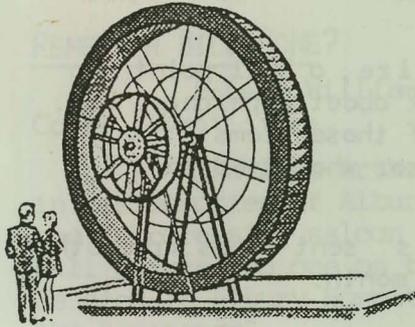


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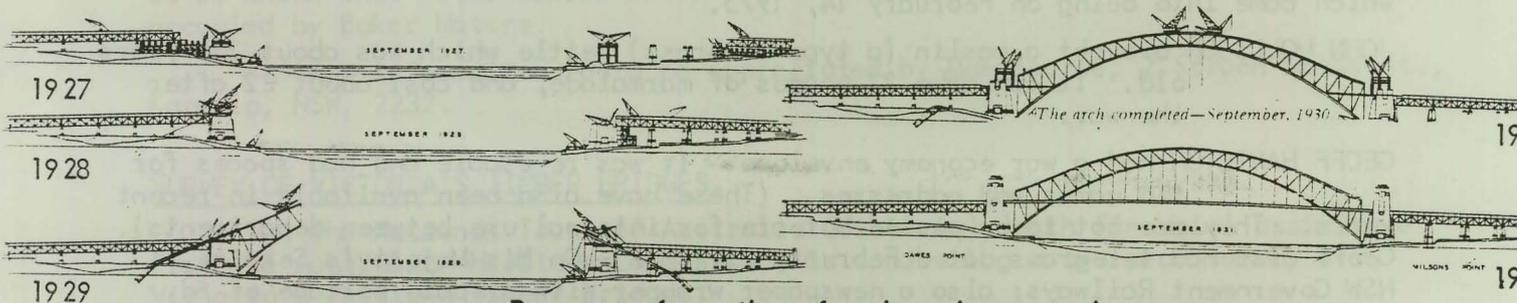
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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday, February 8 at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

CHARLES BROWN will speak about the SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE:

its construction, the personalities who have now become history - with a few statistics for good measure.



Progress of erection of arch and approach spans.

Mr Brown has a wealth of knowledge gained from his years of employment during the construction of Australia's best-known man-made landmark.

Members are invited to participate by bringing along any memorabilia relevant to the construction of The Bridge.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH: What timber bridges of interest are in our local Victorian area? Refer to the National Trust enquiry on page 3 of this Bulletin.

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DECEMBER MEETING.

June McKenzie won the lucky door prize, a ball point pen handcrafted from Norfolk Island Pine, and a glossy book about Esperance, W.A. We thank Mrs Herring, of Esperance, for the donation of those items. Mrs Herring's husband was related to Jim and Mary Windsor who lived in Jamieson Street, East Albury for many years.

Geoff Hamilton read from newsletters sent to us from other historical and genealogical societies, as he does each month.

BRING AND TELL.

There was no set subject for the evening so it was quite coincidental that most contributors showed, or told, something of war time.

FRANK HIGGINS had a postcard given to him by his uncle who picked it up on a doorstep in Amiens. It was a good illustration of how something can survive in adverse circumstances.

MARY THURLING passed around a book of old postcards.

HOWARD JONES showed three WWI medals awarded to Pte McLaughlin. His Army number was 1023 so obviously he was one of the early enlisters. There was the 1914-15 Star of the 7th Light Horse, who went to Gallipoli, Egypt and Damascus, the British War Medal, and the Victory Medal.

Howard also displayed the Funeral Service Programme for the Burial of the Unknown Soldier at Canberra, November 11, 1993 - a six-page folder plus a copy of Paul Keating's speech; also a brochure on Australian Bravery Decorations which came into being on February 14, 1975.

JOHN MOLLISON brought a maslin (a type of brass) kettle which was about 200 years old. It can make 22 pounds of marmalade, and cost about £2 after the war.

GEOFF HAMILTON had a war economy envelope. It was re-usable and had spaces for ten names and addresses. (These have also been available in recent years. They are not to be posted but are for internal use between departments). Geoff also had telegrams dated February 23, 1917 - On His Majesty's Service, NSW Government Railways; also a newspaper wrapper with prepaid postage of 5d.

ANDREW KELSO showed a coloured postcard of Albury from Poole's Hill, published by J.B. Thomson, a bookseller of Albury. The card was printed in Germany.

HELEN LIVSEY took along a National Australia Bank 1994 Calendar with a painting by Maria Caroline Brownrigg. Mrs Brownrigg was the wife of Marcus Freeman Brownrigg, Police Magistrate at Albury 1860 to 1880. The painting entitled An Evening Gathering at Yarra Cottage, Port Stephens, NSW, 1857, depicts the interior of the artist's home, and includes family members. The eldest son, Marcus junior, is seated at the piano. He entered the Church of England Ministry and was stationed at Albury 1863 to 1867. The biographical information on the calendar tells that Maria Caroline Brownrigg arrived in Sydney with her husband and six children in 1852. No other works by her are known, making this a rare picture by a gifted amateur artist.

EVELYN SMITH told of her uncle, a stretcher-bearer, who died in England during the war. Mrs Smith's daughter visited his grave over there at Christmas last year and there was a poppy on it.

RON BRADDY showed a penny-farthing bike - a framed miniature - made from an 1896 penny and a 1942 farthing. He told of his efforts to iron his father's Union Jack. The silk did not react well to the iron and we can only imagine how Mr Braddy reacted. Ron's brother, Bill, later put the flag on the grave of the Unknown Soldier in England.

NEW MEMBERS. Mrs Maryann Priest is welcomed, and Doug Royal is welcomed back.

REMEMBER BILL BONE?

Robert William Bone was a barber in Townsend Street, Albury, next to Carew's boot store.

The late Arthur Roy, also a barber but of a younger generation, wrote in his memories of Albury that somewhere in the late 1890's a man walked into the hairdressing saloon one day and asked Bill Bone, "Which is your best razor?" Bill pointed to one on the shelf, the man then picked it up and cut his own throat. He died in Albury Hospital some hours later. Mr Roy did not record the name of the "customer".

In 1911 Bill Bone was best man at the marriage of John Boswell and Ruby Josephine Murray at the Presbyterian Church, Albury. He was listed as a Hairdresser and Tobacconist in the 1912 Border Morning Mail Directory. He was still listed in the 1938 Electoral Roll as a hairdresser at 492a Townsend Street, Albury, but must have died about that time.

If anyone has any memories of Bill Bone or knows any details about his date or place of death, a relative at Geelong would be grateful for information. Our researcher, Helen Livsey, (phone 213 671) would be happy to pass on details to the family. Written information can be sent to the Society's Post Office Box 822, Albury.

PETER EBERLE OF THE OLIVE VINEYARD, ALBURY exhibited wine in Amsterdam in 1883.

A descendant would like to know the location of the two-acre vineyard. It is known that Peter Eberle lived on one acre in Olive Street, on the site now occupied by Baker Motors.

Any information would be appreciated by Max Eberle, 2 Struen Marie St., Kareela, NSW, 2232.

SURVEY OF VICTORIA'S TIMBER BRIDGES.

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria), with financial assistance from the Australian Heritage Commission, is conducting a two-year survey of Victoria's existing timber bridges.

The Trust seeks our assistance to identify all of the timber bridges (operational or not) which survive in our locality. This should include railway and Vic Roads bridges, as well as those managed by local government and other government agencies, and bridges on private land. They are identifying many operational timber bridges from records held by Vic Roads and rail authorities but depend on organizations and individuals to alert them to the existence of bridges which could otherwise be overlooked.

Information is sought on all timber bridges (in Victoria) with a deck length of 4.0 metres or longer constructed prior to 1960. Smaller bridges will also be listed. For the purposes of this survey a timber bridge is defined as having some substantial timber components, for example, piers, beams or decks. The study includes road, rail, foot, tram, pipe bridges and structures which are a mixture of timber and other materials. A guide to the components of timber bridges is provided.

Survey sheets will be available at the February meeting, or from Helen Livsey (phone 213 671), and should be returned to the National Trust by the end of February.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: 7.30pm February 22. Xavier High School North Campus, off Currawong Street, North Albury. That is the deadline for material for the March Bulletin.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet 2pm February 25 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington, near the North Albury Swimming Pool. This group has an informal discussion on random aspects of local and Australian history.

ACQUISITIONS

The Society thanks Andrew Kelso, of Canberra, for a photo of his mother, Mrs Amy Kelso (not licensed) at the wheel of George Frere's Renault in 1913. George Frere's mother, Marthe, is a passenger in the car. Marthe Frere was the widow of Leonce Frere, the founder of St Hilaire Vineyard, Thurgoona.

Mrs Muriel Kelly, also a resident of Canberra, visited Albury recently and gave the Society the following items:

An Australian Red Cross Society Long Service Medal, and conditions relative to the wearing of the medal and ribbon. The medal was presented to Muriel's sister, Miss Chris Klinge. (Chris' twin sister, Beth, was an ardent worker for the Y W C A);

A wide-angle photo of the Albury High School in Kiewa Street soon after it was opened in 1928. All the students were standing in front of the building.

A small undated photograph of part of a herd of cattle travelling up Pemberton Street, showing the Staton, and another, home in the background.

Border Mail pages of July 8, 1989 featuring John Roxburgh's war service "diary."

BEST TRIBUTE TO PIONEERS.

Border Morning Mail

SATURDAY,
January 31, 1959

At a simple but significant ceremony at Yarrawonga on Australia Day (1959) the President of the Shire, Cr H.R. Prescott, reminded his audience of something that ought to get much more attention.

"We owe much", he said, "to many of our present generation, but let us pay a tribute to the early pioneers of this great country and to their foresight and determination."

That was good advice, applicable not only to Yarrawonga but throughout the whole of the border districts. Those brave and hardy souls, men and women of pith and enterprise, who blazed the paths before the roads came, deserve to be remembered with gratitude and pride.

But who were they, those dauntless, modest folk who had the vision to see what could be done and the courage and fortitude to set about doing it? Some of their descendants know something of them. Others have some kind of a picture of what the countryside was like in those early days and perhaps an appreciation of what it cost in human effort and sacrifice to open up a great province. But all told, the knowledge would be neither extensive nor precise, and yet there is no stronger basis of local pride, no better incentive to further constructive work than pride in the achievements of the old pathfinders.

It is not too late to make a determined effort to fill up the gaps in local history and the "Mail" has on more than one occasion made a strong plea for the inclusion of such a subject in the curriculum of the primary schools. Boys and girls in their final year, with no intention of doing secondary work, would find this a fascinating subject. It would involve all kinds of projects - interviews with old inhabitants and the descendants of the pioneers; the collection of ancient letters and photographs; making preces of documents and newspaper articles and the final writing of stories that make history.

Quite a lot is actually being done, but not systematically and continuously, under skilled guidance, so that the work of pupils this year would be the basis of investigations next year. One of these days an enlightened administrator will make local history a compulsory subject and probably be astonished with the results.

The Editorial above was written before the formation of this Historical Society and before family history research became such an all-consuming passion.



MUSEUM CHATTER NO. 5

FEBRUARY 1994

Welcome to the new year, Fellow Historians. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season and now face 1994 with renewed vigour. So, what's happening at the Museum? Well, it has been an interesting holiday period for the staff. The Crossing Place Tourist Information Office closed down and, as a consequence, visitors resorted to coming into the Museum for information. We have become quite skilled at telling people where to find things in Albury.

THE BIG MILOS MOVE

Thankyou to those ADHS members who turned up to the Milos Open Day. A few people got their pictures in the news (albeit reluctantly) and I discovered a little more information about the various objects. The moving procedure is going to be long and complicated. I had asked the army for assistance but the task proved to be beyond their resources too. At present I am moving the rubbish out and slowly shifting anything that two people can carry. It is important for the Museum and its future operation that we get all these items sorted and properly stored.

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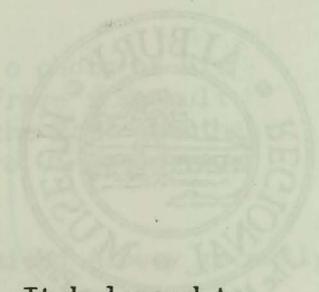
The large manual switchboard has been part of the Museum for so long now that it will be difficult to come to terms with Albury Regional Museum without it. However, that is exactly what we will have to do because it has gone. It took up so much space that it hampered exhibition design and restricted movement in this small Museum. I have decided to keep a small panel as part of our communication collection though, so all frustrated switchboard operators can still try it out.

BONEGILLA - THE MIGRANT EXPERIENCE

This will be our new major permanent exhibition. It is so much a part of the history of this area that it beholds me to make sure the Museum has an important exhibition dealing with Bonegilla. Over the holiday period there have been many enquires about the site, photographs, information etc etc that I have decided to make this exhibition first priority for 1994.

Charles Sturt University is holding a conference from the 7-11 February this year called "Creating a White Australian Dreaming". This conference will focus on the 1950s. The Bonegilla Exhibition will be a feature for delegates to visit during their stay in Albury.

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The Society thanks Andrew Kelso, of Corbarra, for a
mother, Mrs Amy Kelso (not licensed) at the wheel of George Frazer
in 1913. George Frazer's mother, Martha, is a passenger in the
Frazer was the wife of James Frazer, the founder of St Hill.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

An M tooth cross-cut saw. This was donated by Mr & Mrs Bell. It belonged to Mrs Bell's father, Alfred Rich, who was a sleeper cutter. He used it while helping to clear timber from the banks of the Mitta River before the dam water covered it. As well, he cut the planks which form the bridges over the flood plain of the Kiewa River.

Chemist's Prescription Record Books. Mr J Friedlieb donated these records to the Museum. The books date back to the early 1900s. Friedlieb's Chemist was where Warwick's Cakes now stands.

Many thanks to those good people for their kind donations to our collection. As part of our new, more pro-active collection policy, new donations will be on display in the entrance foyer for a month and donors will be sent an official gift certificate for their records. It will have the accession number on it so that the item can be called up for them to look at in the future.

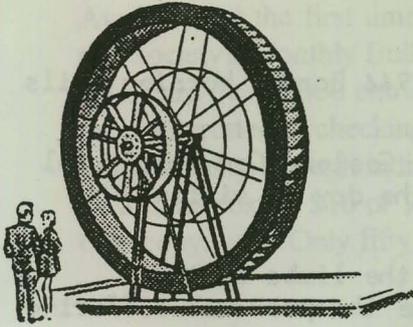
Thats all for now, Folks. Remember you are always welcome to drop into the Museum, things are always changing around here and you might miss something good if you don't.

Cheers for now

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director.

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

PROFESSOR JULIE MARCUS

of Charles Sturt University's School of Art & Cultural Heritage will speak. Professor Marcus organised the recent Creating a White Australian Dreamtime conference which focussed on the culture and politics of the 1950's.

PROPOSED BUS TOUR *A coach tour along the old Sydney Road through to Thurgoona and finishing at the Bona Reserve is being planned by the Society, for Sunday April 24th, to celebrate Heritage Week.*

Members, friends and anyone interested in participating in what will be a very pleasant afternoon (it's proposed between 2pm-5pm) are pleased asked to Contact RON BRADDY or CHERYL RYAN (telephone numbers on the first page of bulletin), as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to reserve a coach to suit numbers attending.

More details will be given at our Society meeting on March 8.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION What timber bridges are in our local Victorian area?.

Many bridges were names including - Staghorn Flat, Waterworks, Mongans Bridge, Railway Bridge which was over 100 years old, is wrought iron connected to a wooden viaduct on the Victorian side waterworks bridge which was build during WW11 & belongs to Wodonga, Whitfield Bridge near Moyhu, and bridges at Howlong, Sandy Creek, Indigo & Frying Pan Bridges at Barnawartha.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, 12th April, 7.30pm, Xavier High School North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP Will meet 2pm April 22nd 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 1966.

Recently I had the pleasure of perusing some 1966 Border Morning Mails which had been preserved by Mr Don Logan.

Remember when the PRINCE OF WALES attended the Geelong Grammar School annex, Timbertop. It was a most newsworthy occasion the day he visited Mansfield and bought an icecream.

In Albury, Noreuil Park was a real worry with the limbs of the Cottonwood trees posing a real danger. At the same time the park was suffering from gum leaf skeletonizers.

There was speculation that a branch of the MUSEUM of Applied Arts and Sciences would open at the Turk's Head which, in due course, it did. The WODONGA EXCHANGE opened. Theo Stanley and Joe Carroll opened CARROLL'S FOOD MART in Dean Street, opposite the Regent Theatre. The name of the store was drawn from a hat to avoid a long hyphenated name.

The death occurred at Elsternwick of Mrs Constance Keighran, aged 91. She was the youngest daughter of former Albury Mayor and solicitor, George THOROLD.

The Housing Commission had built three AGED PERSONS UNITS in Dight Street. St Matthew's Church had plans to build 25 units, also in Dight Street, for which there were 30 applicants.

Professor JAMES McGEE, of the Imperial College of Science and Technology at the University of London, visited his brother in Albury. Professor McGee, a Fellow of the Royal Society, was one of a team of twenty responsible for the development of the electronic eye. In the 1930's he worked on the development of electronic television and, more recently, his work was in practical applied physics, nuclear physics and space research.

