in application forms for naturalisation. These were available in the hall.

He said it would be their first duty to fill in enrolment cards, which would entitle them to vote as any

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Dancers' great reception

Hundreds of people watched (and heard) the Dutch folk-dancing group from Sydney on Saturday night at the Orange Bowling Club.

The group will give two demonstrations today—one about mid-day in Wade Park at the Six-Hour Day sports, and about 2 p.m. in Robertson Park.

The group, which is sponsored by the Good Neighbour Council of Orange, gave two floor shows to a packed hall on Saturday night.

Everyone present said the shows were "a terrific success."

The group was to have given a performance of dancing and singing after the official opening of the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Heavy rain prevented the exhibition.

Mr. Eric Baume, who opened the festival, said it was a "great effort" for the Good Neighbour Council to have made it possible for the group to appear in Orange.

Yesterday the group went on a motor tour arranged by the Orange Rotary Club. They visited Orange and interesting places in the district, including L. Sampson's orchard.

Last night a demonstration was given for children at the Fairbridge Farm School hospital. The dancers

are being accommodated at the school.

People flocked from Molong to see the demonstrations and a large number also went from Orange.

At 10.30 a.m. today the group will gather at the corner of Byng and Sale Streets ready for the big procession in which Orange City Band, the Scottish Pipe Band and the Industrial Band will also participate.

After the arrival of the procession at Wade Park, a dancing and singing demonstration will be held.

About 2 p.m. another demonstration will be given in Robertson Park.

The Dutch group has brought its own big band, and has its own public address system.

DUTCH DANCERS

A feature of the weekend will be the visit of a troupe of Dutch folk dancers to Orange from Sydney.

The dancers will arrive by special bus tonight.

They will perform at Robertson Park after the opening ceremony.

The Fairbridge Farm School will accommodate the Dutch dancers while they are in Orange, and organisers have thanked Farm authorities for their help.

After the official opening of Cherry Blossom the Dutch dancers will give a floor show at a social at Orange City Bowling Club.

Tomorrow afternoon Orange Rotary Club will organise a car trip for the dancers.

FOLK DANCING

They will give a demonstration of national folk dancing at Fairbridge at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow.

The public is invited to this exhibition.

Proceeds of a collection will go towards a fund for a church project at the Farm School.

On Monday morning the dancers will take part in a procession at 11.30 a.m. from Sale Street to

JOAN MAGUIRE

Wade Park, and will give demonstrations at Wade and Robertson Parks.

A big sports programme will be held at Wade Park, Chairman of the Cherry Blossom organising committee, Mr. A. G. Todd, yesterday appealed for good public support for Cherry Blossom.

New South Wales

Nieuw succes voor de dansgroep uit Sydney

ORANGE, NSW — De Nederlandse dansgroep uit Sydney, waarvan dr C. Wouters de leiding heeft, heeft met bijzonder veel succes deelgenomen aan het Cherry Blossom Festival in Orange.

Het optreden van de dertig man sterke groep werd algemeen het hoogtepunt van dit festijn geacht. Het programma, dat de Nederlanders brachten, vormde een goede afwisseling van dans, muziek, zang en voordracht.

Het festival begon met een optocht, die geopend werd door de Orange City Band en dragers van de nationale vlaggen van de verschillende groepen deelnemers. Daarachter volgde een groep, die een uitbeelding gaf van de Nederlandse zeevaarders, die Australië ontdekten.

De dansgroep was versterkt met kinderen van Nederlandse immigranten, die in Orange en omgeving wonen. Velen van hen droegen voor het eerst van hun leven klompen.

KERSENBOESEMFEEST IN ORANGE

ORANGE — Op 4, 5 en 6 oktober a.s. houdt Orange in de Blauwe Bergen zijn jaarlijkse kersenbloesemfeest, dat in de loop der jaren grote bekendheid heeft gekregen en waaraan ook de Nederlandse gemeenschap deelneemt. De oud-Nederlander, genaturaliseerd Australier Frank(en-huis), die lid is van de adviescommissie voor de organisatie van het feest, heeft de volksdansgroep van de Neth. Soc. in Sydney uitgenodigd er aan deel te nemen. De uitnodiging is aanvaard.

De Gouverneur van N.S.W., Sir Eric Woodward, zal op okt. het George VI Memorial Olympic Pool officieel openen. Dit zal het begin van het feest zijn, dat naar men verwacht tienduizenden belangstellenden zal trekken.

