

RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The Ringwood and District Horticultural Society held their second annual meeting on the 6th, a good muster of members being present. The auditors submitted their reports of the society, and cash statement for the year. Considerable interest was taken in the report, members being anxious to know the financial position. The secretary's report stated that during the two years the income from all sources was about £204, leaving a balance of £15 to start the year with, and a flourishing prospect both financially and numerically. Satisfaction was expressed at such a creditable state of affairs, the reports being adopted, and votes of thanks accorded to past officers and committees for their generous services and attention to the society's affairs. The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as under:—President, Mr C. D. Hall; vice-president, Mr H. Thatcher; treasurer, Mr Owen Dabb; secretary, Mr G. A. Williams; committee, Messrs H. Chandler, C. E. Husband, J. Cameron, W. Ingwersen, W. Cottingham, W. Wicks, H. Maggs. Correspondence was dealt with from the secretary of the V.F.G.A., re the Government fruit exhibition to be held in Melbourne about next March, to which a strong disposition was shown by members to assist the undertaking. A proposal submitted by the president, with a view to stimulate members' interest in the meetings, by holding monthly exhibits and competition of fruit, flowers and vegetables, according to season, was considered, and eventually referred to a sub-committee to report at next meeting, when, probably, a practical scheme will be adopted, and the meetings will be highly instructive and pleasant. During the evening Mr Perry, a gentleman interested in the fruit export trade, was introduced, and who pointed out advantages that could be secured by shipping fruit to the London market to firms for whom he is acting as agent. The experiences of some of the members last year with different agencies are well known, but the results from the firm for which Mr Perry is acting were pleasing to some, and if the coming season's crops are favorable, and the same satisfactory result is shown at its close, the members will highly appreciate any advantages that may be obtained by his aid. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Perry for his interesting statement. Several new members were elected and proposed. Any person desiring to join the society can obtain all necessary information from the committee or the secretary.

Ringwood Show. 9/21/17
This annual exhibition is to take place on March 17th. At a largely attended meeting on Thursday night, a fine schedule was drawn up, and the usual committee and officers appointed. Mr. F. A. Bloom occupied the chair, while Mr. J. G. Aird wielded the secretary's quill. Ringwood folk should all now begin to work up this Show to a successful issue, and determine to have a full day and night, so as to make the affair what it deserves to be—a financial success; its success in other respects is assured. The prizes for flowers this year are very good and are the prizes in all sections.

Sydney.
On Thursday last, Ringwood renewed her rail acquaintance with Sydney, and sent away 800 bushels of fruit, on the co-operative principle that proved such a success last year. The pear crop throughout is good, the apple crop bad, and small fruits fair, but the market for early pairs is not at all good. The price of plums is not what it ought to be, for while they are bringing only about £6 a ton here they are realising up to £10 per ton in Tasmania. But then, Tasmanian manufacturers look upon the grower as part and parcel of themselves, and give him all they can, so as not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

RINGWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.
The Coming Show.
There is every indication, if one may judge from appearances, that the show to be held at Ringwood on Friday and Saturday, 19th and 20th March, will be the best ever held under the auspices of the society. The prize list is, without doubt, the most enticing, varied and valuable the association has ever issued to the public. There are no less than three electroplated cups, in addition to a valuable trophy valued at £6 6/- for the best display of dahlias, donated by Mr. J. G. Aird. The President's cup, the gift of Mr. P. T. Young, is valued at six guineas, and is to be awarded for the best entries staged in the show by one exhibitor. The prize has to be won three times, but not necessarily in succession, before becoming the property of the winner. The same conditions apply to the Devlin and Beavis cups. It is, indeed, indicative of the interest taken in the show when we see such valuable prizes donated by the president (Mr. P. T. Young) and the secretary (Mr. J. G. Aird). Another pleasant feature is the handsome prizes presented by McKellar and Devlin and Rule and Beavis, both of Sydney. Then there are a number of awards which are all worth winning. For instance, there is the Victorian Agricultural Department's Champion Certificate for best collection of apples, suitable for export, consisting of four varieties, and four fruits of each variety. Then there is the coveted society's blue ribbon for best dish of five crowns, 3-in. and over in diameter, and under 3 in. in diameter. The champion certificate will also be awarded for best collection of pears suitable for export. These are all valuable prizes and should be a great inducement for growers to compete, especially for the best five and best two cases of Jonathans packed for Sydney market, the prizes for which are the Devlin and Beavis cups, the latter being valued at £8 8/-. Provision has, also, on a large scale, been made for the exhibition of flowers. Just fancy, for the best display of dahlias the prize is a trophy, value £6 6/-. Gladioli, roses and asters are richly endowed. Jams and jellies have not been overlooked, while farm produce, cookery, and needlework are well catered for in various sections.