Rail passengers were taken by bus between Wodonga and Albury in September, 1966 while the MURRAY RIVER BRIDGE was being renewed. Piles were driven a year before and work was carried out without interrupting rail schedules. When steel girders were placed in position the bridge was unusable for at least a few days.

The NORTH ALBURY SWIMMING POOL was under construction, as was the new office of the HUME SHIRE COUNCIL at the corner of Kiewa and Englehardt Streets, Albury.

Frank Le Compte, then living at Lavington, painted a portrait of MOTHER HUGH and presented it to the Mercy Hospital.

ERLANDSON'S store in Wodonga was demolished. Wally Eck died, as did former Police Inspector Bruce Catt. DECIMAL COINS were being minted in Canberra and London.

MARY JANE SAUNDERS, of Albury's Saunders Family Singers, at thirteen years of age shared first prize of \$200 in the final of HSV7's Brian and the Juniors.

ISABEL WILLIAMS was the first woman president of the ABC Concert Committee. NARDA REID and WENDY DELANEY became Queens Guides, while Evan EVANS and Jeffrey MOTT received their Queens Scouts certificates.

The Lions Club staged REVUE 66 at Albury's Civic Theatre. Una Tilley and Arthur Vandenburg presented a clever, topical skit in which any resemblance to local places and persons was by no means co-incidental. The reviewer, Muriel Roper, voted "Rome 44 B.C.B." (before Cleaver Bunton) as the cleverest act. The large cast of Revue 66 included Joan Hodgson, Ken Webb and Ewan Cameron, Greg Thompson, Roslyn Wilson, Zelma Falkner, Ted Knight, Alan Frost, Ronnie Baker, Sandra Staton, Ross Sellars (reading a biblical weather report), Dom Vildavos, Dick Dedear, & others.

Francis Chichester, half way through his lone voyage from England on Gypsy Moth IV, was given a public welcome in Sydney. His son, George, then living in Lavington said his father had retained his highly developed sense of humour, in spite of huge press conferences which must have wearied him.

Meanwhile Dr W.A. Merrylees was plugging away at his lifelong ambition of establishing a Riverine University. In spite of his considerable efforts he died in 1969 without seeing his dream realised.

(Helen Livsey)

NEW HISTORICAL BULLETIN INDEX NOW AVAILABLE

Available for the first time, at our March Meeting, will be the newly compiled INDEX to our Society's Monthly Bulletins.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Our guest speaker was Charles Brown who gave us a valuable hour of his time to present a very informative talk about his involvement with the construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge along with a mass of detailed information of statistics

Charles commenced work as an apprentice boiler-maker on February.2.1927 in the Dorman Hong workshop located where the Luna Park at Nelsons Point is now, and finished about the end of August 1931.

He started work on a salary of 18/- a week, and finished with £3-0-0 a week aver 5 years. Working conditions were a lot different then they are today. In those days, you worked on a day to day basis, unlike today where we talk about redundancy packages etc.

He came to Albury where he met up with his cousin Claude, and they were on the track for about a year touring South Australia. He now lives at Riverview

The construction of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, or "our Bridge" as many would like to call it, was one of the great engineering feats of the world.

During its construction about 1500 workers were involved which included management, office works, and labourers not only on the bridge but also at the workshops and quarries.

40,000 blocks of granite were mined from the quarries, dressed and numbered before being steamshipped to Sydney for the towers and pylons.

Some statistics- the approaches to the bridge commenced in September 1926. The erection of the arches started in October 1928 and in Agust 1930 the two halves of the arches were joined.

Nearly 6 million rivets were used in the construction of the bridge, varying in size from 1.1/2" to 15" long.

The arch span is 503 metres from shore to shore., the deck expansion is 42cm (the road way itself is also arching)., and the expansion in the arch is 18cm.

The top cord of the arch is 400ft high and the deck clearance is 175ft.

128 cables were used on each side of the bridge, each being 3" in diameter.

The creeper cranes used in the construction each weighed 600 ton.

The most anxious and critical time in the building of the bridge in August 1930, after almost 2 years of the half arches creeping out into position, the final girders were placed into position on August 7.1930. At that time there was a 3ft gap, so it was necessary then to slacken the cables on each end, and on August 11th, for 8 days, 24hours a day, men were engaged in loosening off the cables so as the arches could meet together.

At 11am on August 19th, that gap was reduced to 4.1/2". The arches were out 3.1/4" horizontally and 2" vertically. The difference in the gap was brought about by the temperatures prevailing at the time. At 10pm on August 19th, when the temperature reached 62 degrees farenheit, the joining was completed.

Another thing that was encountered 6 days before August 13th was a wild wind storm which swept through Sydney, reaching 75m.p.h.

On August 20th, the Union Jack and the Australian flag hoisted to signify the joining of the two spans.

To celebrate this joining, those who took part in the slackening of the cables received a golden sovereign and all others received a specially minted two shilling (2/-) piece and given a half day holiday to celebrate the occassion.

Other statistics quoted by Mr Brown included that 16 people had lost their lives during the construction of the bridge, which included 6 who fell from the bridge., 2 were accidentally killed in the workshops., 2 in the quarries, 3 on top of the structure, and 3 as a result of injuries sustained through their work.

Dependants received an amount of 4 years earnings with a maximum of £800-0-0 and £25-0-0 for each dependant child. Funeral expenses were £25-0-0 for those without children.

At the time the bridge was completed there was a 33% unemployment rate, and Australia was in the grips of the Great Depression.

THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE STATISTICS AT A GLANCE - (from various sources including our Guest Speaker, Mr Brown.)

The Sydney Harbour Bridge (affectionately called the "Coathanger" by Sydney-siders) is the longest single span steel arch structure of its type in the world. There are 8 traffic lanes, 2 rail tracks, a footway & a cycle way crossing the bridge.

The bridge consists of a steel arch span and an approach span on each side made up of five truss spans.

Length of arch span 503metres.

Total length of bridge 1149metres.

Width of the deck (which carries the roadway, railway and footways)is 49metres, and hangs from the lower chords..

Height of top of arch above water 134 metres.

Height of pylons 89 metres.

Clearance under deck 52.5metres.

Total weight 52732 tonnes

Number of rivets used nearly 6 million

Work started 28 April 1923

Approaches to the bridge commenced September 1926.

Erection of the arches started in October 1928.

Arches joined together 10pm August 19th 1930.

Decking completed April 1931.

Bridge officially opened 19 March 1932. by the N.S.W. Premier, Jack Lang.

Builder Dorman Long and Company Ltd. (an English firm).

Designer Original Plan by Dr.J.J.C. Bradfield (a Queensland born engineer in the P.W.D) and modified by Sir Ralph Freeman.

Contract Price £5, 217,721.

Actual Cost £9,577,507.

Deaths during construction 16

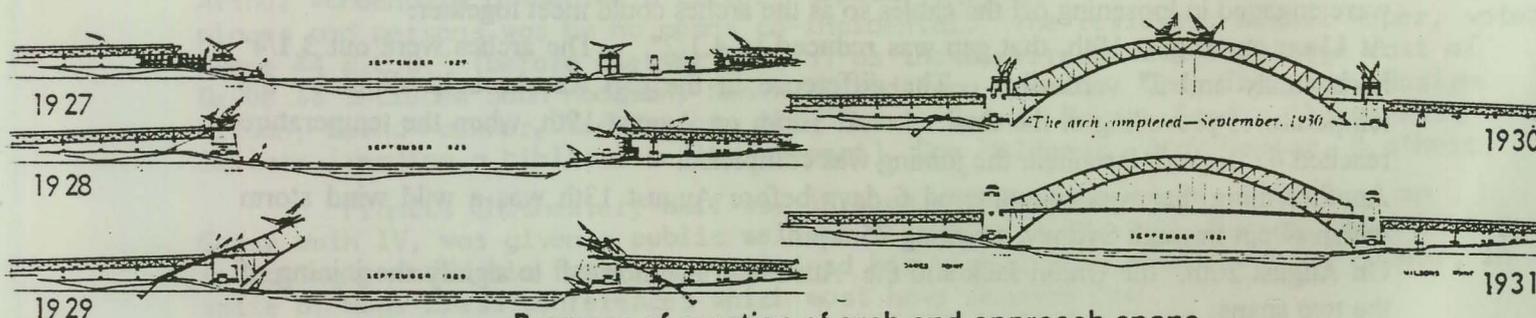
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Vehicle crossings per day in 1939 nearly 11,200 & in 1990 200,000

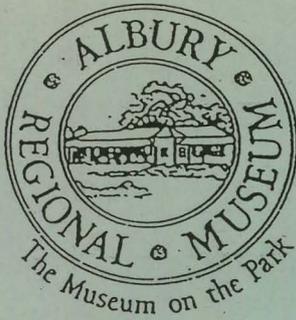
Deck expansion 42cm

Arch expansion 18cm

The original tramway on the eastern side was converted to roadway in 1959.



Progress of erection of arch and approach spans.



MUSEUM CHATTER NO.6
MARCH 1994

Albury Regional Museum is entering a new era. The Museum is expanding to include the former Crossing Place Information Centre. This means that Museum exhibition space will expand to include three new galleries! As part of this new development a major exhibition about the Bonegilla Migrant Reception Centre has been established. Enthusiastic response to this exhibition has come from as far away as South Australia and Queensland. The Museum Director would be pleased to hear from anyone who has memorabilia, photos, costume or stories to tell so the collection can expand and provide a lasting record of the migrant experience.

Other exciting developments are the introduction of a volunteer program, new public programs focussing on heritage trails and cultural activities. The staff of the Museum will be providing a reduced Tourist Information service, mainly dealing with local and regional attractions. This will replace the full service which the Crossing Place used to provide.

There is a downside to this new growth. Unfortunately, the Museum will be forced to close its doors to visitors for three weeks in March so that the staff can adjust to the new office space and set up the new exhibitions. Then, in April, just in time for the Heritage Festival the Museum will reopen, refreshed and renewed.

Look for us as you come into New South Wales. The Museum is housed in two buildings on the edge of Australia Park. There is a small parking area on the immediate right of the buildings and more parking if you turn into Australia Park at the traffic lights. Come into the office, the friendly staff will direct you to the Museum exhibits, provide you with any information you need about the area, sell you something from the new Museum Shop or you may just like to have a cup of coffee while looking out on the park.

This is going to be a very exciting time for the Museum. For the next two months everybody will be working flat out. All our on site storage will have to be moved to the new building, the office facilities have to move too AND we have to set up three new exhibition galleries!!!! Anyone who says I don't keep things on the go at the Museum should come and watch us in action. As further proof of activities, here is a list of Exhibitions for 1994.

EXHIBITION PROGRAM FOR 1994

1. Travelling Exhibitions

Tomorrows driver - 18.4.94 - 24.6.94

Location: Museum Exhibition space
Elders Wool Store, Young Street.

Eric the Pliosaur - 17.5.94 - 31.5.94

Location: Albury Regional Museum

National Science Circus - 8.6.94 - 10.6.94

Location: Lavington Hall
Urana Road

Street Science - 5.8.94 - 22.9.94

Location: Gateway Information Centre
Lincoln Causeway

Did you ever wonder? 3.10.94 - 28.10.94

Location: Albury Regional Museum

2. Museum Exhibitions

Bonegilla: the Migrant Experience - new permanent exhibition

Albury and Wodonga: Through the Camera's Lens "

Koorie Experience in the Murray Region "

3. Temporary Exhibitions

Fruit Flies and Croquet - Heritage Festival 11.4.94 - 6.5.94

Backyard Life - 1.6.94 - 29 7.94

Unmentionables Revisited - 1.8.94 - 30.9.94

Albury Pub Scene 1916 - 1960 7.10.94 - 30.11.94

Christmas Display - December

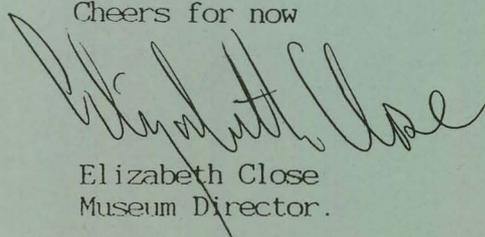
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Koorie Life
Migrant Experiences
Regional History

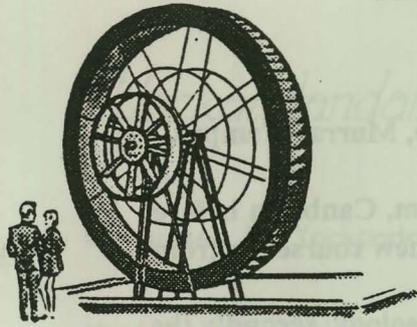
A Jug of Wine - Winegrowing in Albury

I will have further information on Museum developments to report in the next Chatter. Please excuse me I think I hear builders turning up for work!!

Cheers for now



Elizabeth Close
Museum Director.



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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 12th April at the ALBURY ARTS CENTRE.
Audray Banfield, Director of the Arts Centre will be speak
on local artists.

Oil Paintings of Thomas & Charlotte Mitchell purchased by
our Society, will be presented to the City of Albury during
the evening.

MEMBERS- tea & biscuits WILL BE SUPPLIED.

HERITAGE WEEK

HERITAGE WEEK BUS TOUR APRIL 24. The coach tour along the old Sydney
Road through to Thurgoona and finishing at the Bowna Reserve will take place.
For those who have booked for this very interesting tour, THE PICK UP PLACE IS
C.W.A. HALL, KIEWA STREET AT 1.45pm SUNDAY APRIL 24.

MEMBERS - it is a B.Y.O. afternoon tea (bring your own afternoon tea) and the cost
is \$5 per person which covers the cost of transport.

Commentary for the bus tour will be given by Jim Bell & Fred Heath, two very well
known local identities.

Seats will be allocated to those who have paid by our April meeting.

For members wishing further details contact our President or Secretary.

CAN YOU HELP? Are there any early photographs of Hume Chambers, Kiewa Street,
Albury, presently occupied by Belbridge Hague & Co, Solicitors?
If anyone knows of any pictures which could be made available for copying
Helen Livsey (phone 213 671) would appreciate the information.

MARCH MEETING

Professor JULIE MARCUS, School of Arts & Cultural Heritage, Murray Campus, Charles Sturt University was our guest speaker.

Professor Marcus was the Senior Curator of the National Museum, Canberra before joining Sturt University at the end of last year, and outlined the new courses as from 1994.

The courses cover two main areas, firstly Anthropology and archeology, secondly the practical side of the heritage Industry.

It is proposed to convene a Masters Programme in 1995.

Professor Marcus is working on a biography of OLIVE PINK (1884-1975) who died in Alice Springs. Field work there among the aborigines with whom Olive had worked ; decorative arts of the 1950's, such as vases, wall plaques, biscuit tins, with aboriginal designs on them, often from studio Anna of Sydney.

Brochures of the courses and a leaflet on the conference just completed, were tabled and questions were asked and comments made by F.Higgins, H.Jones, J.McGowan, J.Mollison and E.Smith.

Cheryl Ryan thanked Professor Marcus for a very enjoyable talk which brought history to life and showed how it was so much a part of the present.

SOCIETY NEWS - With our Society holding its annual general meeting in June, we are desperately looking for a new Treasurer.

Vacancies will also occur for all Committee positions, and at least twelve nominations are required to fill these various positions within the committee.

Members please give serious thought to becoming a committee member, and if you wish to nominate yourself or another member, we would love to hear from you.

Our Society is only as strong as its members, and your help and enthusiasm will enable our Society to maintain the very high standard it now enjoys.

NEW HISTORICAL BULLETIN INDEX

Introduced at our March Meeting, the newly compiled INDEX to our Society's Monthly Bulletins sold very well. For those members still wanting copies, numbers are very limited so don't put off until tomorrow or you could be too late for your own copy.

There are over 6,000 entries (120 pages) with names of People, Places and Topics. For those interested in checking out the regions history, instead of spending many frustrating hours looking through individual bulletins, this index will solve your problem.

At a small cost of \$10 or \$9 to members, plus post & packing of \$3. you can have your own copy. Only fifty copies were printed, so hurry and don't miss out.

Congratulations to Helen and Ian Glachan on the birth of their grand-daughter in Scotland.

Birthday wishes to our Life Member, Mrs Olive Odewahn, who celebrated her 80th in March.

Yackandandah

CEMETERY WALK

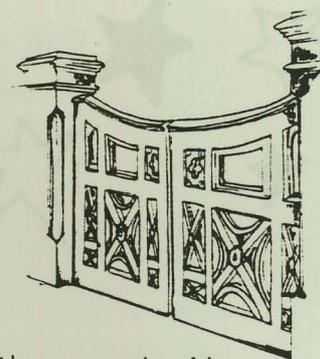
Conducted by Yackandandah & District Historical Society Inc.

Saturday April 16.

Meet at the Yackandandah Cemetery gates at 1pm.

There is no cost involved for those who avail themselves of the opportunity to hear some incredible stories. This is the fourth cemetery walk arranged by the Yackandandah Society, each one featuring different personalities in our local history. Self-tour guides for the previous two walks, as well as the 1994 edition, will be for sale at \$1 per copy.

Local Yackandandah publications will be for sale at discounted rates.



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The Yackandandah Historical Society Inc., in conjunction with the Cemetery Trust, is co-ordinating a display at the Historical Society's Museum in the former Bank of Victoria building in High Street, Yackandandah.

Cemetery registers, prior to 1900, will be on display along with other records and cemetery equipment.

The cemetery display will be open from April 2 until April 17, noon to 4pm daily.

