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...for fire insurance purposes and the improvement of the water service to the Kaitiworth area, area.

A highlight of the year was the farewell given to Alar Barker on the occasion of his retirement. Alar had provided the bus and mail services for longer than most residents could remember. Many thought the farewell party the most successful social activity in the district for years.

A. KNEE STAYS TENNIS-CHIEF

At the 4th. Annual Meeting of the Wonga Park Tennis Club, which was held recently, the retiring President, Mr. Alan Knee, extended his sincere thanks to the Secretary, Treasurer and Committee for their able support in his short term of office, brought about by the decision to have subscriptions and the Annual Meeting to co-incide.

Mr. Knee stated further that a lot had been accomplished in this short time since he took office, including the erection of the Club House and the official opening by the President of the Eastern Metropolitan Region Lawn Tennis Association, Mr. J.M. Lade.

Another Premiership Flag had been won in the Winter Competition by Section 13, and three out of four teams entered had reached the finals.

Mr. Knee also praised the unselfish work of Mrs. Heather Upton in continuing to foster Social Tennis on Thursdays, from which many of our Competitive players came.

Mr. Knee then asked Mr. Cec Skinner to take the chair, declaring all positions vacant. The following were nominated for the coming year, all unopposed:

Alan Knee as President, Joe Hartley as Vice-President,

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Message from the new President

SUCCESS IS THE PRODUCT OF HARD WORK ...

...and a lot of hard work has been done by the Wonga Park District Residents' Association in the past four years to achieve the success it has accomplished.

I consider it therefore an honour to have been elected to the position of President of this Association. I am particularly pleased to see some of the newer members of our community having taken positions on the Committee.

It is my goal that in future an even closer liaison between the many and varied organizations in the district be achieved.

If we are to progress and make Wonga Park the place we all desire it to be, we must discuss together our problems and decide which is the best course to adopt to solve them.

This also makes a membership consisting of all residents a goal.

The WPDRA has enjoyed the co-operation of the Lillydale Shire Council. One of our council representatives has endeavoured to attend each of our meetings. I hope that during my term of office this will continue as it not only keeps residents informed on matters being dealt with by the Council, but also keeps the Councillors fully informed of developments and needs in our district.

Let us look forward to the coming year confident of achieving as much as we have in the past years.

JOHN UPTON

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----- MINING FEVER ?

There are still people who believe that the prospectors searching for gold and antimony in the Wonga Park hills at the beginning of the century did not find all of the mineral deposits of the district. Indications are that the mining fever in the district may be revived following the news that a syndicate, called "Pegasus", has applied to the Mines Department for a lease to mine an area stretching from Doncaster to Yarra Glen of which Wonga Park is a part.

The syndicate is looking for gold, antimony, copper, silver, lead, nickel, zinc and tin, particularly antimony for which the price on the world market is soaring.

At the beginning of the century there were a number of gold and(Cont. Page 3)

WONGA PARK NEWS AND NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting of the Residents' Association on Friday April 10th at 8 p.m. at the Hall is the Annual Meeting at which all office bearers retire and a new committee is elected.

Residents who have recently come to the district are cordially invited to attend. Any organization to be active and alive needs new blood and new ideas.

EDITORIAL

WHY DO WE HAVE A RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION? Shortly and simply, so that we can help each other and ourselves. The Association exists for the improvement of Wonga Park and is the only real method of ensuring that matters of public interest are brought to the notice of the municipal council.

It is in the interest of every resident to belong to the Association and bring forward matters which will improve the district within which we live.

Two of the most important things that the Association has done for the residents within the last two or three years were the provision of reticulated water and a garbage collection service.

New members will strengthen the Association and have the opportunity to voice their views.

ACTIVITIES 1969/70

THE ASSOCIATION UNDER REVIEW

The year 1969/70 has been a very satisfactory period for the Wonga Park District Residents' Association.

Two factors have stood out. Firstly the extent of the area which now is covered by the Association. Members living as far apart as at South Warrandyte, Homestead Road, in the vicinity of Mount Lofty and at the Croydon end of Yarra Road have taken an active part. Secondly the very genuine interest in the welfare of the community taken by those who have attended the meetings. This interest has led to intelligent and earnest discussions on all matters brought forward.

Among the many activities of the Association during the year the following are worthy of notice.

