

News Budget for the Central District

LONGREACH

A 17-month-old boy died in the Aramac Hospital after drinking kerosene...

Rain has made very little difference to the sheep market and the majority of lines on the market...

A special train will arrive in Longreach on May 3, carrying the largest single movement of stud ewes in the history of Australia...

At the close of the swimming season, the Longreach Amateur Swimming Club announced the points results for the season...

A record crowd of about 2000 people gathered to see Blackall easily defeat Winton and Barcardine...

The Cricket Association announced batting and bowling averages and the number of catches taken by fieldsmen...

There was a satisfactory attendance at the Barcoo Amateur Club's two-day meeting...

Dogs are becoming worse in the Aramac district, and the dingoes have now penetrated 50 miles north of the town...

Longreach agents said that although there have been many reports in the southern papers of buyers purchasing sheep cheaply...

MONTO

Gala Day at Abercorn. After a week of uncertainty the weather broke fine on Saturday...

Sunday, March 30 was an auspicious occasion for Harrami when the Port Curtis divisional president (Mrs F. E. Raymond) opened a new CWA branch...

The death occurred in Brisbane of John Joseph Berghoffer after nine years' illness. He was one of a large family well-known in the Monto district...

In the presence of a large number of members and visiting brethren from many centres, Bro. S. F. Richards was installed as master of the Monto Masonic Lodge at the Monto Masonic Temple...

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in St Paul's Lutheran Church, Monto, by Pastor P. H. Proeve. The bride was well known Rosaie Eva Otto...

Rain which fell in showers over the last nine days provided ideal conditions for the planting of tomatoes, papaws and pineapples...

AMBROSE

The monthly meeting of the Junior Farmers' Club was presided over by the club leader, James Christianson...

An article by Mrs Christianson on the sowing of lucerne was appreciated. At the QDO meeting a complaint concerning poor visibility at the recently opened railway crossing near Ambrose...

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CLERMONT

The 1952 Clermont rodeo and show will be the biggest "bushman's carnival" ever staged in the west with prize money and trophies valued at more than £500...

Suggesting the inclusion of the cutting-out competition in the rodeo programme, Mr R. W. Tindale, general manager of the Coreena Pastoral Co. told the society that horses educated for this type of show work would, on the average, be far more serviceable to the cattle industry...

At a meeting of the Clermont Bowling Club the president (Mr O. J. Smith) reported that six new members had joined the club during the past week...

The ambulance travelled 153 miles to convey Mr T. Salmund, sen., of Ambrose, to the Royal General Hospital for medical attention. Mr Salmund was taken to Laxton station, where he was met by the ambulance...

Mr W. Mullin has returned after a holiday in Rockhampton. Mr C. Matthias, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs O. Salmund, has returned to Brisbane...

The ambulance made a rush trip to Littledale to convey Archibald James Little, 30 years, to hospital. The patient was suffering from acute appendicitis and at immediate operation was performed. He is making a good recovery...

Five trainee nurses from the Clermont Hospital have taken their first year examinations. They were Misses Beth Tindale, Thelma Tindale, Nell Munster, Daphne Albert and Dawn Bryant...

BILOELA

Miss Marlene McKay presided at the monthly meeting of the QCWA Younger Set, Biloeila branch. Mrs Christison, supervisor, and Mrs C. Clarke, president of the parent branch attended...

The bank balance to the credit of the Younger Set is £225. A street stall brought £95/5 and an ugly man contest £4/15/-...

There was a large gathering of friends to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs Roy Christison on the eve of their departure from Biloeila for Brisbane. Mr A. A. Reinke presided...

The remarkable progress of Biloeila during the past five years was excellently covered by Mr Merv Fleming, who attributed much of that progress to the activities of Mr Christison. Mr and Mrs Christison, quite apart from business activities, were associated with almost every social avenue in Biloeila...

The Gladstone Bowling Club is to be advised that play in the Red Pennant matches between both clubs should take place on a suitable Sunday in May. Members decided to increase the social activities of the club by holding a social evening once a month...

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SPRINGSURE

Mr J. McCarthy, of the Taxation Department, visited Springsure in April to interview landholders who had suffered losses by bushfires and required taxation relief as a consequence. Although advice of the taxation officer's visit had been well circulated, only three or four graziers called for an interview...

Advice has been received by the Land Agent to the effect that the Land Court, which had been set down for Springsure on Monday, April 28, will not sit now in this centre and that the cases concerning Springsure selections and holdings will be taken at the Emerald sittings of the court on April 23, 24 and 25 instead...

Mr and Mrs W. E. J. Sypher, late of Hillview station and now of Bundaberg, paid a brief visit to Springsure during the week. Mr E. T. Gale (Brisbane) is on a visit to his sons at Nalcoombe. Mrs D. F. Dobbyn and infant son are expected to return from Brisbane on Easter Saturday...

