

CLONCURRY NOTES.

CLONCURRY, November 14.

No rain worthy of note has fallen in this district during the past week. The days have been hot, with cool nights and almost daily clouds work up from the north but they disappear at night. The light storms experienced recently have blackened the grass on some properties, but the surface water the rain made generally compensates for this. To-day a north wind is blowing and there appears every possibility that rain will fall within a few days.

Mr. L. L. Mitchell completed the shearing of the Dryburgh flock on Friday. His plant is now at Fisher's Creek. Mr. D. Christensen is busy shearing his sheep which are agisting on Patriciavale. Mr. Christensen, since he agisted this property, has successfully put down several horses.

Two weddings of much interest were solemnised in Cloncurry during the past week. Millicent Alice, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Toll, Brandon, was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to Douglas Arthur, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tennant, of Rockhampton, on Wednesday, November 8. The Rev. Bro. J. Harrison officiated. Owing to the unavoidable absence of her father the lovely bride entered the church on the arm of Captain C. Swaffield, of Qantas. She looked lovely in a skirt of French silk mousselin cut on flowing lines which fell into a train appliqued with true lovers knots. It was topped with a tailored jacket of figured taffeta finished in slight bustle style with sprigs of orange blossoms. The double veil was of cut tulle and billowed out from a top knot of camellias and roses. The bride carried a posy of orchids, stephanotis and roses. Mrs. Maurice Toll journeyed from Brandon to attend the bride as matron of honor. The reception was held at the Post Office Hotel, the bride's mother receiving the guests. The bridegroom is pilot to Flying Doctor Alberry. On Monday last, Edith May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tompkins, of Toobanna, Ingham, was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony to James third son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. S. Wright, Cloncurry. The Rev. Bro. J. Harrison officiating. The bride looked charming in a frock of white silk marlette, leg of mutton sleeves and heart-shaped neckline, buttoned from neck to hem with diamond buttons. She carried a bouquet of roses and lily of the valley, satin horseshoe and ribbon and wore a tulle veil lent by a sister of the bridegroom, Mrs. W. Kelly, of Mt. Isa. Miss Dorothy Wright, sister of the bridegroom, attended as bridesmaid. Mr. Alf. Wright, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. Many telegrams and useful gifts were received by the happy couple, whose future home will be in Cloncurry.

Mr. Ormonde, of Kiloshell, Julia Creek, and who has sheep on agistment on Mrs. Shute's property, Mindie, paid a visit of inspection during the week. He was pleased with the improvement shown in his sheep since they arrived in the Cloncurry district.

Amongst the country visitors noticed in town during the week were: Mr. E. Allen (Alesia), Mr. G. Clayton (Parley), Mr. and Mrs. R. Barton (Lanark), Mr. R. L. Jeffers (El Rose), Mr. H. Hulbert (Wynberg), Mrs. L. L. Shute (Mapperly), Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones (Tyndoli), Mr. M. Olive (Olive Grove), Mr. A. Morrison (Maronan), Mr. A. Arthur and "Mick" Arthur (The Nobbys), Mr. H. Hudson (Melinda Downs), Mrs. G. Keyes and Messrs. Bill and Don Keyes (Glen Isla), Mr. W. Chaplain (Boonarra), Mr. C. Chaplain (The Williams), Mr. S. Twible (Corella Park), Mr. T. H. Dowling

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Mrs. Bulley, who has been holidaying in Townsville with her daughter, Mrs. Clanchy, returned home by Sunday's mail train. Mrs. Clanchy accompanied her mother to Cloncurry.

Mr. Bert Crouch, the well known Northern Territory driver, arrived in Cloncurry from Winton on Wednesday night last. He had just delivered his last mob of bullocks for the year.

Rifle shooting on the local range concluded last Sunday, when the final shoots for the C. R. Katter trophy and the T. D. Armstrong Cup took place. The trophies had been shot for during the months of September and October and the following were the winners: L. Rooke, captain of the club, won both the trophies, beating G. Douglas in the Armstrong Cup by the narrow margin of one point. Douglas secured a Mammoth Casket ticket. J. Finlay and G. Douglas tied for a felt hat donated by the N.W. Rifle Union, and in the shoot-off J. Finlay won easily. H. J. Absolon won a rifle case presented by an anonymous gentleman in Brisbane. It is hoped that whilst the club is in recess, the Defence Department will be prevailed upon to make a grant for the provision of up-to-date target carriers.

The Kalkadoon Hotel, situated at Kajabbi, was burned to the ground on Thursday morning last, at about 12.30 o'clock. The store attached to the hotel was also completely destroyed. Mr. Nev. Sturmaker, who owns the hotel and store, and who has been practically confined to his bed for the past two years, was sleeping in a cottage next door, which was not damaged. Mrs. Kootoofa and Mr. Sturmaker's eldest daughter were sleeping in the hotel and narrowly escaped with their lives, losing all their personal effects. The Kalkadoon Hotel is the only hotel at Kajabbi, which is a busy centre during the cattle season, last year approximately 60,000 cattle being trucked from Kajabbi. The hotel was insured, but the amount is not known.

Last week-end, a party of cricketers representing the railway at Cloncurry, journeyed to Quamby and played a match against the Quambyites. The railway won by an innings and five runs. Hooper, Grant, Shell, Boundy, and Hayes all notching double figures for the winners. For the losers E. Lee, M. Lee, T. Pether and E. West scored double figures. A return match will be played at an early date.

The local stadium was packed on Tuesday night last, when A. Keyes, Cloncurry, met W. Little, Townsville, for the welterweight championship of the West, the gate takings to go to the local ambulance. Several interesting preliminaries were fought by local midget weights. The two principals both born in Cloncurry about 21 years ago, but learnt their fighting, Keyes in Brisbane and Little in Townsville. The latter had injured his thumb in training and may have been somewhat handicapped by this, but the fight was a most interesting one. For the six rounds the two were at it hammer and tongs and in the fourth round it appeared that Little had the fight won. Keyes, in the last two rounds, fought desperately, and one judge gave the decision a draw, the other in favor of Keyes, and the referee crowned Keyes. The decision was generally agreed with, but there was little between the two. A return match may be fought in a few weeks' time.

Dr. J. K. Joyce, medical officer for the Cloncurry District Hospital for the past six years, has tendered his resignation to the committee, stating he wished to be relieved by December 15. He takes up a position as medical officer of the Winton Hospital. During his six years in Cloncurry, Dr. Joyce has become well liked and re-

spected, and all served by the Cloncurry Hospital will be sorry to learn that he is definitely leaving the district.

Mr. Jack Hall, of Mt. Oxide, was in town during the week. His mine supplies a considerable amount of ore to the Chillagoe smelters and he, like other copper gougers, is dissatisfied with the price, 150 per ton, being paid by Chillagoe for copper since the outbreak of war. It is said a re-adjustment will be made when a price for copper is finally decided upon, but the gougers hold it is taking a long time to arrive at a price, and in the meantime they are being forced on to the bread line.

Mr. W. Keyes, of Glen Isla, purchased a nice line of rams from Eddington Station through Hickman and Co., agents, Julia Creek, last week. They were trucked to Cloncurry and thence out to Glen Isla by road.

Mr. Osborne, of Oxton Downs, consigned 140 rams from Julia Creek to Ginbura on Sunday. These go amongst his sheep which are agisting on Lanark.