The Town Plan for Wonga Park which was born from discussions within the Association has become a reality. The central sector of Wonga Park has now been declared a "Residential Development Zone". The next step is that the Lillydale Shire Council will engage a professional Town Planner to prepare a detailed plan in accordance with which all development will have to take place. It is estimated that it will be about 12 months before this is finalised.

Instigated by Ian Sutherland the Association has taken up with our Councillors the question of providing Baby Health Centre facilities at Wonga Park. It is confidently felt that the Baby Health Centre will be operating on regular fixed days within a month or two.

At the request of the Association the City of Doncaster and the Shire of Croydon have erected clear road direction signs at the approaches to Wonga Park and the name of Wonga Park Road in Warrenwood has been changed. This will avoid much of

the confusion which previously existed.

The Association took up with the Riding Councillors the question of providing an additional cricket ground for the local club. The request was very favourably considered and there appears to be a strong chance that there will be an extra cricket ground by next season. This means an additional recreation reserve within the district.

At present the Association is taking action with a view to having a road declared and named on the western border of the shire at South Warrandyte. Residents living at this particular part have no road shown as an abutal to their titles and for this reason find that they are excluded from obtaining finance from most lending institutions.

In addition the Association through its constant liaison with the Councillors has been able to have road maintenance carried out promptly when needed and many varied requests from householders attended to.

One at least of our local Councillors attends each meeting of the Association and we are indebted to these men who devote so much of their time to municipal affairs and who have been so attentive to all matters brought to their attention.

THE "GREAT WET"

The last few weeks were the wettest since 1949. The rainfalls during this short period nearly equalled the total rainfall during the drought year 1968.

MINING FEVER?

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antimony mines along Jumping Creek on the Wonga Park side. When these shafts proved unproductive they were filled.

The syndicate believes that a vein of antimony runs through the Lilydale Shire.

Though the syndicate has applied for an exploration licence, residents have no cause to worry that the outside fortune hunters will start invading their properties. As much of the area is rural it is doubtful if they will be allowed to mine in it.

A spokesman of the Mines Department also pointed out that there are tough safeguards in the Mining Act against indiscriminate mining to protect people's private property.

Who knows what mineral wealth is still hidden in the hills of our district. With the modern equipment and methods minerals can be found to day much easier and more accurate than in the old times, and at such places where the early prospectors failed.

TENNIS CLUB

The fifth Annual Meeting of the Wonga Park Tennis Club was held in the club rooms on Thursday 2nd April. The retiring President, Mr. Alan Knee, thanked in his report all office bearers and committee members for their help and support during his term of office. He wished the incoming President and the Club a successful year.

The following office bearers were elected: President Mr. C. Skinner, Vice President Mr. J. Hartley, Secretary Mrs. E. Aumann, Treasurer Mrs. J. Moser.

Committee members elected were as follows: Messrs. Bruce Hartley and John Knee, Mrs. Nancy Sharpe, Mrs. Bonnie Skinner and Mrs. Lauris Latch.

Winter Competition starts on April 18th. Two senior and one

junior teams have been entered for Saturday play. Ladies-Midweek have two teams entered.

Tennis Subscriptions are now due and can be paid to the Treasurer, Mrs. J. Moser, Reserve Road, Wonga Park (Tel. 728 5235).

FIRE BRIGADE

The Summer Fire Restrictions have now been lifted and residents are urged to burn those heaps of rubbish that have been annoying them for the past months.

At the last meeting the Brigade agreed to purchase another 300 feet of 2½ inch high pressure hose to enable maximum water pressure and volume to be available at each house in areas with reticulated water supply.

The cost of this is approximately \$ 375. Due to the response received to the appeal to this date the Brigade is able to provide this extra insurance for the safety of the district.

The Summer Season has been one of the least troublesome on record. The Brigade attended ten fires during this year.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Due to the fact that the number of nominations for the Wonga Park School Committee did not exceed the number of vacancies, no meeting of parents to elect members was necessary.

The members of the Committee for 1970/71 are as follows: Messrs. J. Upton, B. Behrsing, J. Rankin, E. Swannack, R. Galloway, K. Stewart, J. Greenwood, W. Smith, Mrs. S. McDavid and Mrs. C. Howey.

MOTHERS' CLUB

The Mothers' Club has provided \$ 50 for new books urgently needed by the infants' class.
