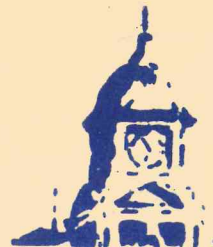


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OLD BOULDER

(Further extracts from newspaper stories of the period, prepared by Mrs. June O'Brien.)

April 22nd. Mr. Stronach, the Government Engineer, has arrived to start the railway line to the Boulder, with day labour, in a week or

April 27th. A land sale took place at the Boulder on April 24th. Forty seven blocks were put up and knocked down for the rather surprising total of 15,700 pounds. The top price of 950 pounds was realised on block 51 at the corner of Burt and Lane Streets (Commercial Bank site.)

June 17th. Among its many advantages, cycling appears to be eminently conducive to the cultivation of economy. A lady scorcher in Boulder knocked down a poor old man. He was not badly hurt but was, of course, considerably shaken. In a burst of generosity the cyclist presented him with her purse and then rode off. When opened the purse contained - two halfpenny stamps.

June 17th. Boulder townsite is making rapid strides and already presents a striking appearance. Mulcahy's Hotel (Grand Hotel) is almost completed and is the finest house in the district. It is two stories high, built throughout of brick and contains 30 rooms.

A large number of other business places have been finished. The residential areas are being rapidly settled upon, while the school grounds are being enclosed with a fine jarrah fence.

June 24th. A meeting was held to consider the formation of a football team. Instead it was decided to form an athletic club. It will be known as Boulder Athletic Club and will bring about the immediate use of the Boulder Recreation Reserve. The Boulder Progress Committee are to be asked to have the reserve cleared and fenced.

July 8th. Messrs. J. M. Hopkins & Co. held another land sale, this time in their new sale rooms in Burt Street. (No's 24-26, the name is still on the building) having shifted his business from Boulder Block.

July 15th. A large party, headed by Mr. H. Parsons, Mayor of Kalgoorlie, drove out beyond Boulder to inspect the recently opened Ashlar Stone Quarry. Favourable opinions of the stone for buildings was expressed by those competent to judge. Many Boulder buildings will now be constructed with stone from this quarry.

TECHNICAL HITCH



WHILST the Goldfields was congratulating itself on retaining the School of Mines and acquiring a new Technical School no-one pointed out that in one respect, at least, the Goldfield's gain was Boulder's loss.

What will take its place when the old Tech moves to Kalgoorlie?

WESTERN AUSTRALIA 150

THE association's 150th. Anniversary programme for 1979 has been designed to cover nine months of the year, with a different theme for each month.

It begins in March with a series of craft exhibitions and demonstrations in which it is hoped to feature pottery, weaving, silver and copper work and any other crafts which are practised in the Goldfields region.

In April the emphasis is on music, ranging from pop to classic and choral.

May has been suggested as a dance month, with ethnic groups from all over participating; an appropriate time, perhaps, for a bit of maypole work.

In June the regular Art Prize contest is held and it is hoped to enlarge on this to include entries from all over Australia, with a \$1,000 prize.

Drama and films are planned for July by which time Boulder may have its own repertory company and a regular venue for film shows.

The big event suggested for August is a Trade Fair; not one that would conflict with our old established annual fair, but one demonstrating the existence of many major and subsidiary industries on the Goldfields.

September is traditionally a sporting month and the association hopes to see a number of special events staged, including inter-schools competitions.

The historical atmosphere of "BACK TO BOULDER" proved so heady that October seems a logical month in which to recreate Goldfields history with period costume, displays and, possibly, a pageant.

Naturally, an ambitious programme of this nature depends entirely on the co-operation of all the many organisations,

clubs and individuals whose interests lie in the features included; co-operation for which the association has been extremely thankful in the past and which it hopes will be forthcoming in 1979.

The association will be contacting as many bodies as possible but looks forward to approaches from others, including individuals, who are prepared to make any sort of contribution to the success of the 150th. Anniversary.