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The more you give, the more you get.
The more you laugh, the less you fret;
The more you do unselfishly
The more you live abundantly.
The more of everything you share.
The more you'll always have to spare.
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind.
For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.

This is a story about four people:
EVERYBODY; SOMEBODY; ANYBODY and
NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and EVERYBODY was asked to do it. EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would do it. ANYBODY could have done it, but NOBODY did it.

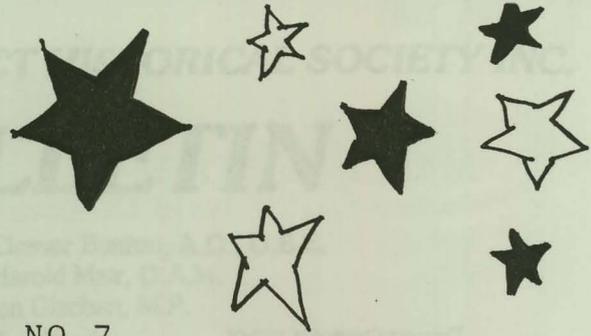
SOMEBODY got angry about that, because it was EVERYBODY's job. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it, but NOBODY realised that EVERYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up that EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY, when actually NOBODY accused ANYBODY.

Therefore, whether you are EVERYBODY or NOBODY, when SOMEBODY asks you to do a job, remember ANYBODY could, SOMEBODY would, but YOU undoubtedly should.

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

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP Will meet 2pm April 22nd 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.

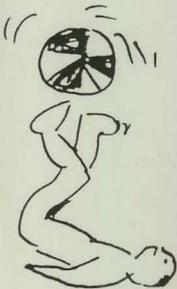


MUSEUM CHATTER NO 7
APRIL 1994

The Museum has not moved into its new building as yet. Work on the renovations has been slow and very tedious. There seems to be some hope of completing the task by Easter but I have just looked over the building and this is now unlikely. Never mind, the Museum has patience, it has waited a long time for this little expansion and will bide its time until all is finished.

Heritage Festival 11th April to 6th May.

The festival focusing on Heritage on the Move will be a month long again this year. The exhibition in the Museum will be a retrospective history of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus. Activities for the schools who visit will be - a chance to watch and try the simple circus skills of juggling and balancing, trying your hand at croquet (while dressing up in simple Edwardian costume) and watching a video of the Circus over it's 16 year history. It should be lots of fun for the students even if it is completely exhausting for the staff and volunteers.



We have had some marvellous help in getting ready for this event from the useful men who work at Australian construction Services. They have completely renewed the Greenfields croquet shed which is now installed in the Museum grounds ready for the great day.

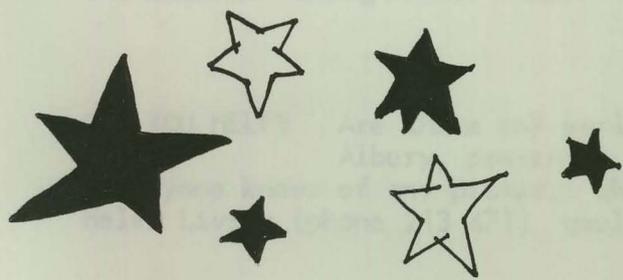


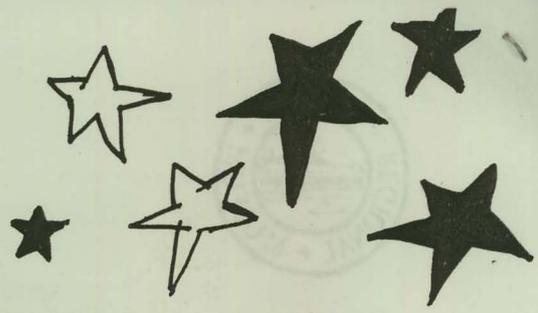
Volunteer Program

Here at the Museum I am delighted to report that the Volunteer Program is up and running. What a marvellous group of people! This week a few of them are being inducted into the magic of guiding school groups. I feel this is an area where training is most important and these four novices are most willing to learn. The first day of rostered work will be 5th April and I think you will find the Museum humming with activity. (Pity we will not be in the new building for this new start but that sometimes things do not work out exactly right.)

HOLIDAYS

After the Festival is over the Museum Director is taking holidays. I intend to travel to Queensland and do absolutely nothing for a whole 10 days. The Museum will be in capable hands and I do not intend to think about it until I return.





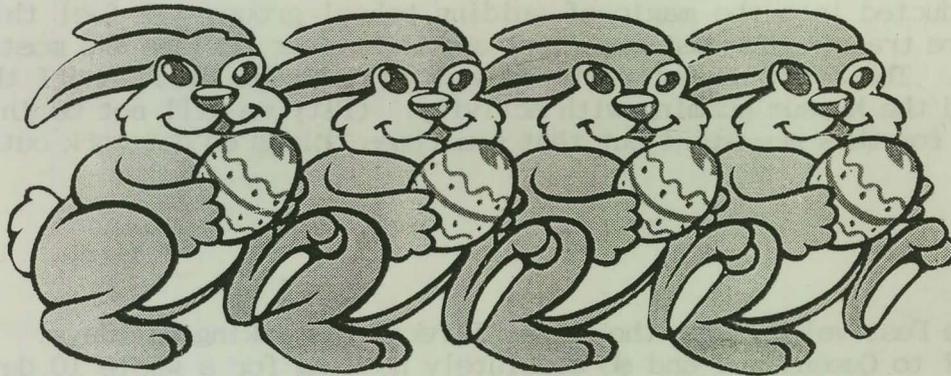
Donations

Many thanks to Helen Livsey who discovered a bags of babies bottles, cups and teats in the back of her cupboard and donated them to the Museum . You may wonder why I am thanking her - well - the Museum is rather short on items connected with babies and childhood. If anyone has items of clothing, toys, babies paraphernalia etc from the seventies and before I would be delighted to add them to the Museum collection.

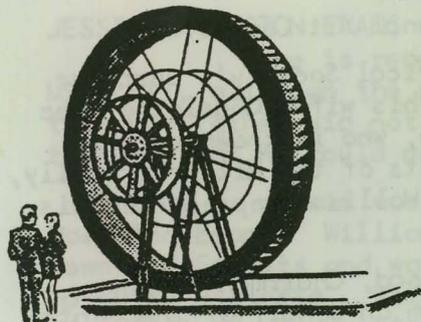
Thanks also to Howard Jones who discovered a 1968 Albury High School blazer in an Op Shop, purchased it and donated it to the Museum. It is in good condition and will be a interesting addition to the costume collection.

Have a peaceful and restful Easter break. I look forward to welcoming you to the New Albury Regional Museum in April.

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director



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NEXT MEETING 3pm Tuesday, May 10 at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

ALBURY IN 1954

Do you remember the opening of the Memorial Bowl, the royal visit to Benalla and Wagga, the walnut shell houses, the old verandahs in Dean Street, the beautiful Globe Hotel balcony?

HOWARD JONES will show slides and test our memories.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH: Where were the early Albury agricultural shows held?

JUNE 14

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 14

Nominations in writing for the twelve Committee positions will be received up to May 24. Forms are attached to Bulletins or can be obtained from the Society's Public Officer, Helen Livsey. (phone 21 3671)

Nominations are welcome from any member of the Society and are to be signed by two members and the nominee.

Committee members undertake a variety of tasks including research, assistance in producing the monthly Bulletin, reporting to the general meeting on journals received from other societies, and planning Heritage Week and other excursions and activities.

Proxy forms are available and need to be lodged with the Secretary by June 13.

INDEX TO THE SOCIETY'S BULLETINS, 1961 to 1993. As this Bulletin goes to press only five copies of the Index are available for sale at \$10 per copy (\$9 to members).

BUS TOUR THROUGH THURGOONA on April 24 typified the Heritage Week theme of Heritage on the Move and was enjoyed by about 37 people.

A comprehensive commentary was given by Fred Heath of Mount Pleasant, Wirringa. (Jim Bell was unable to attend). At St. Hilaire Andrew Kelso took the microphone to tell of his relatives, the Frere family, and their contribution to the local wine (and champagne) industry.

The tour was enhanced by the friendly and professional driver, Max Lawson, of Martin's bus line.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING was conducted at the Albury Regional Art Centre.

President, Ron Braddy, told of the Historical Society's purchase last year of the two paintings of Thomas Mitchell and his wife, Charlotte (nee Stuckey). Thomas (1818-1887) was the son of Elizabeth, who is known as the Mother of Albury. A welcome was extended to descendants of the Mitchell family, John Mitchell and Alice Rouse who were present. John Mollison represented his wife, a great niece of Thomas Mitchell.

The paintings were presented to Tim Moorhead, Chairman of the Art Centre's Committee of Management, who accepted them on behalf of the Centre and the City of Albury. While the Committee is presently concentrating on collecting photography, paintings are always gratefully accepted to add to the City's extensive collection.

JOHN MITCHELL (son of the late Tom Mitchell, grandson of Walter, and great grandson of the portrait's Thomas) expressed his appreciation to the Historical Society for purchasing the pictures in order that they can be appreciated by future generations. He told of the Mitchell's Australian story extending back to the arrival in 1811 of William Mitchell, the father of Thomas. Thomas and Charlotte had eight children, four daughters and four sons. One son, Tom, died while attending university. The other three, Walter, Peter and Jack ran Towong Hill, Bringenbrong and Khancoban stations. Incidentally, Khancoban has recently been sold by Chisholms after being in the Mitchell family since 1875.

The height of the Mitchell empire was built by Thomas from the 1870's. John, the last male descendant of Thomas, set about to rebuild the empire but soon realised it was easier to create an empire in the 1880's than in these days of higher prices for stock. Alternatively the family fortunes now lie in real estate.

JOHN MOLLISON said Thomas Mitchell was born at Horatio Farm, Campbelltown and grew up at Bungonia. He was only 19 when he lost his father in 1837. He was then sent to Mungabareena, which included the future site of Albury, to establish a property for his mother. For five years he laboured here before his mother and her younger children came down in 1842.

When Thomas' first child was born his wife, Charlotte, was disconcerted when her baby was snatched by some of her aboriginal women friends who looked after the babies. This, however, was perfectly natural and the fact that this was a white baby made no difference.

John pointed out that if Thomas was in his late 40's on the portrait the artist would have been but a child. Audray Banfield said it has always been very common for portraits and landscapes to be painted from photographs and sketches.

AUDRAY BANFIELD, A M, Director of the Albury Regional Art Centre, added her thanks and those of the Centre's professional staff for the two splendid additions to the collection.

She commented that ever since the invention of the camera people have said that portraiture was dead. In spite of that, and the Archibald Prize is evidence, portraiture has always been popular, and controversial.

Part of the Art Centre's charter is to collect works of local and international significance and some of the local artists mentioned during the evening have received international acclaim.

One of our first local artists was Edward Hulme (1818-1904) and Audray noted the presence of Doug Royal who was instrumental in staging an exhibition of Hulme's work in Albury in 1979.

Artists have come from both sides of the border and beyond to paint this region: Eugen von Guerard (1811-1901), and more recently, Sidney Nolan, Fred Williams, Russell Drysdale and Harold Herbert. They have all appreciated the landscapes and hills of southern NSW and north eastern Victoria. (Another artist, who escaped notice, was William Tibbits, whose picture of the Table Top property of James Mitchell (1887) was given to the Historical Society and is housed at the Art Centre for occasional display.)

JESSIE LAVINGTON EVANS was the artist in whose honour the evening was held.

She is reputed to have executed the paintings of Thomas and Charlotte Mitchell, although the pictures are unsigned. This was possibly due to the fact that her father did not allow her to exhibit to sell her works for fear it may be thought that he could not support her.

Jessie was born in Albury in 1860, the daughter of William Bird and Mary Ann Evans. William managed T.H. Mate's store at the corner of Hume and Townsend Streets and was a partner in the store of Evans Bros. before the family moved to Victoria. William died in 1904 and is buried at Brighton. Jessie died at "Clifton", Dendy Street, Brighton in 1943. A collection of about twenty of her paintings was sold after her death.

Audray Banfield sees her as a seriously under-rated artist and the Art Centre Committee has a recommendation to collect more of her work. Because she is not widely known it is gratifying that Miss Evans is recognised in the recently-published book, *More Than Just Gumtrees*, by Juliet Peers.

Art Centre staff had arranged, in the area where we met, a collection of pictures titled as follows:

SYLVIA CONVEY (active 1970)	Mirage
RICHARD RESSOM (1923-1991)	No sky to promise rain
COLIN ANGUS (1907-)	West's Farm, Eldorado
GUSTAV PIRSTITZ (1921-)	Oncoming thunderstorm
HENRIKA KULJURGIES	Bushfire
H.G. TWOMEY	Prince's Bridge, Melbourne, pencil drawing 1935
AURIEL ALFORD (1909-1993)	Still Life flower study
K.M. ORTIZ (1908-1989)	Chrysanthemums with Chinese figure
JACK BENNETT (1914-1967)	Trish
	Portrait of Mrs Sheperd
	Portrait of Ald. C.E. Bunton
	Still Life vase and pot
WILLIAM van DORSSSEN (1943-)	Still life

Two local artists who influenced others were Harry Twomey and Jack Bennett, both of whom taught Auriel Alford. Jack Bennett went to Melbourne in the 1950's to learn from Archibald Colquhoun. The most notable in the last twenty years is J. Colin Angus, who has made the North East landscape his own. Contemporary with Colin, but known in a different way, was Richard Ressom. He worked in Melbourne at the time of Fred Williams and Sidney Nolan and returned due to ill health in the 1970's.

Gustav Pirstitz and Henrika Kuljurgies were not born in Australia and were not familiar with the Australian quality of light. Both have subsequently changed with Mrs Kuljurgies' work most noticeably departing from the European colours. Russell Drysdale, whose family owned Boxwood Park at Bungowannah for a few years, married a grand-daughter of James Mitchell of Table Top. He retained an interest in this area after he moved away.

Audray said the Arts School at Charles Sturt University and TAFE have brought forward a number of serious and notable artists. She is confident Jessie Lavington Evans will eventually receive the recognition she deserves.

Footnote. The portrait of Charlotte Mitchell is in need of repair, which will be undertaken in June. Audray pointed out that conservation is never done in a way that cannot be reversed. This precaution will be most appreciated should improved methods become available in the future and art works will not gain an altered appearance.

GERMAN MIGRATION. Quiet Industry Good Conduct is the title of a display to be held at the Albury Regional Art Centre April 29 to May 22. It is a photographic exhibition on German migration to Australia.

OBITUARIES

We sadly record the deaths of two members of the Society.

CLAUD HAZELWOOD died on April 14, aged 92 years. He served the Society as President for four years from 1966 and later as Vice President and committee member. He was an Honorary Life Member and was presented with the NSW Senior Citizens Award for services to this Society.

He and his wife, Margaret, retired to Albury in 1962 from "Urangeline", their property near Urana. One of their main interests was the Historical Society. In those early days that meant collecting items for the Turk's Head Folk Museum. He was a most ingenious handyman and his mechanical ability amounted to genius. He spent many hours repairing and restoring items for the collection. There being so little space in the old Turk's Head, many things were stored under his home and in the garage and yard. He helped to set up the museum; he and Margaret were often on duty there. They enjoyed talking to visitors and schools. Claud kept meticulous records.

During his time as President a highlight for the Society was the donation, by David Beer, of the water wheel, then at Tallandoon. It had to be cut in half for transporting and fixed together again. The whole operation was a very great achievement. The wheel was presented to the City of Albury in 1969, so that it could be re-erected on council land in Australia Park.

Claud's memoirs and those of his father have been given to the Mitchell Library, Sydney, who were most appreciative of them as there was very little on record about the area of Urangeline, Brookong and Mahonga.

Mr Hazelwood worked diligently and with great interest for the Society for about fifteen years. He was an honourable man. His wife, Margaret, pre-deceased him in 1980.

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(Anne Davies)

ALICE HAYDON died at the Albury Base Hospital on April 19 at the age of 93 years. Until shortly before her death she had lived alone in Forrest Hill Avenue under the watchful eye of caring neighbours.

With the help of her niece, Thelma Musselwhite, Mrs Haydon was able to attend almost every Society meeting - and she never came empty-handed. She was known for her cooking and brought a cake along each month for supper. She was known to contribute food on occasions to neighbours and other friends and delighted in the conversation when they returned the empty dishes.

Mrs Haydon spent all of her life in Albury and was always helpful with details of history which were questioned at meetings. She also contributed her memories of Albury, and particularly West Albury, to the Oral History Project, a Joint venture undertaken in 1984 by this Society, the Albury Library and Radio Ettamogah (now 2REM-FM).

Our sympathy is extended to her children, extended family and friends.

