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**NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday February 14th at the COMMERCIAL CLUB
Conference Room, Dean Street entrance.**
Gerry Curtis and Mary Thurling will present a programme of
slides, concentrating on "Buildings and Events of Albury in the 20th
Century" and includes pictures of the old Albury Showgrounds.

FUTURE MEETINGS - At our February meeting, members will be asked to decide
"Where would you like to meet for your monthly meetings".

In the past, the venue has been the C.W.A. Hall in Kiewa Street, but our organisation has
recently received an offer from the Commercial Club of Albury.

As a result of this offer, members will be given the chance to have a say as to where
they wish to meet

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH

When did the first Nursing Sisters of Mercy come to Albury,
and where did they start ?

MEMBERSHIP LIST (Continued)

Subscriptions have been received from Margaret Corrigan and Muriel Kelly.

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

FOURTH FRIDAY GROUP Due to the lack of interest, it is with regret that the
Friday Group will **CEASE TO EXIST.**

HERITAGE WEEK 2nd - 9th April 1995.

We will be celebrating Heritage Week on SUNDAY APRIL 9th with a **WALK** along
Swift, Olive and part of Kiewa Streets, recounting the history of the many buildings
and the people that either worked or lived in those areas.

Further details will appear in our next bulletin.

MEMBERS NEWS

Sympathy is extended to Gerry Curtis and his family on the loss of his brother, Kevin.
Get well wishes are extended to Helen Livsey and also to Ron Braddy.

REPORT OF THE DECEMBER MEETING, the first held at the Commercial Club, Dean Street, Albury.

Geoff Hamilton reported on the repainting, in Biscuit, Coffee, and Nut Brown, of the building on the N.W. corner of Dean Street and Olive Streets, Albury. It was built as the Telegraph Office in 1886 and was later the offices of Emerson and Tietzens, solicitors, with the Tietzens family living upstairs. It became the Albury Trades School in 1913 and a Museum started there in 1916. Since 1981 it has been the Conservatorium of Music.

Mick Ryan spoke about the recent changes in Wyse Street with 39 new Housing Commission units. The land had not been built on before because of a maze of underground pipes on the block. The units are built in heritage style with a bullnose verandah and chimneys to match the style of the surrounding homes.

Geoff Hamilton was requested to report on the inaugural daylight XPT run from Sydney to Melbourne which had taken place on that day, Dec. 13. It travelled smoothly at speeds up to 105 m.p.h.

Gwen McAuley commented on the new foundation stone which has been placed on the former Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Cnr Olive and Wilson Streets, Albury. It replaces the original stone which has worn away. Gwen also mentioned the new units built by the Uniting Church in the same vicinity in Wilson Street.

BRING AND TELL

Cheryl Ryan: an exercise book which had been kept by Cheryl's unmarried aunt, Mary Mullavey, of Henty. It contains recipes (some to cater for 30 people!), accounts, and two pages of diary for six months of her life.

Phil Webb: a surveyor's chain to measure links, rods and perches. Similar chains were used to lay out towns. Albury's streets are 1½ chains wide and the blocks are 10 chains square. Mr Webb also displayed a large ornate trophy designed last century for the Caulfield Amateur Turf Club but was never competed for. It was later decided that Mr Webb's great grandfather, J.G. Heywood, should have the impressive trophy.

Anne Davies: Souvenir of the Boer War made by Boer prisoners and taken back to England by Roddy Davies' father. Metal serviette ring with Signs of the Zodiac.

Inga Krain: Soup ladle inscribed 1889; Small wooden container holding a glass, taken home from England by her father who was born in 1878.

George Krain: An 80-year-old glass stein for drinking beer. Steins differed according to the locality.

Viva Gabriel: Leather-bound illustrated address presented to her great grandfather, George Napier Birks, in 1894 for land and social reform in South Australia. Viva's mother, at the age of two years, went to Paraguay from S.A. with the New Australia Movement in 1894. The family still owns what is known as "the Paraguay Chair" and Viva displayed photographs of it. She also had a gourd rattle from Paraguay.

Marie Ryan: Memorial presented to John and Henretta Osborne following the drowning of their sons, George William (14) and Samuel Edward (12), and John Montague on Boxing Day 1885 in a dam where the Forest Hill Tennis Courts are now. The Osborne family has been resident in Wyse Street, Albury, since 1870 and we are grateful to Mrs Osborne for allowing us to display this historic document. It is not known who executed the work or composed the verse on this unique memorial.

Gwen McAuley: Medicology - Home Encyclopedia of Health (1906).

Shirley Miller: Small oil lamp and a miniature jug excavated by her brother, Jack Saunders, when his regiment was in Crete.

Howard Jones: Book, "Travelling On", produced by Dept Education NSW for junior readers; Howard displayed two records and a compact disc, asking which was the odd one out. One record was recorded on both sides whereas the sound comes from the underside of a C.D. and a 78 of Nellie Melba was only recorded on one side. Howard also showed wooden blocks and explained the procedure which is still used to print the Border Mail posters.

Bruce Pennay: introduced the Albury City Council's Heritage Information Kit which the Society has for sale at \$10 a copy.

Frank Higgins and Gerry Curtis: Travelling writing desk which belonged to Dr. Michael McAlroy who was Parish Priest at Albury until his death in 1880.

Frank Higgins: A token coin dated 1855: A. Toogood, Merchant, Pitt & King Sts, Sydney. Token coins were used mainly between 1851 and 1865, and were declared illegal in Victoria 1863, NSW 1868, and Tasmania 1876.

Mary Thurling: Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows blue sash and apron which belonged to Will Gehrig (1862-1930).

Dot Higgins: Handmade leg irons.

PEOPLE WE SEE EVERYDAY

Australia's first \$20 polymer note was released on Oct.31,1994. The front of the note features Mary Reibey with John Flynn on the reverse. The following is from The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Australian History.

Reibey (nee Haydock), **Mary** (1777-1855), businesswoman, was born in England. She was convicted of horse-stealing and sentenced to seven years' transportation in 1790. After her arrival in Sydney in 1792, she was assigned to Grose. (Francis Grose, soldier and colonial administrator). She married (Sydney) Thomas Reibey, an Irish free settler, in 1794. (The surname has also been spelt Reiby, Raby and Rabey). Mary Reibey bore seven children and assisted her husband with his business interests. After his death in 1811 she maintained and expanded those interests. She and two of her daughters visited England (1820-1). Mary Reibey was also active in colonial public affairs, notably those relating to religion, education and charity. She died at Newtown, Sydney.

Flynn, John. (1880-1951) Born Moliagul, Victoria, Died Sydney.

His vision encompassed the continent.

He established the Australian Inland Mission

And founded the Flying Doctor Service

He brought to lonely places a spiritual ministry

And spread a mantle of safety over them

By medicine, aviation and radio.

(This inscription is on a memorial cairn near Tennant Creek)

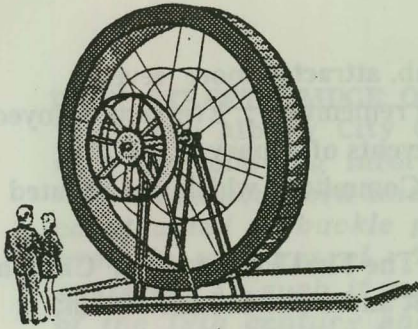
20 ANSWERS FROM OUR DECEMBER MEETING

1. What town was originally called Ten Mile Creek? - *Holbrook (Germanton to 1915).*
2. How many of these are German names: Dallinger, Haberecht, Arnold, Dick, Bell, Power? - *All (E. G. Bell was a German settler in 1857, though later Bells were Irish).*
3. Which National Trust-classified church was razed in 1965? - *St Luke's, Wodonga.*
4. Dr Merrylees campaigned in the 1950s and 1960s for....? - *A Riverina University.*
5. Who was our first Albury-born Mayor? - *Cleaver Bunton.*
6. At which school near Albury was Mary Gilmore a pupil teacher? - *Bungowannah.*
7. Who was this man: a Riverina wool baron, died in 1894, buried at Albury Cemetery, associated with Mad Dan Morgan? - *Robert Rand.*
8. Lady Daly visited Albury often. Why? - *"She" was a paddlesteamer.*
9. Which politician opened the Albury Regional Museum in 1983? - *Neville Wran.*
10. Mary McKillop was refused admission to which Albury institution? - *The Convent.*
11. Which local Lutheran pastor was interned in 1939? - *Pastor Linke, of Albury (also Pastor Stolz, of Walla Walla).*
12. Which shire had more people in 1947, Wodonga or Beechworth? - *Beechworth 4402, Wodonga 4270 (1947 Census).*
13. Where was the first Albury hospital? - *Thurgoona St.*
14. What have Borella Rd and Bishop's Walk (Thurgoona) in common? - *Both were named after decorated World War I soldiers, Albert Borella and George Bishop.*
15. Australian Newsprint Mills began production in which year? - *1981.*
16. Which MPs with the same surname have represented Albury in State Parliament this century? - *Alexander and Harold Mair (no relation).*
17. How long has 2AY been broadcasting? - *Since December 1930.*
18. Which two cultural groups formed in Albury-Wodonga in 1979 have become quite famous? - *Murray River Performing Group and Flying Fruit Fly Circus.*
19. Albury's longest-serving town clerk? - *Albert Dore left in 1935 after 25 years. His deputy, Roy Collings, was town clerk for the next 24 years, but was on staff 45 years.*
20. What important civic event occurred on April 10, 1947? - *Albury proclaimed city.*

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday March 14 at the CWA Hall, Kiewa St., Albury.

