

## **Extracts from the Camden Advertiser September 1939**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1939**

### **BRITAIN AT WAR!**

For the second time in 25 years the British Empire is at war with Germany, This fateful news was conveyed to the waiting world on Sunday. The decision was the only one expected after Germany had invaded Poland. Britain, French and Poland are allies in a war against a deceitful aggressor.

We, in Australia, although thousands of miles from the present theatres of war, can play our part in preparedness, and in the increasing of our primary produce for the Mother Country to which we are so closely bound.

### **CAMDEN ACTIVITIES**

There, too, will be many local movements to engage the attention of our Camden District people. These will include the gathering of comforts for our fighting brothers overseas.

### **MAYOR AS CHIEF WARDEN**

At a special meeting of Camden Council on Tuesday afternoon it was decided to recommend that the Mayor (Alderman H. S. Kelloway) be appointed chief warden of the Municipality.

It is expected that the Sydney authorities will speedily adopt the recommendation. All matters then concerning the national emergency will be directed from the local council chambers.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1939**

### **WAR PROVIDES WORK**

#### **Primary Products and New Manufactures**

Within the next few months every man and woman In Australia, capable of working, will be engaged on work of National importance.

This opinion has been expressed by Mr. J. Hendry, president of the Asio dated Chamber\* of Manufacture! whe believes that industrial expansion will call for National war effort on a scab almost impossible to imagine at pre

### **POSITION AT CAMDEN.**

Less than a fortnight ago Britain and France declared War on Germany, there was a definite lull in mass retail business stores at Camden.

Similar conditions were experienced in the city, suburbs and other country towns. The people were stunned by the news of war.

Since then Britain has agreed to purchase Australia's wool clip, wheat, meat, butter and other primary producers. This will add millions more to

the Commonwealth's revenue. It is now predicted that new industries such as manufacture of rayon and cotton textiles, paper, cellophane and celluloid, will be commenced at an early date. In some cases we will be sending manufactured goods to Europe.

Already the unemployment figures in this district have been reduced by the engagement of men to guard essential points. They are paid award rates, and their cheques will assist the business community.

Necessities, formerly denied them, will be required by the unemployed and casual workers as they fill the many positions that emergency measures and industry must offer. This will mean the purchase of wearing apparel, footwear, furniture and Manchester, in addition to foodstuffs.

The law of supply and demand will force up prices of primary products— the man on the land will reap this benefit which he will share with his employees in order "to keep them down the farm."

### **Valley Petrol and Oil Plant.**

In a letter to the Editor, Mr. J. H. Menere, of Mount Hunter, writes:—

Every encouragement should be extended to the syndicate or company who is prepared to finance the construction of a petrol and oil-from-coal plant in the Burragorang Valley.

We are now at war with Germany, and restrictions on the production of such necessities as petrol and oil will hinder the Allies' cause.

Urgent action is necessary in order to assure that petrol and oil supplies will be available in the time of an even greater emergency than [that](#) which confronts Australia at the present time.

To assist in our Australian defence the State Government must do all in its power to encourage local oil and petrol production.

Burragorang Valley would be the best place in New South Wales to store petrol in war time. Anti-aircraft guns on the higher points would hold off air raiders, while the distance for transportation purposes is only 50 miles or so from Sydney.

### **GERMANY'S PETROL FROM COAL.**

In a recent article submitted by the League of Nations Union to the "Camden Advertiser," we learn of Germany's drive for mineral sufficiency.

The League states that coal is the predominant mineral resource, and it was upon her vast coal supplies that most of Germany's industry was built up.

Just prior to the outbreak of war, Germany's petrol deficiency was being met by the making of petrol from coal, and when plants then under construction were completed, production of petrol in this way was expected to amount to about one-third of peacetime consumption

### **Camden Show**

During its 63 years' existence only three members have held the position of president of Camden A.H. and I. Society. Framed photographs of the first two presidents—the late James Kinghorn Chisholm and Colonel A. J.

Onslow-Thompson—adorn the walls of the Society's committee rooms at the Agricultural Hall. The present occupant of the chair is Major-General-James W. Macarthur Onslow, V.D.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1939**

#### **NATIONAL EMERGENCY -- Camden's Local Activities**

The appointment of the Mayor of Camden, Alderman H. S. Kelloway, as Chief Warden of the municipality under the National Emergency Scheme, has been officially confirmed. The remaining eight members of the local council have been asked by the Mayor to accept the positions of assistant chief wardens. They are Aldermen W. A. Larnach (Deputy Mayor), E. A. Davies, C. T. Whiteman, H. S. Whitford, Horace Doust, K. C. Smart, Harold Lowe and R. A. C. Adams.

Menangle Home Nursing classes commence on this Thursday at 8.15 p.m., and then on each following Wednesday. Dr. J. T. Jefferis will take the classes.

First-aid lectures will begin at Camden Town Hall on Thursday evening next, September 28, at 8 o'clock. The lecturer will be Dr. R. E. Jefferis. A charge of 3/6 is made for the course of six lectures. First-aid manuals cost 2/3 each.

#### **CLR. EDGAR DOWNES IS SHIRE'S CHIEF WARDEN.**

The President of Wollondilly Shire Council, Clr. Edgar Downes, who was recently appointed Chief Warden of that area in connection with the National Emergency Scheme, outlined to his council the steps he had taken to establish services in the shire.

With the council's co-operation appointments of senior wardens were then made.

#### **NAZI SPY DRAMA**

At Camden This Week Film Made Behind Locked Doors

"Confessions of a Nazi Spy", the sensational Warner Bros, picture coming to the Camden Paramount Theatre on Saturday and Monday, was made behind locked doors.

This action was unprecedented in Hollywood's history. Special guards were placed on duty outside the sound stages. In view of the sensational disclosures of the Nazi spy ring, this precautionary measure was considered essential. The American Government sanctioned the making of the film.

It is stated that the German leader, Hitler, issued a writ for £1,000,000 against Warner Bros.

## G-MAN'S ASSISTANCE

Leon G. Turrou, the former U.S.A. Department of Justice agent whose work in uncovering a Nazi spy ring and obtaining the conviction of four of its members on espionage charges served technical adviser in the making of this fearless and timely picture.

Every Australian should feel it is his duty to learn of the workings of the Nazi system—Visit the Paramount Theatre, Camden, on Saturday or Monday.

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1939**

### **STUDLEY PARK HOME -- As Training School for Military Officers**

Golf to Continue

"Studley Park." Narellan, the palatial home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Gregory, has been leased at a nominal rental to the Defence Department for the establishment of a training school for specialist and junior officers. Mr. and Mrs. Gregory intend to take a flat in the city, while their sons, Messrs. Sid and Ross Gregory will continue the management of the golf links which adjoin the house. "We are happy to have been able to co-operate with the Defence Department in this time of national stress," Mr. Gregory told the "Camden Advertiser." "It will not make the slightest difference to golf." Arrangements were finalised on Friday last when the District Base Commandant. Major-General Hardie, and other staff officers visited Camden. The military authorities will probably take over the house next week.

It is expected that 160 officers will be billeted there. The school will be commanded by Major E. W. Bundy. General Hardie has expressed appreciation of the public-spirited action of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory.

Reports of the mobile police patrol show that one of the primary causes of accidents in the less populous areas is that owners of vehicles take unnecessary risks by driving with defective equipment, states the Road Safety Council. Faulty brakes, the use of makeshift parts, and driving with one headlight are typical cases mentioned.

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