(Helen Livsey)

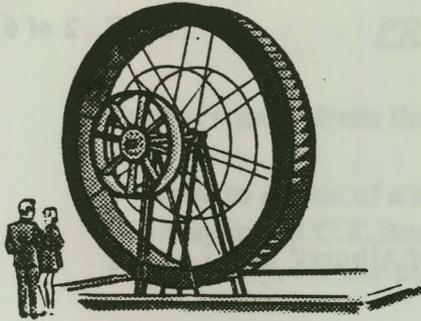
ROMANIES (Gypsies) IN AUSTRALIA

Information is sought for a Masters thesis in history. Newspaper references or the title of a book in which Romanies are mentioned would be greatly appreciated. Please write to Cheryl Brandner, Department Communication Studies, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, GPO Box 2476V, Melbourne. 3001.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, May 24, 7.30pm, Xavier High School North Campus, Fallon Street (entry from Currawong Street), North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet at 2pm May 27 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. A very informal discussion which would appeal to anyone interested in times gone by.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by the Monthly Meeting and an address by
Professor Bruce Pennay of Charles Sturt University

THE FUTURE OF THE LOCAL PAST:

SOME POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

AGENDA for the Annual General Meeting:

1. Minutes of the previous A G M held on June 8, 1993.
2. Consideration of the President's Report.
3. Consideration of the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts.
4. Election of Committee of twelve (including Office Bearers), Public Officer and Honorary Auditor. Mr Ian Glachan will chair the elections.

The following nominations have been received:

President	Gerald Curtis
Vice President	Geoff Hamilton
Vice President	Howard Jones
Secretary	Cheryl Ryan
Minute Secretary	Frank Higgins
Treasurer	Reuben Wynn

Committee of six: Mary Thurling, Claire Simpson, Bruce Pennay,
Janice Lynch, Claude Burke, Ron Braddy.

Public Officer: Helen Livsey. Honorary Auditor: G.D. Richardson.

5. General Business: To set the annual Membership fees which are recommended to remain at \$15 Adult, \$18 Family, and \$18.50 Corporate membership.

At the conclusion of the business of the A G M, the Monthly Meeting will follow.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: Suggestions are sought on ways to celebrate the
CENTENARY OF FEDERATION.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION OF THE MONTH---

"Where were the early Albury Agricultural Shows Held " ?

The following are extracts taken from "Border City - History of Albury" by William.A. Bayley - Page references 81-84.

"Agricultural development was proceeding rapidly in 1857 when Robert Brown convened a meeting attended by 40 persons at King's Criterion Hotel. A provisional committee of 8 was selected to carry out the formation of a Society on Jan. 13. and a public meeting in March elected a standing committee.

The first show of the Albury & Murray Agricultural & Horticultural Society -a preliminary one, was held in April, when fine peaches, quinces and maize were shown. "Tolerable" grain and a ploughing match between 3 horses and 2 bullock teams were staged.

The first annual stock exhibition was held on November 24.

In 1860 a showground was selected at Wodonga and fenced at a cost of £440.

In March, the fifth annual show was held on the new yards, which were beside McKay's Victoria Hotel.

After the show, the Society collapsed and showed no activity until a public meeting was called in December 1867.

James.T.Fallon was elected President, J.W.Jones as Treasurer, and S.Mudge as Secretary and an exhibition was arranged to take place on Monday March 16., and was held on a site on "Hospital Hill" on the western side of Thurgoona Street, not far north of Dean Street.

The Society then became known as the Albury Pastoral and Agricultural Association.

October 1878 the name changed to Albury and Wodonga Agricultural and Horticultural Association.

In 1878 a new ground near the old court house at the foot of Hume Street was selected, but this was abandoned in favour of a 5 acre site at Alexandra Park, on the North east corner of Guinea and Young Streets.

The productivity of the district continued and improved by the Albury and Border Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

In 1936 to cater for increased exhibits and interest, the show society selected a new site of 24 acres between North and Fallon and Mate Street (The Hume Highway) at North Albury.

The outbreak of World War 11 in 1939 prevented the removal of facilities to this ground, and the use of the showground as a military camp caused the abandonment of the 1940 show.

After the wars years, the development of the new showground was put in hand and a new brick pavillion erected.

Additions to the site brought it 51 acres by 1955.

Commercial and rural development of Albury advanced further when on August 6 and 7th 1946, Albury's first sheep show was held."

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1993 - 1994

Part of a letter from the Albury City Council 26th October 1960.

"I write to advise of a special inaugural meeting to be convened by His Worship the Mayor Ald. C.E. Bunton for Tuesday 8th November 1960 at 8 pm in the Town Hall, Albury, for the purpose of forming an Historical Society for Albury & District".

Albury & District Historical Society is now 34 years old and well established and C.E. Bunton is still one of our Patrons at the age of 92 years.

It is with pleasure that I present this report. This is the fourth year I have presented my President's Report.

I am not standing for re-election this year as I think the position should pass around.

The meetings have been enjoyable and well attended, but we could encourage other interested parties to attend.

During the past year we had some interesting Guest Speakers for our meetings. David Beavis on Conservation of Australia's Historic Stained Glass his subject - "Saint Patricks Church Albury -a case history".

Alistair MacDonald on "Ship wrecks around Bougainville during World War 11."

Rhonda Sinclair from Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre.

Ron Haberfield on the "History of Haberfields"

Bring & Tell in December - always a good night.

Charles Brown -his talk on "The Sydney Harbour Bridge" was received very well.

Professor Julie Marcus from Charles Sturt University.

April 12th the Society handed to the Director of the Regional Art Centre Ms Audrey Banfield the paintings of Thomas and Charlotte Mitchell painted by local artist Jessie Lavington Evans.

The Society bought the paintings for \$2000-00.

Heritage Week Bus Tour of Thurgoona was well attended and most enjoyable and Mr Fred Heath did a very good job.

Howard Jones "Albury in 1954" well presented and enjoyed by all present.

Over the past 4 years I have enjoyed working with the committees, all have worked well to promote the Society.

To HELEN LIVSEY I say "Thanks so much for your support and help over the 4 years. Helen is a capable and hard working lady and the Society is blessed in having her as a member.

To FRANK HIGGINS our Minute Secretary, I say thank you. He reports all, -- never leaves a thing out.

CHERYL RYAN, thank you for the way you attended to correspondence in and out.

JACQUI BULLIVANT, the quietest worker of them all, lists the archival material the Society places in the Albury Library's Local History Room.

Thank you for your time and the liaison with the library staff.

PRESIDENTS REPORT (continued)

GEOFF HAMILTON thank you for your reports at each meeting.

CLAIRE SIMPSON for your help behind the scenes. Claire sends out all the bulletins. Thanks a lot Claire.

Thanks go to **GERRY CURTIS** and **MARY THURLING** for the work they do showing slides to the old folks, and Mary for the "cuppa" at each meeting.

HOWARD JONES we thank you for keeping the Society in the news and thanks to the Border Morning Mail.

Thank you **JANICE LYNCH** for your work producing the Bulletins.

I say "THANKS" to all you members who attended each meeting and thank you all for your support.

I have to say, all the very best to the new President and his committee, Have a good year.

The quality of life is enriched if we can -

Remember the Past

Dream of the future

Live for the day.

RON BRADDY

MEMBERS NEWS

Best wishes to **HUBE ODEWAHN** who celebrated his 80th birthday in May.

Congratulations to Mrs **SUSAN REYNOLDS**, of the Yackandandah Museum, who has been presented with a Victorian Museum Achiever of the Year Award. Susan has given generously of her time over the last fifteen years conserving and cataloguing the Yackandandah collection. She has also written a book about the town.

A BARANDUDA HISTORY

The book, written by Howard Jones and reviewed in Bulletin 320 of October 1993, is available at \$6.50 (plus postage) from the Albury Regional Museum, Australia Park, Wodonga Place, Albury.

GIFTS OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The Society is most grateful to **NORM DOUGLAS** for four photographs of the water wheel which can now be seen near the Museum's new Administration Building. Three of the coloured pictures are of the wheel at Tallandoon and one shows it in its original position in Australia Park.

Miss **RENE ALLAN** (born 1894) features in eight black and white photos as she was dressed for hockey, snow skiing, swimming, tennis and golf. Our thanks go to Mrs Ella Allan who recognised the value of the pictures as a record of the costume of the day.

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

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP Will meet 2pm June 24th 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.

ALBURY IN 1954

Bill Haley's hit tune, Rock Around The Clock, was played by Howard Jones at the society's May meeting. Yes, it is 40 years since rock'n'roll caught on and Bill Haley and Elvis Presley made their first hit records (on 78 rpm discs, of course).

Albury's population that year was 16,726, but this was before Lavington was absorbed into the city. Wodonga was about 6000 but also had the Bonegilla migrant camp of 10,000 or so. If rock'n'roll was heard on radio and gramophone, Albury cinema-goers were still watching movies such as Three Coins In A Fountain and Young at Heart. Television was still years away.

Howard reported a year of many changes. NSW people voted to end the 6 o'clock swill and Cabinet introduced 10pm closing for hotels in February 1955, though shut 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Other NSW legislation allowed women jurors in Albury for the first time in 1954. Trains were mostly steam-driven, but diesels were coming in and Victoria's famous Spirit of Progress locos had been converted to oil. Yackandandah's last train ran in 1954.

The Queen and Prince Philip visited Wagga and Benalla in 1954 and many Albury people went to see the couple in those places. At Benalla, the Queen met Miss Elizabeth Eustace, born in Albury in 1852. A fire at Blacklocks in Kiewa St in April was big news. It also damaged the adjoining skating rink.

Howard's slides taken from old newspapers showed the Post Office was extended by McDougall and Ireland in 1954. Verandahs were coming down, that on the Border Mart at 640 Dean St being demolished in July (recently this building has been restored for Ray Drummond). The Globe still had its two-storey verandah.

A 1954 aerial picture of Dean Square and the 1874 police station created interest among members. Another 1954 picture showed the Mercy Hospital (formerly Chelvey Hospital) in Olive St, while the present Mercy Hospital was being built. A 2AY transmitting station on Poole's Hill was empty and vandalised.

A picture from the Albury Show showed four distinguished visitors: David Fairburn, member for Farrer; Doug Padman, member for Albury; Cleaver Bunton, Mayor; and Alexander Mair, former member for Albury and Premier of NSW 1939-41. Senior citizens had no place but moves made in 1954 led to the Old Age and Invalid Recreation Centre being built in 1955.

Adelyn's clothing factory was going strong in Wodonga Place and nearby a beautiful two-storey house called Ranelagh was sold in 1954 (and demolished for Beaurepaire in 1958).

Other disappeared buildings shown were the Walnut Shell houses in Alma St, the Wanderers' Club in Smollett St, and the Gasworks, Observatory and Salvation Army Citadel, all in Kiewa St.

The Albury War Memorial Civic Theatre is now 30 years old. The NSW Premier, Jack Renshaw, declared it open on May 21 1964.

At a cost of 230,000 pounds, it was then the council's most expensive project, planned as the dominant feature of the Civic Square. Today the theatre is called the Performing Arts Centre and the square became Queen Elizabeth II Square in 1988.

Architects Laurie and Heath designed an auditorium for 812 and the best air-conditioning and acoustics possible. In fact, the council has since spent much money improving not only air-conditioning and acoustics but also lighting and other features. The original contractors were J.P. Cordukes Pty Ltd.

The actual war memorial, designed by W. Purtell, was donated by the RSL and consists of an illuminated panel mounted on stones collected from noted battlefields in Egypt, France, Palestine, Greece and Korea. W.E. Nicholson gave the collection.

THURGOONA HERITAGE WEEK BUS TOUR held on April 24. Report held over from the May Bulletin due to lack of time and space.

The bus left the CWA Hall in Kiewa Street, Albury shortly after 2pm. Ron Braddy welcomed members and visitors, some of whom had travelled from Canberra for the event. Our commentator, Fred Heath, boarded the bus at Wirlinga.

The Heath home, MOUNT PLEASANT, known for its dormer windows, is built at an angle to the Riverina Highway. Fred said Charles Hopgood bought the land (105 a from Huons in 1854. He built the Traveller's Rest Hotel in 1857 but the name was soon changed to the Mount Pleasant Hotel. After numerous licensees and a lot of misfortune for them, the HEATH family bought the property in 1907 for 850 pounds.

Across the road from Mount Pleasant was ROSSDALE, the home of Thomas ROSBOROUGH and his family. Thomas married Elizabeth Schneider in 1873. Their son, Thomas, married Ann McEachern. One of their sons died in the first world war and a daughter, Mrs Helen Fielder, was on the bus tour with us.

TOM DORAN'S WIRLINGA STORE, now a private residence, was built by Larry GEHRIG for his daughter to open a business. Tom Doran took over after World War Two and operated it until he died in 1975. The WIRLINGA POST OFFICE originated at Heath's home. The name "Wirlinga" was chosen by Heaths from a list compiled in Sydney. After Mrs Heath's death the family relinquished the post office and it was transferred to the Wirlinga Store. On the hill above the store, on the Old Sydney Road, was a weatherboard home (since burnt down) owned by another GEHRIG family. Mrs Gehrig told Mrs Heath that she remembered the Mount Pleasant Hotel functioning when she moved out there as a bride in 1860.

Next along the road was OTTO FRAUENFELDER, who had six sons and three daughters. Fred recalled the sons as Christy, George, Harry, Fred, Charles & Ernest all of whom married and settled in the area.

The HERRMANN family lived on the left of the road. George Herrmann married Barbara Frauenfelder, daughter of John Peter. Herrmanns eventually bought McEachern's and Butt's land. Granny BUTT was obviously a favourite resident. Fred used to call in on the way home from the Thurgoona School and Granny would always have a hot scone or some other tasty treat to keep him going until he got home. She lost a son, Walter, in the First World War. Mrs Heath nursed Mrs Butt for some time before she died. We were then in the vicinity of the McEACHERN property. John McEachern, Albury's famous blacksmith, and Malcolm McEachern, the singer, were related to this family.

The SCHNEIDER property accommodated George and his wife, Margaret, nee Gaber. One of their daughters married Harry Weissel, and another married Harry Hoffmann. The MERKEL family lived on the right of the road. Their son, Charles, stayed in the old home and Con had a property further along.

To be continued

(Helen Livsey)



MUSEUM CHATTER NO 8
JUNE 1994

Greetings once again Fellow Historians. The Museum Director has returned and work proceeds again.

MUSEUM ON THE MOVE

The offices of the Museum are now in the old tourist information centre. This has freed up space in the Turks Head for new exhibitions. The settling process is difficult, as is any type of moving, but staff are getting the hang of it.

When you come to the Museum you will enter by the administration building, then (when the Council finish building it) you will walk down a path and enter through the back door. On entering the Administration area visitors will be given a floor plan of the Museum with an indication of what displays are currently happening.

In the fullness of time, a small, well stocked, Museum shop will be installed in the orientation area of the office.

New signs have been put on the building - have a look next time you drive down Wodonga Place - and it is beginning to come together well.

ERIC THE OPALISED PLIOSAUR

What a marvellous exhibition this proved to be!! I do hope everyone had a chance to see it. It left Albury bound for Canberra on Tuesday. The Museum still has posters available for .50c if anyone would like one.

NEW EXHIBITION - DOWN THE BACK; LIFE IN THE 50S BACKYARD

This will be the next exhibition held in the Turks Head Building. It will look at the place of the Victa mower, Dad's Shed, chooks, gnomes, swans and vegies. It is designed to be a bit of fun and nostalgia. The exhibition will run from 4th June to 29th July.

DONATIONS

Thankyou to Miss Patricia Watson for giving the Museum a collection of fine cotton baby clothes. They are on display in the Museum, including a couple of nappies which have caused much discussion on the way they might have been attached to the child!!

Carmel Young brought in a few items from her school days at Albury High and they are gratefully received as part of our growing childhood collection. Carmel promised her husband's early cub uniform too.

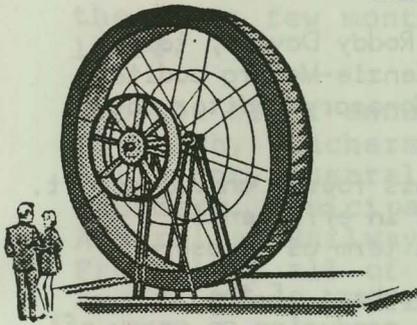
Keep looking in your cupboards for anything connected with babies, growing up, games, toys, clothes or books. Albury Regional Museum has applied for funding to stage a very special 'Growing up in the Country Exhibition' in 1995. More on this later.

A short and hurried Chatter this month. The Museum is so busy I scarcely have time to write about it. Talk to you soon.

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director

ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

BULLETIN



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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday, July 12, 1994, at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

MICK RYAN will speak about his early days in farming.

HELENA PROSSER will tell us about her life.

THELMA MUSSELWHITE will talk about the Miner's Right settlement beside the river on Western Hill.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH: AUSTRALIA: THE NAME OF OUR NATION.

What does it mean? Where did it come from? Who used it first and when?

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE COMING YEAR:

President	Gerald Curtis	213 172
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PUBLICATION SALES: Anne and Roddy Davies 252 872

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE: John Mollison 215 046, Anne Davies, Anne Holloway 212 173, Helen Livsey 213 671, Bruce Pennay.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due at \$15 adult, \$18 family, \$18.50 corporate, as decided at the Annual General Meeting. Angus & Robertson, Riverina Books, and the Albury Regional Museum are happy to offer our members 10% discount on purchases providing the Membership Card is presented before the amount is entered in the cash register.

REPORT of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on June 14.

On presenting his report retiring Treasurer, Roddy Davies, told the meeting that, as Graeme Richardson was away, Hugh McKenzie-McHarg audited our books for the 1993-94 year and is willing to be our Honorary Auditor for the 1994-95 financial year.

Ron Braddy, retiring as President, presented his fourth annual report. He especially thanked Roddy Davies for his excellent work in efficiently recording the Society's financial transactions during his term as treasurer.

