

# Distinguished Visitors Arrive

## Civic Reception for English Mayor



The Mayor of Rochester, England (Ald. Anderson), and the Mayoress.

The first stage of the 30,000 miles' tour of Rochesters of the world by the Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. A. A. J. Anderson), of Rochester, Kent, England, ended on Wednesday last, when they reached Essendon airport after a five days' trip from their home town. They were met by Mrs. D. R. McGregor and son Walter, of Victoria's Rochester, with whom they will stay during their visit here, and received an enthusiastic and warm welcome.

The visit was brought about by a suggestion by Walter McGregor when on a tour of Rochester (England) as a representative of the Sun Youth Travel Scheme last year, that they should come to his namesake town, and the Mayor and Mayoress happily agreed on receiving an invitation from the Rochester (Victoria) Shire Council.

In Melbourne on Thursday Alderman Anderson and the Premier (Mr. McDonald) exchanged goodwill gifts. Mr. McDonald gave Alderman Anderson a copy of each of Victoria's official centenary publications "The Story of the Century," commemorating 100 years of Government in Victoria, and the "Golden Years," dealing with the discovery of gold in Victoria.

Alderman Anderson's gift to Mr. McDonald was an inscribed copy of the "Pickwick Papers." Dickens spent the last years of his life in Rochester. Alderman Anderson, who is the head of a color-printing firm in Rochester, said he was amazed at the high standard of color plates in the two volumes.

"I have never seen anything better," he added. Paper used in the "Story of the Century" was produced at Ballarat.

The Mayor and Mayoress had a busy period during their stay in Melbourne in attending receptions, social functions, and sight-seeing. On Sunday afternoon the Mayor was guest speaker at Wesley Church P.S.A. and his address broadcast. He was accompanied by the Mayoress. The Lord Mayor of Melbourne (Cr. Nilsson), and Mayors, Mayoresses and councillors of metropoli-

tan municipalities were also present.

The first Mayor of Rochester was appointed in 1460. His full title is now "The Right Worshipful the Mayor," and he is also entitled to be called "Admiral of the Medway" and "Constable of the Castle."

Rochester is steeped in tradition. Through its High Street, 600 years ago the pilgrims passed on their way to Canterbury.

This road is the old Watling Street, built by the Romans. Charles Dickens made his home in Rochester, and many links with the Dickensian period remains.

Our own Rochester, the irrigation centre of Northern Victoria and in the heart of the fertile Campaspe Valley, has received a great boost as the result of the visit. Much publicity has been accorded it over the air and in newspapers over the past few weeks, providing a wonderful advertisement for the town and district, the event receiving not only Commonwealth-wide but world-wide recognition. It has certainly placed the town and district well on the map, and brought before the peoples of distant parts the importance of the place, as a producing centre of wheat, wool, butter, cheese, fruit and various other commodities to meet the demands of the world, and particularly the Motherland, where a large quantity of the products are sent.

A great deal of interest was centred locally in the visit, and on their arrival in the town by car on Monday afternoon Alderman and Mrs. Anderson received a warm-hearted welcome from a large gathering of citizens. They were met by the Shire president (Cr. C. W. W. Macauley) and Mrs. A. P. Johnson and councillors of the Rochester Shire.

In the evening the Mayor and Mayoress were entertained to dinner at the Hotel Rochester. Included in the gathering were Senator G. J. Rankin, Mr. W. J. Jungwirth (secretary to the Premier). A welcome was extended by Cr. Macauley (shire president), and acknowledged by Alderman Anderson.

The Shire Hall was packed at

night, when a civic reception was accorded the distinguished visitors. Further addresses of welcome were given and again acknowledged by Alderman Anderson.

Tuesday was spent in a visit to Gumbower and Torrumbarry Lock, with inspections en route.

To-day (Wednesday) Alderman and Mrs. Anderson will visit Echuca where they will attend a civic reception by the Mayor of Echuca (Cr. Lord) at 11.30 a.m. and will be the guests of Cr. and Mrs. Lord at luncheon.

They will leave Echuca at 1.15 p.m. for Perricoota Station where they will inspect the station, fruit-packing shed and shearing.

They will return to Rochester on Thursday when they will inspect the Rochester Butter and Cheese Factory at 11 a.m., attend a meeting of the Shire Council at midday and lunch with the shire president and council at 12.30 p.m.