Terry O'Keeffe
will speak about **COLONIAL FURNITURE**
From the First Fleet to Federation

QUESTION FOR THE MONTH:

Who were the cabinet and furniture makers in Albury?

HERITAGE WEEK

Sunday afternoon, April 9. A walk commencing at the former Methodist Church corner of Olive and Swift Streets will proceed along Swift Street and down Kiewa Street towards St Matthew's Church. As no seating is available in the area it may be advisable to carry a lightweight chair to use at stops along the way.

Tuesday, April 11, 8pm. The Society's monthly meeting will be held at Charles Sturt University. The guest speaker will be Dr Jeff Brownrigg of the National Film and Sound Archive in Canberra. Plans are also underway for an afternoon presentation of some historical local film footage, a video of which is being prepared to sell after the presentation. More news in the next Bulletin!

MONTHLY MEETINGS. At the February meeting members voted to hold future meetings at the Commercial Club in Dean Street, Albury. The Club will provide a meeting room free of charge, as well as tea, coffee and milk. Members are reminded to bring a plate for supper as has always been done so generously. Due to the Commercial Club's building programme a room is not available to us this month. As the Heritage Week meeting will be at the University we expect to meet at the Club in May.

ALBURY REGIONAL ART CENTRE Director, Audray Banfield, advises that the portraits of Thomas Mitchell and his wife Charlotte, have been restored, cleaned and the frames re-furnished. The paintings have been in the exhibition, The Other Side of the Coin, until March 3 and will be displayed from time to time. The Society presented the portraits to the Art Centre in April 1994.

UPPER PICTON, N.S.W. (also known as REDBANK)

This was the official Government town just south of the town of Picton as we know it today. Previous residents and descendants of residents of this area are being sought for inclusion in a book on the history of the town and a biographical register for the 150th anniversary celebrations, October 1995. Contact Liz Vincent, P O Box 111, Picton, NSW 2571 or phone (046) 77 2044 for more information.

REPORT ON LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The attendance at last month's meeting, held at the Commercial Club, attracted more seventy members and visitors - one of the largest gatherings members could remember. Everyone enjoyed the evening which featured a slide programme of "Buildings and events of Albury in the 20th Century", and included many slides, courtesy of the Albury Show Committee, which was collated and presented by Gerry Curtis and Mary Thurling.

In all about seventy slides were shown. Some of these were - The First Presbyterian Church in Smollet St; The Council Chambers in 1860; A view of Dean St and Olive St intersection; Police Station in Olive St; 1901 pictures of Albury & Border Pastoral Agricultural Society, showing the crowd and a view of the grandstand; Traction Engines and other old machinery (Sydney in 1895 ?); Union Bridge in 1898 (which was used until 1961); The Town Hall in 1907 (formerly was the Council chambers building); Hume Flour Mill in 1908; Constructing a kit form aeroplane in 1913 (Porter & ^{Roberts} had a building in Kiewa St. It was built in 7 months and tested on Blacklocks paddocks; On 12 July 1914 Harry Hawker taught himself to fly & set an Australian altitude record of 13,000ft - Tabloid Plane; Mechanics Institute/Fire Station; there were many slides showing horses High Jumping including a record set in 1918 with a 7ft 5.1/5"; "Sundown" Jumping 7ft 9. 3/4" in 1919; Commemorations of district wine at the Albury Show in 1918; The Southern Riverina Co-op Assoc Ltd; the first district built hospital during WW1 (Jack Cochrane was the builder). It later became known as the Murray Valley Hospital; Welcome Home parade in 1919 down Dean St; A procession for a political meeting early in the century; Dean Square in 1913 (now Q.E.2 square); Carnival week for the Show, showing buildings around Albury and the show arena; A street pageant in 1944 where 10,000 people gathered; View from Eastern Hill showing the Rifle Range; 1923 Sept.20 Albury's destructive cyclone, showing destroyed buildings; Abe Nathans Furniture Warehouse - Nathan's Corner; A 10ft high cake was made for the Centenary; 1920's picture of the first Commercial Club; Lou Harrison designed the Regent Theatre and also the Monument (on Monument Hill overlooking Albury). It is 95ft tall; The T&G Buildings Est in 1876; The Picture Theatre that Hoyts Built in Olive St; 1936 Wool Exchange - now the Commercial building, next door known as the Dalgety Building; The CML Society; Parade of cattle in the 1930 Show; Picture of the Tiger Moth, flown into Albury by Bert Hinkler; Kingsford Smith landed in Albury in his Southern Cross Plane; 1934 the Dutch DC2 aeroplane "Uivor" was bogged during an emergency landing on the Albury Racecourse. Stewart McKenzie^{Logan} was responsible for setting the flares so the plane could land and also for getting it out of the bog, another slide also showed some of the gear taken out of the plane so that it could be freed; Murray Valley Hospital - Nurses Home in 1938; Murray Valley Coaches bus terminal (situated where the Border Mail is today) and finally an overview of Albury.

A Vote of Thanks was given by John Craig of behalf of all present, commenting upon the interest of the slides and also complimented the tremendous memory of Gerry Curtis who gave the commentary during the evening without the use of notes.

THANKS -

Mr Gordon Geelan, President of the Albury Show Society, thanked the Historical Society for inviting Society members to our meeting and for the work they have undertaken in copying their Society's pictorial history. He expressed surprise at how little the community knows of the Show Society, which was first formed in Albury in 1857. Like all organisations they have had their ups and down, but with each year the Show Society is gaining in strength. They have an active voluntary committee of 48 people. Mr Geelan made comment that the Show Society is the oldest functioning organisation in Albury.

THE TREK is Walla Walla's latest publication celebrating 125 years since the journey of the German people from South Australia to this area. Our consignment of the book has sold out but more copies will be ordered if requested. The book usually retails at \$20 is available to Society members at \$18 a copy.

DEAN STREET BRIDGE OVER BUNGAMBRAWATHA CREEK

The Albury City Council has fixed to the north side of the bridge a plaque with the following information:

The southern and original section of this bridge was built in 1883. It was constructed of buckle plates of a concave shape riveted to steel girders and overlain with gravel. The gravel was subsequently topped with a bitumen surface. As such it was typical of all short span steel bridges built at the end of the 19th century and the first part of the 20th century. Most of the buckle plate road bridges have now been replaced, leaving this one of the few remaining examples.

To meet traffic needs the bridge was widened on the northern side and a footpath added in 1929. Because of deterioration, Council removed the bitumen and gravel in 1988; added shear connectors to the girders and covered the buckle plates with a reinforced concrete deck, making it a composite steel/concrete bridge of considerable strength which should be capable of serving the community for another 100 years.

June 1994

The plaque was placed above the earlier inscription:

T.H. Bartleson, Builder

ANSWER TO FEBRUARY'S QUESTION: When did the first nursing Sisters of Mercy come to Albury? George Krain said the Sisters of Mercy arrived in Albury in 1868, but the first nursing Sisters came in 1945. Border City by W.A. Bayley gives the date of May 11, 1945 as the day they started the Mercy Hospital in the former Chelvey Hospital in Olive Street, where the Hume Building Society now stands. Kevin Esler said Chelvey was formerly Dr Andrews' home and surgery. Shirley Miller said Sister Bugden ran the hospital after the Walsh sisters and before the Sisters of Mercy. Henry Jochheim, who was in the Mercy Hospital, sent information that four Sisters arrived from Young in 1945. Gerry Curtis said the nuns at the Hospital were among the first customers for his cabinet-making services in September 1945 when he returned from the war. Reg Garland said Father Slattery was the instigator of a Catholic hospital for Albury and requested the presence of the Mercy Order. Father Slattery's name is on the foundation stone, laid on June 2, 1946, for a new hospital on Poole's Hill. That hospital was opened on December 1, 1957. Mention of Poole's Hill raised the subject of Granny Poole who, with her husband John, lived on the hill in Kiewa Street. She died in 1919.

THE ALBURY BANNER Printing Works Staff 1940

Mrs Olive Japp, nee Adams, has forwarded from Hay a photocopy of a picture of Sid Irwin, Walter Fielder, G.S. Adams, managing director; Frank Bohr, Harry Murray, Henry Adams, Ron Grant, Wally Smith, Kevin Moylan, W.(Bill) Smith (Lavington), --- Harvey, and Les Wynack.