In addition to co-ordinating a specifically Boulder programme, the association is actively co-operating with the Kalgoorlie committee.

YOU can help even in these early days by using some of the advertising material prepared by the State committee. A range of posters, window stickers car stickers and mailing emblems is now available through Boulder Progress Association and can be seen at 95 and 18 Burt Street.

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER



We have heard of executives having to take menial jobs when retrenched, but an ex-Lady Mayoress sweeping the street...!!

Happily, it was public spiritedness, not poverty, that induced Mrs. Altham, wife of Cr. Adam Altham, to take up the broom on the May Market Night. Along with other members of Boulder Progress Association she was clearing up after the stallholders departed.

Report has it that she wielded a mighty mean broom.

THE CAMELS ARE GOING....



PETER Holmes will be taking two mounts and possibly a third (a dark camel?) to Alice Springs in late August for the races on September 2nd.

Boulder Progress Association is assisting him in the venture and is trying to find someone prepared to truck the mounts to the Alice, failing which an expensive railway journey will be involved.

In the latter event, Peter will parade his camels down Port Augusta's main street if the schedule permits, or even through Adelaide - leaving no doubt in spectators' minds as to where they come from.

A well-known association member will accompany the team to act as publicity officer.

One other way in which the association has been asked to help is in finding a keen camel jockey for one of the entries. Since none of the existing members is designed for speedy camel work they are extending the search more widely.

The team will be back in time to engage in the Coolgardie camel race on September 24th. []

SCHOOL OF DANCING'S TRIUMPH

TWENTYSIX medals among nineteen girls is a pretty good score by any standard.

When they are won by a group of Goldfields dancers against competitors from all states it is really something.

The Sharon Murphy School of Dancing won their twentysix medals in highland dancing sections, with twelve firsts, ten seconds and four thirds. Winners were Andrea Rankin, Suellen Hill, Sharna Lawrence, Joanne Wood, Sharon Roach, Julie-Anne Roach, Jody Cavazzi, Janet Mathieson, Michelle Meyer, Sondra Scorer, Sandra Hodges and Susanne Taylor.

Congratulations to all the girls and their instructor.

LOOPLINE GROUP REPORTS PROGRESS

(The following notes are extracted from the forthcoming Loopline Newsletter and were provided by Brian Smith.)

The Loopline Preservation Group is a voluntary organisation and is a sub-committee of the Kalgoorlie/Boulder Tourist Bureau.

The association of the Group and the Bureau simplifies the management structure and, because the Bureau is incorporated, makes the handling of the finances simpler.

The venture is heavily dependent on the availability of funds in its initial stages. The Group was greatly encouraged by donations of \$1,024 at the inaugural meeting held in February and since then \$166 has been donated. Much of this has come from old Boulderites in Perth, thanks to June O'Brien.

Sleeper Certificates at a cost of \$2

each will be the main fund raisers and Henry Giblin from the Technical College is presently designing the certificate which should be available in about two weeks. Also, membership of the Preservation Group is open to individuals at \$2 per year, or to families at \$5.

The Sandalwood Motel, on donating \$500 indicated that they would donate a similar amount next year. The Dept. of Tourism has indicated that \$3,000 may be granted, presumably on a dollar for dollar basis.

Two Wickham railcars are on rails at Macdonald Street. On one the Ford motor and vacuum systems must be attended to while the other, kindly made available by Coolgardie Ghost Town Tourist Bureau, needs couplings so that it can be towed.

Each car has four reversible seats and these will be increased to nine in each. Either old tram seats will be obtained or new ones built. The Coolgardie car will have its engine compartment removed.

Cleaning of the track is under way, using a tractor and tipper trailer purchased from Boulder Shire. Weeds have been sprayed and burning off is anticipated soon.

Boulder Shire has made two large sheds available but these have to be dismantled and re-erected, one being for use as a car barn.

Voluntary help is needed if the plan is to succeed. If you can assist in any of the tasks set out below it will help the project immensely :

MECHANICAL repairs to Ford V8 motor.
AUTO ELECTRICAL maintenance on car systems.