Visits will also be made in the afternoon to the Rochester school, Country Women's Association meeting, and the War Memorial Hospital.

They will leave Rochester for Bendigo on Friday.

A detailed report of all proceedings will appear in next issue.

### "THANKS AUSTRALIA," SAYS U.K. MAYOR.

"I want to thank Australians for their wonderful hospitality and good will," the Mayor of Rochester, England (Ald. A. A. J. Anderson), said at Wesley Pleasant Sunday afternoon.

"The warmth of the welcome my wife and I have received is something we will take back with us to England as the most valuable part of our world trip," he said.

Ald. Anderson said he was so impressed by 14-year-old Sun Youth Travel boy, Wally McGregor, of Australia's Rochester, that he could not resist the temptation to visit here when Wally invited him.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," he said.

"Boys like Wally visiting England do a great deal to strengthen the family friendships between Empire countries.

### GOLF.

Golfers had another good afternoon for their weekly competition on Saturday last, when play was over 18 holes. A secret nine holes was also contested.

18 Holes Stroke.—W. Joyce, 91-22-69; W. C. Briggs, 87-16-71; H. Lewry, 93-21-72; F. Ball, 89-17-72; G. Woodburn, 90-17-72.

Secret Nine.—W. Joyce, 42-11-31; G. Woodburn, 40-8-31.

Associates also played over 18 holes, the leading cards being:—Mrs. C. Speer, 95-20-75; Mrs. J. Dean, 109-31-78; Mrs. E. Babidge, 115-36-79; Mrs. Kronenberg, 115-36-79.

### Music and Drama Circle.

The members of the Circle have enjoyed the variety of the meetings. In June Mr. Parsons and Mr. Bromley screened for us a splendid programme, "Lucia de Lammermoor." Yehudi Menuhin in solos, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, Wordsworth Country and Painters of Quebec. In July under our drama leader, Mr Raynor, members took part in impromptu play readings.

Last Friday, August 1, at the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow, of the A. and N.Z. Bank, members met at their home for a musical request night. The request numbers covered composers, ancient and modern, and were performed by pianists, Mesdames Brownlow and Major; piano duettists, Mrs. Brownlow and Miss Crow, and vocalists, Misses Jackel, Stroud and Crow. Great interest and appreciation was shown by the large company. As guest artists two of our Italian friends, playing the piano accordion and the guitar, delighted the company with their excerpts from opera, Spanish dances, etc.

Final arrangements were made for the art exhibition, to take place as advertised on August 11, 12 and 13. Members and the public generally are urged to take advantage of the lecture on the opening night only, August 11, as in the past this has been found to be most informative and interesting.

Members are also told of the approaching concert on September 30, when scenes from Gilbert and Sullivan operas will be presented in costume by J. C. Williamson artists.

During supper served by hostesses, Mesdames Raynor, Chambers and Major, the president (Miss Crow) thanked Mr. and Mrs. Brownlow for their hospitality. The war was carried with enthusiasm.

The next meeting to be held in St. John's Hall on September 12, is to be a film night with drama films secured by Mr. Raynor, including part of Julius Caesar. Members and friends are asked to make a note of the date and join us in this treat.

### Ballendella Mothers Club.

The president (Mrs. Wilson) presided over a well attended meeting of Ballendella Mothers' Club, on July 25.

It was decided to hold a street stall again this year on Monday, September 8. All parents are asked to help with anything saleable for the stall.

An invitation was received from the Headmaster (Mr Egan) for parents to visit the school during Education Week. It was decided the Mothers' Club would visit the school on Wednesday 13th, at 1.30 p.m.

The last euchre party was attended, winners being: Ladies, Mrs. Wilson; gents., Mr Clymo; lowest, ladies, Mrs Bickley; gents., Mr. Williams.

A very enjoyable day was spent at the Rochester State School on July 22, by children and parents. The day was of great interest to all.

The meeting then closed with the usual enjoyable cup of tea.

### Is Modern Art Crazy?

Many people who attend the Modern Australian Exhibition coming to Rochester Shire Hall from August 11-13 may be tempted to doubt the sanity of some of the painters and to query the good faith of the C.A.E., who will sponsor the show. But it is an excellent opportunity to see modern pictures, guaranteed to be good examples, since they have been bought by the trustees of the National Gallery. The exhibition shows many styles, not all excessively modern, and includes good examples of William Dobell, Russell Drysdale and Sydney Nolan among the contemporary group, along with many modern painters of a less advanced kind.