Mrs Japp included the following information with the picture.

The Albury Banner newspaper, published in Albury 1860-1950 was Adams-owned 1862-1940. Foster Cooper was the editor for 49 years. The original George Adams (1835-1918) built his Adamshurst home in David Street in the late 1880's. It is close to the Albury branch of Sturt University, whose main buildings were Adams-built over the 1900 period. (The Banner was a weekly). In the 1920-early 1930's period the Literary staff was: G.A. Gray, editor, and reporters, Darcy Mau and Miss Olive Adams. Mrs Japp was born in Albury and has lived in Hay for 60 years.

THE CHANGING FACE & SHAPE OF ALBURY, the Heritage Information Kit written by Bruce Pennay for the Albury City Council, is available from the Society at \$10 per copy.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : 7.30pm Tuesday, March 28 at Xavier High School North Campus, off Currawong Street, North Albury.

JAMES OSBORNE. ADVICE OF CATTLE. Feby 3rd, 1845

Jack Vandenberg has sent to us from Queensland a photocopy of a letter he acquired recently. It was addressed to Bear & Son, Queen Street, Melbourne.

Hume River, near Albury. 3 Feby 1845

Messrs Bear & Son
Gentlemen,

I intend to start for Melbourne tomorrow with about 70 fat cattle which, on my arrival there, I mean to have disposed of by Auction.

And being recommended to you by my neighbours Messrs Dight, Mitchell & Huon, for whom you have heretofore done business in this way, I hereby authorize you to take the necessary steps for offering them for sale. I expect to be in Melbourne in the space of fourteen or fifteen days from this date. A considerable number of these are fat weighty Bullocks and some very fat cows, in my opinion well suited either for the Butcher or shipping to V.D. Land.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently
James Osborne

We thank Mr Vandenberg for sharing this valuable letter with us and congratulate him on his enterprise in buying it at a stamp auction. Dr. Arthur Andrews, in *First Settlement of the Upper Murray* (1920, reprinted 1979) indicates James Osborne formed the Yackandandah run in 1836 or 37. In 1848 he held 17,920 acres. James' date of death is recorded as February 26, 1868.

BATTLE TO SAVE THE CENSUS

Family historians in Australia have gained valuable information from English census records which become available to researchers one hundred years after the census was taken. Australia is one of the few countries to continue to destroy its census forms when statistical details have been extracted.

The Australasian Federation of Family History Organizations and the Society of Australian Genealogists both aim to see the retention of Australian census data for release after one hundred years. They have canvassed all federal politicians and Senator Vicki Bourne has been particularly supportive.

The government has recently made the decision to destroy the 1996 census forms. The next census will be in 2001, the centenary of Federation. It would be a fitting year to reverse the current policy for the benefit of future generations of researchers.

Members and visitors who are supportive of the campaign to retain census records will be able to add their signatures to a petition which will be available at the March meeting of this Society.

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MUSEUM CHATTER NO 13
FEBRUARY 1995

The Museum has been very quiet now that the holidays are over. Our biggest number of visitors has come from former Bonegilla residents, coming back to the site of their first experience of Australia.

BONEGILLA - speaking of Bonegilla, I would be very interested in finding out the whereabouts any of the former huts from the migrant centre. I understand many of them were sold to farmers around the region and are still used on the properties in various ways. If you have one of these huts or know of the location of any of them - could you please phone the Museum and let me know? There are two reasons for this. One is that I would like to locate as many as possible for documentary purposes and the other is in preparation for an exhibition later this year.

The exhibition will be called **BONEGILLA GRAFFITI** and will centre on some graffiti discovered on the walls of one hut from a farm near Bonegilla. I would like to see if there are any other huts with drawings or messages on the walls.

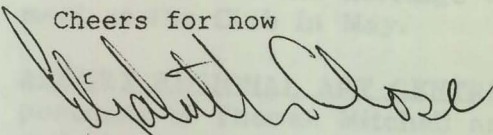
VOLUNTEERS - our marvellous volunteers are back on deck. Angela Presley, a second year Cultural Heritage student at CSU, is our new co-ordinator. Most of our volunteers work during the week and not at weekends, as I had hoped. The result is a need for additional help on Saturdays and Sundays. There is a member of staff on duty but that is insufficient to cope with both buildings and the increasing numbers of tourists requiring information. If anyone would be willing to assist the casual staff on weekends I would love to hear from you.

EXHIBITION - our next exciting show will be **SOME CHILDREN OF THE DREAM**. This is a travelling exhibition from the Lismore Regional Art Gallery which explores the beginnings of the 'alternative' culture. If you remember cheesecloth, beads, incense and communes then this is for you - if you don't remember then come and find out! The exhibition opens on the 7th March and will continue until the 31st.

THANKS - to all those people who responded to last month's Chatter with bits and pieces of information. It was most appreciated.

A short communication this month - short to go with a short month. I hope to see some of you at the Museum soon.

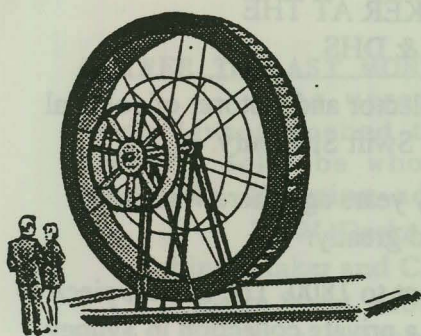
Cheers for now



Elizabeth Close

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of the CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY in Guinea Street, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKER As part of "Heritage Week" celebrations, our Society has invited
DR JEFF BROWNRIGG Head of Corporate Relations, National
Film and Sound Archives in Canberra. He will be presenting an
evening of film and audio collections gathered by the Film & Sound
Archives in Canberra of historical significance to the Albury district.

AFTERNOON SHOW Also to be held at the same venue (Henry Nowik Theatre)
commencing at 3pm Dr Brownrigg will hold an afternoon presentation of some historical
local film footage. A video of approx 60-90 minute duration, will be available for purchase.
Members and visitors are invited to attend both the afternoon and evening presentations.

HERITAGE WEEK 2nd - 9th April 1995.

We will be celebrating Heritage Week on SUNDAY APRIL 9th with a WALK
along Swift, Olive and part of Kiewa Streets, recounting the history of the many
buildings and people that either worked or lived in these areas. Assemble on
the Police Station side on the corner of Olive & Swift Streets. The walk will
commence at the former Methodist Church, at 2pm sharp and will proceed along
Swift Street and down Kiewa Street, towards St Matthew's Church.

The duration of the walk will be approximately an hour. As no seating is available
in the area, it may be advisable to carry a lightweight chair to use along the way.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - *** MEMBERS NOTE A CHANGE OF DATE ***
WEDNESDAY April 26th at 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus off Currawong
Street, North Albury.(change of date necessary because of Anzac Day)

REPORT ON THE TALK BY THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE
MARCH 1995 GENERAL MEETING OF A & DHS

The guest speaker at our March meeting was Mr Terry O'Keefe, a collector and restorer of colonial furniture, and better known perhaps as owner of Terry's Hardware in Swift St Albury.

Terry spoke warmly of his interest in colonial furniture. About twenty years ago there was little information available on the topic but from 1988 interest has expanded greatly.

Little original furniture survives from the time of the colony's settlement to 1800. The earliest piece is a secretaire bookcase, made for Governor King in 1803 and held in a private collection in Sydney.

The first timber used in NSW was Casuarina or "beefwood" but the wood was unstable and the trees small. England needed wood for shipbuilding and in the early 1880's the vast forests of red cedar were opened up and the timber exported in large amounts. Some furniture was made and still exists from this time. The availability of convict tradesmen made this possible - in contrast New Zealand having no convicts, lacked the labour and skills in woodwork.

The next period Terry called "Regency". He displayed a tea caddy made from Huon pine (Tas) complete with lock and key to prevent theft of the precious commodity. Generally furniture was built on the English style eg patterns from Thomas Hope.

Another item displayed was a carved chiffonier back. the carving was done directly on the wood rather than glued on which happened later. At this stage specialist wood workers were building the pieces, characterised by slender forms and multi-ringed legs.

Terry's collection included a chair made about 1835 with original horsehair upholstery, now very expensive to replace. The other five chairs wait to be found or perhaps have been burnt for firewood as was the case with so many old items.

From 1885 onward the influences of the Victorian era can be seen - the tulip shape of furniture legs, heavier and often in imported American redwood. Before 1850 no stain or fillers were used.

Further items shown by Terry were a red gum and tallowwood linen press (used for napkins) and salvaged from a shed at Chiltern and a cedar folding butler's tray.

Who were the early furniture makers?