There are also horse events to please and fascinate those who are fond of horse-racing, down to Bob Apple and Hoop-la. And to crown all there will be a band of 24 performers. Such a programme as this should attract thousands to the grounds.

At a meeting of the above on Thursday night, it was stated that without fail the Minister of Agriculture would open the show, as would also Mr. Everard, M.L.A., and, if possible, the State Treasurer, Mr. McPherson. The Lilydale councillors had also notified their intention of being present, and other distinguished visitors will be in attendance.

Brunton & Co., of Melbourne, sent a gold bangle for the prize in the scene competition. The only condition attached to the prize, was that Brunton's Victory Flour must be used, and the firm would like to know the address of the winner, and the number of competitors.

Mr. W. T. Blair sent along a cheque in payment of his prize, and magnanimously remarked that if there were no entries the money was to be handed over to the funds of the Society.

A letter was received from Pte. A. C. C. Conacher, Caulfield, saying he could not exhibit as there was no sections for bantams, his favorite breed.

All arrangements were made for carrying out the show. A full complement of workers is expected to turn up at the Mechanics' on Thursday afternoon, and at 7 a.m. on Friday morning, so as to have all the exhibits staged by 10 a.m., when the judging will commence.

RINGWOOD SHOW.
MARCH 19 and 20, 1920.
ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 12. Send for Schedule.
Fruit, Flowers, Cookery, Needlework, Pictures, Poultry and Pigeons, Wood-Chop, Flag Race, Bending Race, Potato Race, Tilting the Ring, Driving Competition, Jinker, Pony, etc.
Numerous Other Attractions.
Demonstrations Poultry Dressing, Fruit Preserving.
Come and See.
J. G. AIRD, Secretary.

WOOD CHOP
First £7 10s., Second £2, Third £1.
Entry Fee 6s.
RINGWOOD SHOW
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1920.
Entries close March 10. Handicapper: E. W. Robinson Esq. Healesville and Warburton Axemen can return home same evening.
J. G. AIRD, Secretary.

The annual pruning demonstration of the Ringwood Horticultural society was held on June 10 at the orchard of the president, Mr. W. Lipscomb, "Heatherlea," Croydon. Mr. A. A. Hammond, of the agricultural department, demonstrated on a number of varieties, showing that he was thoroughly conversant with his subject. After an instructive tour round the garden, the president treated the assembly to afternoon tea, which was greatly appreciated. In the evening the usual monthly meeting was held in the Ringwood hall, when Mr. A. A. Hammond followed on with a lecture on "Pruning," at the conclusion of which delegates from the Doncaster society proceeded to discuss co-operative trading with the Ringwood society.

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Messrs. T. Harrison and F. B. Athgow were the judges for the ring events at the Ringwood show held last Saturday, and their decisions gave general satisfaction.

RINGWOOD. 20/1-22
At a meeting of the Ringwood Horticultural Society held last week the schedule was considered and revised. Poultry fanciers are well catered for. A cup has been donated by Captain W. Snewin for the best utility white leghorn or black orpington. Sundry other poultry specials were donated by Messrs. D. M. Warden, A. Hocking, W. Donovan and A. Stray; also N.U.P.B.A. blue ribbons. Trophies of £2 2/- and £1 1/- were donated for twelve bottles of preserves bottled by Fowler's outfit.