Presented on the excellent screens designed by the National Gallery, the exhibition is one of the finest to tour Victoria, and is expected to arouse keen interest and some controversy.

A lecturer from the National Gallery will comment on individual pictures and conduct parties from the schools.

## ROCHESTER DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

### TO BE OPENED NEXT SUNDAY,

(AUGUST 10th.)  
AT 2.30 P.M.

## By the Honorable J. G. B. McDonald,

PREMIER OF VICTORIA.  
IN THE PRESENCE OF STATE AND COMMONWEALTH MINISTERS.

MR. NORMAN WILSON, STATE PRESIDENT R.S.S. A.I.L.A.  
MR. C. L. McVILLY, Chairman Hospital and Charities Commission of Victoria.

And the Shire President (Cr. C. W. W. MACAULEY).

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THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HELP OPEN THE HOSPITAL FREE OF DEBT. THE COMMITTEE EARNESTLY REQUEST EVERYBODY WHO INTENDS TO MAKE A DONATION TO GIVE EARLY THIS WEEK.

Residents of the town and district are respectfully requested not to allow young children to enter the hospital or staff quarters. The authorities regretfully will not be responsible for any damage which may be done innocently or inadvertently and for that reason has limited the age of children who may be admitted to no younger than twelve years of age.

Since our last issue the Building Committee of the Rochester District War Memorial Hospital gratefully acknowledges the following additional donations

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| Messrs. A. G. and W. C. Moon (Furnishings of four bed ward) | £200 | 0  | 0 |
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| Mrs. M. G. Macauley   | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Misses G. L. L. and G. E. Spence                            | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. T. L. Davies  | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. Wm. Macauley  | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. J. J. Cummins   | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. L. McDonald   | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. John Lees   | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Windle                                   | 10   | 0  | 0 |
| Mrs. P. D. Hocking  | 5    | 5  | 0 |
| Miss M. Waters  | 5    | 5  | 0 |
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| Mr. and Mrs. Alan W. Roberts                                | 5    | 5  | 0 |
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| Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Clymo                                    | 5    | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Ellis                                     | 3    | 3  | 0 |
| Miss Olive Hunter   | 3    | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Westcott                                 | 2    | 2  | 0 |
| Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Knight                                   | 2    | 2  | 0 |
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| Messrs. D. and L. J. Jarvie                                 | 2    | 0  | 0 |
| Mr. Len. Major  | 1    | 1  | 0 |
| Miss Marjorie Hanley  | 1    | 1  | 0 |
| Miss Allison Lloyd  | 1    | 1  | 0 |
| Miss Betty Stroud   | 1    | 1  | 0 |
| Miss Agnes Fleming  | 1    | 1  | 0 |
| Miss Roma Pain  | 1    | 1  | 0 |
| Mr. Fred Hutson   | 1    | 1  | 0 |
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### Fancy Dress Party

A very enjoyable and successful fancy dress party was held in the Salvation Army Hall on Friday night last. The judging of the costumes was in the capable hands of Mrs. A. P. Johnson and Mrs. Howard, to whom a big thank you is extended.

The prize-winners were as follows:—Carol Grant and Clinton Hudson (bride and bridegroom); Brenda Badenhop (fairy); Pamela Parr (Little Red Riding Hood); Fay Wellard and Sue Packer (Two Little Girls in Blue); Joan Gray (Robin Hood); George Bolch (Aus-

tralian Soldier); Charles Kemp (Swagman). Other entrants: Lynette Parr (Little Miss Muffet); Eleanor Lawrence (Little Bo Peep); Elaine Kemp (Dainty Maid); Olive Hudson (Miss Australia); Barbara McWhinney (Little Miss Muffet); Joyce Bolch (Red Cross Nurse); Janice Eeyne (Miss Universe); Gary Grant (Swagman); Grant Lawrence (Swagman); Brian Steele (Swagman); John and Francis Davey (Mum and Baby); Ron Kemp (Gangster); Les Spence (Scout); Graham Spence (Footballer); Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Hudson (Milk Maid and Partner).