Terry spoke of an Alcott from Melbourne who built billiard tables from blackwood. In 1868 he imported a veneer cutting saw, one of two in the world, which could cut 16 sheets to the inch. It was in use for 25 years.

Other early furniture makers were the Chinese whose adaptation of the English style created competition. In 1886 furniture in Victoria was stamped "European labour only" and indication of the threat posed by the industrious Chinese. The Germans also added their own style.

In 1890's furniture became more mass produced (Edwardian period) Terry pointed out that restoration does not mean making new again. He stressed the importance of appreciating the value of what remains of colonial furniture and being aware of the skills used to make it.

With the subject of wood being so much a part of Terry's talk, an audience member asked what type of wood was used in the rostrum used by the Society at its meetings? The answer is MERANTI.

Thank you to Terry for a most enjoyable and valuable insight into our heritage.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION :

Who were the cabinet and furniture makers in Albury?

Helen Livsey opened the discussion by listing Henry Dreikluft, Jacob Knobel and Frederic Schwabe who nominated themselves as cabinetmakers in Albury in 1857.

The following advertisements appeared in the Albury Border Post.

W.W. Darke

Cabinet Maker and Carver

Kiewa Street, Albury

Begs to inform his friends and the public that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr Abbott, Coachbuilder, and is prepared to supply

Furniture - his own make.

Any order above £20 at Melbourne Wholesale Prices, and Furnishing Stores in the Trade at Melbourne Invoice Prices.

(Sept. 19, 1874)

Pictures and Frames

of various patterns

cheaply made at

W.W. Darke's Furniture Warehouse.

His own make at Melbourne wholesale prices and furnishing stores in the trade at Melbourne invoice prices

Next door to the Rose Hotel,
Kiewa Street, Albury

(Jan. 21, 1880)

Terry O'Keeffe knew of a listing for W.W. Darke 1878-1887 and John G. Batstone 1881-1889.

Anne Davies said the Museum has a set of Chinese carpenter's tools.

Gerry Curtis mentioned F.A. Selle, furniture dealer, coach and buggy builder, upholsterer, and cabinetmaker, whose business premises occupied three acres between Dean, Kiewa, Smollett and Olive Streets. Mr Selle died in 1890.

Gerry also listed Bill Thurling and Tom Summerfield, and Frew & Logan who would have made the furniture for St David's Presbyterian Church.

Helena Prosser suggested J.S. Adams & Sons as cabinetmakers in connection with their firm of undertakers and builders.

Gerry Curtis started work on May 1, 1933 with Herman Schmidt and William Dietrich in premises in Olive Street now occupied by the southern section of the S.S. & A Club.

ADDITIONS TO OUR ARCHIVES.

We express our appreciation to Andrew Kelso for a copy of his publication, *A Failed Vineyard*, which tells of the Frere and Kelso families' misadventures 1889-c1900 near Campbelltown, east of the Georges River, N.S.W.

The families' origins and relationships are clearly related. The development of *phylloxera vastatrix* is discussed from when it was identified as a harmless parasite and named *daktulosphaira vitafoliae* in 1854. Maps are included of the land in the Parish of Eckersley, County of Cumberland.

When the vineyard proved unsuccessful most of the Kelso family went to Western Australia. Georges and Madeleine Frere returned to the St. Hilaire Vineyard at Thurgoona to work with his father.

Andrew also sent a photograph of his grandmother, Elodie Kelso, who died at Thurgoona 1922, and a typed copy of *The Daysdale Vineyard*, which appeared in the Border Post of March 11, 1874.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dick Fielder celebrated his 90th birthday on March 24, the actual day, and on March 25 because there was too much celebrating to do in one day. We wish him many more happy birthdays.

SYMPATHY is extended to Joe and Janice Lynch on the death of Joe's mother, and to Mrs Grace Simpson, whose sister died recently in Melbourne.

HERITAGE WEEK WALK - A PREVIEW

Percy Burrows wrote in 1973, when almost 94 years of age, of Miss Smith who conducted a school in a tiny four-roomed cottage at the rear of Colonel John Wilkinson's home in Swift Street, where the Civic Theatre now stands. Ella McDonald, in Albury Yesterday and Today, said Miss Smith's school was in the old and first Burnley Hospital.

Fred Griffith was a pupil when the school closed in 1919.

Dr. William Cleaver Woods opened the first Burnley Hospital about 1888 and a new building, nearer to Swift Street, in 1903. It was demolished to build the Civic Centre.

NOREUIL PARK

The Albury & District Historical Society Inc, has written to the Albury City Council expressing their deep concern at the proposed development of Noreuil Park.

This letter follows recent publicity about a proposed \$4 million wharf tourist centre on the banks of the Murray River in Noreuil Park.

It will include a theatre, restaurant & shopping area with a wharf theme, also includes a museum or interpretative centre about the Murray, a pioneer exhibit & dining-bar facilities. It would occupy land near the present site of the P.S.Cumberoona, perched on stilts to keep it above the flood level. Most of the car parking would be under the centre and bus parking would be set aside near the site of the Cumberoona office.

The Council is putting the project on display until April 19th. 1995, and will decide its position on the basis of community comment.

UNITING CHURCH RETIREMENT VILLAGE

St. David's Close, was dedicated and opened on Sunday, March 26th, in Wilson Street, near St. David's Church Hall.

QUICK GO THE SHEARS

Correspondence has been received from Mrs Lola.M.Day of 389 Allan St, Kyabram in which she asks our members if anyone would be interested in purchasing a biography of the extraordinary life of Shearing Legend, HENRY SALTER, M.B.E.

Henry Salter is a remarkable man who commenced shearing in 1924 and after 70 years is still active in the shearing world demonstrating the art of shearing and repairing shearing machinery. As recently as last year he taught at a blade shearing class run by the Loddon-Campaspe College of T.A.F.E.

He started the first Australian Shearing School at the Kerang High School in 1946 and then for the next 30 years he taught 7000 pupils at 28 different schools throughout Victoria and Southern N.S.W. the art of shearing.

Henry won the first Shearing Championship held in Victoria at Pyramid Hill in 1934 and is the only shearer in the world to have been awarded an M.B.E.

As well as his shearing expertise, Henry has found time to become involved in many community activities over the years and his story is one of a great Australian.

The Kerang Historical Society was established on 23rd September 1963 and because of his keen interest in Australian History, Henry became a member in the 1970's and has been President for over 20 years.

The book was researched by Mrs Day's son Ian, who was killed in a car accident in 1990, and rather than see his work go unpublished, Mrs Day completed "Quick Go The Shears" from her sons notes and had it published in December 1993.

Copies can be obtained from Mrs Day for \$14-95 plus \$1-00 postage.

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CHATTER NO 14
MARCH 1995

Well, here it is, March and the beginning of a most beautiful time of the year. The Museum is a lovely place to be in autumn. The park looks wonderful, there is no need for either airconditioning or heating and the staff are settled into this year's routine. Why not come and see what's new?

SOME CHILDREN OF THE DREAM

This travelling exhibition from the Lismore Regional Gallery has been a great success. The photographs record the life of the Nimbin community from the Aquarius Festival in 1973 to now. By the time you read this, it will be gone so I hope you had a chance to see it.

LABOUR AND LOVE

Our next exhibition will be about motherhood, childbirth and babies. This is a combination of a travelling exhibition from Heritage Hill at Dandenong together with objects and information from the museum and the local community. The exhibition spans the years from 1880 to 1940 looking at all aspects of women's lives. If you have any curiosities related to this topic which could be given a place in the exhibition or in the museum's collection this would be a good time to bring them out.

The exhibition will run from 3rd April to the 12th May at the Museum.

HERITAGE WEEK

The topic for this year is 'Heritage is in your hands'. This is an excellent title and I note many organisations are undertaking projects for Heritage Week. The Museum is taking a new turn this year. In the past there have been intensive activities staged for schools. These have been very draining on the small staff and mostly passive exercises for the students. This year will be different. We will be asking people to think about the topic and what they could do for the future. Some options are:

- * bring photos to the Museum for us to copy and add to the collection
- * photograph your favourite heritage building or landscape and donate the photo to the Museum
- * bring objects to the Museum either for us to photograph and document or to add to the Museum's collection.

Another part of the weeks activity will be a survey of Museum visitors. I would like to know what people in the community know about the museum, what they expect to see when they visit and what they would like to see in the future. So, please take the chance to have some input, come to the Museum and express your views.

TEA AND COFFEE

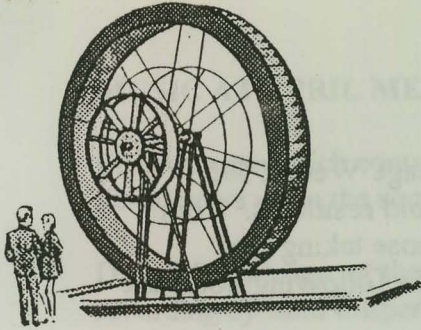
From the beginning of April you will be able to have a cuppa at the Museum. It will be simple fare - tea, coffee and a biscuit - but will fill a need and perhaps encourage visitors to stay a while and enjoy the scene across the park.

