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REPORT ON THE SEPTEMBER MEETING (13/9/06)

ephemera

The meeting was awash with 'ephemeral bring-&-tell'. Many thanks to all who participated.

Max Barry brought a collection of crested ware, miniature pottery items modelled on Roman jugs, urns & vases. They were manufactured by English pottery works between 1870 & 1930. Around 1914 more than 100 factories were producing items decorated with coats-of-arms of popular holiday

destinations & intended for sale as souvenirs. One item was a 'puzzle jug' with openings in the long neck making it impossible to pour the liquid until one discovered the hole in the hollow handle (but it is not a *Klein* bottle). Years ago **Max** had seen a model of the Albury Monument with the name of 'Blake's Busy Book Bazaar' on it in an antique shop. Unfortunately it was out of hours so he had no opportunity to purchase it.

Roma Free- **man**

brought an extensive collection of documents collected by her husband & her mother including:

★ Invitation to the opening of 'Coles New World Supermarket' at Lavington, 28 Nov 1977. **Roma's** mother had sold the land on which the su-



Illustration 1: from program for 'Albury Musicians Patriotic Ball' 1941.
-courtesy Helen Livsey p2.

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FUTURE EVENTS

8/11/06 November History Meeting at the *Commercial Club* Albury.

Speaker; **Bruce Pennay** on the "History of Hume Shire."



Christmas Function: details at the next meeting.

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General Meetings: 2nd
Wednesday of the Month,
February to December.
Committee meets 4th
Tuesday of the month,
January to November.
A&DHS web page, see
Regional Heritage link on

Museum web site.

A&DHS Committee Meeting, Tuesday 24/10/06,
5.15pm at Albury City
Library.

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★ OCTOBER 11 GENERAL MEETING

8pm Wednesday Oct. 11
"Farewell to the Turk's
Head"

**at Albury Regional Museum,
Wodonga Place, Albury.**

Parking off Ebdon Street, or off
Wodonga Place (if approaching
from south).

Program organised by **Helen Pithie**.

QUESTION of the month:

After who or what is **Pemberton Street** named? Or if you can't answer that, then, what do 'Wodonga', 'Nurigong', 'Bonegilla' & 'Thurgoona' have in common?

CORRECTION:

Bulletin 459 showed the **Patterson** property at Bowna as 'Eltham'. It should be 'Elphin'. Please amend your **Bulletin 459**. 460

permarket was built, so was invited to the opening..

★ 'Order of service' for the opening of the **Albury Baptist Church** 15/16 March 1930. **Roma's** grandmother, **Mrs Odewahn** (snr) was involved in the commencement of the church.

★ Program for the 'All Schools Sports' held at the Albury Show- >>>

ground, 23 April 1932. The program was sponsored by *Harrison's Hardware*.

Programs for 'Albury Aerial Pageants', 1931, held at *G Burrows* property "Kindermindie" on the Howlong Road, & 1932 held at "Hawksco" on the Hume Weir Road. A feature of these pageants was an attempt by an aeroplane to bomb a car with flour bombs. The car was driven by members of the 'Albury Suicide Club'. *Gerry Curtis* attended these pageants & remembers the car being far too manoeuvrable for the plane attempting to bomb it.

An 'All Australian Exercise Book' manufactured entirely from materials made in the Commonwealth". The book was used by *Roma's* father while serving with the 'Volunteer Defence Corps' during WWII.

'Program' for a production of "Little Women" at the 'Plaza Theatre' in 1962, containing pictures of the cast.

Roma's late husband *John Freeman* was a caterer & a rugby league enthusiast. Items he had collected included menus for the 'Albury Roos Rugby League premiership banquets' 1948 & 1949; Christmas dinner menus for the Boomerang Hotel-Motel 1962, & the Albury Base Hospital 1972.

Program for a rugby match 21st June 1946 between *St George* & a *Group 13* representative side. Also a *France v Riverina* program, undated.

Commemorative booklet for the 'Christian Brothers College' Golden Jubilee 1967.

Harry Leggatt: For the opening of the 'Albury War Memorial Civic Theatre', 22 May 1964, two tickets were obtained by ballot. *Harry's* wife *Fay* was in hospital so *Harry* attended with his mother-in-law.

Four items relating to *St Matthew's Church*: ① *Order of Service* for the reconsecration of *St Matthew's Church* on *St Matthew's Day*

21 Sept 1994 (following the fire & rebuilding); ② *Order of Service* for the Easter Day 1983 service, attended by their Royal Highnesses, *Prince Charles & Princess Dianna*; & ③&④ two photos: 1. Opening of the *St Matthew's Parish Centre* on 26 April 1961 & 2. The first service in part of the Centre that became the 'Church on the Square' for 3 years while rebuilding the church following the 1991 fire.