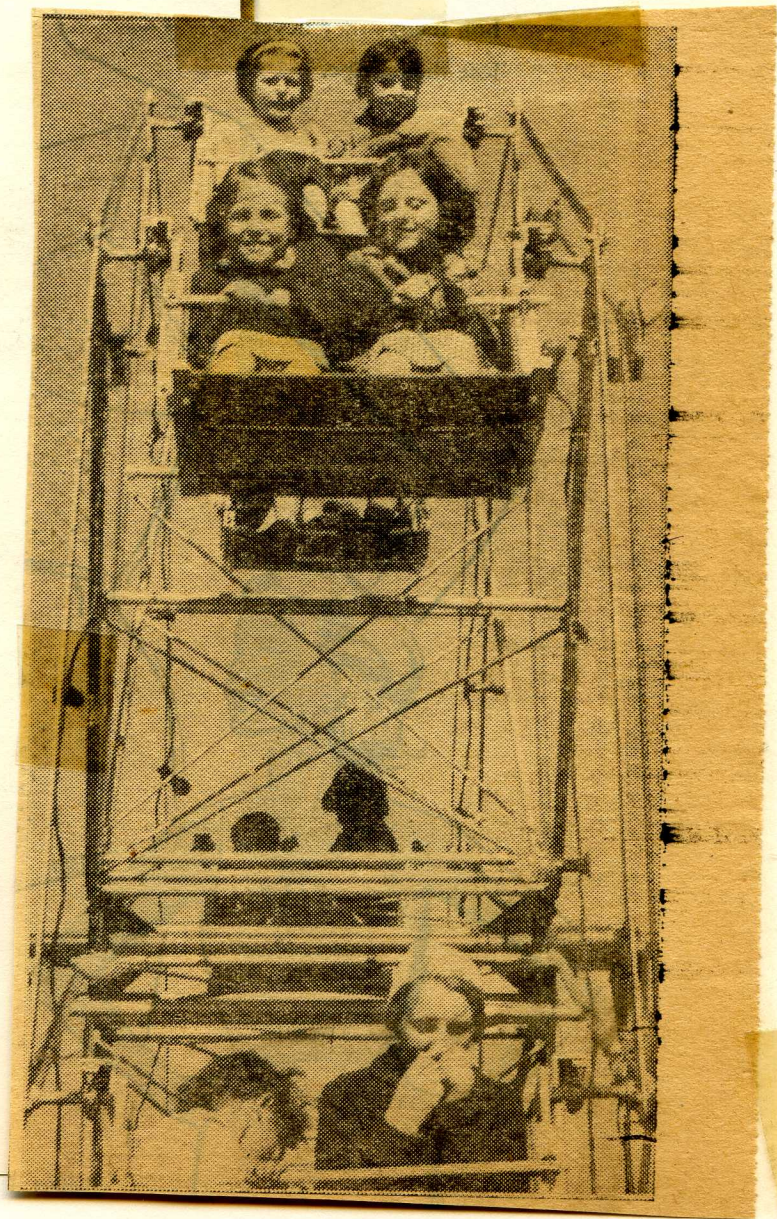
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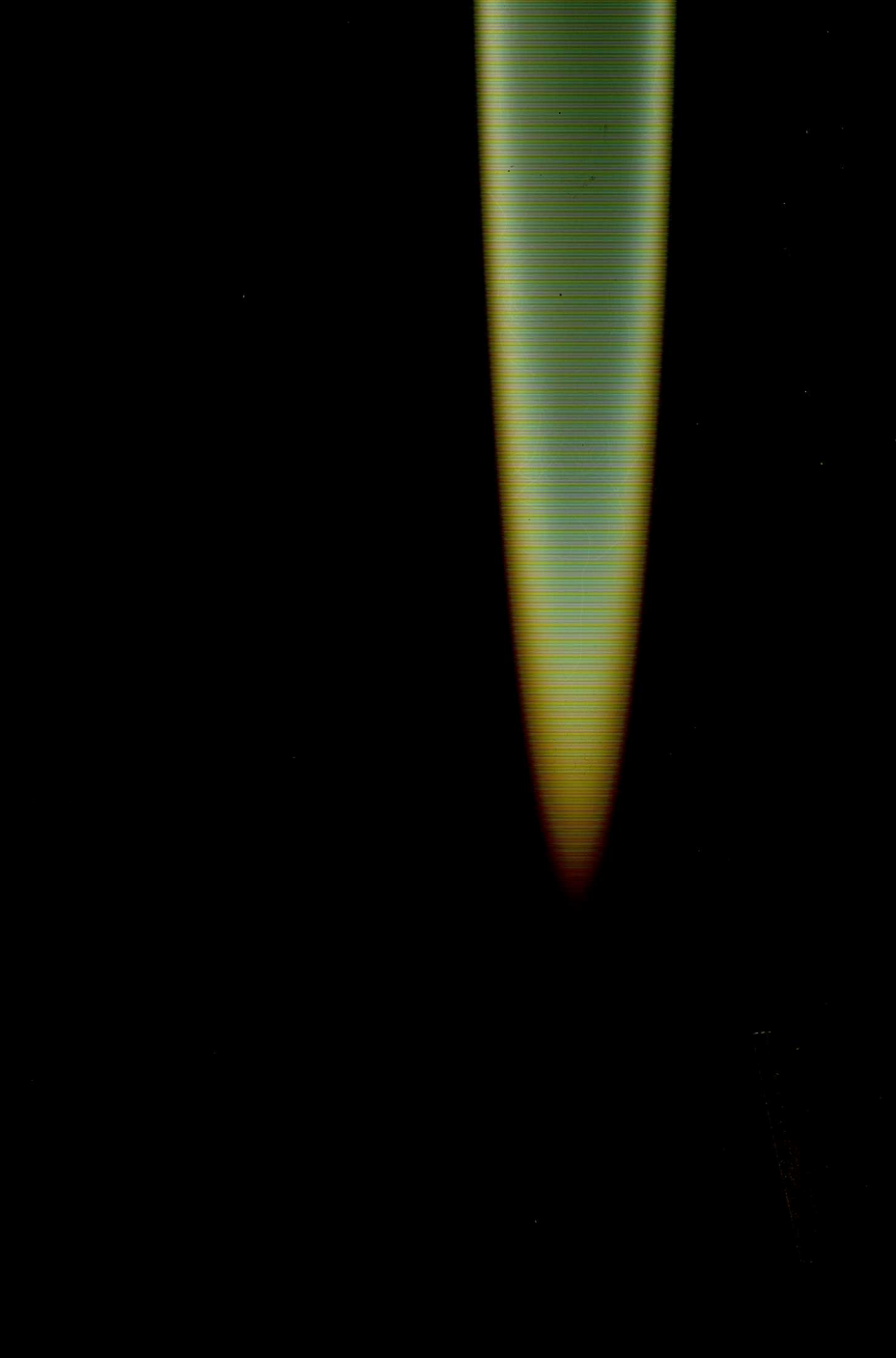