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3/2/22
 A novel feature is being introduced in the Ringwood Show this year. Foot-running events have been arranged for the Friday night, and will consist of 100 yards, 880 yards, and 2 mile events. The Amateur Athletic Association is in full charge of these events, and a good program should result. Special extra powerful electric lights are being installed for this feature, which should prove very popular. The Ringwood band has been engaged to render selections at all sessions of the show. *L. E.*

RINGWOOD SHOW. *3/3/22*
 Attractions at the Ringwood show this year are many and varied. In the arena a number of new events are featured. On Friday night three foot-races are on the program. The installation of a number of new electric lights, and the roping off of the enclosure will make it possible to view every part of these races closely. The entire arrangements are being conducted by the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association, who report very heavy entries, necessitating each race being divided into several heats. These will probably occupy about two hours. Most of the best amateur runners in the metropolis are competing, and the races should prove a great attraction. In addition to this program the girls' gymnasium is giving a very interesting physical culture display, for which special lights have also been installed. On Saturday afternoon the new events are the Hunters' and Pony Hunters' Trials. Good prizes are offered, and large entries are expected, a number of horses coming from Gippsland. Should the entries prove as numerous as anticipated, the society will be able to give these events more attention next year, and to offer still larger prize money. This should prove the most attractive show yet held.

AMUSEMENTS.
Ringwood Show
March 17 and 18, 1922
 FRUIT, VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, JAMS AND PRESERVES, COOKERY, FANCY AND NEEDLE WORK, PAINTINGS, SCHOOL-WORK, POULTRY, PIGEONS, ETC.
Hunters' Trial.
 £5, £2, £1. ENTRY FEE, 5/-.
Pony Hunters' Trial.
 £2/10/-, £1, 10/-. ENTRY FEE, 2/6.
 ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 10, 1922.
 OTHER SPORTS EVENTS SATURDAY. POST ENTRY.
 Schedules on Application.
 J. G. AIRD, Secretary.

RINGWOOD SHOW.
MARCH 17 AND 18, 1922.
WOOD CHOP.
SATURDAY, MARCH 18.
 Entries close March 3rd.
 First, £7/10/-; second, £2; third, £1.
 Winner of each heat also receives 10/-.
 Entry Fee, 7/6. Write for Program.
 Axemen can return to Healesville and Warburton same evening after the chop.
 W. ROBINSON, Handicapper.
 J. G. AIRD, Secretary.

At the smoke night held on Tuesday night under the auspices of the local horticultural society the question of appointing a director of horticulture was brought up, when the Hon. A. E. Chandler said the Premier (Mr. Lawson) would make the appointment if the fruitgrowers would only nominate a man who was capable of filling the position. The Premier, it was stated, did not know of anyone who was fitted for the post, and until the fruitgrowers picked the man no one would be appointed. This seems like bringing the matter to finality. The inference is clear that if the growers want a director they will have to select him, which does not seem an insurmountable object by any means. At the same meeting one of the speakers made a straight-out suggestion which ought to bear fruit, and lead to a settlement of this much vexed question. He stated that Mr. J. G. Aird had shown such marked ability and judgment in conducting the affairs of the Ringwood society that he was eminently fitted to fill the position, and he (the speaker) was sure that Mr. Aird, if appointed, would give entire satisfaction to the fruitgrowers as a body. The sentiments of this speaker were endorsed by others who are interested in this important question. All who know Mr. Aird, and the interest he has taken in the fruitgrowing and cool store industry, are well aware of the fact that owing to his extensive knowledge, it would be a difficult matter to get a man more or better qualified to fill the position. It would be something for Ringwood to have a man chosen from amongst its residents. The brass band held another of their winter socials in the hall on Wednesday night. There was, as usual, a large attendance, and a very pleasant evening was spent. *D.S.D.*

RINGWOOD SHOW.
 Readers are reminded that entries for the Ringwood show close to-day. The secretary reports that entries are coming in freely, and should exceed previous years. The entries for the wood chop are particularly good, and this ever popular event should prove more attractive than ever. The entire program has been planned with a view to having "something doing" during the whole period the show is open. Good weather is the only factor needed to make this the best and most attractive show yet held. A visit will prove both instructive and entertaining. *10/3/22 L.E.*

March 24/3/22
RINGWOOD SHOW.
 To the Editor.
 Sir,—I am requested by my committee to ask you to convey their thanks to the many patrons, donors, judges, exhibitors, and others who assisted in making the Ringwood Show on Friday and Saturday last the most successful and best yet held in the history of the society. Also to Mr. Tainton and others, who turned their motor head lights on the marquees to assist exhibitors.—Yours, etc.,
 J. G. AIRD, Secretary.