Gerry Curtis displayed a 1/48th scale model of a DC2 aircraft which he made in 1936, two years after the emergency landing at Albury of the KLM airliner "Uiver". *Gerry* was 18 at the time. The model still has its original paint finish & was one of a set of models *Gerry* made of the first four place-getters in

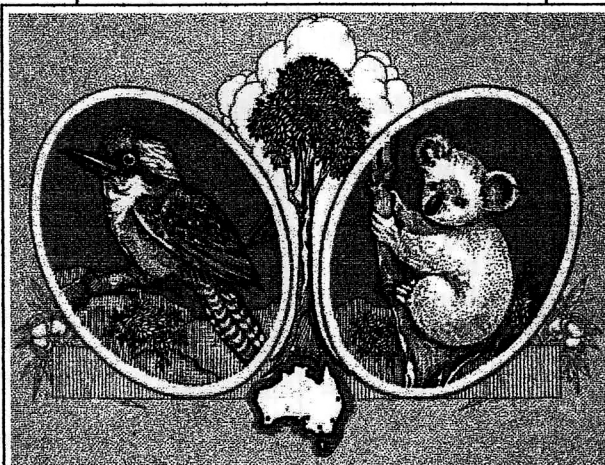


Illustration 2: Cover Artwork from 'All Australian Exercise Book', courtesy *Roma Freeman*.

the 1934 air race. The other three models have not survived. This model provided the pattern for a much larger model at 1/12th scale, that was completed this year 2006 & hopefully will be used in a "Uiver" display. *Gerry* traced the remarkable history of the Douglas Commercial aircraft.

Geoff Hamilton showed invitations received while he was President of the A&DHS. These included invitations to the Federation Dinner held by the Corowa Historical Society, 31 July 1999 & 29 July 2000; opening of the *Fellows Centre* at the Albury Botanical Gardens, 30 May 2000; opening of the 'Faces in the Street' exhibition

at the Albury Regional Art Gallery, 28 April 2000. 150th Anniversary of Albury Public School 17 June 2000; opening of *Murrumbidgee Centre* 2 Aug 2000; a Civic Reception for the visit of the Heritage Council, 2 April 1998. *Geoff* was seated opposite Mrs *Hazel Hawke* who autographed his program.

Howard Jones: brought a program for the opening of the *Wodonga Bypass* 29 March 1985 at a cost of \$20million. The Albury Bypass is expected to cost 26 times that!

Brochure for the house at 730 *Fellows Crescent*, the first \$1million house in Albury. *Howard* noted the accuracy of the brochure then admitted he wrote it!

Annual Report of the *Christian Brothers College* 1918. Both senior & junior football teams won all their 13 matches played for the year. *Eric Frauenfelder* was captain of the snr football & cricket teams, was gymnastics, boxing & athletics champion & he also swam. Speech day ended with the singing of "God Bless Ireland."

Michael Browne had a brochure for the *Red Cross Race Meeting Art Union* dated 28 Nov 1940. It was addressed to *The Manager, Heyward & Gibbons, Hawkview*.

Helen Livsey brought a program *Albury Musicians Patriotic Ball* 1941 listing singers & instrumentalists & a note of appreciation from compare, *Denny Doran*, who said proceeds would benefit the 'boys overseas' through the 'Australian Comforts Fund'. Tickets to the ball are included in the program. The vocalists included *Harry Walker, Pat Bolger, Norma Devonport, Evol Nelder, Margaret Richie & Denny Doran*. Two vocal groups, 'the Minor Keys' & 'the Bar20Boys' included *Alan Rauber, Warren Rigby, Keith Hudson, Harry Sheehan, Claude Gilson & Eric*

Albury City Celebrations

April 1947

ALBURY WAR MEMORIAL

It stands at the apex of Western Hill in a direct line with the centre of the main street. By day and night it stands an eternal reminder to those of this age, and to generations yet unborn, of men and women who made a nation.

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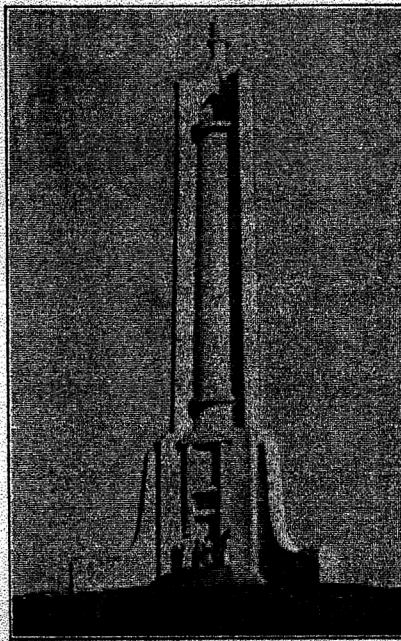


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Illustration 3: courtesy Doug Hunter



with the caption: "It stands at the apex of Western Hill in a direct line with the centre of the main street. By day and night it stands an eternal reminder to those of this age, and to generations yet unborn, of men and women who made a nation."

