

COUNTRY NEWS

HELP FOR BOMB VICTIMS

AVOCA.—More than £70 has so far been subscribed as a result of the appeal launched by the shire president (Cr. W. J. Morrow) for victims of air raids in Britain. Canvasers appointed at a public meeting to collect money in the town met with a ready response, while good work is also being done in outside centres.

FINE TROUT CAUGHT

HEALESVILLE.—A fish, which is believed to be the best caught in the Yarra River at Healesville for years, has been grassed by Mr. N. Ashmore. It was a trout weighing 8½lb.

TRAINEES MARCH PAST

HAMILTON.—Lieut.-Colonel W. G. Hopkins, C.O. of Hamilton military camp, took the salute on Saturday during a march past of more than 800 soldiers of the 22 Pioneer Training Battalion. Hamilton's main streets were crowded for the march, which is the first to be made by the whole of the personnel since the camp was established three weeks ago.

WHEAT POOL PAYMENTS

INGLEWOOD.—At a meeting of the Inglewood branch of the Victorian Wool and Wheat Growers' Association, it was decided that the branch support the executive in demanding immediate payment of 8d. a bushel on the No. 2 wheat pool, and that the Government be asked to finalise the 1939-40 wheat and barley pool before the new pool for the coming harvest.

WHEAT IN RIVERINA

JUNEE.—During the last week Marina silos were emptied, and there now remain 1,045,715 bags of bulk wheat and 34,444 bags of bagged wheat in Riverina. Last week the wheat shifted totalled 1,941 bags of bagged wheat and 6,687 bags of bulk wheat.

THROWN UNDER DISC PLOUGH

MIRBOO NORTH.—While Mr. Roy Francome, of Berry's Creek, was driving a plough the horse bolted and threw him under the discs. His head was severely cut. He is an inmate of the local hospital.

BUSINESS MAN DIES

MARYBOROUGH.—Mr. William Hosken, a well-known business man, has died after a brief illness, aged 74. Over 30 years ago, when working in a district mine, he lost his left hand through the premature explosion of a charge of gelignite.

ADDRESS PRESENTED

MITCHAM.—At a meeting held on Sunday at the home of Cr. J. K. Lawson, Mr. Eric Charles was presented with an illuminated address from the Walker and Halliday Park committee. Mr. Charles has been honorary secretary for many years, and has done yeoman service for the parks and gardens in Mitcham. He will soon be going overseas in the Second AIF. A gift box valued at £1 was given by the Methodist Church.

SALE WAR EFFORT

SALE.—Sale district schools patriotic fete, opened by the Director of Education (Mr. J. A. Setz), realised £212. The executive of the Sale branch of the Comforts Fund has forwarded another £100 to Anzac House. Local efforts have almost reached £1,000.

POST-OFFICE CLOSED

WHITTLESEA.—Owing to the resignation of the postmistress (Mrs. Bates) at Whittlesea North, and the unwillingness of any other resident to accept the

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