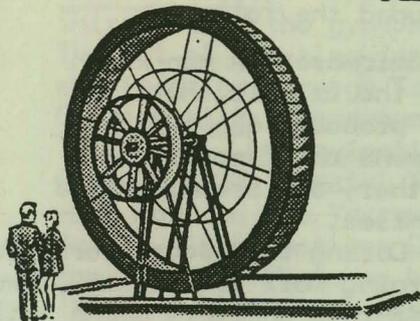


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AUSTRALIA DAY NEWS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PATRON AND FORMER TREASURER, HAROLD MAIR, on his achievement in earning the ORDER OF AUSTRALIA MEDAL.

Harold did not have awards on his mind as he served the New South Wales Parliament, the City of Albury, Albury Base Hospital, St Vincent de Paul Society, Albury-Wodonga R A A F Association, Albury-Wodonga Cancer Foundation, Albury North Rotary Club and the Albury and District Historical Society.

The O A M is a just reward for many years of friendly service to organizations and individuals.

Well done, Harold.

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The BRING AND TELL feature at the December meeting included the following:

Thelma Musselwhite: Framed hand-written poem signed W. Smidmore. A man known as Walter Skidmore lived in the former billiard room of the Imperial Hotel in Townsend Street, Albury. He fell into a fire and died, probably about 1930. The Imperial Hotel was burnt down in 1879 and later Sammons and Edwards built business premises on the site. Thelma Musselwhite's father, Sam Brown, worked for the firm and lived in a home at the back of the premises.

Bruce Pennay: Extracts from "On the Home Front, Albury During the Second World War" Look back fifty years to the end of 1942. The Border Morning Mail wrote that it was a year of miracles. Trenches at Albury High School. Air raid shelters being built. A mock invasion across the Union Bridge. The Border Morning Mail editor rebuked men for going to the races and women for wearing lipstick. It was a time of triumph with Albury coming through the Depression well with buildings being completed in 1940-41. Munitions works in Scot's School area with workers living in the "walnut shells" houses in Alma Street, Albury. (Evelyn Smith said Woodstock school also had trenches. The siren would sound from the Albury Hotel).

Kevin Esler: His old Army pay book. Built theatre at Bandiana. Was at various training camps in Victoria and locations in New Guinea. Later Army Security stepped in and then the book only showed the numbers of the various locations. Kevin was sent home on the 2/1st hospital ship "Manunda", the matron of which was an Albury woman. The previous year she had been through the bombing of Darwin. Her name was Lucy Staton.

Harold Mair: 1924 Hume & Hovell Centenary Souvenir Mug.

1988 Souvenir Brass Tray given to Hotelkeepers.

(Harold's father dug a trench during the war when living in Wilcox Street, Albury) Harold, born 1919, remembers the 1924 celebrations and viewing the cake displayed in Malcolm's Hall. The souvenir mug was given to a cousin by his parents. It was inscribed, "Souvenir of Hume and Hovell Centenary Celebrations Albury 1824-Nov 1924". The 1888 Centenary souvenir brass tray was given to all hotelkeepers. Harold's grandmother, a de Mamiel, was in the Railway Hotel at Barnawartha, located opposite the Railway Station. The Kelly's stayed there one night on their way to Jerilderie. Harold's great grandmother Quirk married Mr de Mamiel. She was a midwife at Barnawartha.

Howard Jones: Love Spoon, Book of poems by Billy Wye, Song "Wodonga".

The love spoon is a large spoon made from one piece of wood, given when courting. This spoon has a lot of symbolism: Chain at top - the number of links indicates how long the couple have been going together. Lock at top - my house is your house. Wheel - willing to serve each other, Heart. Balls in middle - number of children desired. Spoon - The term, spooning, was derived from this.

The book, "Bush Minstrelsy" by William James (Billy) Wye was published in 1941 by the Bread and Cheese Club, Melbourne. Billy Wye was a local bush poet who died Oct 9, 1952. The song, "Wodonga", has survived on pianola rolls and records. Howard plays the music on a cassette taken from Audrey Davidson's pianola roll.

Henry Jochheim: Laminated copy of the first newspaper issued in Brisbane June 20, 1846. The Moreton Bay Courier. At the right hand corner is listed subscriptions paid towards a testimonial to Dr Ludwig Leichhardt. A story headed Exploration refers to Leichhardt's proposed journey to trace the rivers that flow into the Gulf of Carpentaria and their sources. On that expedition he found coal at the Bogie River. In later years a geologist, Greentree, confirmed that a seam of coal ran west of Bowen in a southerly direction to west of Rockhampton. It is now known as the Bowen seam. John Roper, who came to live in Albury, was a member of Leichhardt's 1844 expedition. Henry said the Moreton Bay Courier was renamed the Brisbane Courier in 1864, and in 1933, the Courier Mail.

Geoff Hamilton: Photostat copy from railway Waggon Book showing the first waggon arriving in Albury on February 1, 1881

A record of all rail wagoons is recorded in a Waggon Book. The first to arrive in Albury was numbered D336 from Sydney and contained poles and flags to be used at the opening of the Albury Railway Station on February 3, 1881. The station at that time was part of the goods shed which was recently demolished.

Ron Braddy: Cutting from the Melbourne Age August 3, 1960 on Mary Elizabeth Dymond, aged 102 years. Ron's father's aunt, born 1858, lived Greensborough, Ballarat, St. Kilda. Photo on her 102nd birthday. From her bed she narrated a ballad of the Man From Wodonga, which was a popular song back in the 1880's.

Shirley Miller: Gypsum, Set of interlocking wooden snakes.

Shirley said the gypsum shown last year has grown since then.

The set of interlocking snakes, made from one piece of wood, was obtained when passing through Karachi.

Gerry Curtis: Newspaper extracts, Sat Sept 7, 1935 and October 18, 1938.
Navigational aid. 1930.

Sept 7, 1935. Special Show Issue. A write-up on the construction of the Hume Dam with most on the Yarrawonga Dam. It was cleared by working bee during the war years.

Oct 18, 1938 mentions Don Logan and BSA sports car. Jack Roy, chief engineer, and Ron Wilson. Photo on back of Jack Tanner (now 82 years old) and Len Egan.

1930's navigational aid which belongs to Gus Greenfield. It was used for navigating planes around the country. Set your course and got destination, taking into consideration air speed, winds, etc. It was used by Frank Neale for flights into Central Australia in the 1930's. It was virtually a calculator.

Mary Thurling: Steel toasting fork. Similar forks had recently been mentioned on television as being worth \$40-\$80.

Janice Park: Benders Automatic Mousetrap. Capito. Made in Germany.

The mousetrap belongs to Joseph Lynch who has owned it for the last 15 years.

Prior to that it was owned by his father, who had it sitting on a shelf at his blacksmith shop on their Glenellen farming property (between Jindera and Gerogery).

Prior to that Joe's grandfather owned it. It originally came from the German settler village in Burrumbuttock, and had probably been exchanged for something else. Estimated age of the mousetrap? Probably 100+ years.

ANSWER TO DECEMBER'S QUESTION: Where was the car racing circuit near Albury in the 1930's?

As part of Australia's 150th Anniversary Celebrations the First New South Wales Grand Prix of 150 miles was held on the Wirringa Circuit of 4½ miles, on the Hume Weir Road, 4 miles from Albury on March 19, 1938.

There were 30 nominations from leading English and Australian drivers of cars capable of 150 miles per hour. There were actually 23 starters and the race was won by Jack Phillips of Wangaratta in a Ford V8. The second and third placegetters drove Hudson Terraplanes.

On the Orphanage leg Jack Phillips could do 100 mph, and he said when hurtling along the Orphanage side and over the rise, from the top he took off for 25 feet. He did not visit the pit during the 150 mile race and averaged 67 mph. He won 100 pounds, Lane's Motors Cup of 10 guineas, and Neal's Motors Cup of 10 guineas.

(Helen Livsey, from the Border Morning Mail March 1938)

Motor racing was conducted at Phillip Island, Victoria, in the 1930's by the Light Car Club of Australia. The track was rough, hilly and dusty and crowds went there by ferry from Stony Point after a steam train ride from Flinders Street, Melbourne.

A new location was necessary after 1937 for the Australian Grand Prix and an Albury group led by L.G. (Harley) Davison conceived the idea of running the race here as our part of Australia's 150th birthday celebrations.

The chosen track went down part of the old Sydney Road and up the Orphanage Lane. The start and the pits were where Corry's Wood is now. English cars were small, American ones big, so they won the three events in 1938, 39 and 40.

Harley Davison was ambulance superintendant in Albury from the 1930's to 50's and was actively involved in fund raising for the ambulance in air pageants, motor racing and annual spinning wheel carnivals in Dean Street where Preston Motors now stands. He built the present ambulance station in 1934 on the former vegetable garden of the Albury Hospital.

(M.G. Curtis)

THANK YOU. The Acting Editor, Helen Livsey, thanks Frank Higgins and Gerry Curtis for their contributions to this Bulletin. Frank's meticulous recording of Bring & Tell items is always appreciated by Bulletin Editors.

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ALBURY-WODONGA FESTIVAL OF SPORT

The Society's contribution to the second annual Festival of Sport is an exhibition of about forty photographs to be displayed at the Wodonga Sport and Leisure Centre from February 13. It is hoped the display can be seen in Albury at some later date.

GIFTS for which the Society is most grateful:

- * From Graham Jones, Author, Wangaratta, a copy of his recent book, Discovering the North East. The book is 158 pages of fascinating stories covering eight areas including a chapter on the Federal Cities, Albury, Wodonga and District. Did you hear about the man who landed by parachute on the roof of Albury's Globe Hotel in 1890? The large cod caught by George Knobel of Bonegilla? The bridge at Jingellic which was too narrow to take all the rabbits wanting to cross the river? The police raid at Walla when the Lutheran Minister was taken into custody? The spelling bee held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Wodonga? The book is available from Angus and Robertson, Olive Street, Albury.
- * From Mrs Muriel Kelly (nee Klinge), pendant, Australian Red Cross Society Twenty Years Service. Inscribed on back: Miss C. Klinge. 5449. Brooch, Life Member, Y.W.C.A. Book, The National Trust of Australia Albury Central Area Urban Conservation Study by Ken Latona, November 1976. 64 pages, maps, plans and pictures.
- * From the executors of the estate of the late Mrs J.W. Batstone, a folder of her memorabilia for permanent retention in the Museum:
The folder was presented by the Australian Bicentennial Authority to Johanne Wilhelmine Batstone who celebrated her 100th birthday in 1988. Also with the folder are birthday telegrams from:
Buckingham Palace, Elizabeth R. Mayor of Albury, John Roach.
Member for Farrer, Tim Fischer (2). Alma & Ed Batstone and family.
Member for Albury, Ian, and Mrs Helen, Glachan.
Lettergrams from: Prime Minister, Bob Hawke (2), Premier of NSW, Nick Greiner.
Letters from: Governor General of Australia, Ninian Stephen,
Governor of NSW, J.A. Rowland.
- * From Australian Newsprint Mills, Video (4½ minutes) on the restoration of the Coppabella Blacksmith Shop and the official opening on October 16 last year. Coppabella means "crossing place" and is between Holbrook and Tumbarumba.

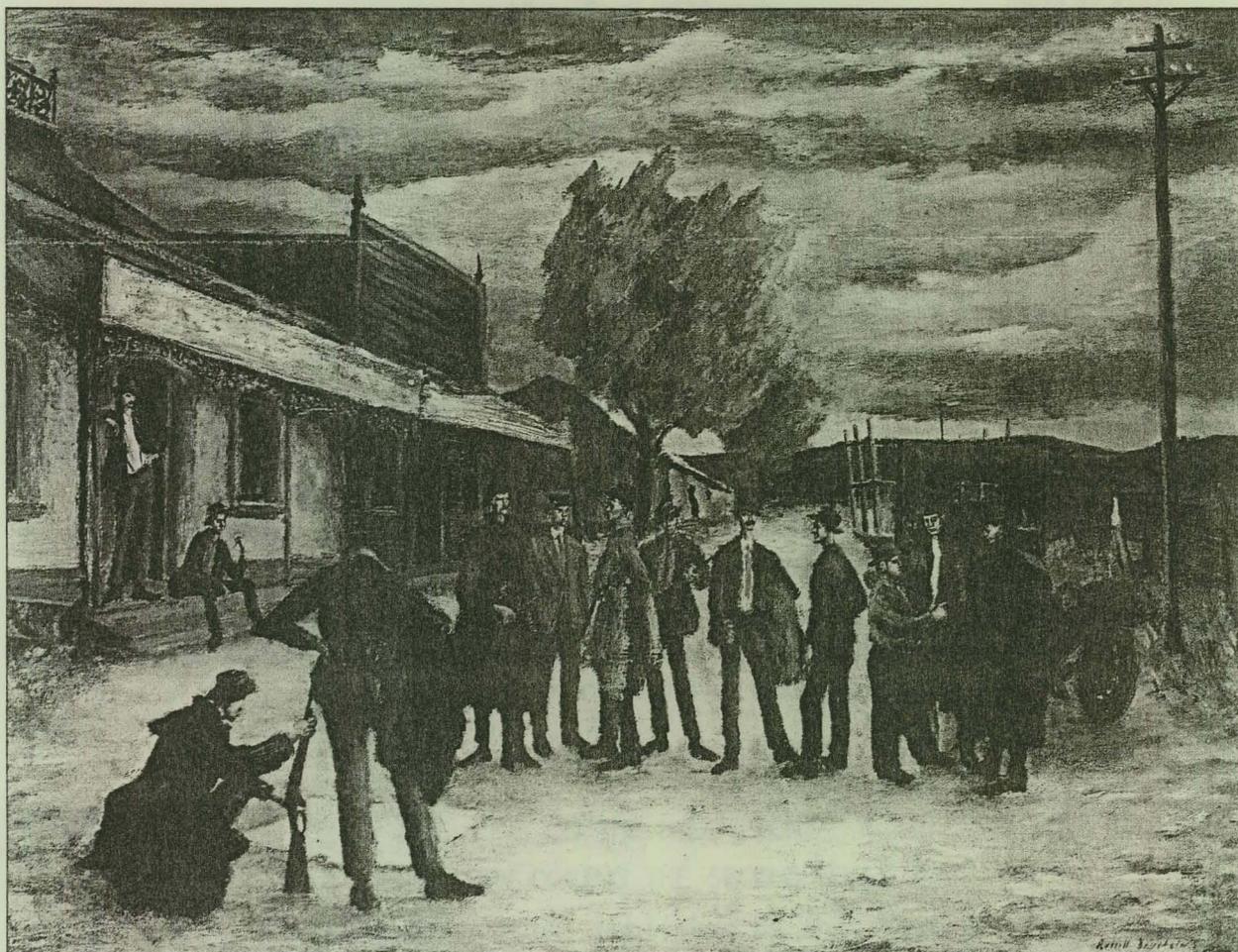
RAIN and MORE RAIN!! Many Albury residents are drying out their carpets and hoping there will not be another deluge like those experienced in recent weeks. The City Council also is hoping for less rain and more money to remedy the South Albury drainage problem. The Albury Borough Council last century was faced with similar problems. The following is from the Albury Banner of September 1870.

Creek Floodings. At the meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday (31st Aug) the Mayor, Ald. G. Day, drew attention to the damage and inconvenience caused by the overflow of water from the Bungambrawatha Creek, and suggested that something ought to be done to direct the course of the creek. He thought that it could be done for 300 pounds, and that many ratepayers would willingly supplement by subscriptions any work that the Council might undertake in this matter. The water wanted an outlet along the foot of the hill. After some discussion, the Council agreed that the Surveyor should be asked to prepare a report of the probable cost of turning the waters of the creek in a direction along by the Hospital Hill and into Thurgoona street to the river.

SYMPATHY is extended to Charlie Merritt on the death of his wife, Robin - a generous and caring lady who will be missed by many Albury residents.

ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
On the Home Front:
Albury during the Second World War

by Bruce John Pennay



This study explores the physical, economic and social impact of war on Albury in an attempt to explain why this large provincial centre, like so many other similarly sized municipalities, was declared a city immediately after the war. It adds considerably to our understanding of the provincial experience of war.