❖ An Invitation to the Official Opening of the 'North Albury Youth Club Hall' on 19 Aug 1946. NAYC began in *All Saints Hall* cnr Frauenfelder & Bellevue Streets. There were basketball (now called netball) courts in the church yard for the girls, & *Tommy Barnes* & the *Brumm* brothers, *Fred & Norm*, taught gymnastics mainly on vaulting horse & parallel bars. Boxing was also taught, & tournaments were held in a ring set up on the netball courts. *Don Harmer & Lenny Sutcliffe* were two of the promising boxers. In 1946 an army hut was brought in from *Bonegilla* in sections on *Alf Nichols's* truck. The whole neighbourhood had a hand in reassembling it in Buckingham Street & making it shipshape. With the expanded space, *Irwin Nelson*, a muscular Swede,

◀◀◀ **Foley.**

Bruce Pennay explained one definition of 'ephemera' as 'here today & gone tomorrow' & he illustrated his point with a car bumper sticker "Hands off Hume". Hume Shire was disbanded in 2005 being divided up among 'City of Albury', 'Corowa Shire' & a new 'Shire of Greater Hume'. *Bruce* has completed a *History of Hume Shire* that is to be launched later in the year.

Bruce Pennay is to speak on the subject of 'Hume Shire' at our meeting on 8 November 2006.

Catherine Browne brought a brochure for the 'Albury Trade Fair' 1963, & a collection of early Albury Banner & BORDER MORNING MAIL newspapers.

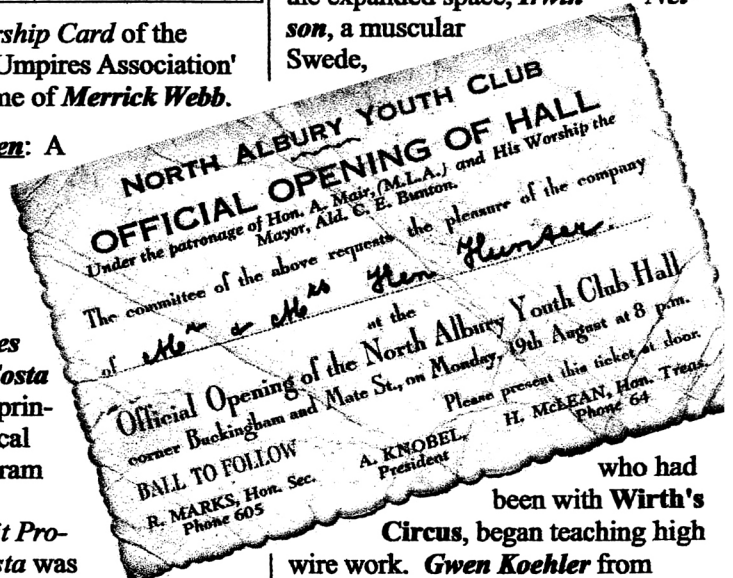
Joe Wooding showed a Souvenir program for a cricket match between England & an 'Albury & District' representative side, 1965. The program has the score sheet & is signed by all the English players.

Also a Membership Card of the 'NSW Cricket Umpires Association' 1971 in the name of *Merrick Webb*.

Jan Marsden: A printed copy of one of a series of lectures delivered in Brisbane in 1931 by *Charles Brandon Da Costa* explaining the principles of a radical economic program known as the 'Douglas Credit Proposal'. *Da Costa* was an architect with the Queensland railways.

Mary Liethead brought a collection of rail & other tickets & labels in a scrapbook.

Doug Hunter: ❖ An ink blotter printed for Albury dress shop 'Mabel Clay' of 517 Dean Street dated April 1947 on the occasion of *Albury City Celebrations*. It had a photo of the Albury War Memorial



who had been with *Wirth's Circus*, began teaching high wire work. *Gwen Koehler* from West Albury is remembered as being particularly skilled. *Alan Chick* compared many of the dances at the hall. ❖

Answer to 'QUESTION for SEPTEMBER': (Who were the army surplus dealers in Albury & district after World War II, & where were they located?)

