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ALTON RACES

A six event programme, with strong fields to contest every race, will be held by the Canberra Racing Club at the Alton Course, on Saturday.

Both the Flying Handicap and the Improvers' Handicap have attracted 15 starters, while 12 horses have been entered for the Club Handicap, the principal event.

The six event programme is catering for all classes of horses and with more horses racing at Canberra meeting, than previously, the change from the five event programme of the past is justified.

Prize money for the next three meetings in Canberra will total \$200, which compares favourably with money offered in country districts throughout New South Wales.

Early in the New Year improvements in facilities for the public may be expected at Alton. The work will be undertaken as a result of funds raised from the bookmakers' levy recently introduced by Canberra clubs.

Improvements to be undertaken include the surfacing of the betting ring, provision of new toilet facilities, construction of a pathway into the course, improved refreshment facilities and the erection of horse boxes to accommodate visiting horses.

Director Questioned On Share Deals By Woolcott Forbes

SYDNEY, Wednesday. One of John Woolcott Forbes's companies bought 10,000 shares for \$1 each and transferred them to Forbes's wife for 6/- each, Major-General Herbert William Lloyd admitted in the Bankruptcy Court to-day.

Major-General Lloyd, of Darling Point Road, Darling Point, added that he was chairman of the company to which the shares were sold, but did nothing about the sale.

He said he had not told directors of the company, Capital Investments Corporation, about the share sale because he felt no obligation to do so and thought they must have known what was going on. Lloyd said he was now a director of R.U.R. (Aust.) Ltd.

Lloyd was giving evidence at the examination of John Woolcott Forbes before the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Mr. L. G. Bohringer.

Lloyd said that he had nothing to do with the removal of Consolidated Investments Corporation, of which he was also a director.

He agreed that the company was completely controlled by John Woolcott Forbes.

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According to Mr. J. K. Manning (for the Official Receiver) Lloyd agreed he had known that Forbes had shared out before the war, about 1914, from his Indian loan a sum of money and had been brought back and given for food and had robbed people of huge sums of money and was a bankrupt.

Earlier, Lloyd said he joined the board of R.U.R. in October, 1949. He had known Forbes since about 1936 or 1938. He knew that Forbes had served a good term for something in connection with dishonest companies.

He said he knew Forbes was employed by Capital Investments.

He said that he thoroughly examined the affairs of R.U.R., the product, the sales and the huge advertising campaign.

"I thought it was a revenue producer and that Forbes was not concerned in it," he said.

Recalled by Mr. Manning to the transfer of 10,000 R.U.R. shares to Mrs. Woolcott Forbes, Lloyd said that he did not think such a transfer would give rise to great suspicion.

He would not regard it as a matter to report to the directors of Capital Investments, as he was representing the shareholders of R.U.R.

Told by Mr. Manning that Capital Investments had an overwhelming majority of the shares, Lloyd said that he thought his obligation was to R.U.R.

Mr. Manning: But Capital Investments owned a substantial part of R.U.R.? My obligation was to the shareholders.

Lloyd said that he knew that Capital Investments had put him on the board of R.U.R. and he knew the principal shareholder was Capital Investments.

Mr. Manning: Do you regard yourself as having discharged your duty to the shareholders or public, considering the way you permitted yourself to be used as chairman?

Lloyd: Well, I have no evidence of wrong-doing in this company and we have stopped its operations.

LARGE ENTRY EXPECTED FOR OCEAN RACE

SYDNEY, Wednesday. The first of the interstate entries in the Sydney-Hobart yacht race, the 52 ft. schooner Pavana, reached Sydney from South Australia today.

The other six interstate entrants should arrive in Sydney early next week.

They are: the 44 ft. yawl Landfall, the 60 ft. ketch Kurrawa III, from Victoria; the 86 ft. ketch Ingrid from South Australia; the 47 ft. sloop schooner Wanderer, the 84 ft. cutter Terra Nova, and the 40 ft. cutter Kintail, from Tasmania.

The owner - skipper of the Pavana, Mr. George Mayne, said today the voyage from Adelaide had been uneventful.

"We didn't put much sail up and cruised at eight or nine knots all the way," he said.

"Ingrid, the other South Australian entrant, left on Saturday, two days before us - and we expected she would have arrived before us, but I believe she intended to put in 48 hours."

"If she is not there, she is probably sheltering at Refuge Cove, at Wilson's Promontory."

Mr. Mayne said four of his racing crew would fly to Sydney on December 10, bringing Pavana's crew to 10 for the big race.

"We were a bit inexperienced last year, but I would say our chances are very bright this time," he added.

Kurrawa III, has been the radio "mother" ship for the past two years and this will be the first time she has contested the race.

Owners, of Kurrawa III, the Livingstone brothers, have sailed her in the Sydney/Auckland and San Francisco/Honolulu races.

New mother ship of the fleet is the 65 ft. motor-sailer Lauriana, skippered by Vic Meyer.

The secretary of the Cruising Yacht Club, Mr. Dave Allworth, said tonight that five Sydney yachts would start in the race. They are: Ripple, White Cloud, Moonlight, Wraith of Odin, and Solvay.

School Vacation Begins

Almost 5,000 schoolchildren in Canberra have begun their Christmas holidays.

Charges Against Milk Company Diminished

In the Canberra Court yesterday, Mr. F. P. Jones, S.M., dismissed six charges of breach of the Public Health Regulations against the Dairy Farmers' Co-operative Milk Co. Pty. Ltd.

A further seven charges against the company were adjourned until February 4, 1953.

The charges alleged that there was a deficiency of butter fat in milk being delivered on Sunday, October 19, 1952.

Health Inspector, of Mr. Arthur Avenue, O'Connor, said he took samples from a ten-gallon can of milk being carried on a Dairy Farmers' truck.

Kruger said that when he commenced work he gave the sample bottles a cursory examination and found water in one of them.

In reply to a question by Mr. Finch, for the defence, Kruger said that some of the bottles could have contained a foreign substance, which he did not see.

He admitted that the samples used while taking samples were not thoroughly cleaned after use. The sample bottles were obtained from the Commonwealth Health Laboratory at Alton, and he relied on employees there to have the bottles clean.

Evidence by the Dairy Farmers' Company chief chemist, John Vincent Pascoe, of Lane Cove, Sydney, showed that his analysis of the milk varied with that of the public analyst.

Pascoe's examination showed a higher butter fat content in the milk than that of the public analyst's.

Mr. Keane said there was a reasonable doubt and he would dismiss the charges.

Mr. J. Gamble appeared for the Health Department.

MUST ATTEND PARADES

Graham Jeffrey, of Kingston Guest House, was fined \$1, court costs \$4, in default three days, for contravening Section 61 of the National Service Act. This was the first case of its kind in the A.C.T.

Jeffrey was also placed in the custody of Captain Robert Bruce Mulquherry to serve three lost when he missed obligatory parades in the Citizen Military Force.

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