

GLYN MAKES A GOOD DEAL.

FOR STORED BUTTER.

We are informed that a day or two before the Govt. made the 1/4 proposition to butter holders, the Glyn factory sold out the whole of its stored butter at 1/7½. This, we understand, may mean a halfpenny addition to the bonus.

OPEN COLUMN

This column is open to the free expression of opinion under certain restrictions. All letters must be signed with the correct name and address of the sender. The signature is not for publication unless desired—and we shall take it that it is so desired if no *non-descript* likewise accompanies the letter—but as evidence of *bona fides*. Letters should not exceed 300 words in length, and preference of publication will be accorded short letters, provided they are deemed of sufficient interest. Letters will be condensed or rejected as the editor deems fit. Correspondents should write on one side of the paper only—in ink, and as clearly as possible.

RE THE ROADS.

SIR,—Is it not a fact that the roads of the North in general and Rodney in particular, all conditions considered, are the worst in N.Z. Yes! And probably the world. Few, if any of them are as good as they were forty years ago. That such roads exist does not reflect much credit on those responsible. Who then is to blame? One hears of the Government, the engineers, and the councillors being severely taken to task; but whether either or any of them is directly responsible is a matter of conjecture.

It is the writer's opinion that the whole question reverts to the ratepayers themselves, who are ever ready to put the blame on others. Are there not, living in our midst, ratepayers who would rather wallow through mud all their lives than agree to being rated sufficiently to have a metalled road? The writer has in his mind a meeting held for the purposes of improving the roads, when one of the ratepayers stated:—"The roads had done him for forty years and he considered they would do him to the end." And this is not an isolated case. The same spirit is dominant among quite a number; one can see it reflected in their farms, many of which are not as productive as they were twenty years ago. They fail to see where good roads are synonymous with progress.

Are there not Councillors who would not be returned were they to advocate a loan for metalling—or, rather, an increase of rates to pay for such a loan?

It is my firm opinion that until we are prepared to tax ourselves sufficiently, the district will not advance and that it is useless cavilling at the Engineers etc; who probably do the best under the circumstances.—I am etc.,

E. Y. C.

LEIGH.

(Own Correspondent)

OUR SOLDIERS.

We are sorry to hear that Pte James H. Sadler, eldest son of Mr G. H. Sadler, of Whangateau, was killed in action in France. He was well known at Wilson's Lime Works, where he was employed before he enlisted.

Pte John Addison, being home for a few days on his final leave, was farewelled in the Leigh Hall on Tuesday evening, Aug 28th. Although a short notice was given the attendance was good. A very pleasant evening was spent in dancing and cards. The ladies, as usual, provided an excellent supper. Mr Clarke, on behalf of the company, conveyed the best wishes and good luck to Pte Addison to which he suitably replied.

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PORT ALBERT.

(Own Correspondent)

THE LATE MR J. C. BOOTH.

On August 25th passed away one of our oldest and most esteemed settlers, in the person of Mr J. C. Booth.

For many years the family property, Kent Farm, has been regarded as one of the most progressive holdings in the district. Mr Booth was a director of the local Dairy Company, and the largest supplier. In his younger days he was a keen volunteer, having held the marksman's badge for 14 years, and at the inception of the Rodney Mounted Rifles, although then at the age when most men think of taking a well-earned rest from public activities, Mr Booth assisted materially in organising the squadron in which he held a commission. His invaluable experience of all branches of sport was always at the disposal of the local clubs, by whom his familiar figure will be greatly missed.

The bereaved are Mrs Booth, three sons (two of whom volunteered, and are on the Western front) and four daughters, settled in different parts of the Dominion.

The large number of representative settlers that attended the last solemn rites amply testified to the respect and esteem with which Mr Booth was regarded in this and the surrounding districts.

ANOTHER GONE.

Again on Saturday, 31st ultimo, the residents of the district were called together to pay the last tribute of respect to one of the early settlers, in the person of Mr G. T. Hartnell.

For some time past Mr Hartnell had been ailing, and on Thursday passed peacefully away.

Notwithstanding the boisterous weather, friends and relatives of the deceased made long journeys to be present at the last sad rites.

A widow, three sons and two daughters are left to mourn their loss, and the district one of the decreasing band of pioneers that helped to carve homesteads out of the native bush, and lay the foundations of one of the earliest settlements in the Dominion.

RODNEY LAD WITNESSES SEA TRAGEDY.

