

KOKOPO DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB.

XMAS RACE MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT

KINIGUNAN

(By Courtesy of the Catholic Mission, Vanuape.)

SATURDAY, DEC. 28, 1929.

First race commences at 1.30 p.m.

PROGRAMME

1. TRIAL STAKES, 4 furlongs, Value £7. 1st Prize, £5; 2nd Prize, £3. Locally-bred ponies, 14.2 and under, that have not won a prize exceeding £5.
 2. FLYING HANDICAP, 5 furlongs, value £10. 1st Prize, £7; 2nd Prize, £3. Open to all horses.
 3. BOXING DAY CALCUTTA HANDICAP, 4 furlongs, value £7. First Division. 1st Prize, £5; 2nd Prize, £2. For ponies 14.2 and under. Successful purchaser to receive 75 per cent. and the Club 25 per cent. of the total purchase money. Nominator to receive prize monies.
 4. XMAS HANDICAP, 6 1/2 furlongs, value £20. 1st Prize, £15; 2nd Prize, £5. Open to all horses.
 5. LADIES' BRACELET, 4 furlongs, value £7. 1st Prize, bracelet valued £5; 2nd Prize, bracelet valued £2. Open to all horses. Horses to be nominated by a lady.
 6. BOXING DAY CALCUTTA HANDICAP, 4 furlongs, value £10. (2nd Div.) 1st Prize, £7; 2nd prize, £3. Open to all horses. Conditions are as in Race 3.
- Minimum weight in all races, 10 stone. Nominations close with the Secretary at noon on 7th December. Nomination and Acceptance fees, 10/- Xmas-Handicap; 5/- other races. Admission to Course: Gentlemen 5/- Ladies 2/6.

GRAND RACE BALL, KOKOPO HOTEL,

JAZZ BAND IN ATTENDANCE.
Admission—
Gentlemen 5/-
Ladies Complimentary
T. L. ROPER,
Hon. Secretary.

ARE YOU LEFT-HANDED?

Left-handedness is hereditary according to statistics published in "The Journal of Heredity." In families in which one or both of the parents are left-handed, 17.34 per cent. of the children are left-handed, while in families in which neither of the parents is left-handed, only 2.1 per cent. of the children are left-handed. If left-handedness were not inherited, there would not be more than five per cent. of left-handed children in any of these families.

That there is some sex influence is evident from the larger number of left-handed boys. It is, also apparently transmitted differently where the father is left-handed.

Against the hereditary theory there have been cited, twenty-one cases of apparent identical twins, in which one was left-handed and the other not. But these cases prove nothing. The proper explanation of this is "mirror imaging," so often found in identical twins, or it may be possibly be the pre-natal position of the right-hand twin, which would prevent it developing into a right-handed

OVERSEA VISITORS.

Staying at the present time at Government House as a guest of His Honour the Administrator, is Dr. Colin Ross, of Berlin. This gentleman is a German author, the object of whose travels is the collection of data for publication in a book, and also for contribution to one of the largest newspaper-combinations of the Continent of Europe, of which his brother is the controlling director.

During his travels, Dr. Ross has taken cinema pictures and also some thousands of still pictures whilst in Australia.

His travels have also brought him through Africa and New Zealand. During his stay at Canberra, he met Mr. Bruce, and was much struck by that gentleman's forceful personality, and his frank manner.

Being asked to give his impression of New Guinea, Dr. Ross said, "I am sorry that I am not able to tell you very much, as at present I am having some trouble with my leg, which has kept me in bed, consequently, I have not been able to see as much of Rabaul and surroundings as I would have liked. However, I have seen and learned enough from various talks and conversations which I had with German residents, as well as Australians, and with officials of the Administration, to tell you that conditions in the Mandated Territory are far better than, and in fact not to be compared with the rather unfavourable information which I gathered in Germany, as well as in Australia, on this subject."

"First of all, I want to tell you that I am very glad I came here after having stayed for more than three-quarters of a year in Australia.

"The average European and the average Australian do not realise the tremendous difference existing between the conditions and the basis of life in Australia, and in Europe. It is only when you come to know them both, and in addition have come to understand the Australian character, that you will be able to judge Australia, her attitude, and her politics, in the South Seas and, in the former German Colony.

"Of course, the Administration of the Mandated Territory has been much criticised in Germany, but what you have to keep in mind is that to every German, and especially to every German who had a lot to do with it, it must cause a bitter feeling to see all that they built up with much labour, many difficulties, and an amount of money, now in other hands. This, of course, is but natural and human, more especially when it is remembered that Germans were registering every failure of the new Administration, with a sort of malignity due to this Colony having been taken from them, on the pretence that they were unable to administer it. But to my mind those times of reciprocal animosity have definitely passed away now and forever. I am absolutely sure about that, and I was very glad to see that already there was again a German Club in Rabaul, where Germans and Australians meet each other on very friendly terms, as the Club has quite a number of Australian members. On the other hand, I have read with great satisfaction, the New Guinea Year-Book—which is not yet published, but in course of preparation and soon to be published—and it does full justice to the former German Administration. Then again, from the German residents of Rabaul, I have heard nothing unfavourable about the Administration of the Mandated Territory, nor about the Administrator himself. An impression I did get, was that Australians are themselves criticising methods of the present Administration of New Guinea to a greater extent and much more sharply than is done by the Germans.

"Both in Australia and New Zealand, I learned that every Australian and New Zealander, who was in Germany after the war, whether as a member of the Army of Occupation, or as a business man, or as a mere tourist, returned to his own land as a friend of the Germans, and

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I can say just the same about myself and my family.

"We are returning to Germany as sincere friends of the Australians, and I want to say that my principal aim is to be an agent of all the goodwill and understanding which there certainly is on the side of Australia, as well as Germany.

"Coming back to conditions in New Guinea, everybody must admit that the way in which the place has developed is surprising. I was quite struck when I saw what the Administration is achieving in the Mandated Territory in the comparatively short time of its existence, considering all the difficulties that were piled up before the Australians when they came to undertake the task, and it must be remembered that they had no trained staff, and practically no officials with tropical experience.

"I also note with satisfaction that in many respects the Administration has followed the line traced by the former German Government.

"I once more take this opportunity of expressing my satisfaction and my thanks for the hearty welcome, and the fine reception accorded me and my family in Australia, in Papua, and in this Territory.

"Since the war I have travelled a good deal, I might say all over the world, because there are very few places which I have missed. On all these trips there is one thing which I learned, and that was, that in a world of increasing economical and political power of the coloured races, there is no room for any quarrel among the white races themselves—at least there should not be.

Union Worker Badly Mauled.

Broken Hill, November 25.
John Rilen, union worker here, who led the movement against the levy for unemployed coalminers, was waylaid in the street by other unionists, chased and stoned. He was eventually rescued by a further penny per gallon levy on station. As it was dangerous for Rilen to remain longer in Broken Hill, he left for Victoria.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done. But he with a chuckle replied "That 'maybe' it couldn't," but he would be one Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.

So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin. On his face. If he worried, he hid it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing. That couldn't be done—and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that—"
At least no one ever has done it; But he took off his coat and he took off his hat, And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a flit of his chin and a bit of a grin, Without any doubting or quiddit; He started to sing as he tackled the thing. That couldn't be done—and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done;
There are thousands to prophesy failure;
There are thousands to point out to you, one by one, The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin, Then take off your coat and go to it, Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing.

"That 'cannot be done'—and you'll do it."
Edgar A. Guest.
"The World's News"—16/2/24.

SOCIAL.

Apply to Club Secretary re Tickets for Social Evening at German Club, Pautzsch Chambers.