Ron also thanked John Mollison and the other members of the Publications Sub-committee for the work they have done in producing an array of publications from the first History Sheet in 1984 to the Bulletin Index this year.

As membership subscriptions do not cover the cost of our operating expenses, such as Bulletin printing and postage, hall hire, and expenses associated with the meetings, it was moved that all subscriptions should be increased to \$20. After some discussion the majority of those in attendance felt that, rather than increase fees, we should work to kindle more interest in the Society and thereby increase membership numbers.

THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH brought forth no expensive suggestions as to how to celebrate the Centenary of Federation.

Gerry Curtis reported that he made available information to Joan Kirner and Phillip Adams prior to the Centenary of Federation Advisory Committee meeting in Albury on May 23. The information, compiled by Frank Higgins, detailed Albury's part in the Federation issue from 1856 when Henry Parkes first proposed Albury as the Federal City.

During the GENERAL MEETING Kevin Esler provided additional information for the Question for the Month of May. He pointed out that some early agricultural shows were held in the back yard of Layton's (now Soden's) Hotel. That was indeed the case in 1858 when the stock was exhibited in the yard, while fruit and vegetables were shown in a large room at Mr Layton's "new house".

Kevin also referred to CHELVEY HOSPITAL, formerly the home of Dr Andrews, which later became the Mercy Hospital. It was on the site of the present Hume Building Society in Olive Street, Albury. It is generally known that Chelvey was operated by the two Walsh sisters but there were actually four sisters: Minnie, Liz, Hilda and Kath.

Gerry Curtis reported that he had been guest speaker, on behalf of the Society, to groups at St David's Church, Wodonga Rotary Club, the International Club meeting at the Church of Christ, Albury View Club, and Xavier High School students.

GUEST SPEAKER: Professor Bruce Pennay.

Where do we go from here? That was the question that Professor Pennay posed at the annual meeting when he talked about future directions for the Society.

Bruce said that if we wanted a strategic plan, we should be setting targets and time frames and allocating responsibilities. Some things were best planned two or three years ahead. It was also important to decide "Who is the history for?"

Members were reminded that several anniversaries were coming up: the Murray Darling Association (formerly the Murray Valley Development League) was 50 years old this year and so is the Liberal Party of Australia, which was founded in Albury in December 1944. Albury would celebrate 50 years of city status in 1996, and later there would be the centenary of federation.

In the discussion that followed, members suggested various ways in which the Society could expand its activities beyond the monthly meetings and broaden its membership. Perhaps the Society could revive its links with schools, and forge new links with Charles Sturt University's cultural heritage program, for instance. It was hoped the new committee would examine these ideas in the coming months.

LABOUR ANNIVERSARY: Fifty years ago last month, trade unionists formed the first Albury and Border Trades and Labor Council. In the first few months, 10 union branches affiliated and more joined later.

At the first annual meeting, officers elected were: president, S. Walsh, Teachers Federation; senior vice-president, F. Bullivant, Australian Railways Union; junior vice-president, W. Saunders, Municipal Employees; secretary-treasurer, W. Lees, Australian Railways Union; trustees, D. Gordon, A. Fule, L. Fromholtz, all of Storemen and Packers; F. Starling, Teachers; and E. Byrne, Building Trades Union. Every one was a man!

The council's registered office was the Mechanics Institute, where meetings were held every first and third Friday. In 1945, the trades council considered establishing a Workmen's Club in Albury, but this idea was abandoned when the SS and A Club was formed early in 1946.

WALLACE/PATTERSON FAMILY.

The Society has received an enquiry from Queensland about Robert Wallace who married Elizabeth Patterson in Albury in 1884. Miss Alice Wallace, well known in Albury as an artist, was their daughter. There is a suggestion in the family that Robert Wallace had an extensive library which was donated to some local organization. If anyone knows anything of this Helen Livsey (phone 213 671) would be pleased to pass on the information.

AN INTERESTING YEAR AHEAD.

The Committee has planned a full and varied programme for the coming year. Some of the highlights will be speakers covering the Snowy Mountains Scheme, the 125th anniversary of the German trek from South Australia to Walla Walla, the Museum's hidden treasures, as well as the ever-popular Bring and Tell and slide evenings.

THURGOONA HERITAGE WEEK BUS TOUR held on April 24. Report continued from the June Bulletin

The original Knoble family was Jacob (1833-1882) and Margaret, who had three sons, Jacob and Aug, who both lived near the family property, and Harry, who had one of the out-cottages for Hawksview Station, right up the top end of Knobles Rd. Jacob, the second, was the father of May Bishop.

We passed between St John's Hill and St John's Green, and crossed Thurgoona Drive before turning left to pass the Forrestry Commission, the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation, and the Murray-Darling Freshwater Research Centre. Me Heath read from an occasional publication, the Thurgoona Grapevine, that Thurgoona is about to become a university city with the announcement that Charles Sturt University will spend twenty million dollars to establish its campus there. Work will begin in September 1995 and it will take three years to relocate from its present situation in Albury. Plans include the purchase of the A W D C building and the surrounding 36 hectares, including the Forrestry Commission and the Freshwater Research Centre. The University also has an option on a further 90 hectares immediately bordering the site. The Albury campus will be retained for student accommodation. University Close, overlooking the Thurgoona shopping centre, is a rapidly developing housing area.

As we travelled along Hartigan Street and Maryville Way around the original St Hilaire home Andrew Kelso told of the founder of the St Hilaire vineyard, Leonce Frere, who came from the small town of Barbezieux in France. Andrew's grandfather, Charles Kelso, came from London but met Leonce Frere when he worked in Barbezieux.

(continued overleaf)

When J.T. Fallon was in France in 1873 he offered Leonce FRERE a position managing the Murray Valley Vineyard. The Freres travelled via London where they stayed with Charles Kelso, a successful wine and spirit merchant, and arrived in Albury in 1875.

Mr Frere managed Fallon's vineyard and also started to make champagne in 1875. That came to a disastrous end because it wasn't cooled properly. Leonce Frere's brother, Gustav, came out and together they purchased 50 acres of land from John DORNAN and 40 acres, across the road, from Daniel O'KEEFE. There was an old house on the Dornan property and they built a new house which, with additions, became the St Hilaire home of today.

The original press house and crushing plant was remote from the home and, in about 1898, a new press house and a steam plant was built adjacent to the cellars, the roof of which covered the tanks which are preserved in Maryville Way. The main ruins are from the fermentation tanks and the only sign of the steam plant is the bed for the steam engine.

In 1914, a drought year for Albury, the phylloxera aphid, which had been discovered in this area in 1908, attacked the vines and most of them died. St Hilaire was replanted with vines on resistant stocks during World War 1 and the first decent vintage was about 1920. In 1946 George Frere sold the vineyard to a local man, Walter Nelson, but he died three years later. The property and winery plant was sold as no one wanted the vines.

As we travelled through CORRY'S WOOD Fred Heath pointed out that the streets are all named after trees. We passed the NEW THURGOONA SCHOOL, which opened in Bottlebrush Street in 1987, and stopped at GUADALUPE HOUSE which Fred knew as the Sisters' of Mercy NEWTOWN ORPHANAGE. He read from the History of Thurgoona, written by Howard Jones in 1985, and published by the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation in 1989. Although copies are now in short supply the publication can be read in the Local History Room at the Albury Library.

While the bus was parked on St John's Road, formerly Orphanage Lane, Fred read about the Orphanage, the Catholic Cemetery there, Chapel, Presbytery, and the Mother of God Brothers who run Guadalupe House in the former orphanage buildings.

After travelling down Thurgoona Drive back to the Old Sydney Road Fred mentioned the OLD SCHOOL GROUNDS, now the football and cricket ground. The original school was built at the back of the land on the eastern side. The last school on the corner was burnt down in September 1993. The Thurgoona Football Club plays in the Tallangatta League and there is a prominent cricket team. After ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HOFFMANN'S property was on the left and on the right the site of the OLD THURGOONA POST OFFICE. It was burnt down in the fires of January 1990 with only the front fence spared. It has since been rebuilt as Kendle Green Antiques.

Also on the right KINROSS Restaurant was originally the shearing shed from the Ross property at Holbrook. The adjoining THURGOONA PARK belonged to the DAY family. George Day was a Member of Parliament in the 1870's and 80's. The property was later owned by COLEMANS.

On the left is a home built by a stonemason, a member of the DICK family. The home is built of bluestone although the fact is not obvious.

To be continued

(Helen Livsey)

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, July 26, 7.30pm, Xavier High School North Campus, Fallon Street (entry from Currawong Street), North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet at 2pm July 22 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. A very informal discussion which would appeal to anyone interested in times gone by.

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ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS
31ST MAY, 1994

	1994 \$	1993 \$
RECEIPTS		
Membership	1,805.50	2,123.50
Donations	5.00	7.00
Publication sales	33.00	21.60
Publications		
- Sales of Dr.Andrews Book	182.15	213.90
- Sales of On The Home Front	290.00	1,827.60
- Sales of A/W Chosen City	46.00	228.00
- Sales of Bulletin Index	385.00	-
Sales - Miscellaneous	-	67.00
Research	112.00	197.50
Interest	1,095.43	1537.28
Bus Trip	200.00	-
Grant - RAHS	500.00	-
- Hume Building Society	300.00	-
	<u>4,954.08</u>	<u>6223.38</u>
PAYMENTS		
Bulletin	1,353.10	1,404.94
Publications 'On The Home Front'	-	2,497.36
Publications - Index for the Bulletins	3,285.00	-
Insurance	208.00	205.00
Stationery	464.05	74.31
Donations: St Davids Parish	-	10.00
Donations: Xavier High School	50.00	-
Research expenses	20.25	111.68
Membership expenses	27.00	193.62
Treasurer's expenses	112.70	-
Conference Expenses - RAHS	235.00	-
Rent - Hire of CWA Hall	300.00	270.00
Rent - PO Box	70.00	65.00
Repairs to Equipment	208.80	-
Photos for Festival of Sport	-	460.80
2 Pictures of Mitchells	-	2,000.00
Hire of Bus	150.00	-
Financial charges	46.24	39.26
Membership subscriptions	125.00	120.00
Sundries	-	7.00
Misc.Items(Teapot,H.W.Jug & 2 slide magazines)	150.10	149.10
	<u>6,805.24</u>	<u>7,608.07</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<u>(1,851.16)</u>	<u>(1,384.69)</u>

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INCORPORATED

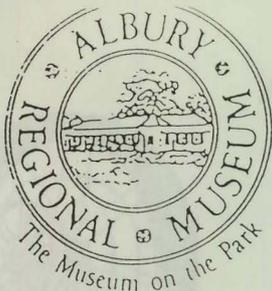
STATEMENT OF BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
31ST MAY, 1994

	1994 \$	1993 \$
Balances 1st June, 1993		
Hume Building Society All Purpose Account	1410.31	3,184.96
Term Investment	10,000.00	10,000.00
WAW Credit Union - Term Investment	5,379.96	5,000.00
- Shares	10.00	-
	<u>16,800.27</u>	<u>18,184.96</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(1,851.16)	(1,384.69)
	<u>14,949.11</u>	<u>16,800.27</u>
REPRESENTED BY :		
Balances 31st May, 1994		
Hume Building Society All Purpose Account	1,439.11	1,410.31
Term Investment	8,000.00	10,000.00
WAW Credit Union Term Investment	5,500.00	5,379.96
Shares	10.00	10.00
	<u>14,949.11</u>	<u>16,800.27</u>

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

Note 1.

The financial report is a special purpose financial report drawn up for the purpose of the Albury & District Historical Society Incorporated committee fulfilling its accountability requirements under its constitution. The accounts have been prepared using cash basis accounting.



ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
BULLETIN
MUSEUM CHATTER NO 9
JULY 1994

The new Albury Regional Museum continues to shape up. Our Building signs are now in place and we await the new street signs which are to be placed north and south of the building indicating location, services, parking etc. A PATH (Yes, a real paved one!) is going to be built, from the picnic area to the museum. Quotes are being prepared at the moment. When this is in place, the entry to the Turks Head building will be changed. This alteration business is very slow, but it will happen.

CURRENT EXHIBITION

The temporary exhibition room is home to BACKYARD LIFE - a look at the 1950s backyard complete with original victor mower in showroom condition and the outback dunny.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Mr and Mrs Phil Webb have donated their own baby clothes, Helen Cooper has added to the collection from her private archive of photos, clippings and booklets, as well as a magnificent original Onkaparinga blanket 1941. Jennifer Williams has donated many useful books and magazines, many from the 1970s which have caused us all to wince as we remembered the clothes and the colours!! The Museum's heartfelt thanks to these generous people, it is a marvellous way to build the collection.

TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS

Our last visiting exhibition, Tomorrows Drivers, has left its woolshed location. I hope some of you had the chance to see this high tech computer exhibition at their open day. The next exhibition will be "STREET SCIENCE" from the Australian Museum which will begin in August and be located at the Gateway Tourist Centre.

NEW PERMANENT EXHIBITION

I have decided to prepare a new exhibition which will be called "Albury Wodonga - Border Cities". This will be essentially a photographic exhibition looking at the historic CBDs of both centres and the stories of the Border. I am anxious to locate any pictures of interest relating to either centres but especially relating to Wodonga's High Street. Howard Jones has been most helpful in this regard and I am sure he would welcome any new pictures as well.

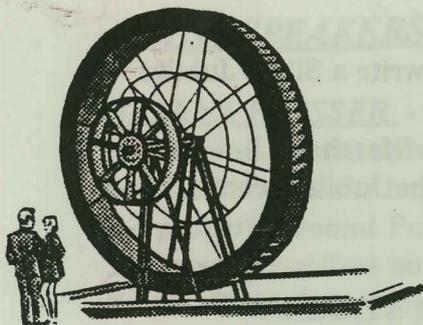
The second part of the exhibition will look at the stories of the border, travelling across the river, quarantine, smuggling, customs, fruit fly blockade etc. I would really like to have some of the original fruit fly block passes (even if they are still on windscreens) or any other documentation people might still have in their possession.

Please contact me at the Museum if you have any helpful suggestions or donations. I would like to get this up and running in the next two months.

That all for this month, Folks. I look forward to seeing you at the Museum soon.

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm, Tuesday 9th August, at the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Guest Speaker will be Miss Dorothy Ross of Holbrook, who will speak on the history of the Country Womens Association. Miss Ross recently was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the Charles Sturt University, in recognition of her life-long public service to many national groups including the C.W.A. and the Australian Press Council.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH

Who have been our Federal members since Federation

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, 23rd August 7.30pm, Xavier High School North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP Will meet 2pm August 26th 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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS Members are reminded that the annual subscriptions are now due, at \$15 adult, \$18 family and \$18-50 corporate.

SYMPATHY is extended to Janice and Joe Lynch on the death of Janice's father in Western Australia.

"SYLVANIA"

Are there any photographs of the North Albury home, Sylvania, which was at one time occupied by the Brann family. The site of the home is now the entrance to the Albury North High School, Fallon Street, Albury. Helen Livsey would be most grateful for any information. (Phone 213 671).

WODONGA SILVER JUBILEE

The Wodonga City Council has commissioned Howard Jones to write a Silver Jubilee history of the Rural City of Wodonga.

This will cover the 25 years since the rural city was proclaimed in March 1973.

It is proposed to publish this work in late 1997, to be on sale in the Jubilee year.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION OF THE MONTH--- "AUSTRALIA"

- The Name of our Nation - what does it mean ?, where did it come from ?

Who used it first and when ?

Evelyn Smith, Anne Davies, Geoff Hamilton and Frank Higgins helped to provide the answer.

AUSTRALIS is latin for Southern and thus was used by early explorers, such as Portugese, Spanish, Dutch, English and French, and the mapmakers e.g. "Terra Australis", the South Land. "Terra Incognita Australis" the unknown south land.

Australia began to enter common usage in the colony as it was easier to use "Australian" than "New South Welshmen" or "native born colonial".

1814 Matthew Flinders book "Voyage to Terra Australis" was published. He would have preferred "Australia" to the term "Terra Australis".

April 1817 Governor Macquarie appears to have used the word "Australia" in official correspondence.

1824 the charts of Phillip Parker King published by the Admiralty used Australia.

The Hydrographic Office of the Admnirality used the name officially in its publications whereas the Colonial Office was conservative in its used of the term "Australia"

On the whole, the naming of Australia can be said to have been brought about through local usage by Australians themselves, the word being introduced probably by early naval officers.

1901 with Federation, Australia could now be officially attached to a nation.

Ian Glachan commented that when he was at sea in 1957, maps drawn by Matthew Flinders were still in use.

Frank Higgins.

GUEST SPEAKERS - MEMBERS NIGHT

THELMA MUSSELWHITE - spoke on "The Miner's Right Settlement beside the River on Western Hill".

In the early 1930's men were being put off at the Hume Dam. Land under Miners Rights tenure was made available to the men on Western Hill and at Glenroy. Thelma had on display a picture she had painted, with the help of Grandmother Berg, as she remembered the western hill miner's right settlement as a child.

She then brought her painting to life by commenting on the people who lived in the 18 houses and the activities on nearby land such as Mates Paddock, Newton's paddock and the shale factory.