• LEFT: These children in the kindergarten of the new Bletchington Infants' School were lined up ready to march into their classroom with their teacher, Miss L. Botham, when our photographer caught them yesterday.

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TOP: Members of the visiting Dutch dancing group stage a "sing - song" at Wade Park before the sports yesterday.

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Migrants are keen to be naturalised

● MANY WAITING

Migrants in Orange had proved to be "very anxious" to become naturalised, the secretary of the Orange branch of the Good Neighbour Council, Mrs. E. Crouch, said yesterday.

Mrs. Crouch was commenting on recent statements in Sydney newspapers expressing concern about the number of migrants who had not sought naturalisation.

She said many New Australians in Orange were waiting to become naturalised.

"We often get inquiries from migrants who are trying to get their applications for naturalisation through more quickly," she said.

A spokesman of the All Nations Club in Sydney, Mr. F. Wheener, said last week New Australians had no incentive to become naturalised.

This was because Australia showed a certain amount of reluctance to give New Australians administrative positions, he said.

12 PER CENT.

Nearly a million and a half migrants had settled in Australia since 1947, of which 180,000 — 12 per cent.—had become naturalised.

Figures provided by Orange City Council show that the council has naturalised 305 people so far.

The migrant population in Orange is estimated at about 2,000.

This means that more than 15 per cent. of migrants in Orange have become Australians.

Mrs. Crouch said the Good Neighbour Council did not have to "canvass" migrants to urge them to become naturalised.

"When they have been in Australia 4½ years, they usually are quite anxious to become naturalised and apply for it immediately," she said.

RARELY REFUSED

Mrs. Crouch said applications were rarely refused.

Unless prospective citizens had "a very bad Communist background" the application would go through without a hitch, she said.

(Under Australian immigration conditions all migrants are screened individually for criminal records and unpatriotic activities).

Mrs. Crouch said New Australians in Orange had a very good record.

"They seem to assimilate very easily into our Australian community," she

said.

"Many of them have built or are building their own homes."

She said the Orange branch was continuously trying to assist New Australians to find their place in the Australian way of life.

At a recent meeting of the branch, Dr. J. G. Glasson was elected president.

Dr. Glasson has been a member of the branch since it was inaugurated more than two years ago.

The past president, Mr. Herbert Frank, has resigned.

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