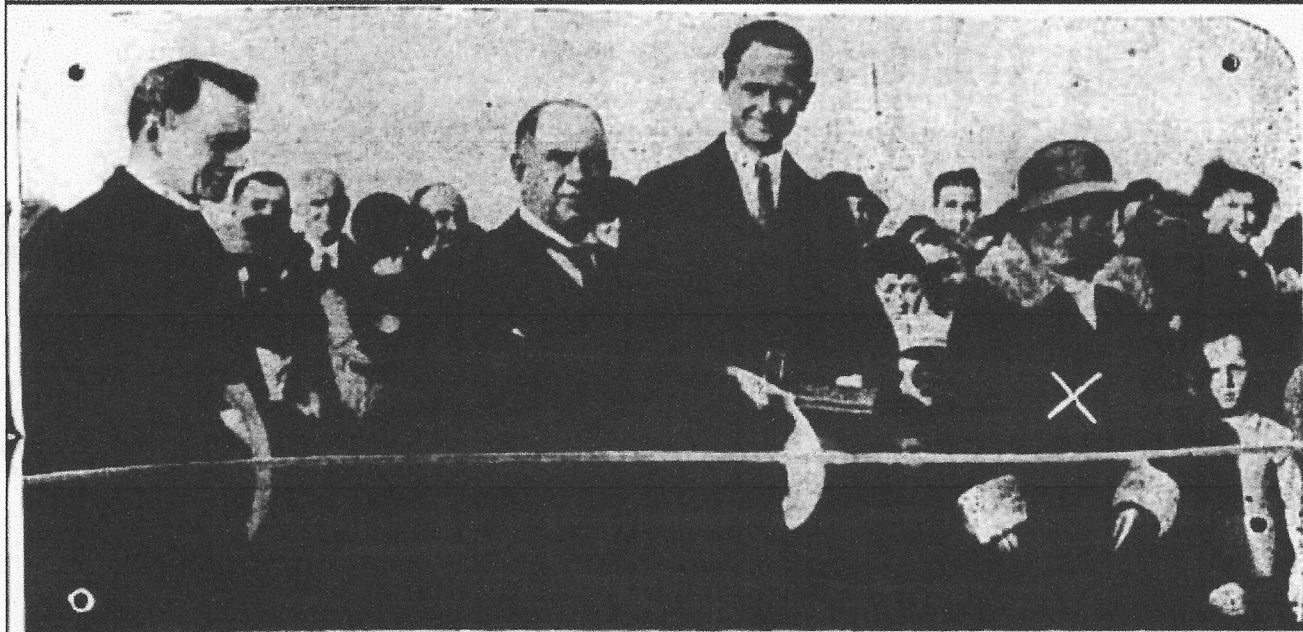


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**NEW BRIDGE OPENED AT DEER PARK**

The new bridge in Station road, Deer Park, over the Kororit Creek, was officially opened last Friday afternoon. Always impassable when the creek is flooded, the old crossing was the scene of one serious fatality in when Mr. R. Hughes lost his life trying to ford the stream.

The bridge was badly needed and provides a through thoroughfare from Werribee to the Bendigo road, via Deer Park—St. Albans.

There was a good attendance of residents and school children. The Braybrook Council was represented by the President (Cr. Pennell), Crs. Lowe and Treloar, the Engineer (Mr. Robinson) and the Secretary (Mr. Hargreaves). An apology from Cr. Glendenning who was away in the Western District was read to the gathering.

Cr. A. Lowe said that the bridge was the result of the energetic work of the Riding members. He

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work of the Kiding members. He congratulated them on the very fine structure, which was a credit to the Shire.

Cr. E. C. Treloar said that they had to fight hard to get the bridge. He had taken a fatherly interest in the scheme, fighting till the work was placed on the estimates. It had always been a bad spot, and he was pleased to see the danger removed.

Mr. H. Robinson (Engineer) paid a tribute to the faithful work of the contractor. He had often been stopped at the creek when in flood, and now that danger was done away with. He would not say more for a De Groot might come charging down the hill and get the ribbon cut before the "Lady President" could perform the ceremony. (Laughter.)

Mr. A. Dickson, contractor, said that he was pleased for two reasons to see the bridge opened. Firstly,

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to see the bridge opened. Firstly, because he had been born in the district and had gone to the Deer Park school, and the spot where the bridge now was had always been a bad one. It was work in the Western Riding long overdue. Then he was pleased to have had the honor of building the structure. He had given his best both in material and workmanship. The Engineer had been diligent and courteous and carried out the work in an efficient manner.

Cr. Pennell recalled early days when as a butcher lad he had to cross the streams. Instead of hoarding up money in the bank the Braybrook Shire Council was doing developmental work, and the rate-payers were evidently satisfied for not one retiring councillor was being opposed. He had not known what it was to be unopposed till he came to the Western Riding. He loved a little fight. The Council should be prepared to do more of this kind of work. The M.M.B. W. was charging the Council £1 in the £1 to look after the streams within the bounds of the Shire, but had refused to assist with the erection of the bridge. He then called upon Mrs. Pennell to cut the ribbon across the bridge.

The Engineer presented the "Lady President" with a pair of

silver scissors, and amid cheers and applause, she cut the ribbon and the President declared the bridge officially opened.

Cr. and Mrs. Pennell then entertained all the school children with

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tained all the school children with over a cwt. and a half of apples, oranges and lollies. Mr. McKernan expressed thanks on behalf of the children. The singing of the National Anthem brought the function to a close.

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