HOLIDAYS

I will be away from the Museum from the 13th April until the 8th May!!!! A well deserved holiday!!!! Of course this means no Chatter in April however you are welcome to ring the Museum and ask for information if you need to know anything in my absence.

Elizabeth Close
DIRECTOR
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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday May 9th, at the Commercial Club, Conference room.
Members, please bring a plate for supper.

GUEST SPEAKER As part of "Museum Week", we will have a guest speaker from the Albury Regional Museum, who will give a talk about the Museum and its activities, and will also bring several items of interest for members to peruse.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"Who can remember V.E. Day in Europe on 8th May 1945 ? "

******JUNE 13 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 13******

Nominations in writing for the twelve Committee positions will be received up to May 23. Forms will be available at our May meeting or can be obtained from the Society's Public Officer, Helen Livsey (Phone 21 3671). Nominations are most welcome from any member of the Society and are to be signed by two members as well as 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, planning Heritage Week as well as other excursions and activities. Proxy forms are available & need to be lodged with the Secretary by June 12.

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MERCY HOSPITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

A photographic exhibition on the early days of the Mercy Hospital in Albury will take place over two days in May, to celebrate the Mercy Hospital's 50th Anniversary.

The venue will be at the Mercy Hospitals "Blue Room" and will take place on Sunday May 7th between 2-4pm and then on Monday May 8th between 10am - 3pm.

HUME DAM It's interesting to note that nine years after doubts about the weir wall safety were raised at a Society meeting, the Hume Dam is to undergo a \$4 million upgrade to stop a 150m section of the wall from moving downstream. The major remedial works, which are expected to start in June and finish in September, were announced by the Murray-Darling Basin Commission on Friday April 21st.

The River level at the time of the announcement was 171.932m (13%).

DOING THE HERITAGE WALK

About thirty people took part in the Society's first Heritage Week 1995 function. President, Gerald Curtis, led the group, of new and old residents, from the former Methodist Church to the restored Anglican one. Those taking part received a sheet covering some of the history of the area and the following notes are offered as supplementary material.

Dallinger's Coach Factory occupied the n/e corner of Olive and Swift Streets. As well as the usual coach work they built wagons for circuses - order one year, pick up on the next visit. George Dallinger jnr was there until the 1930's when **Ron Dick** took over.

Abikhairs moved from Dean and Townsend Streets in 1905 to a site opposite the 1874 Police Station, and in 1925 moved north to the present emporium on the corner of Swift Street. They sold furniture from the shop next door, now Tandy Electronics. **Friedlieb's Pharmacy** was at 504 Olive Street, later Warwick Cakes. Next was the **Classic Cafe**. **Horan's Furniture Store** was on the lane, now Angus and Robertson book store. Further north was **Colley's Butchery** (later **Max Lloyd**), **Thiel's Bakery** and **Perls**. A. Perl & Co later moved north to a site formerly occupied by **Hodge**, the plumber.

The n/w corner of Olive and Swift Streets was occupied by **The Stone House**, later named **Stoneleigh**. As a doctor's surgery it housed many medical men over the years including Drs Hutchinson, Ryan, Kennedy, Tighe, Brown and Worch. Dr Brown moved from there to Olive Street, later Dr Ramsden's surgery and presently the John Hossack funeral home.

Bernie Miley built a garage on the n/w corner of Swift Street and sold Vanguard cars. North in Olive Street was **Friedlieb's** home, **Fornasiero** monumental mason, and **Cleith** which became a nursing home.

On the north side of Swift Street, west of Olive, was **Skinner**, the umbrella man. **H.A. Paech**, an Albury City councillor and first president of Culcairn Shire, a Commonwealth Bank residence, and **Ron Phelps** (remember the blue spruce and hydrangeas?) next to **Murray Valley Coaches**, now The Border Mail. Opposite was **Dr Woods' Valetta**, built in the later 1890s. Dr Woods was a pioneer in the use of x-rays. He provided a large collection of gallstones, of all sizes, which was on display at the Institute of Anatomy in Canberra.

Where Peat Marwick built on the n/w corner of Kiewa and Englehardt Streets was a home of impressive architecture. It had been occupied by Doctors O'Shaughnessy, Macknight, Favaloro and Matthews. South of the Hume Shire Council building was **W. Mendelsohn**, photographer.

Kiewa House, on the opposite side of Kiewa Street, was a coffee palace in 1913 and a delicatessen in the 1950's. It is now occupied by Osborne Computers. At **St Matthew's Church of England** the walkers heard about the furnishings, new and old, and the Westminster Abbey connection. For the information of those who have not seen the church, parishioners are on duty daily to allow the church to be open to visitors. A booklet is on sale, at \$1, with coloured pictures of the church as it was before the fire in September 1991.

The walkers thank Gerry Curtis for his commentary, Frank Higgins for carrying the sound system, and all those who contributed to our knowledge along the way.

HERITAGE WEEK CELEBRATIONS - Several members of the Albury Historical Society took part in the Jindera Historical Society's Heritage week of celebratory dinners held at the historical "Wagners Store" in Jindera.

MUSIC AT APRIL MEETING

ELLA Caspers' rich contralto voice was heard for the first time in her native Albury for 70-80 years when the society held its April meeting at Charles Sturt University.

Dr Jeff Brownrigg, of the National Sound and Film Archive in Canberra, played a recording by Miss Caspers of *The Silver Ring*, though he was unsure of the true sound of her voice as it depended on the speed at which old 75 rpm discs were recorded. Jeff described her as a great and important singer who sang at the opening of the NSW Conservatorium in 1915. In England, Miss Caspers "married" a man who was later found to be a bigamist already with three "wives". Eventually she married A.A. Maloney, whom Jeff said had been an Albury dentist. Ella Caspers died in Sydney in 1987, aged 98. Jeff's students are continuing to research her life.

Malcolm McEachern's famous 1933 recording with Harold Williams of *The Gendarmes' Duet* was also played. McEachern was born in Albury in 1883, and in 1925 teamed up with Bertram Hiller to form Flotsam and Jetsam. While McEachern, a bass, excelled in vaudeville, he also sang and recorded oratorio. His music is available on compact disc. McEachern died in 1945.

Hamilton Hill, the singer of the Boer War period who recorded *Goodbye Dolly Gray* is another music hall name available today on CD. He died in the U.S. in 1910, aged 36, and Jeff wants to know what happened to his wife, Beanie Galletly, who (according to an surviving letter from Hill) was a native of Wodonga and also played in vaudeville. Hill's other famous tear-jerker song was *She Was Only A Bird In A Gilded Cage*.

Jeff's entertaining and authoritative talk was much appreciated. His special interests are songs recorded by Australian artists before 1926, when recording technology changed to allow "pressings" to be made in Australia and the country was then swamped with overseas recordings. Jeff said many Australians had extraordinarily successful careers but were now forgotten. He also regretted that an image had been built up of a pre-1914 Australia based on farming pioneers when the reality was that most people lived in cities, almost every family had a piano and generally society at all levels enjoyed performing and listening to music.

BORDER IMAGES: Albury in old films

Jeff Brownrigg also launched the new video, Border Images, consisting of one hour of film clips from the Twenties through to the Seventies. Most notable was film of the 1939 inquest on the Pyjama Girl, several sequences about the building of the Hume Dam, and the arrival of Bert Hinkler's plane at the Albury Sportsground at half-time in a football match (with footballers!). A more detailed analysis will be given in the June bulletin. Copies of the video are available from local shops or from the National Sales Office, National Film and Sound Archive, GPO Box 2002. Canberra ACT 2601. Price locally is \$24.95 but check first before ordering from the Archive as its prices vary.

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

MARION PATMAN

Foundation member of the Society, Mrs Marion Patman, passed away at Albury on April 22. Her husband, Basil, who died in 1962, had served as vice president and Bulletin editor. Sympathy is extended to their daughter, who was also a long-time member, Mrs Hilary Endacott, and her family.

AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS. TO UPDATE THE WORLD WAR II HONOUR ROLL
The Border Mail published on Anzac Day 1995 the district Honour Roll which they last printed on February 6, 1946. The Roll is believed to be incomplete and people are invited to submit additions and corrections which will be validated by the R.S.L. Details of Name, Rank, Unit Served, Date Enlisted and any other information can be sent to the R.S.L., 527 Wilson Street, Albury, or Reid Street, Wodonga. The new Honour Roll will be published on November 10, 1995, the day before Remembrance Day.