16/3/23
RINGWOOD SHOW.
 This annual exhibition will be opened to-day (Friday) by Mr. McCrerssen, the acting Premier. All the arrangements are now complete, four large marquees having been erected in the Ringwood Park. The entries are numerous, and there is every indication that the show will be a great success. Mr. R. F. Miles, the secretary, has been busy during the week in getting everything in readiness, so that there will be nothing lacking to mar the success of the undertaking from a spectacular standpoint. The committee in charge of the sports, which will be held to-night and to-morrow afternoon, are sanguine that the open air program will be one of the most exciting and interesting ever held in Ringwood. *16-3-23*

RINGWOOD.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

As the time for holding the annual show is approaching, great preparations are being made to increase the prestige of the exhibition and to make it more attractive and interesting, as well as educational, than any of its predecessors. Additional accommodation in the shape of five marquees will be provided; and the Ringwood brass band, which has improved so much of late, has been engaged.

Mr. R. Cook, M.H.R., has been invited to open the show, and as he is always most anxious to visit any part of his constituency on special occasions, it is a foregone conclusion that he will avail himself of the opportunity of visiting Ringwood to perform the opening ceremony. One of the chief attractions, so far as the fruitgrowers are concerned, will be a lecture and a fruit handling demonstration by Mr. J. M. Ward, the newly-appointed superintendent of horticulture, who has received a special invitation to attend the show.

The secretary (Mr. G. W. Muller) is of opinion that the forthcoming exhibition next month will be a record so far as exhibits and entries are concerned. He has impressed upon the superintendents who are in charge of the respective sections, to try and make the exhibits, both as regards quality and numbers, the best that has ever been seen in Ringwood.

A band of willing workers has been formed to conduct the sports and see that everything is in order, so that nothing will be wanting to mar the success of Ringwood's annual sports day.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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RINGWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting, in the absence of the president, was presided over by Mr. Val Kerr, vice-president. There was a fair attendance of members.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From the secretary Diamond Creek Society, notifying that their annual show would be held on the 13th March, 1925.

From the Central Executive, intimating that consideration was being given to selling fruit by the dozen, and also to the effect that the question of the registration of orchards had not progressed far.

BALANCE SHEET.

The financial statement, duly audited by Mr J. W. Barrett, disclosed the total nett indebtedness of the Society to be about £65. Considerable discussion ensued as to the best means of liquidating the amount. Ultimately, it was resolved to issue a circular to members inviting them to contribute towards meeting the debts of the society. It was generally felt that creditors should not be expected to remain unpaid.

Mr H. Pump moved, Mr A. Blood seconded, that enquiries be instituted from the Department of Agriculture relative to the Ringwood consignment of fruit to the Wembley Exhibition. It was reported that not even a simple acknowledgment had been received. Several speakers have mented strongly on the action of the Department.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of this society was held in the Mechanics' Hall last Thursday evening, but owing to a counter attraction on the same night the attendance was not very large. The secretary, Mr. G. W. Muller, stated that the balance sheet was in the hands of the auditor, and he regretted it was not as satisfactory as they would have liked. The loss on the last show was roughly £64/18/8, though there were still some accounts outstanding. It was decided that steps be taken to reduce the debit. After discussion it was resolved, on the motion of Messrs. A. T. Miles and A. G. Aird, that a bazaar be arranged to liquidate the debts of the society. The following were appointed a sub-committee to arrange all details in connection with the bazaar: Messrs. C. Wallace (president), G. W. Muller (secretary), F. Pyke and A. Ingwersen, who will act in conjunction with the ladies. It is to be hoped that the venture will prove a success, and that it will enable the society to raise sufficient money to liquidate the debt.

RINGWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

32nd ANNUAL SHOW

FRIDAY and SATURDAY MARCH 14 & 15, 1924

FRUIT, FLOWERS, FANCY WORK, COOKERY, POULTRY, PIGEONS, PAINTING, ATHLETIC AND HORSE EVENTS

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY, 7th MARCH, 1924.

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GRAND CONCERT By LEADING MELBOURNE ARTISTS. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19th.

KEEP THIS DATE FREE SHEPPARTON FRUITGROWERS' ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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PACKING CLASSES.

At the request of Mr. Krone, of the Agricultural department, it was decided to hold school packing classes, which would consist of ten each, and would continue for three weeks. It was decided to ask the Co-operative Store Committee to permit their premises to be used for the classes.

The Central Association urged the Ringwood Society to appoint delegates to attend a deputation to the Prime Minister asking that the fruit growing industry be exempted from the provisions of the Arbitration Act. The meeting acquiesced in the proposal.

ORCHARD REGISTRATION.