Conditions for the G. M. Pedersen trophy valued at £57/- will test the ability of shooters participating. The first shoot is seven shots to count over 300, 300 and 600 yards range. The second seven shots to count over 500, 600 and 700 yards, the third 10 and 11 shots over 300 and 500 yards, all four shoots with handicap to count. In the first stage, W. Oeston topped off the rifle with 92, being unlucky to miss a possible by one point at 300 yards...

ISISFORD

Although disappointing in that no surface water was made, the country is responding well as a result of recent falls of up to two inches over the district. Water carting continues in some areas, and many home-steads are carting water for domestic uses...

Miss Joyce Healy was entertained to a pre-wedding tea in the shire hall. A large crowd of the young couple's friends gathered and an enjoyable evening was spent in games, dancing and competitions. Many useful articles for their future home were received. Mr George Bauer and Miss Healy will be married in the Church of England on April 19...

Clever and striking costumes made a colourful pageant at the CWA children's fancy dress dance held recently. Although fewer children appeared in costume, these were of a very high standard. Judging was carried out by Mrs V. Wason, Misses Healy and Wilson. Prizes were awarded to the following: best girl under five, Lella Geary; best boy, Ray Langdon; best couple, D. Masters and M. Robertson, Little Dutch Girls; under 10, girls, J. Vaughan, Mary and Little Lamb and J. Behan, Gollwog Best couple, J. Black and C. Reynolds, Jazz and Swing. Under 14, girl, L. Vaughan, Cigarette Girl; boy, L. Currie, Robin Hood. Best couple, K. Kemp and S. Muller, Gee Whizz...

BARCARDINE

Further good rain has fallen over most of the district. In some places over 5 in. being recorded. Many graziers now consider it to be safe for the winter with good surface water and plenty of good grass. Since the rain there have been warm to hot days—this helping the grass growth—and cool nights with heavy dew...

The rain put a fresh in the river, which is still running, and this had its effect on the fish market for Easter. Fishing parties were unable to get out and had to rely on supplies of fish from the coast, and many had to fall back on tinned fish, supplies in this line being plentiful but expensive. One fishing party even went as far afield as the Thomson River but returned with only a small catch...

Special church services were held during Easter, all being well attended. Easter this year has been one of the brightest for many years. Business houses report good trading, but people are not spending as freely as they have been in the past year or so. On April 12 it was difficult to find parking space for cars anywhere in the main street, many visitors from Longreach, Blackall, Aramac and other centres being in town for the first day of the Easter race meeting...

The Barcardine branch of the QCWA has received several quotes for the supply of furnishings for the hotel. These will be dealt with at a meeting of the hotel committee. It is expected that the hotel will not be opened until about the middle of the year. The committee decided to rent the building over the show period for £5/5/- a week plus electricity. The financial statement showed: Building fund (credit) £1616/11/11; general fund £228/16/11; library fund £9/2/8. A report from the Younger Set indicated a credit of £163 and the parent body congratulated the youngsters for their good work. Arrangements were made for the making of wreaths for the race day and it was resolved that any persons or organisations requiring them should contact the secretary, Mrs M. Collins...

Mr C. Cliffe, a former resident of Barcardine and now a member of the South Australian police force, surprised his many friends and relatives with his demonstrations of hypnotism at the shire hall recently. An appreciative audience attended the show organised by the entertainment committee of the Rugby League. It is not often that Westernites get the opportunity to witness such demonstrations. The Rugby League has purchased a lamp for the treatment of bruises and sprains received by players during matches. The purchase of such a lamp was mooted last year but the equipment was not available then. It will be installed at the grounds and will be available after each game...

Train passengers included Mr and Mrs B. J. Dent, of Yeppoon. They were accompanied by their two children, Mrs Dent, jun. and their two sons, Messrs A. Meacham and W. Plumb left by plane to spend holidays at Mackay. Mrs Parrelley has returned after holidaying in the south. She was accompanied by her daughter Pat as far as Rockhampton, who travelled on to Ayr and spent Easter at Day Dream Island. Miss Pat Bubb journeyed to Jundah to attend the wedding of Miss J. McDevorn and Mrs J. Emerine and their daughter, Mary, spent Easter with relatives in Emerald. Mr and Mrs Devine, Daby, arrived by car to be present at the wedding of their son Peter and Miss S. Kennedy...

GRACEMERE

A storm broke over Gracemere on April 12 and yielded 11 points but areas roughly a mile from the township received half to three-quarters of an inch. handed an Easter egg before the dancing began. Mr E. W. Luck returned with his son Richard, who had been in Brisbane receiving specialist attention to his elbow which had been broken as the result of a fall from his pony. Mrs K. Owens and Miss Keir Geary arrived from Yeppoon to spend the Easter vacation at Gydia Park. Mr Ray Bignell is spending leave from Melbourne with his parents, Mrs E. Boyle left for Brisbane...