

TWO DECADES AGO.

Some Pages from the Past.

Excerpts from "The Free Press" files of 20 years ago—the history of yesteryear in tabloid form.

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The much needed boiler for the Mooroopna Hospital has at last been procured at a cost of only £15.

Returning from a dance at Wunghnu several residents of Tallygaroopna noticed strange lights in the sky. One of the party, a returned soldier, says policeman there saw two aeroplanes

A report from Ouyen says that a policeman there saw two aeroplanes in the air. An aeroplane has been seen at Rochester, and large balloons are also said to have been seen in various parts of the State.

Instructions for the closing of post offices for four days at Easter caused a good deal of inconvenience. Why public utilities like the post office should be closed when the great bulk of the public are transacting business is a circumstance that the department has not given any satisfactory explanation for. No one begrudges officials the holidays they are entitled to, but it is beyond a reasonable thing to deny the public access to the post office after 10 a.m. on four successive days. And we question whether the officials, in many instances, appreciated the extended "holiday," because some of them at least worked behind closed doors to give those who live in remote places their mail in a reasonable time. Unfortunately, this con-

sideration for the public was not fully appreciated by some, and blame was placed where it did not belong.

The trucking of pigs consigned at a late hour on pig sale days at Kyabram gives officials at the railway station a good deal of extra work, which has to be performed in a limited time. It has been suggested that the fruit train should run on Tuesdays all the year round as a means of overcoming the difficulty.

The stud Lincoln sheep of Mr F. W. Bedwell, of Shepparton, gave to not return this season of 1917, a 10 Seven show sheep averaged 12 10 a head for wool.

Owing to the high cost of newsprint there is talk in Melbourne and Sydney of raising the price of daily papers to 2d.

Lieut. Eugene German, of Rochester, has been wounded in action.

Rev. W. J. Stevens was presented with a leather writing case from the Methodist congregation and friends at Tatura on the eve of his departure from the town.

Shepparton bowlers visited Kyabram and were defeated, 102-87.

Tongala Progress Association has decided to press for the establishment of farmers' classes at that centre.

The marriage of Mamie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Bourke, Kyabram, to Joseph, son of Mrs Carroll, Beechworth, was solemnised in St. Augustine's Catholic Church, Kyabram, on Wednesday.

April 10. Rev. Peter Stokes was the celebrant, assisted by Rev. Father John Moran of the bride at Nuptial Mass. The bride was attended by her two sisters, Miss Kathleen Burke as bridesmaid and Miss Ellen Burke as train-bearer. Mr Joseph Egan was best man.

In St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, Nellie, daughter of Mrs C. Fenaughty, Byrneside, and the late Mr T. Fenaughty, became the wife of Mr P. F. McNamara, son of Mr P. McNamara, Shepparton. The only bridesmaid was Miss Evelyn Fenaughty, sister of the bride.