Mr. Muller read the report of the sub-committee appointed by the Fruitgrowers' Central Association on the scheme for orchard registration submitted by Mr. J. M. Ward (Superintendent of Horticulture). The main provisions are as follow:—(1) The registration fee shall not be more than 1/- per acre, with a minimum of 5/- on commercial orchards only, which shall be taken to imply that a plantation of trees or berries, any portion of the produce of which is sold, and any plantation of trees or berries of more than half an acre

in area. (2) The district orchard supervisor shall, before 1st July, visit all orchards and assess the tax, and leave an official notice. The tax shall automatically entitle the person registered to become a member of the local association. Defaulters will be forced by legal action to make payments, if necessary. (3) The disbursement of all income shall be between local organisations. (4) The controlling committee shall consist of five members appointed by the executive of the Central Association. The Central Executive, who shall appoint a finance sub-committee, shall be constituted as follows: president, two vice-presidents, and one representative from each of the Berry Growers' Association, Apple and Pear Growers' Association, Metropolitan Association, Northern Growers' Association, the Canned Fruit Association, Citrus Growers' Association, and four representatives to be elected at the annual conference of Fruitgrowers' Associations.

Messrs. G. Wallace, G. W. Muller, H. Pump and F. Pyke were appointed representatives to attend the conference on August 18 to consider the question of orchard registration. The conclusions arrived at by the conference will be of great service to fruit growers in all parts of the state.

LECTURE.

At the conclusion of the business Mr. J. Farrell delivered an address on "Black Spot," the best antidote for which was to spray with lime sulphur (twice), which he considered preferable to Bordeaux mixture, but several of those present disagreed with him on this point. No specific time could be fixed for spraying, but they would not go far wrong if they sprayed when the red bud was showing signs of bursting. One spraying was preventative, and the other was regarded as curative. Black spot developed from the spores on fallen leaves. From his experience he could say that they all had yet a lot to learn, and wisdom was only gained from knowledge derived from actual experience. At the close of the lecture Mr. Farrell was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Ringwood Advertiser 11C
Ringwood Show.

The Ringwood Show will take place on Friday, 3rd, and Saturday, 4th April, when the Mayor, Cr J. K. McCaskill, will perform the official opening. In addition to the many other sections advertised in our columns and set out in the schedule, there will be a best baby competition at 3 p.m. on Friday. In Class A, babies under 12 months will be judged, and Class B those from one to three years. The entry fee is only 1/.

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RINGWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 3719

23rd ANNUAL SHOW

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mail 28/1/37 RINGWOOD SHOW. 37c
To the Editor. About 2.77

Sir,—I was greatly surprised to hear that Ringwood was not going to have their annual show this year on account of none offering to take the position of secretary. This is a great pity. Surely there are plenty capable young men in the locality which has such a population to take up the secretaryship of a show which has been so long in existence. I well remember the first show held in the locality. It was held in the old hall over 40 years ago next to the Club Hotel, when Mr Sam Maggs and other energetic persons were leading lights. I might say that I was an exhibitor at the shows in the old hall, and likewise those held up to the present at Ringwood.

Some time ago the show grew, and record entries were received. One competitor, I know, had over 100 entries, but, to my idea, it was managed a bit extravagantly. Then came a close down of operations and no show held until the late Mr Ostrom and a few other energetic locals got it going again, and splendid shows equal to any which appeared in any other districts. To cut things short. Now, Ringwood, spring off your tail, get going; there is time to fix up matters yet. Someone come forward and offer to fill that gap.

Yours, etc., FRED TOPPING. Warrandyte, 28/1/37.

RINGWOOD SHOW COMMITTEE, 1935



The Show Committee and Visitors — L. to R.: Standing at side. Cr. R. Hughes (L'dale), Cr. R. V. Tribolet (L'dale), Cr. J. B. Aird (Show Committee Secretary), Mr. W. Boyland, M.L.A.
 Back Row: Miss E. Blood, Miss Ethel Tribolet, Miss June Miles, ———?, Mrs. A. Blood, Miss Edgar.
 Second Row: Cr. and Mrs. J. K. McCaskill, Cr. and Mrs. Dawes, Mrs. O. J. Pratt, ———?, ———?, Mrs. Tribolet.
 Front Row: Mr. W. Everard, M.L.A., ———?, Mrs. A. T. Miles (Mayoress), Mr. A. Ostrom (Chairman Show Committee), Editor Ringwood Mail, Mrs. Ostrom, Hon. Sir George Knox, M.L.A..
 Kneeling in front: Hon. W. Tyner, M.L.C., Mr. E. Hutchinson, M.H.R.. Would appreciate the identification of those not named.