Names mentioned included Josephy Saunders (Gehrig), Wing, Sevie, Thomas Maloy; Henrietta Hardie ; Lawrence, J.Charlton; Dod McCullam ; Thomas Hefferan; Jane King; Sarah J.Bryson; M.Miles; Sewell, Claude Baker ; McKenzie Brothers; Alex Grant; E.Berg; W.Corkett; F.Densley; Phillips; Hug Berg; Shephard; Sam Brown; Ray Haydon; S.Clark; Botsman; Reynolds; Bohn's; Mick Berg; B.Warby; F.O'Reilly; Williams; Butlers; Stephen Warnes; Thurlings; Poppletons; Paps Hole in the river; Day Street above the Hill; Howlong Road; Monumental Hill; McKenzies Flat.

The location was an absolutely beautiful place.

GUEST SPEAKERS - MEMBERS NIGHT

HELENA PROSSER - An Eventful Life.

Helena was born in Albury and reared in Pemberton Street, where she played football and cricket with the boys and swam in the Murray River. Mrs Edmonson owned all the property around Forrest Hill.

There were bonfires on Empire Day and wild flowers in springtime. She joined the Youth Club, learnt piano and became a committee member of the Albury Arts Society. Helped to raise funds to send Donald Hazelwood to Sydney to learn the violin. Formed a polo-cross group which played on the old showground. Studied first aid and home nursing during the war and was active in the Voluntary Aid Assoc. She went to Melbourne and became Secretary to Myers, but had to leave because of health.

She was a clerk at Corowa with the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission then transferred to Sydney and with the Civil Construction Corps. While there studied 2 nights a week at the University. After the war, returned to W.C.I.C as engineers assistant at Walgett then to Lake Cargellico where Helena worked. When her son was 5 months old her husband was in a serious accident near Holbrook. She needed to work. Six months with Beaurepair's, 4 years Asst Principal at Technical College then to Court work. She was the first female J.P. to be appointed in NSW. and selected for jury duty. She was the first female to stand for Albury City Council on the 8th Dec. 1953. She started the Andrew Finishing School with teachers from Albury High and the Grammar School. Her husband was transferred to Perth. After a year she drove to Perth with her 8 year old son, when there was no formed roads. Since then she has done the trip 13 times. Teaching position in Perth with Shirley Strickland on the staff. She trained her son in athletics.

Her Husband transferred to Canberra then to New Guinea, where she wrote and lectured an accountancy course. Through this she met some of the future public figures in Papua New Guinea. Later she started and managed an air-charter business in New Guinea before returning to Albury.

MICK RYAN Early days in Farming.

Mick has been a farmer all his life. He was born at Dookie, Victoria. His Father Martin Ryan, loved big teams of horses, he also grew an experimental 11 acres of lucerne under the instigation of Mr Pye, agronomist at Dookie Agricultural College. Mick and his brother followed each other around plowing with 14 horse teams. There were two 10 horse teams for harvesting and one 10 horse team for carting. He left in 1926 for the wheat growing country of Illabo. The northern boundary of the property fronted the Olympic Highway and the railway.

During the depression, men who were on the track would call in daily and be fed by his mother. Some of them would jump the rattler, especially on the goods and wheat trains which would crawl uphill. There would be a "line-up" outside the shed for shearing work. Mick went by train to school at Bethungra. He married in 1940 and bought a property at Mullengandra in 1948. It was a different way of life as it was grazing country. In 1952 there was a disastrous bushfire which started at Manglope. Sgt Hawkins came down from Wagga to take charge. He set up at Woomargama Station. Mick took him around in his new landrover. 50 army men, with walkie-talkies came down from Kapooka.

Electricity came in 1950, then school buses and motor bikes took over from horses, and there was plenty of water on the place.

Changes made life much easier on the land. His two sons are still on the land.

THURGOONA HERITAGE WEEK BUS TOUR held on April 24. This is the conclusion of the tour commentary from the June and July Bulletins.

Also on the left is Riverine House. The Farmers' Home Hotel was originally on the site and was operated by Edward CRISP as early as 1861. It was burnt down, probably in the 1890's, and the present building was constructed. Behind Riverine House there used to be a motor cycle race track.

The original home of the BELL family at Spring Park has been replaced by a newer brick residence, formerly occupied by Jim Bell and family.

The Glasshouse on the right was a small cottage known as The Ivy when Percy PHILLIPS lived there for more than sixty years. HOOD's property, KYWANNA, is approached near the Nine Mile Reserve. The home can be seen on the top of a hill on the right.

A lot of new homes have been established on the way to BOWNA WATERS RESERVE. We passed a number of picnic areas, some with children's playgrounds and boat ramps, before stopping at the last one for afternoon tea. We looked across the water where the Bowna township existed before the Hume Weir was built.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY Fred told us more about the Thurgoona Post Office which was operated by only one family, the WIGNELLS, from the verandah of their home, Lubenhamvale. As stated on the forward journey, it was burnt down in 1990 with the home being rebuilt as Kendle Green.

Opposite was Harry WEISSEL's wine cellar, a popular drinking spot for Thurgoona residents as well as travellers from Albury.

ST JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH was built in 1873 and at one time was also used by the Presbyterians. It replaced the small wooden church/school by the Anglican Church until 1862 when it became a public school and later moved further along the road.

The SCHOOL OF ARTS was in the area between St John's Church and the school. The foundation stone from 1913 is now attached to a barbecue at Thurgoona Reserve.

Fred spoke of the MOTOR RACES which ran along Old Sydney Road, Thurgoona Drive, turned down Orphanage Lane near St Hilaire to the Riverina Highway past Mount Pleasant, a circuit of about three miles. Jack Murray made himself popular with the orphanage children by throwing out bombs as he passed them - hence his name, Gelignite Jack.

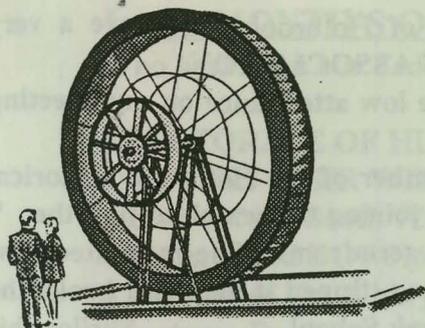
We thank Martin's bus driver, Max Lawson, for a pleasant journey and we want to especially thank our commentators, Fred Heath and Andy Kelso. Fred put many hours into preparing for the tour and Andrew has been researching the Frere and Kelso families and the local wine industry for many years.

Time and space did not allow us to take the bus along Williams Road to Wignell (formerly Hills) Road to the former home of Lucy Staton's grandparents, Alexander and Jane HILL. Hills had eleven children, ten of them girls, and their home was called ENYAPARA: house of many women. Alexander married Jane Brooks in 1862 and their wedding reception was held at the Turk's Head Hotel, now the Albury Regional Museum.

Another house, inaccessible on this trip, is NOORLA at the northern end of St John's Road (formerly Orphanage Lane). It was built by the ADAMS undertaking family and, in the 1930's and 40's, was the home of George ESLER and family.

(Helen Livsey)

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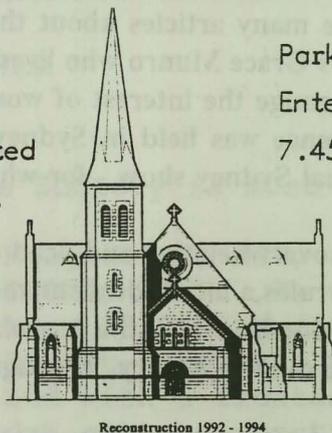
NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday, September 13 at SAINT MATTHEW'S PARISH HALL.

The guest speaker will be

IAN O'CONNOR

architect for the reconstructed
ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN CHURCH.

After the devastation of
the fire on the night of
September 14, 1991, the
"new" church is now ready
for consecration on
September 21.



Reconstruction 1992 - 1994

Parking is available in Swift Street.

Enter the hall from QEII Square
7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start.

Please bring a plate for
supper, as usual.

It would be a help to the
writers if those who have
name badges wear them to
each meeting.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH? From where was the stone obtained for
St Matthew's first church (1857) and second church (1874)?

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The Albury & District Historical Society is a unique Society. Now 33 years old, we distribute nearly 200 Bulletins each month. The organization is held in high regard in our community, is constantly doing research work and supplying information to many people, has no financial problems, but is having difficulty in getting members to attend meetings.

The September meeting will be at St Matthew's Parish Centre, the October one in the foyer of the Albury City Council building with our Dutch friends, in November we will be remembering the Germans' overland trek of 1866 from South Australia, and in December a Bring and Tell night will be held at the Commercial Club.

As President I urge you to be more active and come and enjoy the knowledge and fellowship at the monthly meetings.

Gerry Curtis

GUEST SPEAKER - AUGUST MEETING

Our Guest speaker was Miss Dorothy Ross O.B.E., A.M., of Holbrook, who gave a very interesting talk about the history of the COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Because of the interesting nature of her talk, and because of the low attendance on our meeting night, this article will be continued in our September Bulletin.

History has always been of interest to Miss Ross, who is a member of the Holbrook Historical Society. Very few people know that when Kingsford Smith was joining the search to find the "Southern Cloud", that his plane was bogged on the Holbrook aerodrome. She recounted how her Father's team of horses when pulling the plane out of the bog, tipped it over and broke the propeller, and that broken propeller is displayed at the Holbrook School. Earlier this year, with 3 other people, she walked to the remains of the Southern Cloud, at a place called Deep Creek, between Cabramurra and Khancoban.

Miss Ross's love has always been the C.W.A. She asked guests to imagine what life was like for women in 1921, when the idea of forming the C.W.A. was first mooted. In those days there was a lack of communication and nothing like the medical system that we now have, and it was hazardous for women living in the country, as many were left on their own, with their husbands working many miles away from their homes as stockmen, ringers, railway workers etc.

The idea for such an organisation was first introduced by the Minister for Health, Dr Arthur who stated that something should be done about the health of country women. This call by Dr Arthur was taken up by the then Editor of the Stock and Station Journal which later became The Country Life. He wrote many articles about the hardships of country women, and this cause was taken further by Mrs Grace Munro who lived at Bingarra, in northern N.S.W.

She travelled near and far to gauge the interest of women. All his took about a year, and in April 1922 a three day conference was held in Sydney, called the Bush Woman's Conference. (This co-incided with the annual Sydney show - for which many country women made the long trip to Sydney).

The result of this meeting was overwhelming and lead to the formation of a non party political organisation, with very simple rules, a lot of idealism and vision and called the Country Womens Association. A Motto was adopted which the Association still has today---Honour to God, Loyalty to the Throne, Service to the Country, Through Country Women, For Country Women, By Country Women.

The first branch was formed at Crookwell and by the end of 1922, twenty branches had been formed, all with the ideal to help improve conditions for women and children in the country.

At its peak there were 30,000 members in New South Wales, and 60,000 Australia wide. N.S.W. still retains the largest membership at 16,000, and at the moment is the largest women's organisation in Australia. The first branch in this area was formed in Urana in 1923. Albury branch was formed in 1927 with the first President being Mrs Norma Welsh. The Holbrook branch was formed in 1929. One of the largest contributions made by the Albury branch was for the migrant women at Bonegilla, and also with the Military at Bandiana.

The Country Womens Association has had a very interesting career, being responsible for many things including the introduction of low alcohol beer; toilet doors opening outwards for wheelchairs ; seat belts in vehicles ; "cats-eyes" on the sides of roads ; the introduction of sleeping cars on railway trains, and infant health centres (there are twelve baby health centres in our immediate area)

(to be continued)

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet at 2pm September 23 at the Manual Activities Centre Nowland Avenue, Lavington. A very informal discussion which would appeal to anyone interested in times gone by.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, September 27, 7.30pm, Xavier High School North, Fallon Street (entry from Currawong Street), North Albury.

LAST MONTH'S QUESTION OF THE MONTH---

Who have been our Federal members since Federation ?

ELECTORATE OF HUME -

1901 - 1913 SIR WILLIAM JOHN LYNE. He was born in Tasmania in 1844 and moved to New South Wales in 1875. His brother, Bishop, took up land near Holbrook. William leased BOWNA which was part of Cumeroona Station. He played cricket; was a member of the Albury Agricultural Society; Chairman of the Albury District's Sheep directors; President of the Albury Gun Club and was a foundation member of the Albury Club in 1877. Prior to June 1883, he & his family lived in Young Street, Albury. He relinquished his Bowna property in 1893. In 1900 he was appointed K.C.M.G., and became the Minister for Home Affairs in the Edmund Barton Ministry.

1913-1917 Robert PATTEN

1917-1919 Frank Brereton Sadler FALKINER

1919-1931 Parker John MALONEY

1931-1943 Hon Thomas Joseph COLLINS

1943-1949 Arthur Neiberding FULLER

ELECTORATE OF FARRER

1949-1975 Sir David Eric FAIRBAIRN (died June.1.1994)

1975-1985 Walter.C.FIFE

1985- Timothy.A.FISCHER



GIFTS for which the Society is most grateful:

From Mrs Joan Burgess of Kingscliff, NSW, a photograph of her great-great grandfather, THOMAS KING. He was born in London in 1780, arrived at Port Jackson 1810, and came to Albury in 1852.

He lived in Olive Street, opposite the Police Station, on one and a half acres of land with a frontage of 198 feet. His home was a handsome verandah cottage constructed of hardboard weatherboards, upon slabs, with a shingled roof. It contained a sitting room, three bedrooms, detached kitchen, storehouse, outbuildings and milking yards. The garden at the rear of the property was well stocked with vines and fruit trees including apples, pears, peaches, figs and nectarines.

Thomas King died in 1866 and is buried with his wife, Mary, in the Albury Pioneer Cemetery.

Mrs Burgess also supplied a photo of the COROWA REPRESENTATIVES, dated May 23, 1899. Included in the picture is her grandfather, Richard King.

HOME OF THE KELPIES is an article telling of the evolution of the kelpie breed of sheep dog. The story started with the arrival in Albury in 1869 of John D. Gleeson. He stayed for a while at Lancelot Ryan's Wallendool Station, between Walbundrie and Lockhart, and married Mr Ryan's daughter, Mary.

John had a sheep dog bitch named Kelpie and later acquired a black dog which had been bred by Mr Rutherford of Yarrawonga. This union started the breed.

The story of the kelpie had been supplied by the late Walter King of Albury, a brother-in-law of Mr Gleeson, who died at Wagga. We thank Mrs Burgess for giving us the benefit of her family history research to add to our knowledge of former local residents.

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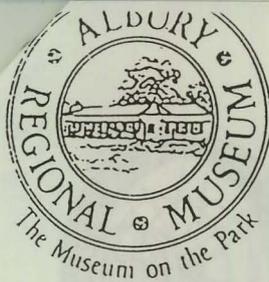
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Only those listed above and those who pay by September 14 will receive the October Bulletin. Subscriptions became due after the Annual General Meeting on June 14 and a membership form was attached to the July Bulletin.

† Sympathy is extended to Cheryl Ryan and her family on the loss of her mother, Mrs Mary Mullavey and to Narda Reid and her son, Luke, on the recent death of Narda's father.

One of our long-time members, Miss BETH KLINGE, passed away peacefully at the Lutheran Rest Home on July 29. Within this Society Beth is remembered as the illustrator of Jean Macdonald's two books, Albury Wodonga The Chosen City: The First Ninety Years and Destiny Foreseen. She was widely known as a painter, both in watercolour and oil. Her paintings can be seen at the Albury Art Centre, Albury Regional Museum, and at the Lutheran Home, and many are privately owned. They encompass district scenes as well as an historical record of local buildings, some of which are no longer in existence.

We offer our sympathy to Beth's sister, Mrs Muriel Kelly, of Canberra, who is a Society member.



MUSEUM CHATTER NO 10 SEPTEMBER 1994

Well, this month the Chatter returns, after a slight mix-up in August for which I apologise. The Museum has had a very good month in terms of visitors. There have been 1141 people through to look at the exhibitions! Four hundred more than last year. Perhaps the word is getting around that Albury Regional Museum is an interesting venue.

CURRENT EXHIBITION

The old favourite 'Unmentionables' is back in the Temporary Exhibition Room. This time it has a slightly different flavour with a few less items on display because we so not have appropriate show cases to put the clothes in and I despair of the grit and grime which may get into the fabric. However, if you haven't been down yet come and see.

NEW ACQUISITIONS

Gerry Curtis has been very busy bringing items to the Museum in the past couple of months. A glorious old typewriter which folds into a travelling case - I guess you could call it an early laptop! A cigarette lighter with a kangaroo on it and the Rev. McIlroys travelling writing box (although we can't have it.). Janet Gillespie donated an embroidered teatowel from the 1940s. Elizabeth Wise brought in a bunnikins plate from the 1950s, an old deposit book and a corset box from Buckleys in Melbourne.

TRAVELLING EXHIBITION

At present there is an exhibition from the Australian Museum being displayed in the Gateway Information Centre on the Causeway. It is called Street Science. The display shows the work being done by the Museum in different areas of the environment. It will be in Albury until the 22.9. 94.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Much of the work being done currently is behind the scenes. Cataloguing, cleaning and researching all takes time and is not immediately obvious to visitors. At present a few rooms still look a little bare and will continue this way until a bit more behind the scenes work is completed.

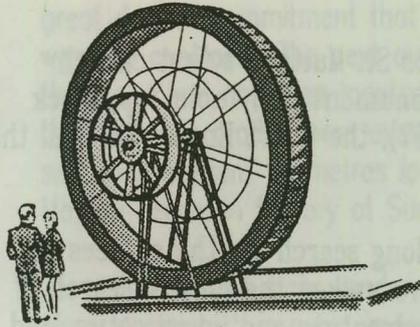
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

These wonderful days are on the horizon and the Museum will be running activities for the first time. One of our marvellous volunteers has devised a treasure hunt which looks like a lot of fun. The activity will be run on one day of each week so as not to clash with library and Art Centre activities.