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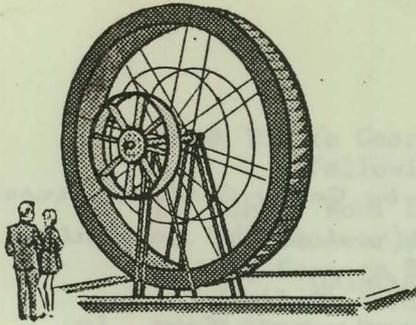
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ELIZABETH MOSS will speak about a new publication entitled
WORTHY OF MENTION

Profiles of people of the past from Wangaratta and District
covering 150 years of white settlement 1838-1988.

Compiled by members of the North-Eastern Historical Society, Wangaratta U 3 A, and guest writers, the book tells of the people behind the place and street names of Bowser, Calander, Docker, Milawa, Murdoch, Parfitt, Tone, and Warby, to name only a few. The cost of the book is \$10 from the Wangaratta Historical Society, but will be sold at our meeting for \$9.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH - when did it last snow in Albury ?

HELP WANTED

A letter has been received by our Society from the GREEK-AUSTRALIANS, who are working on a major national research project entitled "GREEK-AUSTRALIANS IN THEIR OWN IMAGE"

They are documenting the Greek presence in Australia via visual, oral and literary based information. They desperately sought the Society's assistance and are hoping that our members may have material on any Greeks who were present in Albury and districts last century and also this century up to 1940.

The only information they have is in 1916 two Greeks were recorded in Albury. They were Efsthios (Stathis) NOTARAS-age 30, occupation restaurant keeper. IOANNIS (John) NOTARAS-aged 21, occupation shop assistant ; probably the brother of Efsthios.

Members-do you have any information ,if so please advise The President, Sec, or our Researcher, Helen, or bring it along to our next meeting. More detailed information required by the Greek Australians will be tabled at our March meeting.

REPORT ON LAST MONTHS MEETING

At our February meeting, Mary Thurling, assisted by Gerry Curtis, presented a programme of eighty slides (in colour and Black and white), concentrating on Dean Street and the Central Business area of Albury.

Members present, were able to take a trip back down memory lane to the late 1880's. It caused much comment on the past and present owners and proprietors of various businesses along with alterations and renovations made to buildings.

A most interesting and informative evening.. Ron Braddy on behalf of members and visitors present at the meeting thanked Mary and Gerry.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS QUESTION

"Where are the headwaters of the Bungambrawatha Creek"

The question brought responses from Claude Burke, Thelma Musselwhite, Geoffr Hamilton and Frank Higgins.

The Bungambrawatha Creek rises in the Black Range with run-off from the Jindera Gap and 9mile Hell High points. It comes down Chinaman's Gully, top end of Prune St, and is fed from the west by Hamilton Valley Creek and Black Springs Creek.

Ron Braddy recalled the 1927 flood down the creek, when the kids standing on the bridge at Nathan Ave were lucky not to be washed away when the creek waters hit the bridge. Then it was a massive creek with a 20foot hole at the bottom of Mercy Hill (Kiewa St), where the shop is now built. Harold Mair said he lived in Stanley St in those times, 1920's, the creek was known as a canal. Convicts from Sydney, at times, had been used to dig the canal.

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1. Albury Wool Exchange 1960 showing J. Haynes, R. Kurrle, F. Hickey (Auctioneer), P. Ferguson, F. Schnelle, G. Lester and A. Collins.
2. The Farmers & Graziers Co-Op Grain Insurance & Agency Coy Ltd, Albury. Smollett Street Wool Stores, 1933. H. Lambert, J. Gleeson, P. Ferguson, R. Owen, B. Welch, F. Massey, F. Hickey, P. Jones, W. Garvie, J. Lambert, E. Schmidt, K. Reuss, B. Ternan, N. Spears, R. Brown, H. Wynack, C. Wilson, A. Thatcher, J. Geier, D. Dow and G. Lester.
3. St Patrick's Football Club Premiers 1923.
4. C.Y.M.S. (Catholic Young Men's Society) Premiers Wednesday Comp. 1902.
5. First Albury Eight Hours Day Committee 1914. Twenty men including W.M. McDonald, H. Tredrea, J. McCormick, J. Edwards, J.J. Morton, A.W. Cunningham, . Johnstone, E. Hickey, T. Goldsworthy.
6. Albury & District Eight Hours Association Committee 1924. J.J. Morton, Treasurer; W.M. McDonald, V.Pres; J.J. Mangan, Pres; J. McCormick, V.Pres; E. Hickey, Secretary; and Committee members: . Ray, . Fraser, . Johnstone, R. Prior, A.W. Cunningham, W.J. Delany, P. Rau and J. Edwards.

Zions' Industrial Arbitration Act Weekly Wages Sheet for week ending 7/11/29 Farmers & Graziers Co-Operative, Albury. Most of the men were paid four pounds, thirteen shillings and six pence for a 46-hour week.

The photographs can be seen at the March meeting of the Society.

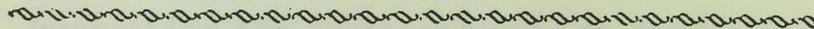
INTERNATIONAL MUSEUMS DAY. May 18.

The Albury Regional Museum in association with the 8/13 VMR Museum, RAAOC Museum, Military Historical Society, Albury & Wodonga Historical Societies and ex-service organizations, is preparing an exhibition about women of Australia and the parts they played in time of war - at home and abroad. It is proposed to compile the stories of about five ladies to be incorporated into a display in the foyer of the Albury City Council building.

Uniforms and artefacts on loan are sought for display at the Albury Regional Museum and the 8/13 VMR Museum.

Other events planned for May are * nostalgic movies from WW2, * Victory Vanities dance, * Army Band, Light Horse demonstration, field kitchen and historical displays at the 8/13 VMR in Albury.

Please phone the Albury Regional Museum 214 550 for more information.



MEMBERS NEWS

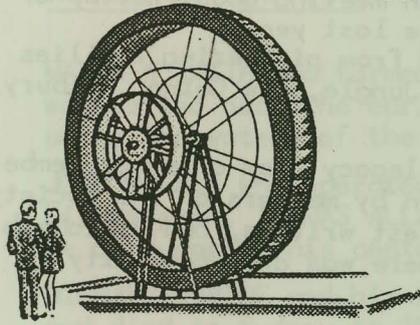
Get well wishes are extended to Dick Fielder and also to Mary Curtis.

Janice Park recently announced her engagement to Joseph Lynch of Lavington.

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Mr Ken Polkinghorne from the Albury City Band has been invited to address the meeting. Memorabilia of the band will be displayed.
MEMBERS, please bring a plate for Supper. Thank You.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "Who were the Albury Band Masters" ?

The Albury Town City Band celebrated its 125th Anniversary on the 2nd February 1992.

The Band had its ups and downs over the years. One of its bad downs was in 1932 during the depression era, heavily in debt and no paid engagements coming in., The bandmasters wages not being paid, the band looked on its way out.

In August of 1932, Josie Waterstreet assisted by the organising ability of Bert Braddy saved the band. Josie Waterstreet represented the band as the QUEEN OF MUSIC in the "Back to Albury" Carnival of 1932. As a result of the Waterstreet-Braddy effort, Three Hundred Pounds each were given to the Band and the R.S.L. - a lot of money in those days.

The Bandmaster got his wages and the Band Played on.....

Ron Braddy.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION, When did it last snow in Albury? was prompted by the unusually cold weather around the time of the committee meeting of February 23.

Geoff Hamilton and Ron Braddy provided the date of July 14, 1966 for snow in Albury. George Jones said it snowed at Wirlinga on July 25, 1986.

Claude Burke said Culcairn, Thurgoona and Gerogery received a snow fall in 1971.

WODONGA-ALBURY CAMERA CLUB INC are CELEBRATING their 40th ANNIVERSARY.

Formed in 1953 as the Wodonga Camera Club, the name was later changed to the Wodonga-Albury Camera Club. The Silver anniversary (25 years) was celebrated on 24 August 1978.....

Many members who have achieved photographic excellence can thank the club for the knowledge, demonstrations and the opportunity to take part in photographic exercises.

At their monthly meetings they hold various competitions and have guest speakers.

They conduct monthly workshops ; issue monthly newsletters and have a club library, for which books, magazines and newsletters are available for loan.

They next meet on April 8 at 8pm. Further details from Secretary, Andrew McPhee. ph. 593875

LAST MEETING. Elizabeth Moss spoke at the March meeting about Worthy of Mention, which was published late last year. Elizabeth was born in Wangaratta. Her mother descended from pioneering families in that area. Elizabeth has lived in Switzerland, Rum Jungle, New Guinea, Albury, and presently in Wangaratta.

The book was made possible by a legacy from a former member of the North Eastern Historical Society. It was written by members of the Society and of the University of the Third Age (U.3.A), with guest writers, and Elizabeth Moss as Editor. Thirty three people contributed and there was good community involvement.

One hundred and twelve biographies were written of people, now deceased, from the Shires of Wangaratta and Oxley. The stories cover 150 years divided into four sections with historical notes to set the scene for each period in time. It was decided that each subject would cover a page of about five hundred words, although twenty exceeded the page, and pen sketches were added.

In selecting subjects consideration was given to identities from all areas of the two shires, town and country, with a balance of nationalities, religions and professions. As is usual, information was not forthcoming on women, being particularly difficult to obtain for the first three time-spans to 1930.

One of the ladies of whom Elizabeth spoke was Sarah Davenport. Although she was not well-educated we are indebted to her for keeping a journal recording events during her family's trek in 1842 from Sydney to the Ovens River. Another personality, John Bowser, editor of the Wangaratta Chronicle, became Premier of Victoria in 1917. John Hoad, a bootmaker's apprentice, later became a school teacher. In 1884 he embarked on a military career and in 1909 in London became Chief of the Australian Section of the Imperial General Staff. Edwin Living had the misfortune of being employed at the Bank of New South Wales at Jerilderie when it was robbed by the Kelly Gang in 1879. It is said that he stuttered from that day onward. When he died in 1936 the Wangaratta Chronicle stated, "Few men were involved in so many public bodies as E.R. Living".

Worthy of Mention indicates a successful marriage of two community organizations. It is "to honour the many through the lives of a few".
(Helen Livsey)

DID YOU work as a volunteer for the war effort 1939-45?

WOMEN IN WAR 1939-45 is an exhibition co-ordinated by the Albury Regional Museum, Wodonga Place, Albury, and the Victorian Mounted Rifles Museum, Victoria St, Albury. The Albury Historical Society's contribution to the display is to arrange for the loan of articles to enliven memories of the war years in Albury, and to recognise each volunteer group who played a part.

All borrowed pieces will be displayed securely and returned to the owners afterwards. The main exhibition will be in the foyer of the Albury City Council building May 18 to June 30. Static displays will be arranged at the Albury Regional Museum, V.M.R. Museum, and R.A.A.O.C. Museum at Bandiana.

We need to know NOW what material will be available. However, a collection date will be arranged for just prior to Museums Week in May.

Please contact Ron Braddy on 21 2038 if you can contribute to the success of a display.

OBITUARY. It is with sadness the Society records the death of Len Rigg of Wodonga. Len was president during 1975 and 1976. He passed away on March 8.

RESEARCH SERVICE.

Since Christmas our Research Officer has dealt with enquiries regarding the following:

MATTHEW SMITH who formed the Bowna run in the 1830's. He died before 1840 and was buried near the early Hawksview Bridge, also known as Gold Creek Bridge, now under the waters of the Hume Dam.

JOHN McGALL who operated the Hume Inn and the Imperial Hotel until his death in 1861; His stepson, THOMAS ALLAN, who built the Albury Court House, Hospital and Gaol. He died early this century, probably in Sydney, but his date of death is unknown.

MICHAEL DEVINE and his son, JOHN ADRIATIC DEVINE. John married in Albury in 1884 and died in Sydney in 1947.

WILLIAM STEWART who built the curator's residence in the Albury Botanical Gardens about 1909. In 1912 W. Stewart was listed as Architect, Cadell Street, Albury (which may have been the present Cadell Street, or the western end now known as Crisp Street).

JAMES and SARAH BARLING whose daughter, Martha, married JOHN EVERETT. Everett's daughter, Rose, married CHARLES GROOM. Rose Groom died at Spencer Street, Albury on her 96th birthday in 1953.

Mr & Mrs ERIKA & WILMAR SCHACHT-SOMMER. A letter from Switzerland enquired about the present whereabouts of this couple who lived at Bonegilla in 1960. The Department of Immigration, Melbourne, was unable to locate any information on their current computer records and suggested the people may have left Australia, died, or changed their names. The Department points out that the Freedom of Information Act provides an avenue for persons to examine their personal records however this information normally cannot be released to a third party. Archive records older than 30 years are generally available under open access through #Pre 1923/1924 - Colonial records held by State Archives offices in each state. Post 1923/1924 - Australian Archives Office, P.O. Box 34, Dixon, ACT 2062. Normally this would be information such as arrival in Australia and there would probably not be any long term record kept of individual stays in the Bonegilla Migrant Centre.

JAMES RICHARDSON who married Ingogareth Haldon at Wangaratta in 1854. Children, John Henry and Ingo Catherine were born in Victoria. Mary Jane, Annie Elizabeth and Jessie Frances were born in Albury. James' date of death is unknown but his widow married JOSEPH CARPENTER at Albury in 1872.

WILFRED WELLS, WILLIAM BURROWS, and WILLIAM KEEN, of Moorwatha, and FRANCIS BREUST of Jindera. The Frances Breust story illustrates the care and patience required by a family historian. His death was the subject of a Magisterial Enquiry held at Rocky Creek near Jindera and reported in the Border Post of January 4, 1882. The Enquiry took place on December 31, however his death certificate shows the date of his death as January 9, 1882. All of the above names are related and descendants gathered at Temora in October for a Wells family re-union.

HENRY SHEPHERD married BRIDGET AMELIA KEON (nee KENNY) at Young in 1862. No record can be found of Bridget's earlier marriage to HUGH KEON on 1-9-1852 or 53 at either Beechworth or Wodonga. Hugh died in Melbourne in 1861.

EDMUND S. WALTER, engineer, came to Albury from Beechworth in the early 1870's. He designed and built windmills, a wire strainer, cooling device for homes, and something to work the bellows for the Church of England organ. He won prizes for his windmills in Sydney and Brisbane and set one up for display in Smollett Street, Albury. His brother is buried at Howlong, but Edmund's date of death (after 1907) is now known.

JOHN EDWARDS was a member of Albury's Eight Hour Day Association which was formed in 1914.

JAMES GULLIFER arrived in Australia in 1833 and in 1835 drove a mob of cattle from Sydney to the Murray for William Wise. Mr Gullifer later settled at Lilliput, Rutherglen. He married a daughter of EDWARD CRISP.

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ARTHUR WALKER was the licensee in 1858 of James Layton's Advance Australia Hotel (now known as Soden's). In 1864 he moved to the Globe Hotel which had just been renovated (it was only built in 1860). Arthur's son, James, lived at Woomargama and at one time managed Woomargama station. The Walkers were related to O'Briens, Plunketts, Bowlers, Curleys and Corrigans.

SINGE family owned land at Jindera and Bungowannah.

GREEK AUSTRALIANS is a project to document Greeks in Australia prior to 1940. Stathis and John Notaras were recorded in Albury in 1916. Dick Fielder remembers Nazarus David, a Greek cafe proprietor in Dean Street, near the David Street corner. Kevin Esler's mother remembered -- Calegeros was the first Greek cafe owner in Albury 1910-12. The 1924 Hume and Hovell Centenary book has an advertisement for P. Calegeros, Hume Weir Sundae Shop, Dean Street, Albury.

In 1946 George Notara came from Henty to attend classes at the Albury High School. The Albury Banner of June 20, 1902 printed the following item:

THE GREEK IMMIGRANTS- Acting under instructions from the New South Wales Premier, Mr D'Arcy on Friday informed the Mexican and Greek immigrants that the authorities definitely refused to allow them to cross into that State. The invalided woman was offered admission to the Albury Hospital, but declined. The leader of the travellers asserts they are not gipsies, that they were engaged in pastoral pursuits in Mexico, and are ignorant of fortune-telling.

Our Wodonga correspondent writes:- "The Premier of New South Wales, after dilly-dallying with the question for nearly a fortnight, on Friday made up his mind that the Mexican and Greek immigrants stranded at Wodonga since 2nd inst. should not be allowed to enter New South Wales. In consequence of this determination, the foreigners have decided to return to Melbourne as soon as circumstances will permit of their doing so. Meanwhile, two of their leaders have gone to Melbourne to interview the Greek Consul. The New South Wales Premier is said to be satisfied that they are gipsies, who have no intention whatever of going on land, but who would devote themselves to fortune-telling once they got established in Sydney."