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RINGWOOD SPRING SHOW

Readers are advised to visit the H. and A. Society's Spring Show at the Ringwood Town Hall, lower hall, on Saturday next. The official opening will be at 3 p.m. by the Mayor, Cr. B. Hubbard, a former president of the Society. This Society is one of the greatest assets to the Borough of Ringwood and deserves every support. Their shows are famed throughout Victoria. Don't miss the glorious display of flowers and floral art as well as all the other sections. The evening session will be from 7 to 9. Prepare your garden for the Garden Competition.

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SOCIETY CHANGES NAME

Ringwood Horticultural Society has changed its name to Ringwood and District Horticultural and Garden Club.

At the club's annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected: Mr J. Robert, president; Mr S. Winch, treasurer; Mr H. Taylor, secretary; Mr G. Burns and Mrs C. Kinson, vice-presidents.

In previous years Ringwood City Council has relied on the club to organise the Ringwood Garden Competition, but owing to the drought, the club will not participate in next year's competition.

The Christmas meeting is on December 14 in Scots Hall, Adelaide St., Ringwood, at 8 p.m. New members welcome.

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WONDERFUL DISPLAY FOR RINGWOOD

Visitors to the Ringwood Horticultural Society's annual spring show in the Town Hall on Saturday gained a general impression of colour . . . from the many varieties of flowers among the hundreds of glorious blooms on show.

The magnificent display transformed the floor of the hall into a glorious spring garden.

In recent weeks the weather has been kind enough to make it possible for keen gardeners to produce blooms well worthy of the high standard of the Ringwood Horticultural shows.

Rhododendrons, antirrhinums, bearded irises, lupins and stocks packed the benches in the Town Hall to make a magnificent display.

The display of flowers was all that the Horticultural Society asked for, although there was one dark cloud on an otherwise happy occasion—that was the drop in the number of visitors to the show.

Mr. J. W. Manson, M.L.A., who officially opened the show, compared the three

stages in the life of a garden with the three stages in the life of man — the troubles of youth, the competition of middle age, and the accomplishment of old age.

One of the outstanding features of the show was a trade display by A. Vink and Sons, Ferny Creek, featuring 400 tulip blooms. Maroondah Plant Farm was awarded a certificate of merit for an outstanding display of assorted shrubs.

Another certificate of merit was awarded to the non-competitive display of geraniums — 70 pots altogether — from Messrs. Coleman and Norris, members of the Ringwood Horticultural Society.

Judges were: Mr. Jack Reid, cut flowers; Mr. Noele,

sweet peas; Mr. Honeybut roses; Mrs. Harridge, floral art; and Mrs. Kimpson children's floral art.

A new feature at the year's show was the plant section which attracted particular interest.

For the third successive year, Mrs. A. Hooper won the Holeproof trophy in the sweet pea section which meant that the trophy became her property. Mr. Collier won the Henry Brown trophy for the highest aggregate points for the second successive year and Mr. L. J. Trigg the A. V. Dickson trophy for best vase of roses, also for the second successive year.

Blue ribbons were awarded to: Cut flowers, Mrs. Emling; best vase of roses, J. Trigg; bowl of mixed flowers, Mrs. Ebling.

In the under 12 section the outstanding entry was a floral saucer, in a Doll Varden design by Margaret Holloway, who also won quite a few prizes in the open sections.

As part of the show, Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Kempton staged an outstanding display of floral art in the Lower Ringwood Town Hall.

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RINGWOOD PLANT FARM'S STAGE DISPLAY OF SHRUBS AND PLANTS IN THE RINGWOOD SHOW 19-4-49.

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In the foreground a group of officials. From left—Mr. N. West, Mr. G. Burns, president, Mrs. West, Miss Comeadow (judge); Mr. J. W. Gillespie sec.); Mrs. Polson (assist. treas.); Mr. F. Caterer, Mr. R. Webber (treas.)

