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NEWSLETTER

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HENLEY-ON-SNOWY

'The Snowy River Mail', Friday, December 6, 1918:

HENLEY-ON-SNOWY

Arrangements are well in hand for the water carnival to be held on Saturday, 14th December.

A procession of decorated cars, buggies, etc., fancy costumes and sets, will leave the township at 12.30, and at 1 p.m. there will be a speculator display of decorated boats.

A luncheon, also afternoon tea and tea, will be served by the ladies of the Red Cross, and the stalls will be in the hands of the Comforts Fund girls. Produce, sweets, ice cream, fruit and fruit salad, etc., will be on sale.

Santa Claus will be in charge of a gorgeous Christmas tree with all sorts of good things for the children, and several good donations will be raffled.

Two toboggans and a special serial railway will be in full swing during the afternoon, and continued in the evening.

A splendid program of exciting swimming events has been arranged, including greasy pole, duck hunt and pillow fighting, etc., and some Lake Tyers' aborigines are expected to give an exhibition in their native canoes.

Any person wishing to decorate a boat can get all particulars from Mrs Slatterie. Some splendid designs have been arranged for, and those requiring a boat are asked to apply at once.

In the evening there will be an open air concert and a beautiful display of fireworks. Some of the decorated boats will be illuminated and a corroboree will be arranged if possible.

The carnival will comprise many novelties, and the promoters are putting forth all their energies to make a gorgeous display and achieve a huge success. The effort is the first of its kind in Orbost, and it is to be hoped the public will give it their usual support with a view to making it the financial success it deserves to be.

Half the proceeds are to go to the local Repatriation fund, the other half to be divided equally between the Y.M.C.A. and the Comforts' League.



'The Snowy River Mail', Friday, December 13, 1918:

HENLEY-ON-SNOWY.

GRAND

Patriotic Carnival ! !

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14.

THE EVENT OF THE YEAR.

On the sand below the Orbost Bridge.

Aquatic Sports,	Boat Races,
Greasy Pole,	Canoe Races,
Side Shows,	Decorated Boats,
House Boats,	Toboggan,
Luncheon Booth,	Soft Drinks.

**Grand Open-air Concert and
Fire-works**

In the evening.

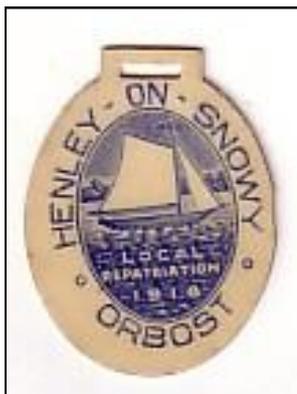
Stand reserved for cars and buggies, &c.

Full particulars and date later.

**BREAK-UP CONCERT CO.,
Promoters.**

'The Snowy River Mail', Friday, December 13, 1918:

The carnival, Henley-on-Snowy, will be held tomorrow. An interesting event on the programme is the fancy swimming, diving, and life saving by Mr Bennet, Captain of the Melbourne Swimming Club. The stalls will contain a large and varied assortment of fresh vegetables, cooked poultry, fresh fish, fruit of all kinds, drinks in great assortment, ice-cream and fruit salads of the very best quality, and Santa Claus has promised to be present with a large Xmas tree laden with all kinds of good things for the children. The local stores will close at 11 a.m., and soldiers and ex-soldiers are asked to wear their uniform and take part in the procession. All events will be post entry, and competitors are reminded that neck-to-knee costume must be worn.



'Snowy River Mail', Friday, December 20, 1918:

HENLEY-ON-SNOWY

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The promoters of the carnival held at Orbost did not fulfil all they promised. Their plans were interfered with by the wind and rain of the previous day, and by other unforeseen circumstances. However, the forces at work were not under very capable control, and the effort is not regarded as more than a financial success. It was that, however, the takings amounting to about £150.

The procession was a disappointment. About the only feature in it was the homestead of the backblocks. The public naturally expected numerous other novelties, but these expectations were not realised.

The principal (sic) feature of the carnival were the decorated boats. These were got up in excellent style and presented a very pleasing spectacle. A list of the boats with those in charge is appended:- "Britain," Mr Fred Pardew; "France," Master Alan Richardson; "America," Miss Annie Nixon; "Japan," Master Jack Nixon; "Comforts Fund," Miss Blain; "Spring," Miss Raymond and Mr Fred Herbert; "Bubble," Miss Isabel Irvine.

The sports lacked interest on the part of competitors. Some, on being asked to compete in the events, replied, "I didn't bring my togs," and the few who did compete were tired after a few events.

The charge of the stalls was entrusted to capable hands, and a very good business was done, practically everything being sold.

The raffles were won as follows:- Bride Doll, Agnes Marshall; Kewpie, Mr L. Price; small Kewpie, Miss A. Nixon; Table Center (sic), Mr G. Jenner; Crochet Work, Mrs W. Kerr; big Kewpie, Miss Ivy Warren; Pig, Mr R. J. Mosley.

The silver brush and comb and stocking were not filled sufficiently, so they are to be raffled on Xmas Eve.

In the sheep-guessing competition three competitors guessed 53½ lbs, and two others 54½ lbs. The weight of the sheep was 54 lbs. Each of these competitors was therefore half a pound out, and the prize is to be divided equally between them.

With its planned launching in November this year, it is to be hoped the 'Curlip' receives greater support from the public than did the 'Henley-On-Snowy' ninety years ago.