PICTURE THEATRES are being recorded by a Sydney correspondent who has listed Albury Theatres by the following names: Malcolm's Open Air; Olympia Open Air; Hoyts; Theatre Royal, Royal Garden Theatre, Palais Royal; Mechanics' Institute, Plaza, Civic; Hoyts Regent, Olympic, Regent, Albury Village Twin. The most recent was the Stargazer Drive-In Theatre in Corry's Road, which held its first screening on October 5, 1972.

A research fee of ten dollars an hour, plus photocopying costs, is applicable for further research following the initial enquiry. Work is done on a voluntary basis with all funds going to the Society.

ON THE HOME FRONT

The Society's latest publication, On the Home Front: Albury during the Second World War, by Bruce Pennay, has been selling quite well. There has been a good response locally and from other societies and places.

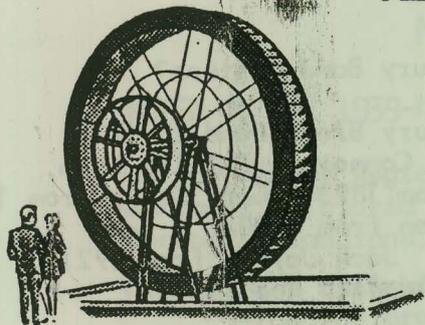
Members are advised to procure their copy early as there was only a limited print run. The book sells at \$10 (\$9 to members) and is available from the Secretary or at the monthly meetings.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 27th April, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus, off Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet 2pm April 23, at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue Lavington.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday, May 11 at the C.W.A.Hall, Klewa St, Albury.

The Speaker will be BRUCE PENNAY.

" ALBURY'S HISTORIC ENVIROMENT "

Bruce Pennay, a member of the Albury Heritage Study team, will provide an outline of work-in-progress in that project. He will give an overview of the principal changes in the face and shape of Albury. Such an overview is to provide a basis for the more detailed consideration of individual sites which is being undertaken by the heritage study team.

This project builds on the earlier heritage study of central Albury, but extends it geographically to include the whole of the city and in time to focus on early twentieth century developments. Bruce has given some attention of the changing character of neighbourhoods - north, south and west Albury, Forrest Hill, Happy Valley and Lavington. The slides he will show of the 1949 aerial survey of the new city should provoke memories of what used to be.

Some of what he has to say relates to the book, *On the Home Front*, which the Society has recently published. Copies will be on sale and he will, no doubt, be easily coaxed to sign them. The books sells for \$9 to members and \$10 to non-members.

JUNE 8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 8

Nominations, in writing, for the twelve positions will be received up to May 17. Forms are available from the Society's Public Officer, Helen Livsey (Phone 21 3671) and at the general meeting on May 11.

Nominations will be welcome from any Society member, signed by two members and the nominee so be prepared to nominate at the next meeting.

Proxy forms are available and need to be lodged with the Secretary on June 7.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "Who was the Mayor & Alderman in 1949 for Albury"

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION, Who were the Albury Band masters?

From the time of the formation of the Albury Brass Band in 1873 they were named as: Mr Gladow for two years, J. Connors, Phillip Helm, F. Kidd, D.B. Pogson from 1885, J.T. Laughton from 1893, Capt Drury from 1903, G.E. Bulch, H. McCulloch (temporary), D.B. Pogson from 1908, W.J. Lester (temporary), Percy Pogson from 1910, Jack Jarvie from 1921, Les Pogson, Harry Walker, Harry Berry, Sid Rowlands, Ron Belt, Randolph Belt, and now Trevor Cooper.

LAST MONTHS SPEAKER - although attendances were down on our meeting on Easter Tuesday evening, a very appreciative audience heard an entertaining address by the President of the Albury City Band, Mr Ken Polkinghorne.

He stated that the band suffered from a lack of information in its early years.

The first mention of a brass band in Albury was in 1855 and was known as "Browns Brass Band". When inter-state levies (which caused great hardships to the district) were lifted, celebrations included a procession down to the crossing place. There were about 400 people living in the Albury village, and the Publicans at the time catered and organised a banquet costing 5-0-0d a head. More than 200 attended. The budget was 1,000-0-0d. Out of this, an allocation of 3-0-0d was made for the musicians.

In 1857 mention was made of a string band of German musicians.

May 1857 was the first year of the Albury Band. Dr Barnett was the first President. He formed the band to take part in the musical show "Irish Tiger".

In 1867 the Hospital was in dire-straits and only very urgent cases were taken, so the Volunteer Band put on a musical "Black Eyed Susan". It was very successful, and helped increase the hospital funds.

The band has been known over the years by many names including the Volunteer Band, Albury Brass Band and Albury Band.

In 1873, this saw the opening of the Railway. The band was described in the press at the time as being "newly formed".

1881 saw two bands in Albury. The Albury Brass Band and the Albury City Band. In 1887 both bands amalgamated.

According to Mr Polkinghorne, the late 188's and early 1900's were the "Golden Years" for bands. They were in high demand and were a real novelty, especially on late night shopping nights.

1924 Centenary celebrations in Albury saw the band organise a Centenary International Band Contest. This really put Albury on the map Internationally.

The world's best known brass band conductor and composer, Mr J.Orr Hulme, from Great Britain was invited to judge the competition, which saw 28 bands competing.

The band has had many ups and downs over the years and the 1930's depression and World War 2 were no exceptions.

Througgh it all, the band still managed to carry on and in February 1992, the Albury Town City Band celebrated their 125th Anniversary.

"Every community needs a band" Mr Polkinghorne stated, and their future looks good, however, they still face as their main problems transport (moving their equipment to various engagements), finance and publicity.

At present the band have a membership of 40 - mostly made up of women.

Memorabilia of the bands history was displayed at the meeting, to which Historical Society members enjoyed viewing.

MUSEUMS WEEK MAY 18 TO 25.

WOMEN IN WAR 1939-45 is the theme for Museums Week and static displays will be located in the foyer of the Albury City Council, at the Albury Regional Museum in Wodonga Place, the Regimental Museum at Buna Barracks, Victoria Street, Albury, and at the RAAOC Museum at Gaza Ridge Barracks, Bandiana.

FILM NIGHTS will be at the S S & A Club Auditorium on Wednesdays May 5, 12 & 19. The programme will be as follows:

May 5: Target for Tonight.

May 12: Mrs Miniver.

May 19: In Which We Serve.

Newsreels will also be shown as part of each programme.

PARADE AND OPEN DAY at Buna Barracks, Victoria on Saturday, May 22, when the 4/19 Prince of Wales Light Horse Band will be in attendance.

The local media will provide further details as they become available.

Keep the Flag

Our Flag bears the stars that shine at night
in our southern sky of blue.

And a little old Flag in the corner,
that's part of our heritage too.

It's for the English, the Scots, and the Irish,
who were sent to the ends of the earth;

The rogues and the schemers, the doers and dreamers,
who gave modern Australia birth.

And you who are shouting to change it,
you don't seem to understand

It's the Flag of our Law and our Language,
not the Flag of a faraway land.

(Though there are plenty of people who'll tell you
how, when Europe was plunged into night,

That little old Flag in the corner
was their symbol of Freedom and Light.)

It doesn't mean we owe allegiance
to a forgotten imperial dream;

We've the stars to show where we're going,
and the old Flag to show where we've been.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 25 May, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP - will meet 2pm May 28 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. Members and visitors are invited to attend, and contribute with personal reminiscences by those attending of the past history of Albury and surrounding districts.

Memories of BLONDIN revived at Yackandandah Cemetery.

Yackandandah Historical Society's cemetery walk on April 3 was attended by five members of the Albury Society. April Padbury led the walk, assisted by Elizabeth Bowran. About fifty followers heard about the lives, and deaths, of some of the residents of Yackandandah, Hillsborough, Pettiford's Hill, Whisky Flat, etc.

During the tour a visit was made to the grave of George Pardon, Senior and Junior, both real characters. George, Senior, had been proprietor of the Gap Hotel which burnt down around 1908. It is rumoured that at one time he pulled a sulky from Wodonga to Wangaratta for a wager with a Wodonga hotel proprietor.

It is also rumoured that he walked a tightrope across a street in Albury between two hotels. Sometimes the story tells of him walking the tightrope and pushing a wheelbarrow. As it gets better the story includes a wood stove in the wheelbarrow cooking a batch of scones - and that George ate the scones on the return journey!! A participant in the cemetery tour had heard of George training his two daughters on the tightrope at the Gap Hotel to attract more business to his establishment. George, Senior, a short man, of roly-poly build, dropped his age ten years to serve in the first World War, in which George, Junior, also served.

Mr Pardon was probably inspired by the feats of Blondin, who was born Jean Francois Gravelet in the French village of St Omer in 1824. When aged six years his father placed him in the Ecole de Gymnase at Lyon. He later travelled to America with the Ravel family of acrobats. Jean Ravel, known as Blondin, gave his name to Gravelet. By 1855 Blondin was unrivalled as a tightrope walker and gymnast. In June 1859 he walked a rope strung 160 feet above Niagara Falls. He subsequently performed similar feats blindfolded and even turning a somersault over the raging waters.

In 1874 he commenced a season in Sydney with an enormous tent and five and a half tons of equipment set up in the Domain. His main tightrope of 800 feet was ninety feet above the ground. So successful was the tour that he returned in 1875. It was said that he cleared 18,000 pounds from his Australian visit.

Many tried to emulate Blondin. Harry L'Estrange, billed as "The Australian Blondin", crossed Sydney's Middle Harbour on a tightrope in 1877. That act is supposed to have earned L'Estrange 10,000 pounds.

(Spangles & Sawdust. THE CIRCUS IN AUSTRALIA.
Mark St Leon. 1983)

On the Albury scene, Mr Vertelli, also known as the Australian Blondin, performed some very clever tricks. In 1869 at the Exchange Hotel he walked on a tightrope and, at the same time, wheeled a barrow before him. He also gave a number of evening performances walking on a rope stretched across the river almost adjoining the bridge. The Border Post declared the feat to be of a daring character requiring an amount of practice to be able to accomplish.

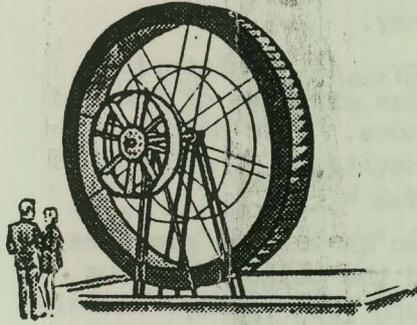
Besides walking the rope M. Vertelli performed various "hanky pankies" which quite astonished his audience.

In 1898 yet another Australian Blondin, Professor Leo, consented to give two of his most unrivalled performances on the wire rope in Smollett Street adjoining Reis' Wine Cellar.

If anyone can enlighten us about Mr Pardon's exploits on the tightrope in Albury any information will be very welcome.

(Helen Livsey)

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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 8th June at the CWA Hall, Kiewa St, Albury.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by the monthly meeting.
SPEAKER : David Ward, Manager, General Engineering, Albury City Council, will speak and show slides to illustrate the DEAN STREET Walk.

As we manouvre around the main street roadwork we are watching history happen. Since the removal of the elms we can appreciate the architectural merit of our historical buildings. With the growth of new trees Dean Street will once again take on a leafy splendor.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting :

1. Minutes of the previous A.G.M. held on June 9.1992.
2. President's Report (see page 3).
3. Treasurer's report and Audited Accounts.
4. Election of Committee of twelve (including office bearers), Public Officer and Honorary Auditor as nominated.

President	Ron Braddy
Vice President	Geoff Hamilton
Secretary	Cheryl Ryan
Minute Secretary	Frank Higgins
Treasurer	Roddy Davies

Committee of Six : Michael Katalinic, Claire Simpson, Mary Thurling, Claude Burke, Janice Park, Helen Livsey.

Public Officer Helen Livsey Honorary Auditor Bruce Dunkley

5. General Business Moved Roddy Davies, seconded Mary Thurling, that it is recommended that the Annual Subscriptions remain at \$15 Adult, \$18 Family and \$18.50 Corporate membership

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH "What is known of John.F.Maloney. a Dean Street Businessman ?
 Where did he live ? When did he die ?
 Does he have any descendants ? "**

May Meeting. ALBURY'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT - by Bruce Pennay.

Bruce gave a new perspective to the changing shape of Albury. As an historian, he is on the Albury Heritage Study team; for them he provides examples of how and why the town expanded in which directions and in which decades. This helps the Study team decide which are important aspects of Albury's Heritage. The Study is funded by Albury City Council and the Heritage Council of N S W.

Slides showed plans to illustrate the growth of the town as well as pictures of buildings. Surveyor Townsend's first plan, 1839, showed the police hut thus proving that force was needed to guard the ford and way south from Sydney. It also showed "Tree marked Hume River"; therefore Hume and Hovell passed this way and Brown's Hut, the start of commercial enterprise. The first five blocks of the town were marked out and the track to Sydney & Melbourne shown. An 1881 sketch plan displayed the layout of the town and more or less accurately, drawings of buildings. The Sydney road moved in a zigzag fashion diagonally across the northern approaches. Slides of Sodens and other important buildings showed where it changed course over the years. For Townsend's 1839 plan, see Bayley's History of Albury, pages 26/27.

Consideration of the effect of the World Wars was noted. By the 1930's the government stimulated the growth of country towns by £ for £ grants, improvements from then on included the channelling of Bungambrawatha Creek, kerbing & guttering, parks & trees, a tiled swimming pool, an aerodrome and Housing Commission homes in North Albury.

Most fascinating were slides of the 1949 aerial survey. They were so detailed that the audience could and did pick out individual sites and buildings. A poignant slide was of Happy Valley, now Glenroy; tracks led out towards the hills and here the poorest lived where the Council provided no services - no water, sewerage, electricity. On the edge of the same photo was a well watered and treed golf course.

In the 1950's, another poor area was Lavington. Here Shire building regulations were less strict than in Albury; Bonegilla migrants were able to get a start with cheap shelter.

Bruce's final slides were of evocative paintings by Drysdale of Albury, New South Wales country towns and people.

As usual, Bruce was interested to hear member's recollections of Albury as it was. The society was fortunate to have such a scholarly presentation.

Our Society has received correspondence from Robyn Young, Co-ordinator of Main Street, Albury Central, to which we publish for members who may be interested,
"As you may be aware, a streetscape study of Dean Street has been undertaken by Consultant Peter Freeman with the assistance of local consultant, Nicole Franssen, Albury City Council, and our main Street Central organisation.
A PUBLIC WORKSHOP for the purpose of releasing the draft study, will be held at the Commercial Club on Tuesday JUNE 15th at 7.30pm.
It is expected many of the building owners and tenants will be in attendance on the night. Main Street feels it would be valuable to have members of the Historical Society in attendance and therefore invites you to join us at the workshop.
For catering purposes, could you please advise me by 7th June."

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LAST MONTH'S QUESTION, Who was the Mayor and Aldermen of Albury in 1949? was answered by Geoff Hamilton, Keith Orford and Ron Braddy, with other members contributing the occupations of the aldermen as follows: Mayor, Cleaver Bunton, Accountant, R.A. Robertson, medical practitioner; A.A. Rogers, Manager of Farmers & Graziers; J.F. Jelbart, farmer; B.H.R. Lambert, Farmers & Graziers; L.A. Heath of Norman and Heath; J.C. King, accountant; R.S. Harrison, farm machinery sales; and C.E. Marshall of Mate's.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year has past us by :- 1992 -1993 is now history I.
We look forward to 1993-1994.

Looking back over the year, we have enjoyed the meetings and the friendship and the "cuppa" at the end of the night.
A few highlights of the past year were :-

Mr Alan Young of Charles Sturt University on Plans for Development in Albury-Wodonga.

Helen Livsey's - Slide Programme

Andrew Kelso - On Albury & District Vineyards

In December = Bring and Tell ...always a feature.

Mary Thurling & Gerry Curtis slide night on Dean Street

Elizabeth Moss - who spoke on her publication

"Worthy of Mention"

Evelyn Smith's Early Australian Poetry and Verses

The meeting we enjoyed at the Band Room , Reserve Street, Mr Kemn Polkinghorne, President of the City Band, gave a history of the Band.

Bruce Pennay's Albury's Historic Enviroment.

Once again thanks to Helen Livsey for her support to me and the Society and for the time she spends on research.