Thats all for now folks, and remember you are always welcome to visit the Museum we would love to see you.

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director.

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ALBURY CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 553 Kiewa St, Albury.

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of the landing of the UIVER at the Albury Racecourse. Mr Rob van der Wel, of the Dutch Consulate and members of the local Dutch community will be present.

Members please bring a plate for supper as usual.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH

What was the purpose of the air race in which the Uiver participated in 1934 ?

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ALBURY'S NEW MAYOR.

Congratulations to our member, Jim Paterson, on his election as Mayor of Albury on September 5.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING Tuesday, October 25, 7.30pm, Xavier High School North Campus, Fallon Street (entry off Currawong Street).

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will meet 2pm October 28 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington if there is a sufficient number of people who are well and able to attend.

REPORT ON THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

Answer to last month's question, From where was the stone obtained for St. Matthew's first church (1857) and second church (1874)? Members and visitors mentioned Monument Hill, Table Top, Black Range and Hawkswiew. Gerry Curtis pointed out that St. Matthew's (1857), the Court House, Kia Ora, the Hume Monument and St. Patrick's Presbytery, all had similar stone.

Architect, Ian O'Connor, came to the rescue with the story of the long search for the sources of the original varieties of stone. Over an eight-week period he and others walked the hills in search of the right stone. Those present at the meeting experienced a story of adventure and investigation and the feel of living in Albury 1857-74 when the edifice was built.

In summary, Ian said the 1874 church, designed by William Boles, is of Rocky Hill Granite - with garnets- only known to exist in one place: Rocky Hill, near Albury. The stone would have been rough-worked at the quarry, to make it lighter to transport by horse and dray, with the final work being done on the job. The trimmings of Boles' church are of red sandstone from Table Top. The red stone for the current building was also obtained from there.

The 1857 church, designed by Edmund Blacket, utilised a stone called Albury Gneiss. It was also used on the Court House and Kia Ora, as well as other buildings. A lot was taken from the Monument Hill Quarry (as we now know it), where four different stones are found.

Our guest speakers always provide a lot of interesting material but, regrettably only a summary can be used in the Bulletin. Although there were about sixty people present at the meeting one would think that, with the interest in the rebuilding of St. Matthew's, we could have filled the civic theatre with those wanting to hear a first-hand report about this once-in-our-lifetime project.

GUEST SPEAKER

President, Gerald Curtis, when introducing architect, Ian O'Connor, at the September meeting referred to the Old Testament story of Solomon's Temple which was destroyed and rebuilt. St Matthew's Church of England, Albury, was destroyed by fire in Sept. 1991 and now, in three years, has been rebuilt. Howard Jones showed television footage of the fire, courtesy of Prime News, as well as slides of old pictures of the church.

Mr O'Connor said he was first involved as a representative of the insurance company but later represented St. Matthew's. There was no documentation of the church - only photos. Ian undertook research and took 600 photos of the church immediately following the fire. That was the basis for drawings on which to lodge a claim which resulted in a fairly good settlement. He was engaged to design and reconstruct a new church incorporating Edmund Blacket's 1857 church, with a tower as he had envisaged, and the 1875 church of William Boles. There was to be a new organ and choir gallery.

When the ducts were being built for the underfloor air recirculation system footings were found at the end of Blacket's church, which is the narrow section nearest to Kiewa Street. The eastern end of the church was squared off whereas a rounded chancel was planned but never built. All of the footings were just big flat pieces of sandstone laid in a trench - no mortar at all. It was wondered how the trusses were hoisted up in 1857 considering the difficulties encountered even now with modern cranes. Mr O'Connor had seen pictures in history books of long straight tree trunks like telegraph poles, and trusses being pulled up by block and tackle. When the excavations were being done holes were found, about six feet deep, where those poles had been last century and where the trusses had been winched up.

The significance of each architect and his work is such that any new work should be made distinguishable. To comply with this historic requirement any new work has been done with new stone. The curved sections of the trusses have timber laminations which is distinguishable as being new, whereas the old trusses were solid New Zealand kauri.

When tenders were called there were concerns about how much the building would cost. There was a great deal of commitment that it should be built locally. A.B. & M.A. Chick submitted the lowest tender and won the contract. The next quote, from a Melbourne firm, was only marginally higher. At the time of signing, the stone had not been located and the source of the timber was still unknown. After a long search for stone the matching product was eventually found on the old gool site in Thurgoona Street, Albury. Some well-seasoned oregon, 18 metres long, was located at Healesville in Victoria. It had been salvaged from the Massey Ferguson factory at Sunshine and is older than the original church.

The stained glass windows were made by Kevin Little and Philip Handel. Some windows are presently clear glass which is a big improvement on the opening of the first church when all the windows were covered in calico. Furnishings including seating, the font, an eagle lectern, candle sticks and a magnificent marble pulpit were purchased from All Saints' Cathedral at Bendigo. The pulpit had previously been in Westminster Abbey. The wrought iron communion rail support which had survived the fire was rejuvenated and put back in place. Ideas for a stone floor, or carpet, were rejected in favour of tessellated tiles. The tiles were laid at a fraction of other quotes received, which was typical of the loyalty shown by all the local tradespeople.

Ian said it had been a very happy job, one which was fraught with potential for drama, but he knew of no arguments on the site - except for the builder yelling at the architect which is quite the normal thing.

Max Barry, in moving a vote of thanks to Ian O'Connor, said it had been a fascinating story highlighting the difficulties and problems encountered in finding the materials to put the church back to that which was envisaged in 1875. The essence of Ian's work was the teamwork he fostered in the rebuilding. One of the features of the teamwork was Ian's ability to work with those in other disciplines. The community had shown great interest and given its support, resulting in a fine church building. Regarding the stained glass, Kevin Little has incorporated 42 pieces of the original east window in the new window in the same position.

All was in readiness for consecration of the third St. Matthew's on the feast of St Matthew, September 21, by Bishop Beale of Wangaratta, a week before his retirement.

The Border Mail of September 20 carried a 16-page lift-out feature in colour and black and white showing the church from the night of the fire until its final splendour, with stories of those involved in its "Resurrection". Subsequent stories appeared on the consecration, dedication of the 2/23 Battalion memorial window, the organ and choral recitals, and the ball.

(Helen Livsey)

GIFTS which we gratefully acknowledge.



Andrew Kelso of Narrabundah has supplied a copy of the AUSTRALIAN GRAPE GROWER AND WINEMAKER for April 1994. In it is an article on Twentieth Century Albury Vineyards, written by Mr Kelso. A review appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

A photocopy of a story, by Professor Blunno, from the AGRICULTURAL GAZETTE OF NSW, July 2, 1910, tells of the existence of phylloxera at Thurgoona and Newtown at that time.

In answer to an enquiry about KELSO family history Andrew has sent his family tree dating back to John Kelso in 1749, and the death announcement of his great grandmother, Mrs Maria de Los Angeles de Jesus Sarazin, widow of Mr Francois-Abraham Pierre Boucherie-Papineau. The lady came from Cuba, a descendant of Spanish colonists, and died in France in 1887.

Sir David Eric FAIRBAIRN, former Member for Farrer 1949-75, passed away on June 1 this year. Andrew has forwarded a copy of his obituary from the Canberra Times of June 3.

GUEST SPEAKER - (continued from the August Bulletin)

Because of the interesting talk from our guest speaker Miss Dorothy Ross O.B.E., A.M., of Holbrook, about the history of the COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION., we continue this item from our August bulletin.

The C.W.A. has had a very interesting career, being responsible for many worthy projects. With the lack of medical facilities in the country, the C.W.A. raised nearly \$10million for the building of six hospitals. This money was raised from what country women know best - knitting and cooking (or as Miss Ross described it - from the knitting needles and the egg beater).

C.W.A. also established 7 school hostels, the nearest one to here being Narrandera.

The Association also fought for, and won, the fight for school buses, and over the years has worked closely and raised much needed funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The Hospitals that the C.W.A. were responsible for building were eventually given to the Bush Nursing Association. Without any consultation, the N.S.W. Government decided to close the many Baby Health Centres, except the one in Albury and put the service into community centres.

The C.W.A. have never received any Government financial assistance for anything they have undertaken. When the CWA had the baby health centres, the Govt' provided a Sister and the CWA provided not only the building but everything else needed to run the Baby Health Centre.

The Country Womens Association have a very proud record of independence and probably have one of the most modest joining fees of any organisation in N.S.W.

Over the years, life has changed for everyone Miss Ross stated. What has happened to our Association has happened also to many other organisations, with women going out to work. The idea of community work and working for nothing isn't very fashionable these days.

The greatest intake of members in recent years has been amongst ladies who have retired, and have never before been involved with an organisation, or those in the over 40 age group, with children who are away at school, or living away from home.

The C.W.A. have always had a good relationship with whoever was in power. They have been involved with many pieces of legislation, with the ultimate aim to help women, children and people in country areas. They believe that changes to the Taxation system in order to relieve poverty in rural areas and the payroll tax should be abolished, so that the farmer, especially when there has been no rain for 3-4 years, might be able to salvage something.

In closing, Miss Ross commented that the Albury Historical Group was doing a magnificent job. Not enough interest was being taken in history. She was very disappointed that it wasn't being taught in schools, but hoped that sometime in the future the subject of Australian history would be introduced.

A vote of thanks on behalf of all present was made to Miss Ross by member Mrs Janice Lynch, who is also the Albury President of the C.W.A.

NEW POLICE STATION.

On July 24 Albury Police moved into their new "\$7.6million state-of-the-art" Police Station in Olive Street. The previous station, on the same site, was demolished in 1992.

Since then Police have occupied part of the former Farmers & Graziers building in Smollett Street, now largely used by the Australian Taxation Office. The new office in Olive Street incorporates the former Wesley Methodist Church and parish centre at the corner of Swift Street. The manse was demolished for car parking space.

The NEW ALBURY BASE HOSPITAL comes into operation at its new location on Borella Rd (between East and Keen Streets) on Tuesday October.4.1994.

An "Open Day" held recently, attracted large numbers of residents to overlook the new facilities.

A History of 20th Century Vineyards in Albury & District.

Andrew Kelso wrote this history which was published in The Australian Grapegrower and Winemaker magazine for April 1994. It is a most comprehensive account drawn from his family's records for St Hilaire at Thurgoona and from research in the State Libraries of N S W and Victoria, the National Library and the Albury City Library. Helen Livsey, A & D H S' honorary researcher, gave every assistance. Andrew Kelso is a member of our Society and has donated us a copy of the magazine containing his six page article.

This account sets sets right any impression that the Albury & district vineyards had faded out due to phylloxera by the turn of the century. The pestilential vine louse or aphid was found in Rutherglen in 1899 but was not diagnosed in Albury until 1908. This is the correct date, not 1902 - 1904 as quoted in "Friday Mount" by M. Carnegie and our History Sheet "Vines & Wines". In 1900 there were 1,000 acres planted to vines in the Albury district. With the finding of phylloxera the whole vineyards had to be destroyed. In 1914 the Albury district lost all its vines. Over 300 acres were replanted with American resistant stocks of which 90% were wine grapes. A N. S. W. Viticultural Station was established at Howlong, it conducted research and supplied American resistant stocks to local vineyards.

Mr Kelso details names of the larger vineyards: Murray Valley, St Hilaire, Ettamogah and Emu Park. Some smaller ones were: L. Stanton, T. Kelso, H. Weissel, J. Wignall, C. and V. Dick. He also mentions some grapes which were planted: Black Shiraz, Verdelho, White Shiraz, Mataro, Muscat, Burgundy, Tokay and Shepherd's. And some wines which were made: Claret, Hock, Chablis, Frontignac, Sherry, Muscat, Reisling, Tokay, Port and Burgundy. Light dry wines were made from grapes grown on sandy soils; from the red clay came the heavy Muscats, Sauternes, Port and Sherry.

He covers a range of topics: The weather, especially frosts and drought, forms of cultivation, vintages, marketing, phylloxera, replanting of vineyards and selling of vineyards. There is a bibliography.

Gradually vineyards were sold off to new owners not interested in viticulture. Fallons Murray Valley vineyard ceased operations in 1929. Wine was made for the last time at St Hilaire in 1949. Finally, H Weissel of Thurgoona died in 1951 and his vineyard was sold. Quite why the vineyards were no longer profitable is not clear.

There is a postscript. Lindsay Cooper planted vines at Table Top in 1977 and started cellar door sales in 1982.

Mr Kelso's research has been extensive and we are grateful to him for sharing with us his history of twentieth century vineyards.

Anne Davies.

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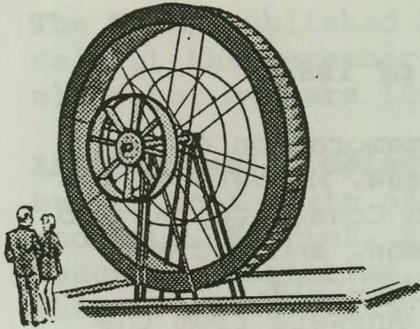
BLAKE'S BUSY BOOK BAZAAR.

After 98 years and a few different owners the new proprietors have chosen to change the name of Blake's Newsagency.

Mr P.W. Blake bought the business in 1896. He sold watches, clocks, jewellery and musical instruments as well as books, toys and newspapers. The shop was later operated by Arthur Hewish, and there were probably a few others. Sid Gregory took over in 1947 and retired this year.

The new name of the shop is Becker's Newsagency.

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NEXT MEETING: 8pm Tuesday, November 8, C.W.A. Hall,
Kiewa Street, Albury.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of The Trek of
the **German families from South Australia** to the
Walla Walla and Jindera areas

LEON WEGENER

will speak about The Trek, which is also the title
of a book to be published this month.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH: Who were the first Germans to
come to the border district?

PRESIDENT'S GRATITUDE

I would like to thank the Albury City Council, especially David Seaton, for the co-operation in arranging the October Meeting; also members of our Committee who assisted on the afternoon and evening, the ladies in the kitchen who always rise to the occasion, and Howard Jones who looked after all the technical details during the function. Thanks must go also to Mrs Helena Prosser for her liaison on our behalf with the Dutch Embassy. She also presented flowers to Mrs van der Wel, and a birthday cake to her son, Eric, to assist in the celebration of his 22nd birthday. Mrs Prosser arranged a video of the evening which is for sale at \$17. We express our appreciation to Radio Rentals who supplied the big television at a discounted rate.

HISTORY IN SCHOOLS

Resulting from a report in the October Bulletin the following has been received from Mrs Jan Hunter, an Albury teacher: Miss Dorothy Ross is "disappointed" that history is not being taught in schools. The Board of Studies (NSW) 1992 Syllabus Years 7-10 History, provides for 100 hours (usually spread over one or two years) of mandatory Australian History. There is also a non-mandatory World History section which also covers 100, 200 or 300 hours. History has not been mandatory for some time, but I suggest quite a few schools have always offered history (sometimes as part of a combined Commerce and Geography course) in Years 7-8 and history has always been an option for senior studies. (I know two Albury schools at least have always taught history at some level).

REPORT ON THE OCTOBER MEETING: AIR RACE OF 1934

The feature of our October meeting was the commemoration of 60 years since the **Uiver** landing on the Albury racecourse. Members of the Dutch community, distinguished guests from the Dutch Consulate, Mr Rob van der Wel and his family, the Mayor, Cr Jim Paterson, and Society members and friends were welcomed by President Gerry Curtis.

Question of the Month: Why was the air race held? Answers from the floor showed that the idea was conceived by Sir Macpherson Robertson to promote the potential of commercial air travel.

Throughout the evening the audience was shown a section of a video made ten years ago by the Netherlands Broadcasting Corporation. The video re-enacted the events of that night and featured interviews with those who took part in the rescue. Some who were there were also present at the meeting and were able to add further reminiscences. Howard Jones showed slides made from photographs taken the day after the landing.

Among the first-hand accounts was that of Ron Braddy who answered the question, "How did people know to go out to the racecourse?" Apparently people went around the streets with megaphones telling residents to switch on their wirelesses. The announcer gave instructions for those with cars to drive to the racecourse and light a landing strip with the headlights.

Pat Strachan, at three years of age, was perhaps the youngest to attend the improvised landing. She remembers that the ropes, used to pull the plane out of the mud, slipped and the men fell into the mud. Olga Butt remembered securing the autograph of the pilot. The audience was reminded that Albury people had never seen a aeroplane of this size before.

Mr Cleaver Bunton addressed the meeting, speaking from his memoirs. He was an announcer at 2CO at the time and interviewed one of the Uiver's crew members. Co-incidentally, Mr Bunton's future second wife was listening to the radio in Holland on that night in 1934 and following the events of the race and the fate of the Uiver. Mr Bunton especially commended Ald. Stuart McKenzie Logan for his initiative in suggesting using car lights to light the racecourse, and for his expertise in organising the rescue the following day.

Ald. Jim Paterson, Mr Rob van der Wel, and Mr Bob van Gelder from the Dutch Association, all addressed the meeting commenting on the friendship generated between Australia and Holland from this historic landing. Of special interest was the recording played of the interview with Ald. Alf Waugh when he travelled to Holland to receive the Order of Oranje-Nassau in recognition of the services rendered by the Albury community. That award was displayed for all to see.