HOW A HOSPITAL SHIP WAS TREATED.

Mr Bruce Grant, son of Mr Angus Grant, and an officer on the "Kia Ora," writes another interesting letter to his people. We make extracts as follow:—

"Well, father, the submarines are still making a bold attempt to carry out their threat to starve England; the paper reports 55 ships this week but we knock them into match-wood in a fair fight, as witness the latest Channel raid by Torpedo Boats.

"We were to leave Havre that night but were delayed on that account. While we were anchored off Havre we were watching a fine big hospital ship (Soltar) making port, and God bless my soul! she blew up and sank before our eyes, in freezing cold water, in not more than eight minutes, and not much more than a mile away with nearly all hands (no wounded.) A Torpedo Boat and trawler were soon on the spot and picked up the survivors, and would you believe it, while we watched they also both blew up, and sank. I believe 42 were saved out of about 200 in the 3 boats; and to make matters worse a fearful sea was running at the time, and boats could not be lowered.

OUR EMPIRE'S OPPORTUNITY.

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FOOTBALL.

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WARKWORTH CENTRE V. WHANGATEAU CENTRE.

On Saturday, 25th August, at Warkworth, a match between the above was played, Whangateau winning by 7 points to 3. Whangateau won the toss, and played with the wind in their favour and down hill. Harris kicked off. Whangateau took the ball down to the 25's and soon scored, Eric Smith converting. Warkworth pressed hard, but their opponents' backs were too good for them. At half time the score still remained 7 to nil. On kicking off in the second half Warkworth got busy, but could not get over the line until they changed around, when a good try went to R. Powdrill. The kick failed. Whangateau's took the ball up the field, when Warkworth secured a kick and Harris found the line. The game was a willing one towards the last, but the ground was wet and the ball slippery. The refreshments provided for the players on the ground were appreciated. Mr E. Clark was the referee.

The return match will be played at Matakana next Saturday, when the following players will represent Warkworth:—Forwards, wing L. Wilson; N. Sanford, C. Harris, R. Civil, R. Martin, R. Moore, N. Hamilton, N. Williams; half-back, R. Ganly; five-eighths, R. Powdrill and C. Phillips; three-quarters, F. Burke, J. Bray and M. Taylor; full, W. Warin. Emergencies, W. Cave and L. Petherick.

WELLSFORD.

(Own Correspondent.)

A DRAFT OF BULLOCKS.

On Wednesday 22nd inst there was a very nice line of one hundred head of bullocks unloaded from the boat at Port Albert. The cattle (the property of Mr G. T. Bayly) with Mr Joseph Kelly (Head Manager,) in charge, were moved from Muku Station, Dargaville, to the Whangaripo Estate, for a change of pasture. The trip was most successful, and the stock were landed in good order.

LAMBING SEASON.

Despite the rough cold weather we have experienced of late, the lambs in this district are doing very well, so far. I have noticed several lots docked.

ACCIDENT.

While riding on a truck of the work train, at Te Hana on the 23rd inst, Joseph Kearns, one of the men employed on the line, fell between two waggons, and sustained a crushed hand and a dislocated ankle.

OH! THE ROADS?

All through the winter the roads in many places have been practically impassable for traffic. It is remarkable that they are not in better condition, seeing the great many years the district has been settled. We don't measure the length, we measure the depth! It would really be too trying too comment any further; so I adjourn.

TOMARATA HALL.

Just recently the residents of Tomarata gave a social to welcome Trooper S. Whalen home from the front. The evening proved beautifully fine, and quite a number were present from far and near. Dancing was the chief pastime, to good music. At 11 o'clock an elaborate supper was provided by the ladies, then Mrs L. Simpson on behalf of the committee presented to the soldier a handsome case of pipes, and a tobacco pouch. Trooper Whalen responded in a most suitable manner, and the company joined in singing "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" after which dancing was resumed till 2.30. During the evening Mr Strumpel kindly gave various selections on his gramophone.

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MR. & MRS. J. A. PETHERICK & FAMILY wish to thank all kind friends for the loving sympathy extended to them in their bereavement, also for the many letters, cards and telegrams received.

MR. S. J. ELLIOTT,
SOLICITOR.

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HELP THE SOLDIER!

ALL EMPLOYERS can help our Returned SOLDIER BOYS by sending their requirements for labour to the Discharged Soldiers' Department, or to the Returned Soldiers' Association, or by teaching them useful crafts and occupations.

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