To Frank Higgins our Minute Secretary, I say thank you Frank for your full report on each meeting.

I Thank Roddy Davies for the well kept books on our finance.

To Gerry Curtis and Mary Thurling for the slides and talks to other organisations over the year, I say thank you both.

We congratulate Bruce Pennay on his book "On the Home Front"

Howard Jones we also conratulate on his Pictorial Display on Sport held in Albury and Wodonga.

Cheryl Ryan our Secretary, thank you for attending to all correspondence inwards and outwards.

To our Bulletin Editor Janice Park, thank you for a job well done.

Claire Simpson our membership and mailing secretary, we thank you for our Bulleting each month.

To all members of the committee and all members of the society, I thank you all for your work, support and attendance at meetings.

Well done is better than well said.

RON BRADY.

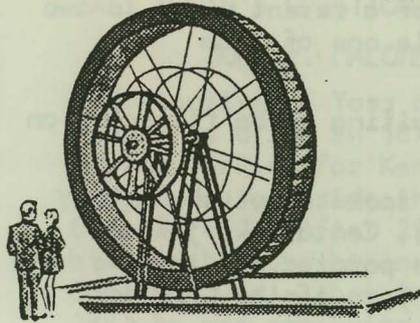
CONGRATULATIONS are extended to **GERRY CURTIS**, who was recently presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the North Albury Rotary Club.

Gerry received this award in recognition of services rendered in an Honorary capacity over many years, at the Manual Activities Centre at North Albury.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday, July 13 at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

A conservator of stained glass, David Beavis, will speak on the
CONSERVATION OF AUSTRALIA'S HISTORIC STAINED GLASS
SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH, ALBURY - A CASE STUDY

Colour slides will be shown of St Patrick's and other Australian
and overseas sites.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Apart from the churches, where are other notable examples
of stained, or other, glass in Albury-Wodonga?

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE COMING YEAR:

President	Ron Braddy	21 2028
Vice President	Geoff Hamilton	21 2431
Secretary	Cheryl Ryan	25 3687 (AH)
Minute Secretary	Frank Higgins	25 1607
Treasurer	Roddy Davies	25 2872
Public Officer	Helen Livsey	21 3671

COMMITTEE: Michael Katalinic 25 5242, Claude Burke 26 2327,
Janice (Park) Lynch 25 5462, Mary Thurling 21 6975,
Claire Simpson 43 1373 (AH), and one vacancy.

Honorary Auditor: G.D. Richardson Honorary Solicitor: Haydn Heath
Research Officer: Helen Livsey Publicity Officer: Mary Thurling
Bulletin Editor: Janice Lynch Supper Hostess: Mary Thurling

Membership, mailing list and Bulletin distribution: Claire Simpson

Journals Reader: Geoff Hamilton Library Accessions:

Meeting Hosts: Geoff Hamilton, Keith Orford, Claude Burke

Heritage Week and Tour Co-ordinators: Michael Katalinic, Ron Braddy, Claude Burke
Research & Publications sub-committee: John Mollison 21 5046, Anne Holloway 21 2173,
Anne Davies, Helen Livsey, Bruce Pennay

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due. It was decided at the Annual General Meeting in
June that subscriptions remain at \$15 Adult, \$18 family and \$18.50 Corporate.

LAST MEETING. Ian Glachan presided during the election of office bearers and Committee for the next year. He spoke of a recent visit to two Alburies in England. He and Helen met many helpful people one of whom corresponds with Society member, Arthur Pearsall.

There is one vacancy on the Committee waiting to be filled by an interested person.

David Ward, of the Albury City Council, spoke about the ALBURY CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, Centalink, jointly promoted by the Council and the Chamber of Commerce. He pointed out that we have a very rare opportunity to see a dramatic change in the face of the CBD, and illustrated his address with slides and a 7-minute video.

It was March 1990 when the Albury City Council resolved to enhance the shopping environment of central Albury and improve pedestrian links between the major shopping centres of Myer and K-Mart, Queen Elizabeth II Square, arcades, community buildings and parking areas. Heritage aspects, including studies and development of heritage plans for shops, have been incorporated into the project.

The development is to be in harmony with, and centre around, QEII Square. Dean Street, between Olive and Kiewa Streets, is to have limited through traffic. Physical speed restriction devices are preferred to speed restriction signs. Pedestrian areas are clearly identifiable, colour coded with clay brick pavers. It was resolved that the project would be constructed in stages over several years with the first stage involving construction of paved pathways and road crossings between Olive and Kiewa Streets, across Dean Street to AMP Lane and along Volt Lane across Kiewa Street to K-Mart.

Parking spaces in Dean Street between Olive and Kiewa Streets have been reduced. Trees have been planted on both sides of the road. Street lighting has been installed on the northern side with feature pedestrian lighting on the southern side. Telephone booths, litter bins, drinking fountains, and seating have also been installed with garden beds on the southern corners of the block. In the issue of Saturday, June 12, The Border Mail devoted the front page, in colour, to illustrate the handsome new promenade.

Future plans are for footpath widening in Olive Street between Volt Lane and Centrepoint designed in a way that future closing of the section north of Dean Street for a mall/plaza could be implemented if desired. Kiewa Street, from Dean Street to the K-Mart pedestrian crossing will have wider footpaths with no street parking in that section.

THE MAIN STREET COMMITTEE was established in 1992 as a sub-committee of the Albury Chamber of Commerce. The Main Street Programme is concentrated on five key elements of improvement: Organization, Design, Heritage Conservation, Business Development and Promotion. A recent project was a Farmers' Market which was a great success in spite of the freezing conditions on the day.

HERITAGE. The Albury Main Street Committee and Albury City Council were successful in obtaining funds under the NSW Heritage Assistance Programme to carry out a detailed streetscape assessment of Dean Street. The project flows on from the earlier Central Area Heritage Study and City Centre Commercial Study, providing a practical guide for Council, as well as owners and occupiers of the buildings.

Anticipated benefits from the work will include an enhancement of the streetscape, the promotion of sympathetic colour schemes, advice on appropriate location and types of signs, and specific advice on individual buildings. The advice will enable property owners to highlight the architectural merit of the building facades, although there is no obligation to do so. The Dean Street precinct contains buildings classified by the National Trust of NSW, listed on the Register of the National Estate by the Australian Heritage Commission, and listed as prominent twentieth century architecture by the Royal Australian Institute of Architects.

Council has recently applied for funding to appoint a Heritage Advisor to provide specialist advice to Council, owners of heritage properties and to the general public.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION.

JOHN F. MALONEY

was a native of Yass and came to Albury as a lad in 1870. A year later he was working for Kenneth McLennan at Dublin House beside the Albion Hotel in Dean Street. After 21 years there he started his own business in the old Dublin House - that was in 1892 and by 1895 he was employing 24 people. (McLennans had previously moved to the Dublin & Glasgow Warehouse). Later John Maloney moved up Dean Street, next to the George Hotel, opposite the Mechanics' Institute. His address was "The Arcade" from where he sold men's and women's clothing and drapery. One could be fitted for ball or bush wear. He was a Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Albury District Hospital Committee, Racing Club, Mechanics' Institute, and the Musical Festival Committee, and played golf and bowls.

He had a family of at least five children. One son died at sixteen years of age and a daughter, Agnes, received a Trinity College award presented at Saint Patrick's Church in 1898.

In 1924, after 53 years in the retail trade, John Maloney sold his stock to J.F. Burns, who had worked with Ball & Welch in Melbourne. He had a grown-up family and his wife was happy to return to her home town of Albury. A wooden suit-hanger was displayed at the meeting by courtesy of Mr Ellie Vonthien. It was sign-written J.F. BURNS, THE DEAN STREET DRAPERY STORE. LATE MALONEY'S.

John Francis Maloney lived at an unknown location in David Street and is believed to have left Albury after he retired. He is pictured in the Hume and Hovel Centenary Celebrations book of 1924 with Chamber of Commerce Committee members. Dick Fielder remembers two of John Maloney's employees as Mary Delaney who became Mrs J.B. Thomson, and Alf Morton.

(Information contributed by Geoff Hamilton, Dick Fielder & Helen Livsey)

AUSTRALIA POST COMMEMORATES COROWA FEDERATION CONFERENCE.

On July 30, 1993 Australia Post will release a pre-stamped envelope to commemorate the conference held at Corowa in 1893. Centenary celebrations will be held in Corowa July 31 to August 1. In August 1893 72 delegates attended the conference which eventually led to Federation in 1901.

The envelope carries a portrait of Sir John Quick, painted in 1910 by Australian artist, Portia Geach. An extract from the motion moved by John Quick is printed behind and beside the portrait. The stamp area shows the Corowa Court House, based on an 1890s photograph. The selling price of the envelope is 55 cents

THANK YOU to Lill Smith (formerly of Albury and now living at Tweed Heads) for a book on ALBURY PARK, SURREY, U.K. The book, published in 1951, was written and autographed by Helen Northumberland who was Mistress of the Robes for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The book was given to Mrs Smith by the author in 1953 and we are delighted to include it in our collection.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING July 27, 7.30pm at Xavier High School North Campus, of Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet July 23, 2pm at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. Anyone welcome to attend.

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MEMBERS' NEWS - Curly & Lois Humphreys.

Congratulations to Curly Humphreys on his promotion to General Manager of Forest Management at Australian Newsprint Mills, Boyer near Hobart. He will be doing much the same job as here in Albury but on a larger scale managing eucalyptus and pine plantations as well as native forest. He and Lois are both very interested in history

During Curly's time at A N M, Albury the Mill bought Coppabella Station near Tumberumba. It was exciting to discover that the old Blacksmith's shop (about 1840) was still intact. The company ordered an archaeological survey and followed its recommendations for extensive restoration. Next to be set in train are the old stables.

It was at Curly's suggestion that the Society approached Ian Thompson, then General Manager for help in re-printing Dr Andrews' History of Albury. It was indeed a generous, a total, sponsorship. With all expenses paid, each book sold has been a profit to the Society.

Lois Humphreys is a history graduate and history teacher. When she arrived in Albury, she set about understanding the geographical and historical landmarks of the place. She came in as Society President when Robin Brown moved away in mid 1981 and stayed on until the end of 1982. Her aims were to get more people involved in the Society and to achieve a systematic re-organisation. Her enthusiasm brought in many new members, in particular from Albury North High School where she was teaching. The society's **Archives** were collected and placed in the Local History Room of Albury Library under an agreement with Albury City Council and with the help and guidance of Anne Holloway then Chief Librarian of Upper Murray Regional Library; Jean Macdonald had registered 4,618 documents by December 1982. Albury City Council was persuaded to provide some storage space for Society **Artifacts** which were then collected in from kind members' homes, under-homes and garages - and listed. Albury City Council also obtained a State Grant for employing a part-time Director for the Museum. The **Bulletin** was continued with Lois as editor, then co-editor and afterwards left to Anne Davies. **River Bank Walks** were started. Altogether members will realise what a debt the society owes to Lois' clear thinking and organising ability.

By this time, the Humphreys will have moved to Hobart where we hope they will continue to have an interesting and rewarding life.

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Anne Davies.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Bulletin Editor, Janice (Park), and Joseph Lynch who were married in Western Australia on June 12. Janice, formerly of Duranillin, W.A., and Joe planned their wedding in an historical setting at the Heritage Gardens at Pinjarra to be near her grandmother who is 95 years of age.

We WELCOME Michael Katalinic as a new member of our Committee. Our THANKS go to retiring committee member, Mrs Evelyn Smith. She has been a pleasure to work with and has given us many good ideas over the past year.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mrs Catherine Jones on the loss of her husband, George on June 26. George had been a merchant seaman, radio engineer and a farmer. We will miss his regular attendance at meetings and tours.

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TRANSPORT. We have a few members in all areas of Albury who would like to attend meetings but do not have transport, or drive at night. If you could bring someone to meetings would you please register your phone number with our Secretary, Cheryl Ryan, on 25 3687 (A.H.)

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The WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA INC. (Founded 1929) is an organization of women descendants of Australasian Pioneers. Membership is available to those whose ancestor arrived in NSW and Tasmania by 1839, Vic and S.A. by 1847, Q'land and W.A. by 1860, New Zealand by 1855, Norfolk Island by 1857, Fiji by 1878, C'wealth Territories and Papua by 1888, and Associate Membership by 1/1/1901.

The Society aims to make known the history of Australian pioneers, especially the vital role of women pioneers in the development of this country. The Society's address is P.O. Box 116E, St James, NSW 2000

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Members of the Society are entitled to:

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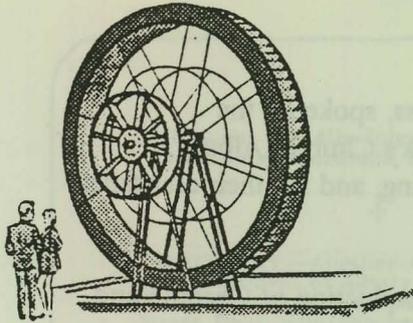
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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 10th August at the CWA Hall, Kiewa St, Albury.
 GUEST SPEAKER - Alistair Macdonald, who will speak on
 ship wrecks around Bougainville during World War 11.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "When did the Albury S.S.&A. Club start
 in Dean Street & when did it move to
 Olive Street" ?... members, if you have
 memorabilia of the club, please bring it
 along to our August meeting.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION ---- Apart from Churches, where are the other notable
 examples of stained , or other, glass in Albury-Wodonga ??.....

Soden's Hotel.....Commercial Club.....Albury Club.....Adamshurst.....
 Albury High School former Headmaster's residence.....Kell & Moore's office, Cnr Kiewa
 and Mitchell Sts, formerly known as The Nook.....The Former Town Hall, presently
 Albury Regional Arts Centre.....Home at the corner of Olive and Guinea Sts, opposite
 the Star Hotel now occupied by the Red Cross.....Helen Prosser's old home has a door
 which came from the Albury Hotel which was in Dean Street..... In Temple Court, Dean
 Street, there is a sign for E.T.Roberts, Tailor who was in business in the 1920's.....Mrs
 Waterstreet still has some sandblasted glass from the Pastoral Hotel and the bar door is in
 the former Stelling Home, Tinterne, at the corner of Macauley and Perry Streets..... The
 windows in the new Lavington Library were designed by John Skillington and made by
 John Milosta in 1991..... St Matthew's Parish Hall, presently in use for services until the
 church is rebuilt, has sixteen new windows showing the Way of the Cross, the Nativity
 and the Resurrection.

S.S.&A. CLUB HISTORY

Howard Jones is writing a history of the Albury Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Club.
 Do you have any old annual reports, programmes, financial statements etc, that could help
 him, fill any gaps. Howard can be contacted on 216589 a/hrs or 245411 during business
 hours.

LAST MEETING- David Beavis, a conservator of stained glass, spoke on the conservation of Australia's historic stained glass, and Saint Patrick's Church, Albury. David thanked our Society in allowing him to address their meeting, and for their assistance in his work.

Leadlight and stained glass went out of fashion following the introduction of Chrome and Laminex into our homes and public buildings, and as a result, David said that it was his aim to attempt to raise the profile of stained glass within our community.

About seventy Colour slides of St Patrick's church and stained glass windows from many countries of the world including Switzerland, Germany, United Kingdom, Netherlands and also Australia were one of the highlights of his very interesting talk.

He explained about the new type of restoration work being carried out - a new process called Isothermal Glazing, which helps to reduce the process of deterioration, caused by the atmosphere and condensation on the stained glass.

David Falconer was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1838, and arrived in Sydney in 1856. He married Emma Cartwright at Dr Lang's church in Sydney in 1857. They had eight children. He was the first stained glass artist in Australia and would have been 34 years old when he made the windows for St Patrick's Church, Albury, which has the largest collection of his work.

He died in 1891, aged 53.

John Falconer's work can also be seen at St John's Church at Reid, ACT and at St Bede's Catholic Church at Braidwood, NSW.

For members attending last month's meeting, it was a most interesting subject, and David held a very captive audience, touching on a subject that they knew very little of, or have just perhaps admired the lovely stained windows without realising the work involved in making these windows or doors, and then finding out in detail the work he undertakes in restoring these wonderful pieces of glass for prosperity.

MEMBERS NEWS --

At our last meeting, Silence was observed in memory of the Late George Jones.

Sympathy is extended to Hube and Olive Odewahn on the death of Hube's brother, Geoff (Harry) on July 16.