DUAL CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday to our fit and active young President, Gerry, who celebrated his 77th on April 28. Gerry was the fourth of five children brought to Albury in 1922 after the death of their father, Michael. Catherine Curtis did not re-marry but reared her family with hard work and faith in God. She became a businesswoman/retailer and accommodated boarders. Though small of stature the late Mrs Curtis is a good cause for major celebration when Mothers are remembered on the second Sunday in May.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers

DES MARTIN

Des Martin, a life member of the society, died on April 12, aged 79. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Cassie, and sons Michael and Desmond. A tribute in The Border Mail on April 15 mentioned the many sides of Des's life and his detailed knowledge of Albury-Wodonga's history. Des was always ready to share this knowledge and it was the society's privilege to hear him on several occasions. As an historian and author he was prolific, writing in a distinctive, humorous style, very much as he talked. Unfortunately, he did not live to see all his work published. However, his work lives on in the following:

Australia Astride, 1959.

Many a Mile (historical novel), 1976.

A Tale of Twin Cities, Part One: The Founding Years (Editor), 1981.

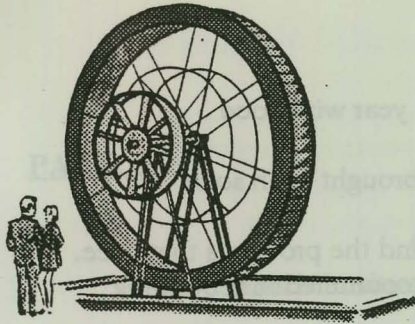
Backing Up The Boys (Editor) 1988.

A Century of Racing: Albury Racing Club 1881-1981, 1981.

Wodonga Sisters of Mercy Centenary (Contributor), 1992.

FREDERICK JOHN (JACK) CARTER, A former Town Clerk of Albury, died in Melbourne on Sunday April 23rd. He was aged 76 years. Mr Carter was Deputy Town Clerk from 1945-1959 and then Town Clerk from 1959 - 1978. Born in Albury, he was a very keen sportsman and was also an accomplished musician. His funeral was held in Albury on Wednesday April 26.

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*** * * ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING * * ***

Followed by the Monthly Meeting and the showing of a selection of slides by Howard Jones, entitled "The human side of Albury-Wodonga". Historical pictures showing how local people lived, worked and played.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Minutes of the previous A.G.M. held on June 14. 1994.
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, the Honorary Auditor.

The following nominations have been received :

President	M.G. (Gerald) Curtis
Vice President	Ron Braddy
Vice President	Geoff Hamilton
Secretary	----
Minute Secretary	Frank Higgins
Treasurer	Reuben Wynn

Committee of six :

Cheryl Ryan	Mary Thurling	Janice Lynch
Claire Simpson	Dirk Spennemann	Bruce Pennay

Public Officer: Helen Livsey. Honorary Auditor: Hugh McKenzie-McHarg.

***** A VACANCY EXISTS FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY *****

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1994 - 1995

The Albury and District Historical Society has had a successful year with good attendances at interesting meetings.

The year started with a **Members' Night** in **July** when three members brought forth some interesting talents.

Dorothy Ross, in **August**, took us into the world of **Country Women** and the problems they face. In **September** **Ian O'Connor** told of some of the problems that were encountered in rebuilding **St Matthew's Church** after the fire of 1991.

October saw a gathering of ninety people in the foyer of the Council Chamber to remember the **Uiver** landing in Albury sixty years ago. It was the most successful function for the year with guests from the Dutch Consulate and the Dutch community from Albury.

The overland trek of **German settlers** in 1866 was remembered at the **November** meeting with support of the **Walla Historical Society** and their book launching at that time.

December saw the ever-popular **Bring and Tell** held in the new location at the Commercial Club, thanks to the good offices of **Reuben Wynn**.

February 1995 was a **Slide Evening** based on some photos obtained from the **Show Society**. Many of their members attended bringing the attendance to seventy that night.

In **March** **Terry O'Keeffe** gave a very interesting talk on **Colonial Furniture** which raised many aspects of living in the last century.

In **Heritage Week** **Dr Brownrigg** really entertained on two occasions at the Charles Sturt University and released a video, **Border Images**, of early film held at the **National Archive**.

Museum Week was the theme in **May** and many interesting articles were supplied by **Elizabeth Close** and her Museum staff and caused much discussion.

June brings us to the **Annual General Meeting**, elections and a **Slide Show** presented by **Howard Jones**.

The Committee consists of some very capable people who carry out many different tasks to make our Society one of the strongest organizations in this area. The Society is consulted on historical matters frequently and is held in high regard by all sections of the community.

Our kitchen staff has had to operate in several different locations this past year and always do it well, but their task will be easier now we have settled into meeting at the Commercial Club. My thanks go to our committee and members, especially the members, who really are the most important people: without them there is nothing.

Gerry Curtis

RANDOM MEMORIES

Muriel Kelly (nee Klinge), formerly of Albury and now living in Canberra, has written us a few random memories:

Radio station 2AY: Muriel played Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata over the air early in the history of the station which began in 1930.

Pre-school: I went to a kindergarten, I guess about 1914. It was in a hall behind the Congregational Church in Swift Street. My sister, Adeline, had to take me, and she always got into trouble for being late to High School.

Chris Klinge used to go to Bonegilla, I think it was to do volunteer work, possibly in the office.

Granny Rogan: When I was very young I can remember a tiny house on the north side of the Kiewa Street bridge over Bungambrawatha Creek. A very old little lady lived there called Granny Rogan. She had a dog that always barked at us.

(Editor's note: In 1901 Patrick Rogan was listed as a plasterer of Kiewa Street)

Klinge's Poole Street home: Does anyone know when our home in Poole Street was built? My Dad had the three rooms on the east side built on before we moved there in 1913. Some years later the verandah on the west side was added.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"Which business was removed to build to Albury Police Station in 1962,
and where did it go to ? "

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Tuesday June 27th at 7.30pm, Xavier High School,
North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

MERCY HOSPITAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

A photographic exhibition along with displays of models and equipment used in the early days of the Mercy Hospital in Albury took place on May 7 and 8th to celebrate the Mercy Hospital's 50th Anniversary. MICK RYAN was one of a steady stream of interested visitors to the exhibition, and he gave his impressions of the exhibition, along with a very informative background history of the building of the Hospital.

ARTHUR HENRY PEARSALL, who died in May, aged 88 was a loyal and valuable member of the Society with a wide knowledge of Albury. His Father, Thomas, a tinsmith, had come to Albury in 1889 and married three times. Arthur was born to the third Mrs Pearsall in 1907, when the family lived in Lavington. Arthur and the next boy, Gordon, were plumbers during the years of depression, until Gordon left Albury for World War 11. Arthur continued the business and later was joined by his sons.

He retired in 1976 but was kept busy in the Lions, the Historical Society and with bowls. There was a large attendance at the funeral service at St Matthew's Church, when Arthur's youngest brother, Doug, delivered a warm tribute.

ANNIVERSARY 1995 marks the 100th anniversary of the Albury Football Club. Special events are being planned to celebrate their centenary year, starting June 23, & includes the launch of their Centenary book "100 years of blood sweat & cheers".

REPORT ON LAST MONTHS MEETING

"Who can remember V.E. Day in Europe on 8th May 1945" was our Question for the Month of May.

SYLVIA MEREDITH, INGA KRAIN and GEOFF FRAUENFLDER all gave a very interesting talks about their memories of this very important occasion in history.

SYLVIA could remember dancing in the street and the bon fires/fireworks.

INGA told how her family used to own a business in Germany during the war years, and how they left to live in Bavaria. During 1933-45 people in Germany lived in terror.

GEOFF gave a very detailed account of his time in England, as a pilot, & how he celebrated dancing in the streets, & ended up with blistered feet. He told how the Royal Family would appear on the balcony of Buckingham Palace & wave to an excited crowd every hour. The lights in London were switched on-the first time in 4 years.

May monthly report continued elsewhere in bulletin

For Lila

Annie Lila Quiggin died on May 3, 1995 in Sydney near her daughters and family, aged 93. She was born in 1901 and grew up on a farm near Parkes. In 1924 she married Arthur Vincent Mackay Quiggin. They had two daughters, Edna and Mollie, and a son, Robert. Mr Quiggin was in the Justice Department which entailed many moves for him and his family. In 1947 he moved to Albury as Magistrate, working between here and Wagga. The family settled in Forrest Hill but Mr Quiggin died in 1954 and Lila was left a widow for many years. However, she was not idle and became involved in many voluntary organisations in Albury.

She worked hard for the Y W C A. The Albury Branch had bought "Boortkoi" Private Hospital, Wyse Street, as a hostel for working girls. Extra accommodation was provided by Army huts and later by a block of 15 rooms with amenities. Sixty-eight girls lived there. In 1956 the Y bought an adjoining brick cottage to house young men. It was called DarJon after the first two young fellows who had asked to board there.