This question taxed the memories

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ARITHMETICAL TABLES

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Illustration 4: From "All Australian Exercise Book", courtesy Roma Freeman.

of long-time A&DHS members. Answers included *AE (Alfred Edmeades) Baker*, founder of *Baker Motors*. *AE Baker* operated a 'McKay Harvester' agency, from a large shed featuring an overhead gantry, in Young Street between Dean & Smollett Streets. He was possibly the largest army surplus dealer in Albury, handling all types of vehicles as well as a large selection of other items & travelling as far as New Guinea to purchase equipment. Many other motor agencies, such as *Preston Motors*, handled army surplus vehicles, but on a lesser scale.

Tools in Wodonga were also early dealers & are still in the military surplus business.

There were direct auctions at *Bandiana*. *Roma Freeman's* father purchased a Bren-gun carrier for use

"on the farm" (See *BULLETIN 442* p4 reference to serious rabbit problems "On The Farm"). Auctioneers from the stock & station firms such as *Younghusbands* conducted the auctions.

Aeroplanes could be purchased at auction at *Tocumwal*. *Gus Greenfield* bought an Avro Anson for £200 and used it for charter services.

Ralph Marks's People's Store in Dean Street (current site of the *Bended Elbow Tavern*) was one of many who dealt in army surplus clothing & fabrics. *Doug Hunter* bought his first pair of long pants (ex-army) there in 1948. He was 11, so the army obviously catered for small soldiers. *Ann Brennan* & others remembered having dresses made of parachute silk & mosquito netting. The fabrics were treated with dye & starch to convert them to civilian use. Even wedding dresses

were made in this way. *

GENERAL NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

If you have not renewed your membership for 2006/07, this is a gentle reminder to please do so. Single membership \$22, family \$30 & corporate \$50. We value your support & membership is a good way to do this. *

William (Bill) Collins

Tom Jelbart responded to the enquiry in the *BULLETIN 460* August 2006 seeking information about *William & Eunice Collins*. *Tom* remembers *Bill Collins* &

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thinks he moved into town from a property at Talgarno. He was a member of the 'Albury Club', the 'Show Committee' & possibly was involved with the 'Albury Racing Club'. Tom remembers Bill driving a very old Landrover although he also owned a Rolls Royce. Does this jog anyone else's memory?

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TURK'S HEAD MUSEUM TO

CLOSE

The Albury Regional Museum is to close on 12 November 2006 in preparation for the move to the new Library/ Museum in Swift Street, Albury. Take advantage of our meeting on 11 October '06 to celebrate three decades of Albury's heritage in this place. It is suggested the best way to get to the Ebdon Street car park is to turn at the Noreuil entrance & drive around the back of the oval. ✱

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If your family migrated & stayed at BONEGILLA you can have the family name placed on the wall. For details ring project officer on (02) 6023 2327 or email eknezevic@bonegilla.org.au ✱

RECOLLECTIONS OF ALBURY IN THE FORTIES

Ros Walls, Events Officer at Albury City Council, 553 Kiewa Street; reports a good response to the request for recollections of Albury around the time of it becoming a city. If you haven't



Illustration 5; courtesy Roma Freeman.

contributed & could do so please contact Ros; Ph. 02 6023 8111; rwalls@alburycity.nsw.gov.au. It might not be too late?!

JOURNEYING through the JOURNALS - by John Craig

ANCES-TREE: Burward & District FHG Journal, July 2006.

1. German ships with no ships list. "Fanny Kerchner" & "Wilhelm Bremen" to Sydney 1858.

BORDERLINE NEWS: Wodonga FHS Newsletter August 2006.

1. The society is organizing a seminar for 24 March 2007. Further information in upcoming newsletters.

HISTORY: Royal Australian Historical Society Magazine, September 2006.

1. Lucy Osburn. Lady Superintendent of Sydney Hospital 1868/ 1884.

INHERIT: Heritage Council of Victoria magazine, July 2006.

1. "Nothing Worth Saving". History of the Wandililong Preservation Society 1972/ 2005.
2. A Chinese Yesteryear. Discovery of 20 metre long Chinese brick kiln

at Bendigo.

LINKS 'N' CHAINS: Liverpool GS Journal, August 2006.

1. The Stones that Stand. Celtic stones of Glenn Innes, NSW.

THE MUSTER: Central Coast (Gosford) FHS Journal, August 2006.

1. Coming to Australia, part 2.

RICHMOND RIVER (Lismore) HS Bulletin September 2006.

1. Vera Bentwitch Blanford, also known as Vera Benson 1892/ 1936.

WAGGA WAGGA H/S NEWS-LETTER August/ September 2006.

1. Exhibitions: Museum of Riverina Wagga Wagga

(a) Regional Police & Court buildings 1850/ 1920. 25 Aug/ 26 Nov 2006.

(b) Artrageous - contemporary textiles 29 Aug/ 10 Sept 2006.