Get well wishes are extended to Jerry Curtis following his stay in Hospital. Jerry is now at home recuperating and members wish him a speedy recovery.

HISTORICAL PHILOSOPHY.

Don't take all predictions about the future too seriously. In 1850 it was predicted that if traffic kept increasing at the same rate as that year, then by 1990 the surface of the earth would be covered by six feet of horse manure!

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 24 August, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP - will meet 2pm August 27 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. Members and visitors are invited to attend, and contribute with personal reminiscences by those attending of the past history of Albury and surrounding districts.

REID.—On the 4th July, at Albury, James Reid, police constable, aged 53.

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OBITUARY.—Another very old and well-known resident of Albury has passed over to the majority, in the person of Constable James Reid, who has been attached to the local police force for the last thirty years. The deceased was brought to Albury from the Bathurst district by Mr. Atkins, formerly police magistrate, and served for some time as a constable under the late Mr. Herlihy. On the reorganisation of the constabulary he joined the new police force as a mounted trooper, and bore the reputation of being a smart, active man in the old days, when the police work in this district was a good deal rougher than it is now. He was present at the encounter with bushrangers when Sergeant Smith was killed, and exchanged shots with the bushrangers. For a considerable time past he had been in a very low, weak condition, and his death, which occurred on Monday last, was not unexpected. The funeral took place in the Albury cemetery, the remains being followed to the grave by the Superintendent of Police and a large number of members of the force.

A copy of this memorial card was sent to the Society by Constable Reid's great grandson, Basil Reid.

(Sergeant Smith - or Smyth - mentioned in the obituary, was shot by Dan Morgan, the bushranger, on September 4, 1864 near Henty and died in Albury later in the month).

Mr Reid is descended from Const. Reid's eldest son, William, who was a linotype operator at the Albury Banner

Mr Reid would like to contact descendants of William Reid's brothers and sister:

- James Charles, born 1857
- Henry William 1861
- Frederick 1863
- Mary Ann (a twin) 1865

and also George Robson, who was a friend of the Reid family.

Anyone with any information can write to Basil Reid, 146 Madden Ave, Mildura, Victoria 3500.

ALBURY BANNER. Friday, July 8, 1887. pp 20 & 21.

GHOST STORIES OF NORTH-EAST VICTORIA - INCLUDING ALBURY is a research subject being undertaken by a university student from Benalla.

Anyone with any local stories of haunting myths and legends is welcome to contact Miss Jacqueline Durrant, 3/23 Thomas Street, Benalla, Victoria, 3672.

BUNGAMBRAWATHA FLOOD.

Mrs Muriel Kelly, now residing in the A.C.T., has written to us her memories of a flood in Albury in 1927. Mrs Kelly is a member of the Klinge family who moved to Poole Street, Albury, in 1913 and lived there for about fifty years.

I remember the flood in 1927 of Bungambrawatha Creek. We lived in Poole Street. The water came up nearly to our back door. The Bodiner family lived in Kiewa Street and they were flooded. I don't remember if they had one or two very small children. They came and stayed with us for some days. After that Mr Bodiner built a water-proof fence around the house. I don't think it ever flooded again.

The creek was then straightened and my Father filled the winding part that was in our land. I remember the dray and one horse, slowly plodding along. They got the fill from over the hill off Sackville Street. It took him many days.

The block that was our vege garden was sold. The High School had a horse or horses in the paddock. We later sold that piece of land to the High School.

We thank Mrs Kelly for recording her memories and for the sketch of the land opposite the present Mercy Hospital.

CONVENTional Habitation.

On August 1 the Sisters of Mercy moved from their historic convent in Olive Street, Albury, to a new residential complex built for them on the other side of the street.

The first Sisters arrived in Albury in 1868. The foundation stone for the convent was laid within five days of their arrival and the building was opened on February 6, 1870. After continuous occupation by the nuns the building will now be utilized by Xavier High School.

In 1990 the Sisters kindly opened their convent to be viewed by the public during tours conducted by the Historical Society. We are most grateful for their hospitality on that day and wish them well in their new abode.

The new convent was built following the demolition in 1991 of two old homes at 448 and 450 Olive Street.

TRANSPORT.

No response has been received to the request in the last Bulletin about transport for members to meetings. If you would be able to take someone to meetings, even on an occasional basis, would you please phone Cheryl Ryan after hours on 25 3687 for more information.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS OFFICER.

Wendy Moriarty has held this position for a few years but is now unable to continue. We thank her for her enthusiasm and efficiency.

A volunteer is needed to continue her work which requires only about an hour per month. The work is done in the comfort of the Albury Library's Local History Room and involves listing the magazines and other printed matter in the Historical Society's register before the material is available for perusal by the public.

Further information can be obtained from Helen Livsey, phone 21 3671.

CENTRELINK.

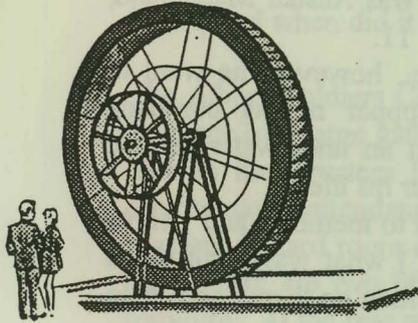
The Dean Street pedestrian area was officially opened by Mayor Arch McLeish on Saturday, July 17.

A throng of people cluttered the street to hear the speeches, shop at the farmers' market, enjoy the jazz band and a few buskers, and gasp at the roller bladers as they jumped over a car and a Border Mail photographer.

A ribbon was cut by Angus Benfield, one of the young stars of the locally-made film Lex and Rory, which had its world premier at the Cinema Centre that evening.

A plaque has been placed on the shelter building beside the Queen Elizabeth II Square. It honours the late Robert Harvey who was Director of Council's Planning and Development Services until his sudden death in February 1992.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 14th September at the CWA Hall, Kiewa Street
Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER - Rhonda Sinclair, from the Murray Darling Freshwater
Research Centre.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "How was Lavington named, and when
was it annexed to Albury?"

BACK TO LAVINGTON - Celebrations will be held on October 2 and 3rd. They are in
the form of a dinner at 7pm on the Saturday night at the Lavington Sports Club.
A Get-together on the Sunday from 10am to 4pm will be held at the Lavington School
Grounds. This will enable people to meet, view old photos and old clippings of the history
of Lavington. Sunday night will be a wind-up with an old-time supper dance at
8pm at the Lavington Sports Club.

For further information contact 251153 or 258128 evenings only. (extract from Readers'
Opinion column Border Mail August 24.)

MUSEUM CHATTER.

Enclosed with this Bulletin is the first edition of Museum Chatter from
The Director of the Albury Regional Museum, Elizabeth Close. It is intended to
be a regular monthly enclosure with the Bulletin to keep Society members informed
of the growth of the Museum which is located in the old Turk's Head Building in
Wodonga Place, Albury.

Listeners to Albury's new radio station, AM 1494, may have heard Elizabeth
discussing local history on a morning "talk-back" programme with Jim Wiltshire.
Listeners have taken the opportunity to phone-in and "educate" Elizabeth and Jim,
who are both new to the area, on the pronunciation of Bonegilla and Indi. They in
turn answered on air the enquiries of listeners. Incidentally, Indi
should be pronounced In-dee, the same pronunciation which is used when people
abbreviate the title of the Indianapolis 500.

LIBRARY ACCESSIONS OFFICER.

Mrs Jacqui Bullivant, who joined the Society in 1985, has volunteered to
be Library Accessions Officer. Jacqui has already commenced work listing our
material as it goes into the Local History Room at the Albury Library. It is then
catalogued by Library staff and placed on the shelves or in the filing cabinets.
We exchange newsletters with a lot of Historical and Family History Societies from
near and far and these are placed in magazine boxes on the compactor shelves.

LAST MEETING- Our guest speaker at last month's meeting was Alistair Macdonald, who spoke on ship wrecks around Bougainville during World War 11.

Alistair was born in Albury, and has spent most of his life here., however he went to Papua New Guinea in the 1960's as a supervisor for a copper mining company (C.R.A.) and it was during his time in New Guinea, that he met an underwater salvage diver. From then on, the lure of shipwrecks was to take over his life.

Alistair spent three and a half years in New Guinea. He recounted to members and visitors at our meeting (unfortunately a smaller than usual attendance) what was involved in underwater salvaging, how some of the boats still had live ammunition on them, and then of the ever-present dangers involved of sharks - in particular bronze whalers and tiger sharks..

He also talked of how the copper mining industry affected the island and its native people. Alistair had on display many artifacts including a brass box "oiling capsule" from a British Patrol Boat; various plates ; a communication horn from a destroyer; a small Porthole from a destroyer ; hand made brass nails from a timber ship; a pair of spectacles made in gold ; china plates with Japanese writing on them ; handmade glasses ; pottery rice bowl.

His talk was then followed by about 80 slides of his time in New Guinea, showing the various aspects of Copper Mining and how it affected the landscape, pictures of machinery used, and how native guides were needed to find their way around because of the very thick forests. Rainfall made mining especially difficult as in one downpour anything between 5-6 inches of rain would be recorded.

Alistair's slides could have been described as a "Travel documentary" it was a facinating presentation not only of the copper mining, but also of the day-to-day life in villages, beach scenes, waterfalls, flowers, then underwater life which could only be described as "incredible", showing the stunning colours of corals, sponges and fish life. Last but by no means least, the love of his life - actual shipwrecks and how the divers see the wrecks for the first time and then how they go about salvage operations.

The slides were taken over a period of 25 years using the first camera he had, an old box brownie, then over the years progressing to the most sophisticated cameras now available for underwater photography.

A vote of thanks to Alistair was made on behalf of those present by Michael Katalinic.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS for which the Society is most grateful.

"DANCING DAYS", a 44-page book by Irene and Ern Hillier of Albury records their memories of training debutantes since 1971. Ern also recalled his early life near Eumungerie, between Dubbo and Gilgandra, his work at the woollen mills and Farmers and Graziers in Albury, and dances at St Patrick's Hall, the Palais in Kiewa Street the Ritz Ballroom and the Mechanics' Institute.

From Jeanette Jasper, Rutherglen, The Official Historical & Pictorial Record of Albury and Border Districts 1788-1938; Programme for a Grand Concert by the Albury Choral Society at the Wool Exchange, November 30, 1937; Programme for a Vocal Recital by Miss Nita Lobban and Mr Eric Welsh, at the Wool Exchange, November 6, 1937; Silk-covered book of Sketches in and around Albury by H.G. Twomey. The seven sketches are dated 1915 and 1916. Three are coloured and are titled A Winter Evening, The River (from the N.W. corner of the Sports Ground) and Flood Time. The pen/pencil sketches are titled Study of an old hut, A Bush Home, A Lane at South Albury, and Wodonga-Albury Road.

Max Eberle of Kareela, NSW has kindly provided twelve books of typed and sorted listings of the Returns of the Colony as at January 1, 1885. The listings are of property owners, acreage, and numbers of horses, cattle, sheep and pigs on the property, the location of the holding and the post town. The latest books received are for the Police Districts of Armidale, Cooma, Coonabarabran, Dubbo, Hay, Molong, Mudgee, Narrandera, Picton, Pilliga, Wagga Wagga and Wilcannia. Mr Eberle earlier sent books for Albury, Balranald, Bathurst, Berrima, and Carcoar.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION ---- When did the Albury S.S.&.A.Club start in Dean Street, and when did it move to Olive Street ?".

The Albury Soldiers Club was first formed on 25/12/1918. On Armistice night, in the presence of a large gathering, The Albury Soldiers Club was opened and formally handed over to the Trustees for the returned Soldiers of the town and district. There was a representative attendance of leading citizens. The premises of the soldiers club comprised a spacious billiard room over the Government Savings Bank with a balcony at the front and side. There are two billiard tables and a piano and comfortable armchairs amongst the furniture. At the rear portion of the suite of the rooms are two smaller rooms to be used as Committee and reading rooms.

On the motion of the Mayor (A.Waugh)who presided at the gathering, Messrs W.G.Henderson, H.F.Ogilvie, J.Nagle, Trustees for the Citizens committee, The Fathers' Association, the Soldiers Club respectively, were elected Trustees of the Club. The Mayor said it was his pleasing duty to hand over the Club to Mr Ogilvie, the Senior Trustee who suitably acknowledged the compliment and asked Mr.W.E.Colley, President of the Club to accept it from the Trustees. A bright musical programme followed, supplemented by refreshments and a dance for the young people (extract. Albury Banner Nov.19.1920.)

The S.S.&.A.Club in Olive Street opened on July.15.1960.

submitted by G.Hamilton.

*** Since the August meeting, the Society has received an R.S.S. &.A.I.L.A. Albury Sub-branch report and balance sheet of activities for the year ending 1946.

The booklet lists office bearers and sub-committees. In addition to the President's and Secretary's reports, there are reports from the Welfare Officer, Housing Sub-Committee, Graves Sub-Committee, Vigilance Committee, R.S.L. Women's Auxiliary, Memorial Hall Race Club, Albury & District Returned Soldiers Race Club, and the following from the Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen's Club



R.S.S. & A.I.L.A.
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Report & Balance Sheet

OF

Activities for the year
ending 1946



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SAILORS, SOLDIERS and AIRMEN'S CLUB.

The Committee of the above Club reports that the Club is now in full swing, with all club amenities, such as Refreshments, Billiards, Reading and Writing Rooms, Card Room, and Lounge. Refreshments will be in a modified form, until such time as a license is granted. We suggest that all members of the League should become members of the Club, and enjoy the amenities which the Club now offers. The Club building remains for all time the property of the R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. and is under the control of the League. It is anticipated that certain legal adjustments will have been made, and it will be possible to hold the first general meeting of members early in the new year.

MEMBERS NEWS

sympathy is extended to Joe and Janice Lynch on the death of Joe's Brother, Robert (Bob) on August 29.

SUBSCRIPTIONS became due after the Annual Meeting in June. A renewal form was attached to the July Bulletin. A list of current financial members appears below. Those who have not renewed by 15th September, will not receive the next bulletin.

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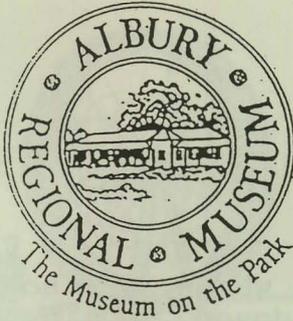
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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 28 September, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

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MUSEUM CHATTER No. 1

August 1993

Greetings, companions in history. This is the first newsletter from the Museum, and I hope, the beginning of a long and fruitful liaison. I acknowledge the links between the Museum and the Historical Society and believe that you all can be of great assistance to the working of the Museum. I am, after all, a new kid on the block and need to have the backup of a vast store of historical information such as your society contains. In this area I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Helen Livesy who has always been helpful when I have called on her for advice, information and contacts.

What's New at the Turks Head?

There has been much hard work and innovative thought going on. I don't know how long it is since you have paid a visit to the Museum but you should come soon because there are changes.

The Transport Room has been changed around to give it more focus. It tells the story of travel in Albury much better than before and is much easier for visitors to move around in.

The Women's Life Gallery has also been changed providing an insight into the many facets of life here in Albury. It doesn't only feature pioneer housework, it looks at entertainment, sporting accomplishments and paid work. Its not quite finished yet but coming along nicely.

The exhibition known as Dr Barnett and the Irish Tiger has been resurrected and adapted to tell the story of public entertainment in Albury Wodonga. It has been installed in the long side gallery so that we can give the War objects a rest. I am toying with the idea of reprinting the booklet from the exhibition (with some minor modifications). It is very informative and I believe visitors would be interested enough to purchase one - probably school students as well. It is only money holding me up!!

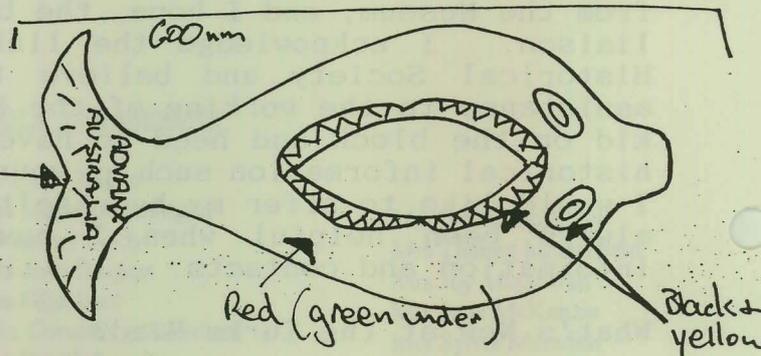
Then there is the foyer. I have been wondering how to improve the entry for a while. It is much more welcoming now. The archaeology display has been reorganised, a table and chairs provided and more light allowed in. Very pleasing. Now if we could just get air conditioning...

