

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



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.

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 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 indentificeren 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 Yoegoslavië afkomstig. Vierhonderd mensen waren in het gemeentehuis aanwezig, toen de burgemeester de plechtigheid opende. De heer G. v. Rijn, onze adjunct-emigratie-atta-

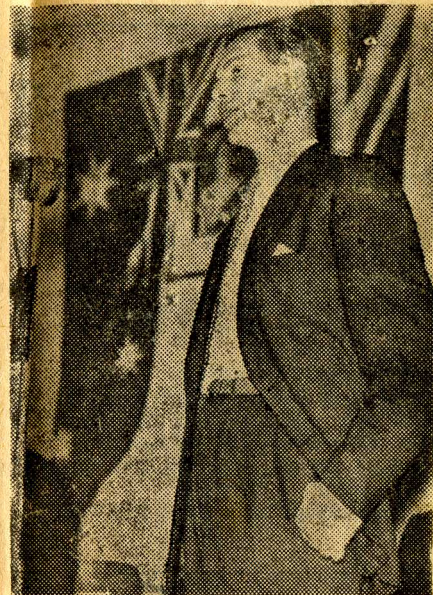
ché in Australië sprak de nieuwe staatsburgers toe. Hij zei ongeveer het volgende:

„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”.

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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 vijfenehalf 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

