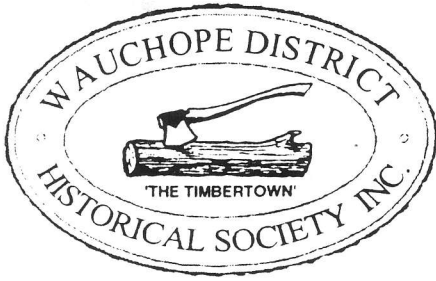


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RON BURROWS

Bob Stanton of Wauchope provided information for this summary plus research by members of the Wauchope District Historical Society.

Bob states that Ron Burrows was a good fellow to deal with. Ron had a nephew named Lester, but he is unaware of what happened to him or if he is still alive.

Originally Ron Burrows had a mill in what is now Pead Street, Wauchope. In 1958, Ron Burrows was appointed as Manager to modernize the mills in Wauchope by Duncan's whom in 1955 only held a minority interest in the Hornsby Mills and in this year acquired the remaining shares in the company and it became a wholly owned subsidiary of the group. This was the mill referred to above that had been set up by Daryl Pead, Arthur Porter and Rod Lee back in 1943 when it was known as Daryl E. Pead & Co.

The men bought nine acres of land on the site later owned by Bob Stanton and another block from Bill Maxwell to gain access to the site. They used a portable steam engine to drive a Canadian Saw. They then purchased Ray Sutherland's mill.

Daryl Pead & Co. had three Forestry Licences in operation and bought out an old milling establishment at Rollands Plains belonging to Tom McLaughlan. Ron Burrows was the Manager overall for Pead & Co. Ron Burrows and Daryl Pead built a smart little mill for the company.

There were eventually three mills in this area on a 42-acre block of ground. These were Bob Willmott's, Hornsby and Ron Burrows. Bob Stanton finally came to own the full block. Ron sold his mill to Jerry Greig and Ivan Hopkins. Ivan had the Holden Agency in town down near the railway.

Greig and Hopkins were partially backed financially by Jim Booth. They got into financial difficulties so Jim took them over and Bob Stanton then managed the mill for Jim Booth for a number of years. He then formed a company and purchased Jim Booth's share.

Jim Booth owned Wauchope Timbers.

Bob Stanton had originally gone into partnership with the Brown family, but left and went with Jim Booth as mentioned above. He worked for Jim Booth at the Bagnoo mill.

Ron Burrows was also the Manager for the Forbes River Timbers Mill (Tom Mulhearn) at Birdwood until Dick Buchanan bought into the mill and became the manager.

Ron was also the manager for J. Jamieson & Sons Bellangry Mill.

Ron Burrows Obituary published in the Hastings Shire Gazette reads:

Following a long illness, the death took place on Sunday, 3rd January, in the Lady Davidson repatriation Home, Turrumurra, of Mr Ronald Allan Burrows, who was widely known throughout the district, particularly for his association with the timber industry.

Born at Bordertown, South Australia, 66 years ago, he was working in Western Australia when war broke out in 1914, and at the age of only 16 years he was accepted for service in the AIF, was captured in action and spent three years in a German prisoner-of-war camp.

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Biography
Burrows

At the conclusion of hostilities, Mr. Burrows returned to Australia to work in timber mills in the Melbourne area and it was there that he met and married Miss Lily Agnes Moore in 1931.

Moving to N.S.W. 27 years ago, a short time was spent in Sydney where Mr. Burrows was an Ambulance Officer, but the urge to return to the bush was paramount and he came to the Hastings to build and manage a mill for Mr. Tom Mulhearn at Birdwood.

He then became a manager of a mill owned by Messrs. Porter, Lee and Pead (later to become known as Hornsby Sawmills).

Branching out on his own in 1915, Mr. Burrows was joined by his nephew, Mr. Lester Burrows, and, under the company name of R. & L. T. Burrows, they controlled mills at Wauchope, Stockyard Creek (Oxley Highway) and Telegraph Point.

Mr Ron Burrows then managed the Bellangry Mill for Jamieson Brothers before coming back to take over the management of Hornsby Sawmills until his retirement six years ago.

Since his keenest interest has been in fishing and building fishing boats, and it was in 1962 that he suffered an ordeal when his small boat was swept to sea at Port Macquarie and he was eventually rescued by the Surf Boat crew. The shock of this experience and the privations suffered as a prisoner-of-war (he was in hospital for six months in Germany) affected him and from that time began to take a toll of his health and much of his recent time has been spent in hospital.

Ron Burrows was a kindly man who won many friends with his pleasant personality and a willingness at all times to help his fellow man. He was a fine soldier and was one of four brothers who served with the first A.I.F. There was a RSL Guard of Honour at the funeral on January 5 from the Church of England to the Wauchope cemetery where the RSL President Mr. John Graham, conducted the RSL's final tribute, while Revd. Wood officiated at the service.

Mrs. Burrows passed away seven years ago, and surviving children are Merel (Mrs. Frank Gillard, Wauchope) and Jeanette (Wauchope) - There are also two grand children. (Merle still lives near Thomas' Butcher Shop in High Street in Wauchope.)

A brother, Bill, lives in Sydney, and a sister (Mrs Heaney) in Melbourne, these two now being the only surviving members of a family of ten.
(End of obituary)