MUSEUM WINDCHEATERS! AT LAST YOU CAN PROUDLY WEAR YOUR HERITAGE! THESE UNIQUE CLOTHING ITEMS ARE ONLY \$30.00. COME IN TO THE MUSEUM, SEE SAMPLES AND PLACE YOUR ORDER. IF YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE, ASK RON BRADY - HE HAS SEEN THE REAL THING!

Help Please?

The Museum has been given an interesting object which has no background information. Although we contacted the donor, seeking more information, none has been forthcoming. It is a child's swimming aid, and has the appearance of being made around the 1950s. Below is a sketch of the object and I would welcome any information that you may have.

"ADVANX"
AUSTRALIA —
Could it be advertising?



Exhibitions Coming up.

Currently, Gargantuans from the Garden is showing in Kiewa Street. Do go along and enjoy the show, its not often Albury gets the chance to see such thing.

In September there will be another travelling show at Lavington hall. This one is called A Changing People A Changing Land. It is a look at the history and culture of the Murray Darling Basin and includes a local component. The exhibition is free to the public and will open on the 15/9/93, staying in Albury until 9/11/93.

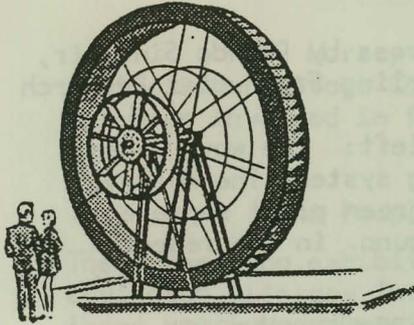
Then in October, we are planning a centenary exhibition at the Museum. The Albury Regional Museum will be celebrating 100 years of collecting and displaying history. WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE. If you have any stories, memorabilia, photographs, paperwork, brochures, souvenirs or indeed anything at all related to any period of the museum's existence or any of the Directors who have been here, I would just love to talk to you. So don't be shy, anything and every thing is useful and the Albury and District Historical Society's Folk Museum is one of the incarnations, after all.

As always, the Museum remains open every day from 10.30 to 4.30 and admission is free. If you would like to call in Cathy, Diane and I would make you welcome. If you would like to phone us the number is: 214550.

Talk with you again next month.

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director

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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 12th October at the CWA Hall, Kiewa Street
Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER - Ron Haberfield, talking on the history of "Haberfields"

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "What were the names of the early dairies and
milk vendors in Albury. ?

BOOK REVIEW.....A BARANDUDA HISTORY by Howard .C.Jones.

Compiled for the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation in October 1992.

This history was made in 1988 for the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation and the contents of the book are listed clearly in the front for those who wish to look at particular topics.

Early mention is made of the Aborigines who lived in the area, the name Baranduda drawing from "swamp water rat". The last corroboree was held at Gundowring in 1851, and by 1862, forty aborigines were living under protection at Tangambalanga. Numbers much depleted since 500 identified 25 years previously.

Baranduda was originally part of the large Wodonga run formed by Paul and Charles Huon in 1836, an out-station built there in 1836 or 1837.

The first pioneer in the area was Frederic Street, a native of Hampshire, England, who managed land at Gundowring before moving to Baranduda in 1852. He extended his holdings throughout his life until his death at age 73, leaving 7 sons on various properties.

According to Howard Jones, Lutheran migrants also played a large part in the development of the area, being linked also to the Jindera and Walla Walla Lutherans.

One of the earliest was Johann Schubert who came to Baranduda in 1869, marrying Louisa Bartel of Leneva.

Other families mentioned are the Sommer, Stenzel, Boyes, Dumbrell, Chapple, Chasney, Puddephatt, McGeoch and Whyte.

The remainder of this book is devoted to facets of life at Baranduda such as farming, vineyards (extensive from 1860's to early 1900's), Baranduda school, social life and local government.

Howard includes a list of rate-paying landowners in 1911, and the Honour Roll which hangs in the class-room at the State School.

This history concludes with a summary of the planning of the area as a growth centre, the population being about 500 in 1992 and the community centre, funded by the Corporation opened previously in November 1991.

LAST MEETING



Members listened keenly to an illustrated address by Rhonda Sinclair, Scientific Liaison Officer with the Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre at Thurgoona.

Rhonda explained the Centre's logo, pictured left: the wavy lines signify the major rivers in the Murray-Darling system: The Murray, Murrumbidgee, Darling, and the Lachlan. The green plant represents the aquatic plant life, and the insect, the fauna, in the research programme.

The Murray-Darling Basin river system extends from the source of the Condamine, south west of Brisbane, to the mouth of the Murray in South Australia. It covers one-seventh of the area of Australia, with a population of 1.3 million.

The Research Centre was set up in 1986 for an initial period of five years. It involved the Australian Water Research Advisory Council, the River Murray Commission (now the Murray-Darling Basin Commission), the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation, and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization. The Centre has recently received a guarantee of funding for a further three years. Three quarters of the staff are involved in scientific research. The Centre is about to become part of a Co-operative Research Centre. This is part of the Clever Country strategy of former Prime Minister, Bob Hawke.



The aim of the centre is to carry out research to further the aims of the Murray-Darling Ministerial Council, thereby promoting the welfare of the Basin. Anything that happens in the Basin affects the Australian economy. Researchers are investigating the physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the aquatic areas in the Basin and gaining an understanding of the limnological processes. Limnology is the study of inland water bodies, not only fresh water but also brackish water and hot spring areas. Another aim is to predict the response of freshwater systems to land management practices. The Centre aims, as we all should, to leave to future generations an environment which is no worse than we now enjoy and, hopefully, to improve it.

Consulting and contract work is also undertaken to generate further funding for the Centre which operates under the same terms and conditions as the C.S.I.R.O. The Development Corporation has been exceptionally helpful in providing administrative staff and services.

The scope of work includes

- * Limnology of turbid (muddy) waters. In the northern hemisphere water is clearer than it is here.
- * Determination of what happens in the catchment, including urban development.
- * Limnology of billabongs; looking at what happens on the flood plain. Previously a lot of research establishments just looked at what happened bank to bank but are rapidly realizing that they have to look at the flood plain to have an appreciation of what happens in the whole system.
- * Ecology of wetlands and their use for wastewater treatment systems.

Rhonda explained that the majority of salinity problems are caused by land use practices. The trees almost act like big pumps bringing water up through their deep root systems and expiring it out through their leaves. However, areas which once were covered with trees have now been cleared. Where there is annual pasture growth which has very shallow roots the water table rises bringing salts which had been previously trapped down lower. Salinity is also related to the geology of the area such as in southern South Australia which, years ago, was under ocean water.

The Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre, as well as the Australian Heritage Commission and the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, has been involved in forming

A CHANGING PEOPLE: A CHANGING LAND

The People and Landscapes of the Murray-Darling Basin

The travelling exhibition from the National Museum of Australia opened at the Lavington Literary Institute, on Urana Road, on September 15. It will continue there until November 9, 9.30am to 4.30pm (closed 12.30 to 1pm). There is no admission charge. Over the next year the exhibition will visit Bendigo, Goolwa, Mildura, Toowoomba, Tamworth, Dubbo and Canberra.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cr. Arch McLeish on being re-elected for his second term as Albury City Mayor, and also to Cr. Mick Reid on being elected as Deputy Mayor

THE RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee is responsible for the management of our Society's business. It has only one standing sub-committee, for research and publications, whose current membership is (in alphabetical order): Mrs Anne Davies, Mrs Anne Holloway, Mrs Helen Livsey, John Mollison (Convenor), Professor Bruce Pennay, Ph.D.

Between 1984 and 1986 the sub-committee produced, with the aid of local sponsorship, eight history sheets with the following titles: Street Names, The First 25 Years, Railways, Gold Mining (in 1989, with some modifications, as The Gold Era), The River Murray, Wodonga Place Albury, Vines and Wines, and Beef Cattle. In 1987 a brochure was prepared on the Albury Pioneer Cemetery. Sets of the history sheets with the brochure are still available at \$2 a set.

The sub-committee was responsible for the republication of The History of Albury 1824-1895 by Dr Arthur Andrews; this was achieved in 1988 with the aid of a generous grant from Australian Newsprint Mills Limited. Most of the 1,000 copies have now been sold.

Last year our most important work was in helping Bruce Pennay, one of our sub-committee members, in the editing and production of his notable book, On The Home Front; Albury During the Second World War.

This year has at last seen the publication by Tourism Albury/Wodonga of the brochure Drive Tour of Albury-Wodonga; our sub-committee had drafted the text of this brochure, amending it as delays occurred and time brought changes. Copies will be available to members at the October meeting.

Our main current project is the indexing of the Society's Bulletins from 1961 to 1993; the necessary professional work has been carried out by Christine Adams, whose skills as a trained librarian and a computer operator have been invaluable. The great value of this indexing is that it will make accessible to researchers the large store of information included in our Bulletins over 32 years. To try to use the Bulletins without an index would be a researcher's nightmare.

We knew that the indexing would be expensive because of the many hours of professional work needed for its completion. We therefore prepared a careful application for a grant from the Royal Australian Historical Society and have now heard that we shall receive \$500 towards the total cost of about \$2,500.

With that task nearing completion, we are now drafting a guide for a heritage walk in the Albury Botanical Gardens.

Our work would be impossible without the backing of the Committee, with whom we maintain a close liaison, especially through Helen Livsey, the only one of us who is also a member of the Committee.

(John Mollison)

ANSWER to LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: How was Lavington named and when was it annexed to Albury?

THELMA MUSSELWHITE read from a letter from A.J. Quirk, Geelong, which appeared in The Border Mail on June 23 last: On a recent visit to my home town, Lavington, I was amazed to learn that the Albury City Council is promoting a name change of this great place to Hamilton. Hamilton? What significance does that name have?

In 1865, a crushing engine, the first brought to the gold fields, was christened by the Mayoress, Mrs Blackmore, who broke a bottle of champagne over it and called it "The Lavington" after its inventor. That was to be the new name of the Black Range - Lavington.

FRANK HIGGINS quoted page 27 of the 1952 Lavington Water Celebrations booklet which indicated that a public meeting was called for November 18, 1908 and a Progress Association was formed. Resolutions were carried to apply to the Crown for a site of 20 acres on the Main Road for recreational purposes, and to change the name of the village from that of Black Range. The following names were submitted: Lynton, Brookford, Bourneville, Clifton, Havelock, Monkville and Bungambra. Lynton was selected, and later Clinton. Both were rejected by the P.M.G. on the grounds that they were already appropriated. On March 16, 1909 at another meeting the name Lavington was chosen.

The Society's History Sheet on Gold Mining (Holford Lempriere) mentions that Joseph Box named his holding Lavington (near the present crematorium) after his native village in Sussex, England.

According to Bardsley, "A Dictionary of English and Welsh Surnames"; a parish in Co. Lincoln, four miles from Folkingham, also parishes (E & W Lavington in Co. Wiltshire. There are also places called Lavington in West Sussex.

Jessie Lavington Evans was born in Albury in 1860, the daughter of William Bird Evans. William had a brother, John Lavington Evans, a shareholder in the Lavington Gold Mining Co in 1865.

Frank summed up the material as follows: The Lavington Water Celebrations 1952 booklet implies the name was chosen because of its old association with gold diggings when there had been the Lavington Quartz Mill Company and the Lavington Hotel. In 1865 the proprietors were Messrs Jennings and Davis. Why Lavington was the name chosen by the mill company and the hotel is not known.

Whereas Joseph Box's use of Lavington is clear. It was his native village in Sussex. The address of Lavington was in limited use when a name for Black Range was being sought in 1908-9. Therefore, Lavington eventually could have been selected because it was in use and had a long association with the Black Range gold diggings.

Lavington was transferred from Hume Shire to Albury City on January 1, 1962.

RON BRADY read from William A. Bayley's Border City History of Albury (1976 edition) pages 150, 199 and 203.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (continued from the September Bulletin)

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 26 October, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP - will meet 2pm October 22 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. Members and visitors are invited to attend, and contribute with personal reminiscences by those attending of the past history of Albury and surrounding districts.



MUSEUM CHATTER No.2

September 1993

Greetings once again, fellow historians. The response to the last Museum Chatter was very heartening. There were a number of people who called in to the Museum to see the changes. As well there was an excellent response to the call for information about the child's swimming ring. We now have a provenance for it which makes an acquisition worthwhile. The Border Morning Mail ran a story on it too! It must be as Confucious said - "One picture is worth a thousand words". I will have to make all future requests in pictorial form.

A CHANGING PEOPLE A CHANGING LAND

This exhibition is now open at the Lavington Hall in Urana Road, next to Lavington Public School. It was opened on the 15th September and will continue until December. Admission is free and there is much to see in the exhibition. Although it is not immediately obvious, because there are no banners to tell you, Albury Regional Museum has played a large part in the preparation of the exhibition. The Director and the previous Director together with the curatorial assistant put in nearly twelve months of work on the local component of the display. I would be interested to hear your response to A Changing People A Changing Land. Partnerships between large city Museums and small regional ones are being encouraged by the Federal Government and since this is a first attempt I would appreciate any feed back you may wish to give.

SPRING CLEANING

The Museum is very fortunate to have been offered the services of a Charles Sturt University student who is undertaking cultural heritage studies. Jacqueline Durrant is working at the Museum one day a week - some of you may know her. The task she has undertaken in conjunction with Cathy and myself is the re-cataloguing of the Museum's collection. This huge task has involved moving all the collection held in the Museum building, re-numbering the items and then changing shelf position and computer listings. If you can imagine reorganising an antique shop while spring-cleaning a library, you will have the picture! It is proving a very useful exercise as items turn up which have never been properly catalogued, items which have never been seen appear and the computer data base becomes more useful. There are a few odd finds and I will have a few pictures to add to the next Museum Chatter for your interest.

MUSEUM'S CENTENARY BIRTHDAY PARTY

As an acknowledgment of the 100 years of Albury Regional Museum, we are planning a party on the 31st October. There will be:

- * a temporary exhibition celebrating the changes, exhibitions and people over the century
- * a huge birthday cake with 100 candles
- * an Attic and Cellar sale (old museums do not have garages)
- * launch of the Drive Tour
- * one of the regular craft displays
- * several surprises which haven't been finalised yet.

It should be a lot of fun. I know I asked in the last Chatter if anyone out there had stories or memorabilia of the past forms of the Museum, but I am asking again - Any tales to tell? Any memories?

Another area in which I would like some assistance is in finding some things which are 100 years old. Does anyone know the whereabouts of any unusual items - vegetable, mineral (or animal) which fit this description? Please let me know if you do.

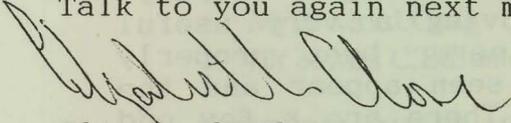
GARGANTUANS FROM THE GARDEN

If you have not seen this travelling exhibition from the Australian Museum, you have until the 10th October. Since it is school holidays, the exhibition would make great entertainment for any children or visitors passing through Albury.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS

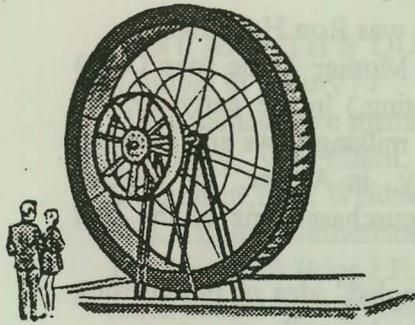
In the very near future, I am going to turn my thoughts to the many ways volunteers could work with the Museum. I attended a marvellous conference on the organisation and running of volunteer programs just recently and it provided me with much food for thought. It will take quite a bit of planning to run an efficient volunteer program, I know. However, I believe that the Museum holds the Albury Wodonga community's heritage and that there are many different ways in which people can share that heritage. I would welcome your thoughts on the matter.

Talk to you again next month



Elizabeth Close
Museum Director

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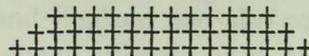
NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 9th November at the CWA Hall, Kiewa Street Albury.
 Colin Frauenfelder's slide collection of Albury, to be selected and shown by Mary Thurling.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "Where were the Post Offices located in Albury"?