Mrs van der Wel was presented with flowers by Mrs Helena Prosser, and the evening concluded with supper. Although Mr Herman Blom was unable to attend the meeting his son was present. A tribute was paid to Mr Blom for his dedication to, and care of, the area surrounding the Uiver memorial at the Albury Airport. Our thanks go to the Albury City Council for the use of the foyer of the Council building, a most suitable venue in which to remember the contributions of the people of Albury. Great interest was shown in a display of photographs which had been arranged by Louise Evans of the Albury Library.

(Cheryl Ryan)

The Trek, published by Walla's 125th Anniversary Committee, will be on sale at the December meeting. The Committee has graciously agreed to allow our members 10% discount on books sold by the Society.

Are You Really Going to Australia? is the title of a 36-page booklet by Mrs Inga Krain of North Albury. Mrs Krain, her husband, George, and baby, Harriet, arrived at Bonegilla from Bavaria in 1951. A second daughter, Christine, was born while the Krains lived at Walla Walla. They moved to Albury in 1954. The booklet offers an insight into how German migrants came to terms with a new land, helped by the Lutheran Church, and overcame many obstacles. Priced at \$6 it is available from the Open Book and Collins in Albury.

Mrs Krain will sell copies of the book at the November meeting.

The Illustrated BURRA CHARTER

Making good decisions about the care of important places

We thank Mr Ken Young for giving the Society a copy of this book by Peter Marquis-Kyle and Meredith Walker.

In 1966, at an international conference of architects and other professionals interested in conservation, a charter was drawn up dealing with the preservation and restoration of historic monuments. The conference was held in Venice and the document became known as the Venice Charter. In 1977, Australia ICOMOS, the International Council on Monuments and Sites, started to review the applicability of the Venice Charter in Australia. At a meeting at the historic mining town of Burra in South Australia in 1979, the *Australia ICOMOS charter for the conservation of places of cultural significance* was adopted. The document was given the short title of the Burra Charter.

The Burra Charter can be applied to a wide range of places. It defines the basic principles and procedures to be observed in the conservation of such diverse subjects as a monument, a ruin, a courthouse, a midden, a rock painting or engraving, a cottage, road, mining or archaeological site, a whole district or region.

After the *Burra Charter* was adopted Australia ICOMOS developed a series of *Guidelines* which explained and elaborated on aspects of the Charter. They deal with cultural significance, conservation policy, and the preparation of reports. The Guidelines, and the Charter itself are included in the illustrated book.

The Charter is designed to help, rather than hinder, the development and preservation of our historic places.

REGENT THEATRE

Albury Regent: George Osbourne & Richard McCormick is the title of a three-page illustrated article by Albury resident, John Stevens, which appeared in the September issue of *Kino*, the Journal of the Australian Theatre Historical Society.

(Helen Livsey)

MEMBERSHIP LIST continued from September and October Bulletins.

Family: Mr & Mrs Cleaver Bunton, Mr & Mrs John Craig,
Mr & Mrs Clif Mott.

Single: Chas Merritt, Dirk Spennemann, Gloria Trampusic.

The Albury Pre-School Kindergarten will be fifty years old next year. The first school was opened on September 15, 1945 in Kiewa Street, behind the Police Paddock, site of the present Albury City Council building.

The Albury Apex Club began the movement for such a centre in 1944 but it was carried on by a committee appointed at a public meeting. The chairman of the first kindergarten committee was Mr J. Braid and the secretary was Miss N. O'Brien. Mrs Muetzfeldt was the first director. Miss Anne Hogan took over in 1946 and is happily remembered by two generations of Albury "children".

Originally the kindergarten was called the Albury Free Pre-School Kindergarten, and received no Commonwealth, State or Council subsidy. At this time there was pressure in NSW for the State to be responsible for the education of children aged 2 to 5, but the Apexians were apparently impatient about waiting for the State to act.

Built to accommodate forty children, the kindergarten contained many furnishings and equipment built by Apexians, and a mural by Lindsay Hulms, of Thurgoona. Because 100 enrolled, 40 older children were chosen for the first term and it was explained that the others "would get their chance next year".

The Mayor, Alderman Doug Padman, formally opened the premises on Saturday, September 15, and the first children took their places on the following Monday. On December 4, 1975, Mayor Cleaver Bunton, officially opened a new kindergarten in Alma Street. It was built with Council and State help and cost \$114,000.

Do you know any of the original children who attended in 1945?
(Howard Jones/Helen Livsey)

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Beautification of Mungabareena Reserve: TREE PLANTING & MEMORIAL WALL

This project has been undertaken in several stages, the first being August 7 when 86 poplar trees were planted. The purpose is to honour all families of the area: the indigenous families of the Wiradjiri people, the early settlers and their descendants, families residing in Albury today, and all future families who will benefit from the enhancement of the environment.

A family memorial, with plaques honouring individual families, will be dedicated on **Saturday, November 19**, as part of the Festival of the Bogong Moth.

An invitation is extended to anyone who would like a memorial to their family to subscribe \$100 towards the cost of a plaque, a tree, and the building of the memorial wall. There is no cut-off date - this is an on-going project. Enquiries to Leigh Ashford, Albury City Council (ph 238 111); Peter Watkinson, Albury-Wodonga Development Corp. (ph 238 000); Rose Marie Crowe, St. David' Care (ph 217 099).

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP will only be continued if sufficient interest is shown. The next gathering is scheduled for November 25 at the Manual Activities Centre, Nowland Avenue, Lavington. If you would like to attend, or know of others who would, please advise a Committee member. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, Nov. 22, 7.30pm, Xavier High School North Campus, Fallon Street (entry off Currawong Street), North Albury.

**MUSEUM CHATTER NO 11
NOVEMBER 1994**

The Museum Director took a well deserved holiday in Tasmania last month. The Apple Isle is a museum in itself. I didn't have to try very hard to stay out of the many Museums to be viewed but I did force myself to have a look at Pt Arthur, the Richmond Jail and the Maritime Museum in Hobart. Most museums in Tasmania are run by volunteers and a very good job they do.

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

A small theatrette has been set up in the old office space in the Turks Head Building and we intend to show videos and old films to visitors. These will be on video and set on a loop so they run continuously. At the moment we are showing 'Fatty Finn'.

At the other end of the old office there is a 'hands - on' room where a number of items from the collection will be available to visitors for handling. The first exhibition is one of unknown objects which we are encouraging visitors to look over and suggest what the item may be called.

In the Admin Building there is an exhibition of baby clothes from the collection donated to the Museum by Daintree Heywood.

CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

The volunteers are preparing an exhibition which will be held during December and January. Called 'Family Christmas' it looks at the way Christmas has been celebrated, what occurs in communities where celebrations are different and the social security support available to people who do not have families around to celebrate these special times. As an added attraction there will be a Reverse Christmas tree in the Admin Building, the presents going to local charities. Please feel free to bring in a present and add it to the collection under the tree. You will need to indicate where it is for male or female and in what age group.

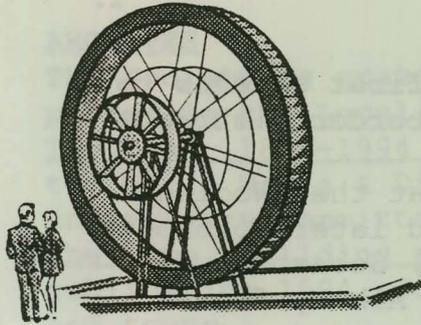
REASSESSING THE MUSEUM AND ITS COLLECTION

In light of the fact that there will not be a new museum for Albury in the foreseeable future, it is important for me to consider the collection we hold and how that collection can be conserved and stored. This means the items held in the old Milos Building have to go. Firstly, the building is entirely unsuitable for storing Museum objects, secondly we are moving objects to a new store at Thurgoona and only want to move items necessary to the collection and finally many of the larger items are duplicated in other Museums far more suited to proper display.

Last year a number of Society members viewed the collection with some results in discovering what they were and where they came from. Last week Gerry Curtis and I had another look and could add only a little more. As a result it will now be a case of acting in accordance with ICOM guidelines for the deaccession of museum objects. Informing donors, if known, offering items to other Museums who may be interested and then selling the remainder. Keep an eye on the paper for a list of the items to be deaccessioned.

Elizabeth Close
Museum Director

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday, December 13, at the **Commercial Club Conference Room**, near the Dean Street entrance.

Because this is a new venue it would be advisable to arrive with a little time to spare. We continue the December tradition of asking the men to bring and serve the supper.

BRING AND TELL

Bring an historical or otherwise interesting article and talk about it.

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH will be a quick quiz. See page 4.

PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

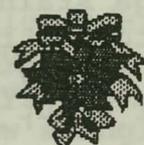
The Society is pleased to advise that it has for sale copies of the newly released Albury City Council's Heritage Information Kit entitled **The Changing Face and Shape of Albury**. The four histories within the kit have been written by Associate Professor Bruce Pennay. They deal with Central Albury, Two Views of Albury in the 1880's, Spreading North, and Planning Albury.

In the histories Bruce Pennay has drawn evidence related to places and buildings to explain how Albury grew and changed. The Kit is different from most other heritage publications in that it deals with urban development generally, rather than with particular buildings. The Kit is on sale from the Society at \$10.

Walla Walla and District Historical Society's book, **The Trek**, will be on sale at our December meeting at the discount price of \$18 to our members. The book deals with the histories of the individual families who travelled from South Australia, local properties, and pictures commercial and social organizations which make up the present history of Walla.



**May the joy and peace of Christmas
fill your hearts and homes**



ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION: Who were the first Germans to come to the border district?

Around **1840** Johan Christoff **Pabst** was resident at the "Woolpack Inn", Ten Mile Creek, which became Germanton and later Holbrook. May 14, **1851** the Catholic Germans, Heinrich **Rau**, Sebastian **Schubach** and John Peter **Frauenfelder** arrived in Albury from Kyeamba to plant a vineyard.

1851 A Mr **Gerstacher** undertook an adventurous journey from Albury in a canoe made by a local resident, unnamed, but still living in 1911. In her book, "Greetings From The Land Where Milk and Honey Flows", Patricia Cloos refers to "Friedrich **Gerstacker**, an indomitable adventurer" and his book, "Around The World", published in 1851. Helen Livsey displayed the cover of a book, "The Young Gold Digger or Adventures in the Gold Regions by **Gerstarcker**. The book was a First Prize awarded to a third class student, Master H. Wilkinson, for Geography on December 23, 1864. The bookplate was signed by James T. Fallon, Hon. Sec., Model National School, Albury. Unfortunately only the cover survives.

1866-69 Lutheran Germans from South Australia.

1867 Mr **Schultz** to spy out land on the Upper Murray.

1867 Jindera and Gerogery. **1869** Walla.

GUEST SPEAKER. The President introduced **Leon Wegener** who said **The Trek of the German families from South Australia to the Walla Walla and Jindera areas** had been celebrated in 1938, 1959, the centenary in 1969, in 1976 for the reunion of the Klemke family and now to celebrate the 125th anniversary.

Mr Wegener gave the background of the Lutheran Germans in Prussia and the reasons for migration. Eventually the opportunity to migrate to South Australia in 1838 came through Pastor Kavel's meeting with George Fife Angas in England. The first Lutheran settlement was a Klemzig on the Torrens River, then followed Hahndorf and Glen Osmond. The First Evangelical Lutheran Congregations Synod meeting was in May 1839. The initial migration numbered about 530 people. The final synod as one church was in 1846. There was a split into the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia (U.E.L.C.A.) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia (E.L.C.A.) with their origins in the differences between Pastors Kavel and Fritzsche.

The German families grew and expanded so that land was needed for their children. The opportunity came with the N.S.W. Robertson Land Act 1861 which allowed "free selection before survey". This led to the trek of Lutheran Germans to places such as Jindera, Gerogery and Walla. **The Trek** will be remembered in a book of that name which became available during the celebrations.

(Frank Higgins)

Mrs Inga Krain spoke briefly about her book, "Are You Really Going to Australia? It is a small volume about the experiences of her family who arrived at Bonegilla in 1950. Inga read a short chapter about buying their first kitchen sink, and paying for it!

ARCHIVES

The Society is grateful for the following items which will be placed in the Local History Room at the Albury Library.

The Trek 1869-1994 Ebenezer to Walla Walla, a publication of the Walla Walla & District Historical Society, given by the 125th Anniversary Committee.

The Hume. Building a National Highway Across Victoria. A VicRoads publication 1994. Contains historical photos of roads, bridges and towns.

The Murray Goulburn Story, dating from 1950 when 14 dairy farmers formed the Murray Valley Co-Operative Dairy Products and Trading Company Ltd at Cobram. Murray Goulburn now have stores and factories across Victoria, and at Barham and Finley in N.S.W. City of Albury Town Planning Scheme Specification 1950.

Are you really going to Australia? by Inga Krain. 1994. The above three items were collected by Howard Jones.

Andrew Kelso has provided an obituary of Francois Gaston Leonce Frere from the Wine and spirit News and Australian Vigneron of January 25, 1910, and a photograph of Mr Frere's memorial at the Albury Cemetery. The picture was taken before there were any memorials in the north west corner of the Pioneer Cemetery. In the background was a grassy paddock surrounded by a neatly trimmed hedge.

MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions have been received from George & Inga Krain (family), E.J. Henwood, Betty Osmond, Dorothy Ross, and W.J. Waterstreet. We welcome the new members and thank John Henwood for his continuing support.

MARGARY CLARA WEHNER

We record the death on November 18 of Marge Wehner who, with her husband, Ern, was instrumental in the foundation of the Jindera Pioneer Museum and Historical Society in 1966.

ALBURY AND DISTRICT BIOGRAPHICAL PIONEER REGISTER

With this Bulletin is a form for a register which is presently being compiled. There is no charge to submit biographies and the form can be photocopied as many times as necessary. Completed forms can be sent to Mrs A. Summerill, 419 Dick Road, Lavington 2641 or to Mr G. Oke, 578 Wyse Street, Albury, 2640.

MUNGABAREENA RESERVE PLAQUES HONOUR PRESENT & FORMER RESIDENTS.

To commemorate the Year of the Family plaques were unveiled on November 19, in conjunction with the Festival of the Bogong Moth which took place at Mount Beauty the following week.

The plaques at the entrance to the Mungabareena Reserve record the names of **James Gullifer** who settled 1835 at Mt Gaberine, John, Denise, Nicole and Mark **Stapleton** who arrived in Albury 1985, Wally, Rose Marie, Connie & David **Crowe**, **Albury Quota Club**, **St David's Care**, Charlie & Robin **Merritt**, Charles, Alexander, Edward and James **Leyland**, **Lions Club of Albury**, Gladys May (Cottrell) and James Kenneth **Hunter**, **St John's Family Care**, Ruth Ada (Downs) and Leslie Francis **Chick**, **St Matthew's Anglican Parish Albury & Rev. Henry Elliott**, John William **Woodman**, and Stan **Jackling**.

TWENTY QUESTIONS FOR OUR DECEMBER MEETING. HAVE YOUR ANSWERS READY!

1. What local town was originally called Ten Mile Creek?
2. How many of these local names are of German origin: Dallinger, Arnold, Dick, Bell, Power, Haberecht?
3. A local church classified by the National Trust was razed in 1965. Which was it?
4. Dr Merrylees campaigned in the 1950s and 1960s for what?
5. Who was our first Albury-born Mayor?
6. At which school near Albury was Mary Gilmore a pupil teacher?
7. Who was this man? A wool baron of the Riverina, died in 1894, buried at Albury Cemetery, associated with Mad Dan Morgan.
8. Lady Daly visited Albury often. Why?
9. Which politician opened the Albury Regional Museum in 1983?
10. Mary McKillop was refused admission to which Albury institution?
11. A local Lutheran pastor was interned in 1939. Who was he?
12. Which shire had more people in 1947: Wodonga or Beechworth?
13. Where was the first Albury Hospital?
14. What have Borella Rd and Bishop's Walk (Thurgoona) in common?
15. Australian Newsprint Mills began production at Ettamogah in what year?
16. Which MPs with the same surname have represented Albury in State Parliament this century?
17. How long has 2AY been broadcasting?
18. Two cultural groups formed in Albury-Wodonga 1979 have become quite famous. Who are they?
19. Who was Albury's longest serving town clerk?
20. What important civic event occurred in Albury on April 10, 1947?

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, January 24, 1995, 7.30pm North Campus of Xavier High School, Fallon Street, Albury.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 14, 1995.

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Moves are afoot to collect information on the Pioneers of Albury District and to collate this information into a Dictionary of People and Businesses in this area pre 1920. The area to be covered is roughly the 060 telephone district. Information is needed on any person living/working here before 1920, preferably having lived in the district for at least 6 months. Type of material needed: date of birth, marriage and death, family, birthplace, photo (if possible), worked for/with, lived, owned, anecdotes (short), anything that will assist to put together a pioneer history of this area.

NAME:

Date of Birth..... Place of Birth

Parents:

Date of Marriage..... Place of Marriage

Spouse:

Children

Date of Death..... Place of Death

Came to area?

Occupation? Employed by?

Lived at?

Purchaesd home/land?

Where?

When?

Anything further you can provide - Photo, anecdotes, copies of Business Accounts, copies of letters etc.

YOUR NAME:

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