C W A was another organisation which she supported. In 1981 the C W A entered Lila as Australia's "sprightliest senior citizen" in Legal and General's Golden Years Award. The citation disclosed: that Lila, during her eighty years had served Albury as C W A Vice President, choir member, drama producer; Albury Historical Society as President and Museum attendant; member of National Trust; Y W C A Director; Meals on Wheels driver; hospital flower arranger; church worker; registered publisher; promoter of local writers and artists, and a director of Dean's Property Trust. At a V I P luncheon, Dame Joan Hammond presented the State Gold Medals and then announced the National winner. Elated and diminutive, Lila walked back to her place, the two Gold Medals around her neck, chiming together like sheep bells. She also won cash awards, some for herself and more for community projects of her choice - C W A and the Historical Society were two beneficiaries.

Albury and District Historical Society was a continuing interest. She was President in 1972, 1973 and 1974 and then Vice President. In December 1981, she was awarded Life Membership. She gave \$1,000 to the Society from her Legal & General Award. Another success was when the Justice Department approached her, as President, for the return of the dock which they had given to the Society for the Turk's Head Museum. She remarked that the dock was used as a display area and that shelving and showcases would be needed if the dock was removed. "How much would that cost?" "Oh, about \$1,000", she replied. Committee members were astounded at her audacity, but it worked!

Jean Macdonald had written a history of Albury on the understanding that the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation would consider printing it as a presentation book but they turned it down and so did the Historical Society. Lila and Jean were friends and had enjoyed the drama sessions at C W A. Determination was a strong characteristic of Lila Quiggin so Jean's book "Albury Wodonga, The Chosen City" was backed by her; Beth Klinge was "encouraged" to illustrate it, a printer-publisher was found, proof reading followed and by 1980 Part I, "The first Ninety Years", was launched at the C W A Rooms. Part II followed but the printer was unable to be the publisher so, on her 80th birthday, A.L. Quiggin became a publisher!

Mrs Quiggin was a collector of paintings. She put money into Dean's furniture store and encouraged others to do so, thus forming Dean's Property Trust, which enabled the store to continue trading for a considerable time. She was a keen gardener. She always seemed to have time for worthwhile projects. She was a regular worshipper at St David's Uniting Church and a Vice President of the Uniting Church Fellowship. She was generous in offering lifts and even after she moved to Riverwood would still bring friends to church in her Saab with its ALQ numberplate.

When her health deteriorated her family took her to Sydney to live with Edna and Bill, and later in a nursing home near enough for regular visits.

Anne Davies

Naori, 564 Mitchell Street, (corner Bonegilla Street), Albury.

Former home of musician Howard Tracy.

James Wyse owned this area between Wyse Street and Mitchell Street until 1890 and subdivided it into housing blocks. Before homes were built, Mitchell Street was called Wyse's Lane and to the south were police paddocks, where the fire station, scout hall and croquet and tennis courts are today.

In 1890, Wyse sold this particular lot for 40 pounds to Charles Bownds, of Albury, but it remained vacant land. In November 1899, Bownds sold to Mrs Agnes Amelia Mongan, wife of Alexander Mongan, blacksmith, of Wyse Street.

In March 1904, Mrs Mongan sold the lot for 90 pounds to Ernest Sharp, carpenter, and his brother-in-law, John Cochrane, bricklayer (Sharp built the Albury Town Hall, now the arts centre, in 1907-08. Cochrane's many projects over almost 40 years included the Albury Hospital in Wodonga Place and Mate's store). Sharp and Cochrane erected the present house and in October 1908 Cochrane sold his half-share to Sharp for 350 pounds.

In November 1914, Sharp sold the house for 660 pounds to Elizabeth Merkel. About 1920, Mrs Merkel sold it to Howard Douglas Tracy, music teacher, choral conductor and St Matthew's Church organist from 1902 to 1933. Tracy and his wife, Eleanor Rebecca, had nine children, but three predeceased him. Before Mitchell St, Tracy lived at Kia Ora, Townsend Street, and had trained the famous bass Malcolm McEachern.

Tracy styled himself principal of the Albury School of Music. Tracy died at his home in June 1933, aged 61, and his wife at the Kiewa St home of her daughter, Mrs Eleanor Heath, in March 1938, aged 65. Another daughter lived at the old house for many years.

* James Wyse died in 1891 and was buried at Howlong. Charles Bownds died in 1925, aged 88. Ernest Sharp died in 1953, aged 87, and John Evan Cochrane in 1926, aged 63.

(Based on information from legal deeds; courtesy of present owners, Drs J. & W. Birkhead, and obituaries in Border Mail).

MARRICKVILLE MEMORIES Our Society has received correspondence from the Marrickville Heritage Society, in which their Society are trying to track down "ex-Marrickvillites", as part of their AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS oral history project they are undertaking. Ms Angela Phippen, Project Convenor of "Marrickville Memories", is also seeking names & telephone numbers or addresses of other people who might be willing to be interviewed. She can be contacted on (02) 564 6370 or mail addressed to the Society - (PO Box 415, Marrickville NSW 2204).

CORNELIUS HOPPER

Our Society has received an enquiry from Norman Dunbar, 73 Anselm Rd, London SW6 1LH England, who is seeking information concerning an ancestor - Cornelius Hopper. "He was was mother's grandfather", Mr Dunbar wrote.

He goes on to say that he believed that Cornelius was an American, an engineer, who came to Australia during the last century, but who its believed was the engineer or associated with the construction of the railway viaduct between Albury and Wodonga, the road bridge over the Murray at Albury, and who in his later life before Federation was collector of customs on the NSW border. He is seeking confirmation or support of this information.

MAY MONTHLY REPORT - CONTINUED

"MUSEUM WEEK" was the theme of our May meeting, with many interesting articles being supplied by Elizabeth Close and her Albury Museum staff.

Unfortunately due to illness, Elizabeth wasn't able to attend our meeting, so President Gerry Curtis present them. They created a lot of interest and discussion.

Items included -

1. Nose Instrument sits on the nose & part in the mouth. Homemade. Donated to the museum by Mrs Doris Rosser.

2. Cigarette Roller For rolling hand made cigarettes.

3. Visiting Card Case Black edged cards inside are probably mourning cards.

4. Opium Pipe Cubed shaped -incomplete.

5. Syringe Glass syringe with cork to keep plunger in place. It is not of medical use but could be in the science field perhaps.

6. A Fleam Knife An old style of veterinary knife used for bleeding livestock. Cattle were often bled on the nose. The point of the fleam blade was placed on the nose & the back of the blade was struck with a bloodstick. Automatic spring powered fleams that needed no bloodstick were made in the 18th and 19th centuries.

7. Bootjack Used for pulling on Wellington boots. Opened out and projecting pieces filled around the heel, pushed down with handles. 1850's. From Mr Eric Black of Albury, formerly of Yackandandah. The bootjack was brought to Australia around 107 years ago by Mr J. Cunningham of Yack, a museum piece that had been in the family for at least six generations.

8. Fire Extinguisher Long cylinder shape. Has pull lid at top. Contains powder contents. The fire extinguisher was found under the Thurgoona Hall before it was demolished. Donated to the Museum by Claude Sargeant.

9. Candle Maker - made of sheet metal.

10. Framed Photograph showing Aldermen & Officers of the Albury City Council of which Tom Pearsall was President, in 1974.

11. Muzzle Shotgun found in a vault in the city council basement. It was in excellent condition, complete with its own case.

12. Hume Weir Spade Inscribed "Used by His Excellency, the Right Hon. Sir Ronald Craufurd Monro Ferguson, P.C., GCMG, Governor General of, and Commander in Chief, in the Commonwealth of Australia, turned the first sod in connection with the storage reservoir dam on the Murray River at Mitta Mitta 28. Nov. 1919."

13. Mystery Object (a) encribed Morgan England, ceramic cone bottle

14. (b) musical instrument thought to be a fox whistle.

15. (c) Potato slicer thought to be made in recent years. Wooden handle, wavy like cutters to produce a decorative potato slice, or on similar vegetables.

16. Long cylindrical container Unknown origins, thought by members to be a despatch cylinder. Made of sheet metal.

SPARE BULLETINS

Since the publication of the Bulletin Index, some members are attempting to fill the gaps in their files. If anyone has any Bulletins which are likely to be discarded, the Society would appreciate them to pass on to other members.

BULLETIN

MUSEUM CHATTER NO 14
JUNE 1995

At last I am back on deck again, after a rather good holiday which ended in a nasty bout of mosquito-borne virus. I will not underestimate this type of illness again, it is extremely debilitating.

EXHIBITIONS

The current temporary exhibition is **"The Lost Vineyards of Albury"**. This is a trial exhibition based on research carried out by local historian, Jennifer Williams. We have put it up for a short while to encourage comment from visitors by way of an evaluation sheet available at the door. Please come down at have a look. If the response is good the exhibition will be made into a travelling exhibition to send to other winegrowing regions of Australia. The exhibition continues until 15/6/95 so you will have to be quick to catch it.