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RISING AGAIN



The blessing of foundation stones is becoming a habit at St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Albury.

The most recent event was on Sunday, October 10, 1993 when Bishop Robert Beal of Wangaratta blessed a stone marking the reconstruction of the church after the disastrous fire on September 14, 1991.

An inscribed silver trowel, used during the ceremony, was brought along by members of the family of T.H. Mate. The trowel has belonged to the family since Mr Mate laid the foundation stone of an extension to the church in 1874. The original stone had been laid in 1857 by George Macleay, M L A.

After extensive searches it seems the first two stones were unmarked. However, the Rector of Albury, the Ven. Dr. John Davis, has ensured future generations will not have to search any further than the exterior (northern) wall facing the rectory. A handsome stone records the key events relevant to the parish from 1850 to 1993.

The plan is to consecrate the "new" church on the feast day of Saint Matthew, September 21, 1994.

A brochure, with colour pictures of the church prior to the fire, has been printed and will be available at the November meeting at \$2 a copy.

LAST MEETING- Our guest speaker at last month's meeting was Ron Haberfield. He presented the history of HABERFIELDS, founded by his Mother Annie (nee Gray) and his his Father, Jock (who also attended our October meeting,) in the early 1930's. Jock, having knocked about down on farms, breaking in horses, milking cows and working in Melbourne, was about to buy a farm and visited Annie Gray, in Albury. He took to liking the district and bought a milk-round instead. He also purchased one of the first pasteurising plants.

In those days, few milk factories in Australia used the "new fangled" idea of pasteurising and bottling milk, to produce a better quality, safer and longer keeping milk.

These moves were to put him in competition with Annie, who was selling her Father's milk direct, and so they teamed up and formed Haberfields Model Dairy.

Jock and Anie were married, and when they returned from their honeymoon, Jock set about building their first factory in David Street.

As the Haberfields reputation spread, business built-up steadily until the Second World War. With the war came crowds of servicemen, as the army and air force set up camps near Albury. This was a very busy time for Jock and Annie, driving to the camps delivering milk, calling at farms to collect produce, and working at the factory as well., however, when the war came to an end, things began to settle down, Jock started to have a surplus of milk, and so he went into cheddar cheese production in 1946. Soon he was in the export trade and now sells Internationally to countries such as the S/E Asian markets, Hong Kong, Singapore, Phillipines, New Zealand, Indonesia, Korea, Taiwan, Russia, U.S.A., West Indies and Canada.

In the early 1950's the Haberfield's pioneered School Flavoured Milk scheme. He outlined in detail the firms operations, innovations, legal battles, product diversification, marketing difficulties, until now it has established not only an Australian market, but also on an International market. The Haberfields factory is highly computerised and has a staff of about eighty, and a fleet of milk tankers delivers 30,000,000 litres of milk annually. Ron extended an invitation to those present to visit the factory Dairy Shop and to visit the viewing gallery which is open 9am-5pm with the milk processing best seen around 9-11am. A short video was shown, and afterwards cheese samples were on the table for tasting.

Two brochures were distributed to those attending the evening "A Dairy Tradition Since 1931" and also the Australian Art of Swiss Cheese Making".

A vote of thanks was made to Ron on behalf of members and visitors by Gerry Curtis.

A welcome was extended by our President to Miss Belinda Crawford, a student from the Albury High School, who is undertaking a thesis on Haberfields.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (continued from the October Bulletin)

Mrs. J. Bullivant

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CELEBRATIONS

The Albury Regional Museum is presently celebrating One Hundred Years since a museum opened in Albury.

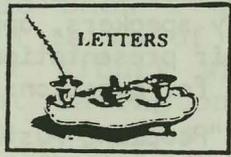
On display for the first time is the handwritten Register of Specimens from the Albury Free Industrial Museum which was opened by the Mayor, George H. Billson on October 17, 1893.

The Society is indebted to "young Albury lad", John Henwood, for the preservation of the register. John gained an appreciation of history at an early age and was a foundation member of the Albury Historical Society in 1960 while still a student. He now lives with his family in Melbourne and is still a Society member.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION ---"What were the names of the early dairies & milk Vendors in Albury" ?

Many names were mentioned at our meeting including the following -

J.D.Berry, V.W.Elliott, Golden Milk Dairy, Haberfields Model Dairy, E.Heinke & Co, M.Spencer,Dick Weidner,George Weidner,Murray Goulburn Co-op Ltd, A.Reuss,J.Grant, Mrs.F.Bolton,Sutherlands,Mrs Montague & her son, Jack Plummer, N.Grant, J.Horan, T.L.Iverson,R.Prior,J.P.Seymour,J.Jeremiah,J.Horan,G.Grant,Lipsett(Alex,Irvine,John,Sa muel,Thomas),Phil Peasley,John Schwind,J.Warr,J.White,J.Brann, Mrs Frauenfelder, John Connors, William Connors, Nat & Charlie Gray,North Eastern Dairy Co, Kiewa Dairy Co, Charlie Spencer,Holdensen & Neilson, Len Lexby,Laurie Lexby, Snow Cunningham, Vern Waite,Grants of Thurgoona,Tom Ryan of Wodonga,Wattie Waite-Union Bridge,Dairy Farmers Co-op Milk Co.



Following is an extract taken from a letter from a former resident of Albury, who is living in Paris for the next two years. Her parents thought that Society members may be interested in part of this letter,as with the approach of Remembrance Day on November 11, the letter makes comments on the Australian Diggers who returned to Bullecourt to honor the Australians who died there in 1917. (The Border Mail of Sept,3 & 4th '93 said that 14 "Diggers returned for the ceremony. There were two battles of Bullecourt in which 10,000 Australians were killed or wounded").

"Saturday 24th April, we went up to the Anzac Day ceremony at Villers Bretonneux and Bullecourt. It was very enjoyable. We went up on the bus provided by the Embassy. First there was a service at the Australian Memorial at Villers B. The villagers then put on a magnificent reception for everybody with beautiful finger food and champagne,. There were many Australians there. Some tourists there especially for the occasion, but also Australians living in Germany and England had also come over. The village itself is very interesting as all the streets are named after places in Australia and there is the Kangourou Restaurant, and inside the town hall there are all these very old wood carvings around the walls which feature Australian animals and birds and the words "N'oublion jamais Australie" (We will never forget Australia). We then drove to Hendecourt where lunch was put on for us. Then to Bullecourt where there was a church service, then a wreath laying ceremony at both the Australian Memorial there and then across the road at the French Memorial. We then walked in a procession out into the fields and a beautiful bronze statue was unveiled of a "digger" looking East into the rising sun with great hope in his face. It is to be known as the "Bullecourt Digger". and is a wonderful piece of work. We then walked right out into the newly ploughed fields (complete with rusty barbed wire and two old shells just recently ploughed up and sitting in the fields) to a little shrine. Julia and another girl from here (Olivia) placed wreaths from the children of Australia and then Olivia said "In Flanders Fields" and Julie said "The Anzac Requiem". We left about 9.15 and got back to Paris about midnight. I would say all up there was about 500 people including the Royal Victorian Regiment complete with Piper and two old diggers from WW1.

There is another memorial in September as a 75th commemoration of the last battle Australia fought in, and also I believe for the 75th anniversary of the end of the war. I think they decided to have it early because if they hold it on the 11th November it will be very cold and they are flying some of the old diggers across for it."

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GOLBURN, OCTOBER 9 & 10, 1993

Our Society is one of 270 affiliated to the R A H S. Since it has its headquarters in Macquarie Street and many of the affiliated societies are either in Sydney or within easy reach of that city, annual conferences are held in alternate years in Sydney and in a country centre: 1993 was the turn of the country and the place chosen was Goulburn, the last Australian town to become a city through having a cathedral.

I attended as our Society's representative - and collected a Cultural Grant of \$500 towards the indexing of our Bulletins. We were well accommodated at the Police Academy, formerly a C A E.

The theme of the conference was "Giving History the Justice it Deserves" which could be interpreted in a number of ways. The sessions, packed into a day and a half, were very full. Generally speakers, approximately as many women as men, were allowed half an hour for their presentation. As care was taken to keep to the timetable, there was little scope for questions, which I regretted.

The keynote address, "Peopling Australia", was given by Dr Chris Cunneen, Deputy General Editor of The Australian Dictionary of Biography, for which he has written 56 articles. He showed us his own pithy style and the criteria for inclusion of names in the Dictionary, as well as revealing something of the way in which contributors are chosen by his colleagues and himself. Naturally checking and correction are important parts of the workload. He urged that submissions for inclusion in later volumes should be made locally; those recommended should be such that the next and later generations would be interested in looking up their names. We surely should contribute some Albury identities.

It was a sign of the times that Aboriginal issues, including their military service and struggle for civil rights, were the subjects of two talks, with women being the focus of another two, one on their participation in the armed forces and another on their involvement in the hotel trade. The conference theme was clearly taken up by "The Justices they Deserved: Magistrates and their Communities", and "Deserving Justice: social outcasts and Australian history". While two other speakers dealt with ethnic minorities and with the integration of non-British migrants into Australian society 1945-1975.

Having visited Goulburn on more than one occasion and having a long drive home, I did not stay for the tour of the city on the Sunday afternoon; but I can certainly recommend Goulburn to all those interested in history. We are due to receive a record of proceedings in due course.

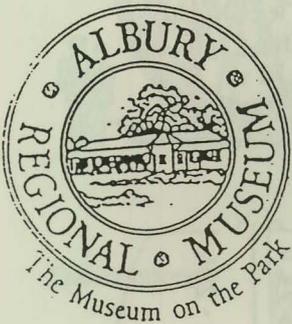
John Mollison

When as a child I laughed and wept
Time crept.
When as a youth I thought and talked
Time walked.
When I became a full grown man
Time ran.
When older still I daily grew
Time flew.
Soon I shall find in passing on
Time gone.
WHENCE? WHY? WHITHER?

TAKE TIME

Take time:
To think. It is the secret of perpetual youth.
To read. It is the fountain of wisdom.
To love and be loved. It is a God-given privilege.
To be friendly. It is the road to happiness.

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MUSEUM CHATTER NO.3

October 1993

Greetings. This month has been a quiet one for the Museum. Well, it has been quiet in terms of exhibitions. Gargantuans from the Gardens has left Albury while A Changing People A Changing Land continues at Lavington Hall until 15 November. Both of these exhibitions have run without interfering with the Museum. However, behind the scenes, we have been working hard on the planning which must go into continuing the heritage work of the Museum into the future.

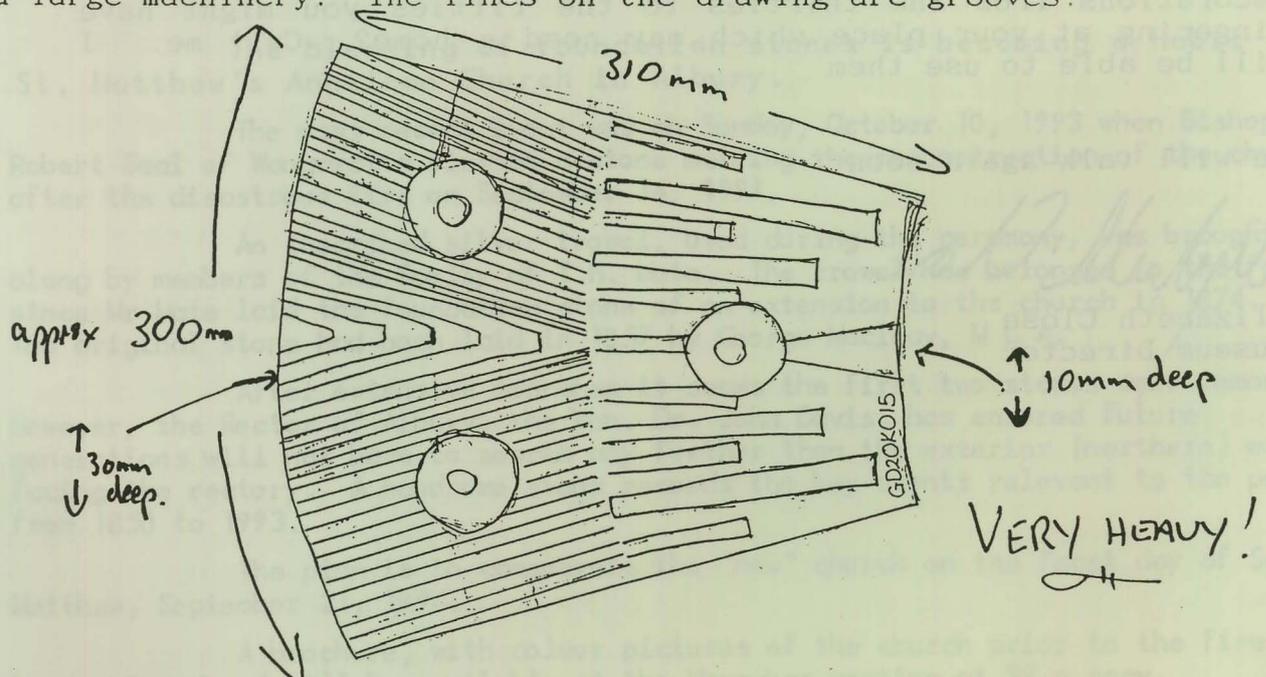
CENTENARY EXHIBITION

Sunday 31 October at 11 am we will be opening the new exhibition - "100 Years of Museum Work". This party will include a giant birthday cake and balloons!! You are all welcome to attend and of course to come and see the exhibition throughout the next month.

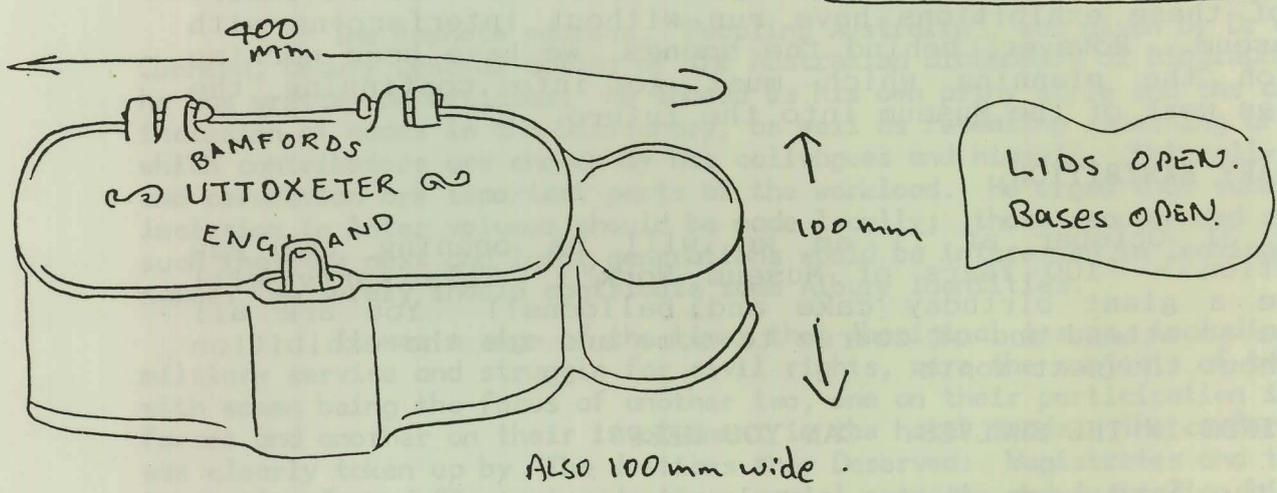
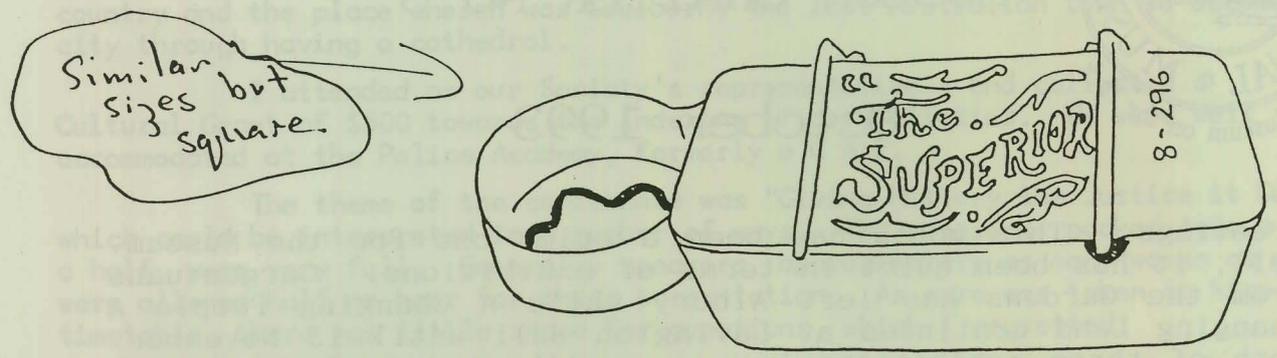
MORE FINDS IN THE SHELVES. CAN YOU HELP?