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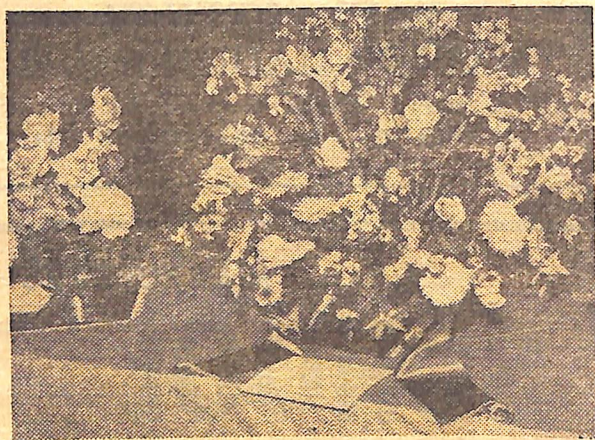
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the President, Mr. H. James, placing the Championship Ribbon for the Best Vase Cut Flowers



Best Floral Arrangement

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EARLY DAYS OF R'WOOD AND DISTRICT

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Horticultural Society Formed In 1896

by J. K. McCASKILL, City Historian

IN THE EARLY YEARS of pioneering development from primitive conditions it was found that the land was suitable for the cultivation of fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc., and it soon became evident that fruit-growing would become the chief industry and mainstay of Ringwood and districts.

In 1896 a number of the growers met together for the purpose of discussing how to overcome their many fruit difficulties such as pests, fungus diseases, etc., and also their market problems. As a result of their talks the growers formed 'The Ringwood and Districts Horticultural Society.'

The Society held monthly meetings and conducted exhibits and competitions of fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc., according to the season and agreed to organise and hold annual shows and concerts.

During the months highly instructive lectures were given by officers from the Agricultural Dept. and experts on marketing, export trade and shipping.

The growers were determined to make a success of their business and tended the trees, etc. with the most scientific methods. They realised that the quality of their fruit must be there, as well as quantity. The innovation of refrigeration being applied to fruit in the form of cool stores, opened up a good future for the fruit growing industry in the home and overseas markets.

Eventually the Society decided to work for the establishment of a local cool store at Ringwood. After numerous meetings and active canvassing and meeting all necessary Government requirements a cool store was erected on Railway land fronting White Horse Rd., a more central site could not be obtained.

The Cool Store was officially opened on 17th March, 1911, by the State Governor, Sir Thomas Gibson Carmichael, KCMG.

Ringwood's Annual Shows were famed far and wide for its display of fruit, flowers, vegetables, etc., exhibitors coming from all parts of the State; the number of entries at times being remarkable, thus regarding the splendid work of the Committees, and an honor to the growers.

In 1924 the Borough was formed, and Ringwood as a fruit-growing district gradually diminished in the march of development. Many orchards were sub-divided and a new suburban area created.

The Horticultural Society of those by-gone days well justified its existence. It was recognised as one of the outstanding primary societies of Victoria and certainly brought

credit, pleasure and progress to Ringwood.

Hereunder is a short list of the various events held. The Show covered two days (usually Friday and Saturday) and was declared a Public Holiday throughout the districts by the Shire Council.

General Events Schedule: Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables, Poultry, Pigeons, Dairy Produce, Jams, Jellies, Cookery, Needlework, Paintings and Landscapes and Seascapes, Nature, etc., Children's Section, Drawing, Maps and Short Essays, etc. (Girls: Baking, Laundry, Sewing).

Competitions: Foot Race, 100 yards, 880 yds., 2 miles (V.A.A.A.), Wood Chop, Tug-of-War.

Hunter's Trial to carry not less than 12 stone. Pony Trial to carry not less than 9 stone.

Best Jinker Pony over 14 hands. Best Jinker Pony under 14 hands. Best Boy or Girl rider under 14 years. Flag Race, and numerous other competitions.

The Annual Concerts and Dances were very popular events in the community Social life. The artists and bands usually were of a high standard so much so, that some of the young couples were just in time to catch the 1st morning train.

I feel sure that this short condensed story of the Horticultural Society's activities will awake pleasant thoughts in the memory of many readers and by the way, I make an appeal to the oldest residents, if you have any old implements connected in any way with the first growing Industry or similar articles, will you please inform me.

You will be helping to perpetuate the Fruit Growing Industry, resulting in the laying of the Foundation of the City of Ringwood. We may have a museum some day! 2 Illoura Road 87-6219, or c/o Town Hall, Ringwood.

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