JOINERY - fitting car interiors.

WELDING of towbars, seats and repairs.

SPRAY PAINTING rail cars

WRECKING shed at Boulder Oval

CARPENTRY on car barn at Boulder.

ELECTRONICS for tape recorder etc.

UPHOLSTERY of seats

SALESMEN for Sleeper Certificates.

FIREMEN for burning off track.

DRAFTSMEN for car barn design and publicity brochures.

SIGNWRITERS, PAINTERS for station boards, rail signs etc.

If you can help please get in touch with any committee member or contact Box 24 P.O., Boulder.

TOURIST BUREAU FOR BOULDER

by David Paton



HAVE you noticed the new sign outside the Worker's Hall ?

It proudly proclaims "BOULDER TOURIST BUREAU" and is now open for business.

It has taken a long time for this to come about because most tourist activity has been around Kalgoorlie, Boulder being just a town on the way.

Now things have changed for the better and Boulder is beginning to create its own tourist identity; shopkeepers are starting to take a pride in their premises again, spending money to improve both exteriors and interiors so that more and more people are attracted to shop in Boulder.

With the improved appearance of Burt Street tourists are stopping to wander up and down, and they are looking for souvenirs that are distinctly "Boulder".

It is not possible to write about Boulder Tourist Bureau without mentioning the Shire of Boulder. The Council voted funds to restore the Workers' Hall and although division within the Council sometimes made the future of the building uncertain, foresight won out and we have a useful building in Burt Street instead of a vacant paddock.

The Shire Council also partly funds the Bureau, together with the Town of Kalgoorlie and a grant from the Chamber of Commerce. These funds, with the Bureau's earnings from bookings and sales of souvenirs are the lifeblood of the drive to attract and keep tourists in the Goldfields.

PRISON FOR BOULDER * * * * *

NEWS that Boulder is to have a minimum security prison on a site opposite the Technical School has not been greeted with whole-hearted approval by everyone.

The Shire Council decided the matter in committee, their plans being to build the hotel for delinquents on the land between Wilson Street, Federal Road and Alford Street.

A sum in excess of \$1,000,000 is to be raised by loans and the principal and interest will then be paid by the state who will lease the establishment from the Shire. At the end of 21 years the property will become the state's.

According to the Shire the benefits

from this project will be work for about 21 warders and local purchases which altogether should bring \$500,000 into the area every year. The prison will house eighty inmates.

Not unnaturally, those who live adjacent to the site have already voiced objections; the fact that, as a minimum security gaol, it will not have dangerous criminals is little consolation to them.

By the very quiet way in which they went about planning this affair it would seem that the Shire anticipated some backlash.

Perhaps one redeeming feature is that Mayor Finlayson will now have somewhere to send those for whom Kalgoorlie gaol is not considered fit.

THE C.P. LAMENT



It was early in March in '78

When the employees of the C.P. first learned of their fate.

The Manager, Mr. Cashman, wrote a letter to say

He was sorry but work would finish in May
Because Anaconda would soon cease to work;
This time it was dinkum, no Government lurk.
So Selcast directors in their wisdom did say
That the cost of the treatment was too much to pay.

A bit of a gloom was cast over the workers,
Some that worked hard and some that were shirkers.

Notices were issued to all the top men
Like Tony, Hayo, Bill Bailey and then
The junior staff got their notices, too;
The four Shifty bosses and all of their crew
The fitters, their offsidiers and quite a few more,

And even the people that worked in the store;
All of the crackermen, including Bill Flynn
And also the workers that filled up the bin.
The samplers like Harley, Merv and the rest
All had to go because there'd be nothing to test.

Then the Accountant, the paymaster and the girl in the office,

And all of the people that look after the coffers,

They'll all have to go and find a new role
Some will find jobs and a few get the dole.
Now it's time the writer got a mention;
He won't look for work, he'll go on the pension.

Now you have finished reading my scrawl
I'll say goodbye and good luck to you all.

— S. J. O'Brien