While the hard work of re-cataloguing continues there have been some odd finds turned up, no catalogue numbers and no way of finding out what these items may be. So, I have chosen to give you two drawings this time around in the hope that some one in the Society may have information.

1. Large piece of metal. Looks like part of a press or a large machinery. The lines on the drawing are grooves.



2. Two metal boxes. These are similar in style with an opening lid, what looks like a holder on the end and with bolts to hold the box to something. (As you can tell, I'm really unsure about these items especially having two of them!! Why??)



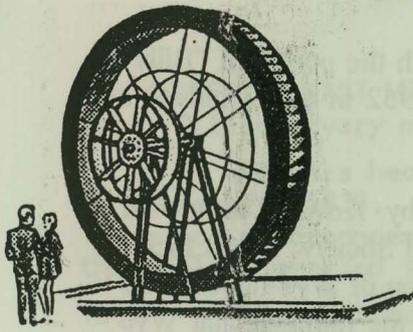
CHRISTMAS

The last event for the Museum this year will be to produce a variety of old fashioned Christmas decorations, decorate a large tree in the foyer and have a slice of Christmas Pud to give visitors over the Christmas break. Any ideas? Any old decorations from the thirties to the fifties you might have lingering at your place which may need a home? Call me. I will be able to use them.

We will talk again soon

Elizabeth Close
Elizabeth Close
Museum Director

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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 14th December at the CWA Hall, Kiewa Street
 Albury. "BRING AND TELL"
 Bring something interesting and/or historical and tell about it.
 or
 Bring a friend with an interesting or intriguing article.
 (It would be a help to the Bulletin Editor if you could provide a
 brief written description for the Bulletin.)

Continuing the tradition introduced by Gerry Curtis in 1989, the men are asked to
 bring and serve the supper at the Christmas meeting.

*SURPRISE -- someone attending our next meeting will receive a surprise
 in the form of a beautiful handcrafted BIRRO, made in Esperance, Western
 Australia, of Norfolk Island Pine. This door prize was donated by
 Mrs. M. Henning from Esperance in gratitude of research undertaken by the
 Society*

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING 25th January 1994, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus off
 Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP - will meet 2pm February 25th, 1994, at the Manual Activities Centre,
 Nowland Avenue, Lavington. Members and visitors are invited to attend, and contribute with
 personal reminiscences by those attending of the past history of Albury and surrounding districts.

THE ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM invites members to view their
 mystery collection held at the Milos building on the Lincoln
 Causeway.

Inspection is invited on Wednesday December 15 between
 12noon and 2pm.

Museum Director, Elizabeth Close, would be extremely grateful
 if people can assist her to identify some of the items
 stored there.

When travelling towards Wodonga, turn right at the traffic
 lights, go down past the go-kart building and enter by the
 side door.

Wear solid shoes and old clothes because Elizabeth tells us
 it is a "bit dusty."

WILLIAM JAMES WYE (1866-1952)

Many members of the Albury Historical Society will be familiar with the poetry of "Billy" Wye, who lived in this region for many years before he died in 1952 in the Wanderer's Club in Smollett Street.

Billy Wye is the subject of PhD research being carried out by Kevin Curnow of Tallangatta, who is also the Secretary of the Kiewa Valley Historical Society. Most facets of Wye's life have now been covered in full and a complete collection of Wye's poetry has been compiled - most of which has not seen the light of day from the moment that Wye wrote it.

One facet of Wye's life is that he was alleged to have ridden in a buck-jumping show run by Jack Daley of Indigo Valley, also known as "professor Kemp". Daley was a convicted horse thief and ex-convict, but he reformed in his later years to travel his buck-jump show throughout Australia. Any person who has or knows of any material that relates to "Professor Kemp" or Wye's employment by him, is asked to contact Kevin Curnow at 2 Willong St., Tallangatta. Tel: 712428.

A book is in the offing - both a complete collection of Wye's poetry and a biography that will dispell so many of the myths and stories about Wye - however, that is at least a year away as the thesis is still to be submitted.

Kevin Curnow.

SYMPATHY is extended to Gerry and Mary Curtis on the death of Gerry's sister, Mrs Kath Iverson. Kath and her late husband, Claude, lived for many years in Norfolk Street, East Albury. Kath will be remembered as an organist at St Patrick's Church. She also gave her time freely as an accompanist for concerts for St Bridget's School, the forerunner of St Patrick's co-educational primary school in Smollett Street.

LAST MEETING- Colin Frauenfelder's slide collection of Albury. The slides were selected and shown by Mary Thurling, with a lively and informative commentary by Gerry Curtis, which drew responses from the members.

80 slides were shown. They covered a wide field and time span with a number taken in 1928. The slides showed buildings of Albury and a variety of streetscapes.

The following were included among the slides that were shown :-

J.H.Mate & Co 1850 Hume & Townsend Sts ; Dean St - Mates original Dean St Building ; Dean & Kiewa Sts showing Globe Hotel, Telegraph Office & Court House ; 1878 Coach leaving the Globe Hotel ; 1870 The old Hume Flour Mills - Burrows. Today it is the location of the Nurses Home ; Nathans Corner (Dean & Townsend Sts). Abe Nathan Furniture Warehouse 1905-1922 "The cheapest place on earth to Furnish". ; J.L.Mc Eachran (1850-1922) Blacksmith's shop & wheelwright ; Salutation Hotel -James.A.Jones -now part of the Commercial Club ; Border Post Office - T.Affleck & Co. next door Day's Commercial Building now Nolans Sport Store ; K.McLennans Dublin & Glasgow Store -next door Hunter & Stelling; Schmiedt's Albury Hotel; Commercial Bank -Dean & Kiewa Sts; Blasbalk-Jeweller & optician near where Blakes is now located ; A.M.P. Society Albury District Office;The Strand John Thomas,draper,Milliner,Clothier & Outfitter, Hatter & Mercer-opposite Mechanics Institute near Albury Regional Art Gallery ; Frauenfelders Town Hall Hotel ; Nottages Town Hall Hotel ; Glovers Town Hall Hotel; Glovers Tower Hall Hotel; George Hotel exterior view ; C.Pettit,dentist,1904 between David & Olive Sts; Plus a memory lane walk along Dean St taken from the slides, no doubt a few other walks were also remembered.

Frank.Higgins.

THE ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION, Where were the Post Offices located in Albury? told a very moving story.

Members heard of John Conway Bourke's eventful journey from Melbourne to Howlong in 1838. His story is told in Dr Andrews' History of Albury. There was no arrangement in the contract for delivery of letters at Albury but the mailman carried them as an act of courtesy.

- 1839 New contract. Letter rate Albury to Sydney 11d. Letters were deposited with Albury's earliest settler, Robert Brown. Later a gin case at the Hume Inn was the usual receptacle for correspondence.
- 1843 A post office was established.
- 1846 Temporarily closed.
- 1847 John Roper was appointed Postmaster and Clerk of Petty Sessions. The Court House/Post Office was at the rear of the present post office.
- 1853 Post Office transferred to Mate's Store, Hume and Townsend Streets. The office was a small room on the Hume Street frontage with Mate's manager, William Bird Evans as postmaster.
- 1862 November 22. Moved across the street to rented premises.
- 1863 Moved to Sawtell's premises in Townsend Street, which later became Wittmer's boot shop. The post office adjoined the Commercial Bank which was on the N/E corner of Townsend and Smollett Streets. The office was a tiny cottage with small square paned windows.
- 1870 January 1. Post and Telegraph offices in NSW amalgamated, and the post office moved to the telegraph office in Dean Street.
- 1870 May 1. Post Office in old Telegraph Building in Dean Street.
- 1878-79 While the new Post Office was being erected by Mr Frew at the corner of Dean and Kiewa Streets postal business was conducted at premises, which later became Fullerton's, adjoining the Globe Hotel.
- 1880 The Border Post reported on January 21, "The new Post Office was opened for the first time yesterday morning. Although the edifice was completed some time ago, the authorities in Sydney delayed the despatch of the interior fittings and furniture until quite lately. All business connected with registering letters, savings bank accounts, and money orders will be transacted at the counter inside the office, ingress to which is obtained through the door in Dean Street."

Suburban Post Offices have also operated at West and North Albury, Lavington, and East Albury. After occupying the N/E corner of Rau and Hanel Streets for many years, the East Albury Post Office has recently moved to the N/E corner of Rau and Schubach Streets. There was a Military Post Office at the old Show Grounds in Young Street when the 2/23 Battalion were in camp there.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (continued from the November Bulletin)

John Arnold

Claude Burke

DATES TO REMEMBER -

FEBRUARY. 8. 1994. The first meeting for 1994 will be held by the Society. Our Guest Speaker will be Charlie Brown of Albury, who will talk about his involvement in the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. If members have an memorabilia of this event, could you please bring them along to our meeting.

APRIL 17-24 1994. HERITAGE WEEK will be celebrated in New South Wales and for Victoria it will be celebrated between **APRIL 10-24 1994.**

The Theme for Heritage week will be "HERITAGE ON THE MOVE". and our Committee seeks members suggestions for any activities or guest speakers on this theme.

RYAN'S HOTELS.

The following has been contributed by Jim W.G. Ryan of Waramanga, A.C.T. Mr Ryan is a grandson of Jim Ryan whose brother, Tom, operated the Market Hotel in Albury.

Musing on family history I was struck by the fact that the Ryans seem to have a tendency to enter an occupation that required some form of service to the public whether law, teaching, the public service, or the hospitality industry.

STANLEY, Vic. Great grandmother, Mary Ann, really started the tradition when she bought the National Hotel at Stanley at auction on June 7, 1882, and later in the same year, the land on which it stood. It was taken over by a daughter, Catherine (Kate) who ran it until her death in November 1909, but for part of that time Mary's son-in-law, Maurice Kavanagh, and her daughter, Margaret (Maggie).

ALBURY There is no need to outline Mary Ann's son and grandson's involvement with the Market (corner Dean and Olive Streets, Albury) that after 36 years became "Ryan's" officially.

GEROGERY
and
WAGGA Another son, James Patrick, had successively the Gerogery Hotel, the Wagga White Horse Hotel and the Terminus Hotel (which still exists as the William Farrer, though the Ryan family has had no connection with it for over fifty years).

ALBURY
and
JUNEE Other sons-in-law also had temporary connections with hotels but most of her descendants have chosen other careers. Nevertheless, Mary's Place in Dean Street, Albury, was operated by a direct descendant of Mary Ann (and of Thomas L. Ryan), and another direct descendant has recently left Beechworth to lease a caravan park at Junee.

As far as I can ascertain not many have chosen the land and those that have, like the Eslers and the McLaurins, did it through marriage but soon developed the old, dormant land hunger. You can take the Irish out of the land but not the land out of the Irish!

Speak to almost any of the Ryan Clan and you will find a hankering for a "bit of a farm". Some have yielded to it even though their major occupations may be unrelated to it; e.g. a Sydney magistrate who, when a lawyer bought a small hobby farm, and sold it reluctantly but intends to purchase a bigger one when he retires.

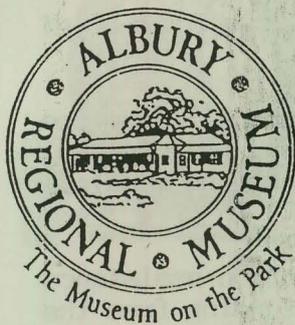
Additional notes: Tom Ryan took over the Market Hotel, Albury, from Chris Fagan in 1901. After his death at the end of 1928 Tom's son, Reg, operated the hotel and later another son, Les. The name change from the Market to Ryan's Hotel took place in 1937.

In 1909 James Ryan was granted a renewal of his licence for the Gerogery Hotel.

*Hope your Christmas Day will be
One that turns out perfectly,
And that the year you're
starting, too,
Will be just wonderful for you!*



Merry Christmas



MUSEUM CHATTER NO. 4

NOVEMBER 1993

Greetings again fellow Historians, doesn't a month pass quickly!! When last we spoke the Museum was getting ready to celebrate its 100th birthday. The great day was on the 31st October. What a wonderful day! The Museum was crowded with people enjoying the cake, coffee and exhibitions. The Cellar sale raised \$113 - with a few items left over. Is there anyone out there who would like to buy some picture frames? Anyone need a few shingles?

The Museum staff had lots of fun, welcomed 150 people to the Museum over the day, drove around Albury in the wonderful cars belonging to the Albury Antique Car Club and generally enjoyed the day.

Since the opening of the Exhibition, we have discovered a number of original letters written by Dr Andrews (collected but neither catalogued nor accessioned!!) and the ADHS 'Folk Museum' sign. It just goes to show how important proper Museum practice is for keeping track of a big collection.

CHRISTMAS TREE

As I mentioned in the last Museum Chatter, we are planning to have a Christmas tree in the foyer of the building this year. In our collection we have some rather marvellous decorations from the 1930s. These will be on show and we would love to see some other decorations from 'between-the-wars'. Maybe you have some old decorations hidden in a cupboard or maybe you have picture or remember what sort of decorations used to be on Christmas trees any time from the 1930s to the 1960s. If you do, please give me a call at the Museum.

RESPONSES

We have not had any response to the request for information about the strange objects pictured in last month's Chatter. However, I would like to thank Max Eberle for the information he sent regarding the ADVANX swim ring. The catalogue pages from the company have been added to the Museum reference files.

I had a magnificent picture of a weird knife to put in the newsletter this month but the mystery has already been solved. On my last visit to the Livsey household I happened to mention this object and Helen's son, an avid collector of knives knew exactly what it was, showed me pictures and all. For the curious, it is a fleam. A particularly useful veterinary instrument.

CONSERVATION REPORT ON THE 'HAWKSVIEW COLLECTION'

You may be aware that the Museum has a collection of early 20th century farming machinery donated by the Webb family. It has been a source of worry to a succession of museum directors because we have difficulty in housing it,

conserving it and displaying it. Recently, a conservator and curator from the National Museum of Australia were here in Albury to pack up the Changing People Changing Land exhibition and I commandeered their services for a brief assessment of this collection.

It was noted that the collection is unique in so much as it is all from one property, it has good provenance and the Webb family are still able to tell us about the machinery and its uses. It was also thought that the machines are not as far beyond help as I had first thought.

I am now going to make a huge effort to obtain some conservation assistance from the National Museum and use their comments to attract funding from the Heritage Commission. This rare and unique collection should stay with us and be displayed in Albury for all to see. I have always said that in the Museum world, as anywhere, its only money that stops me from doing these things.

MOVEMENT AT MILOS STORE

After many years of sitting around gathering dust, the Museum objects in the Milos Store on the Causeway are about to be moved. Well, sometime in the next three months!

It will be a huge operation requiring each object to be cleaned and loaded onto trucks for the move. Some objects will not make the move, they are either beyond repair (old harness), have unknown backgrounds or are surplus to requirements. A good many will make it though and it will be rather exciting to see them all in a good light.

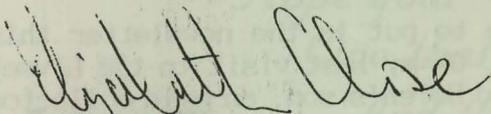
In the light of finding out some background information about some of the objects, I thought of possibly having an open day when people can come and have a wander around the old shed and see what there is. Hopefully we can get some background information of such wonderful items as:

- * three irrigation water wheels
- * mortuary carriage
- * gripman's bell
- * two stoves, one gas, one wood
- * six sewing machines, various types
- * buggy (in pieces)
- * 5 metre handmade ladder

These are just some of the various items that have question marks about their origin. If you know anything about these objects please give me a call, the Museum has no records of their accession. Keep an eye on your ADHS Bulletin for news of the Open Day.

Thats about all for this Chatter, please drop into the Museum and see us during the holiday season.

I will talk with you again soon.



Elizabeth Close
Museum Director.