



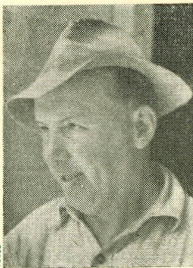
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JOSEPH H. DAGWELL.

Born at Hamilton in 1894, Joe received his early education at New Lambton Public and Hamilton Superior Public Schools. Although his main ambition was to go to sea under sail, Joe never got the opportunity. From school he joined the clerical staff of Newcastle Coal Mining Co., and was later apprenticed to the engineering trade at J. & A. Brown's workshops, Hexham, in 1910.

Unsuccessful for the Navy in 1914, he joined the Merchant Navy, leaving later to enlist as a footslogger with the 45th Batt. A.I.F. Saw service in France and Belgium. Wounded in action, Joe made a good recovery and transferred to the Aust. Flying Corps. To England for a "ground course," and then to 1st Squadron A.F.C., operating in Palestine and Syria.

On discharge, Joe rejoined Messrs. J. & A. Brown—then off to sea again. In 1936, took position of Maintenance Engineer, Dredge "Fullerton," winning shell for our Cement Plant. H. P. Stacey and Williams were proprietors at this time. Promoted Engineer-in-charge in 1937, a position he held when Dredge "Groper" replaced "Fullerton." Promoted Dredge Manager in 1948.

During 1939-45 War, joined 5th Batt. V.D.C. and commanded the M.M.G. Company. An enthusiastic scrum half in Rugby Union and League in younger days—also took a keen interest in swimming and gymnastics. A conscientious worker, Joe finds little time for his recreations—gardening and motoring—but enjoys singing at social functions.

WILLIAM ALBERT WEBB.

Bert, as Mr. W. A. Webb's man friends know him, was born at Wickham in 1899. Attended the Wickham Public School, and started work at the Super Shed as a boy in 1915—being too young for the first World War. At this time he and the late Fred Cressy (always close friends) were recognised as the best hand-sewers for the jute superphosphate bags. This was before the introduction of machine sewing.

After a spell with Super. Dept., Bert followed his "chemistry" inclinations and transferred to Sampling Dept., where he worked on gold and silver ores. Mr. Marshall (later to become General Manager) was Bert's next boss on Experimental Work, where he worked on several interesting projects, amongst which were copper leaching and the old Mond Gas Plant. In 1917, Bert returned to Super Dept., where he soon earned the respect of the staff as a man sufficiently versatile to be able to perform efficiently any operation required on the Plant.

Apart from a temporary job as a milk vendor when a boy, Bert has spent his entire career working for Sulphide. His principal sporting activity was cricket, where he received recognition as one of the district's outstanding left-hand bowlers—known at the time as "Schwartz," after that well known South African bowler. A confirmed bachelor, Bert's present hobby is gardening.

The secret of happiness is in not doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do.