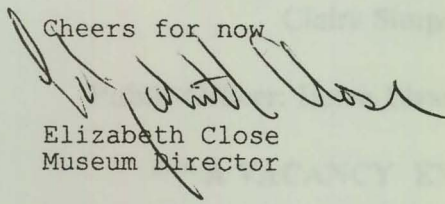
Following swiftly on its heels will be **ACE - Australian Comic Book Exhibition**. This is a celebration of Australian comics from the 1930s to the 1990s which will continue until the 27/7/95.

STAFF CHANGES

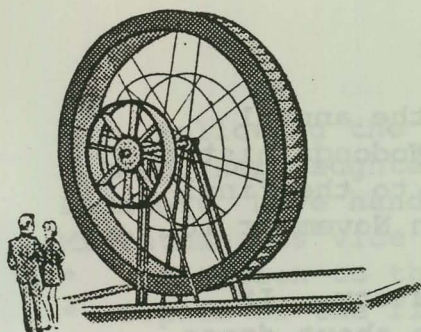
Diane Heald has left the Museum and we are one staff member short at the moment. This means that both Cathy and I are a bit busy, however it does make the days fly by. This change in staffing means we will be seeking a public programs/outreach officer to develop schools programs and activities at the Museum. It will be another marvellous step towards making the Turks Head precinct into an interesting place to visit.

That's about it for this newsletter. Its winter time and the Museum goes very quiet now until spring. Its cold and damp in the morning and starts to get cold and dark about four in the afternoon. So visitors are not so keen on hanging around. Its a good time for us to do some housekeeping and some research.

Cheers for now


Elizabeth Close
Museum Director

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday July 11th, at the Commercial Club, Conference room. **MEMBERS NIGHT** - Cheryl Ryan, Ron Braddy and Reuben Wynn will each present a short talk. Members, please bring a plate for supper.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

When did Freemasonry start in Albury, and what do you know about it ?

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE COMING YEAR

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Annual Subscriptions will remain 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 readers 10% discount on purchases providing the Membership Card is presented before the amount is entered in the cash register.

REPORT ON LAST MONTH'S MEETING

PEOPLE PICTURES: Howard Jones' slide show at the annual meeting spanned more than 100 years of Albury-Wodonga history, from Albury shops and businesses of the 1890's to the final council meeting of the Rural City of Wodonga on November 18, 1994.

The show focussed on the human side of history. It showed how "people pictures" could tell us much about dress, social customs and social class. For example, pictures of people in public life illustrated the fact that women hardly counted in that sphere and it was not until 1971 that Albury elected its first woman alderman, Mrs Bobbie Derkenne.

A picture of Border United Brewery staff about 1912-14 showed that a working life for many began at about 12 years old. However, forty years later, in more welfare-conscious times, children in Albury schools were receiving free school milk.

A picture of four Albury nuns who established the Wodonga Convent in 1892 reminded us that even the religious had to go through a customs post when crossing the border 100 years ago. Likewise, Indian hawkers such as Pola Singh, whose four-horse wagon was shown. Twenty years ago it was the fruit fly block that delayed interstate travellers on the road named after Wodonga's famous athlete, Merv Lincoln.

While Australians continue to debate the republican issue a royal picture taken at the Albury airport reminded us that Prince William, then nine months old, arrived here on March 20, 1983. The future King of England (if not of Australia) came with his nanny, Barbara Barnes. Charles and Diana, who had to stay in Alice Springs, rejoined him two days later at Woomargama and the family were based there for several weeks. Another royal picture showed Prince Philip at a Bandiana ceremony on May 20, 1986.

Howard said his pictures came from several sources: family reunions, centenaries, postcard collections, private family albums and museums. Historical societies and museums in distant towns sometimes had Albury-Wodonga pictures without realising their identity. We should all be on the lookout for such gems.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

Which business was removed to build the Albury Police Station in 1962, and where did it go to?

ALBURY MOTORS, a partnership of Junghan and Henwood, was in Dornan's Building. Ted Henwood moved to David Street next door to Bockmans Batteries.

PASSANT MOTORS, operated by Edgar Passant, moved to the opposite side of the road and a block north, present site of the Albury Ten Pin Bowling Centre.

Other businesses on the site included Gribble's Cycle Shop, Stan Smith's refrigerators (where previously had been George Dolan, the tailor), and St. Matthew's Hall.

ARCHIVES

Following the recent death of our member, Mrs Marion Patman, her daughter and grand daughter, Hilary and Clare Endacott, have handed to the Society records dating from when Mr Patman was vice president. Included is an

- * Invitation to the Opening of the Union Bridge April 7, 1961
- * Copies of the first ten Bulletins, Feb to Nov 1961
- * An editorial written by Mr Patman, a journalist, one paragraph of which reads as follows: *It is good to see that the proposal to form an historical society has come from a young man, John Henwood, an Arts student at the University of Melbourne, and the suggestion should commend itself to people in all walks of life. (after thirty-plus years John Henwood is still a loyal member of this Society)*
- * Greetings came from the Junee & District Historical Society in March 1961 with the following comment: *The news that your Society was being formed gave the impetus to a group of interested Junee people to form an Historical Society here.*

Thank you to Hilary and Clare for preserving the documents for our archives.

The obituary of John Delappe Lankester from the Australian Brewing and Wine Journal of January 20, 1938 has been forwarded to us by Andrew Kelso. Andrew takes advantage of his Canberra location and visits to Sydney to secure information which we would not otherwise know about.

LORD CARRINGTON in ALBURY LIBRARY'S LOCAL HISTORY ROOM.

Murrumbidgee Ancestor, the journal of the Wagga Family History Society, has a story in the April 1995 edition about the family of Charles Robert Carrington, Governor of New South Wales 1885 to 1890.

Doctor Andrews in his *History of Albury 1824-1895* records the visit of Lord Carrington to Albury on September 15, 1886 when he attended the Show: *Much enthusiasm was displayed. A large reception was held, and addresses presented. Visits to Fallon's Cellars, the Murray Valley, Frere's, and the Convent at Newtown, and the waterworks arranged. In the evening, a torchlight procession, fireworks, and ball, were held. The next day, His Lordship held a largely attended levee in the Court House, and was present at a banquet, and also visited the bazaar in aid of the Anglican Church funds. The presence of Vice-Royalty in the town drew an enormous crowd, and the accommodation of the hotels and private houses were heavily taxed.*

Lord Carrington's brother, and his aide-de-camp, Rupert Clement George Carington (his choice of spelling), married Edith Horsfall. Her father, John Sutcliffe Horsfall, owned Widgiewa and Momalong, near Jerilderie, and Kerarbury, near Hay. The Murrumbidgee Ancestor article, written by Les Hetherington, can be read in the Albury Local History Room.

PEOPLE FROM THE PAST

Keith Burnham made a surprise phone call from Canberra recently and sends greetings to friends down here. Keith worked in Albury for the Development Corporation and was president of this Society in 1983 and 1984. He seeks information on WILLIAM POWRIE, an architect, who is credited with making technical education available in Albury.

After conducting trades classes in the back yard of his home in Kiewa Street he became Master-In-Charge of the Albury Technical College.

A current exhibition in Canberra revealed William Powrie as one of the 130 people who submitted designs for the Federal Capital in a competition conducted in 1911.

He designed and supervised the construction of the Charles Hilton Dight memorial drinking fountain which was erected in the Albury Botanical Gardens by Thomas Greenfield. Mr Powrie was a New Zealander who spent about forty years in Australia until his death in Albury in 1936 at the age of 72 years. He had two daughters, one of whom married, but it is not known if he has any living descendants.

HISTORY ON POSTAGE STAMPS

One of the four postage stamps in the Australia Remembers collection issued on April 20 features RAWDON HUME MIDDLETON, V.C. (1916-1942), a descendant of Hamilton Hume's brother, Rawdon, and his wife, Emma, nee Mitchell.

Australia Post's Stamp Bulletin says the following about Flight Sergeant Middleton: At the end of November 1942 Rawdon (Ron) Middleton was captain of a Stirling BF372 in a large attack on Turin. A shell burst in the cockpit, and Middleton was severely wounded.

In great pain and weakened from loss of blood, he nursed the bomber over the Alps, through more anti-aircraft fire at the French coast and across the Channel with fuel for only a few minutes flying. Ordering the crew to abandon the aircraft, and knowing he could not save his own life, he turned the plane out to sea before it crashed. Five of the crew parachuted to safety. Middleton was awarded an immediate posthumous Victoria Cross, the first to be won by an Empire Air Training Scheme graduate.

More about the Hume family's most celebrated war hero can be read in Stuart Hamilton Hume's book, *Beyond The Borders* (Published 1991).

IN MEMORY OF A FORMER MEMBER

Sympathy is extended to Dr Sam Goddard on the death of his wife, Marion on June 3. Dr and Mrs Goddard have been members of the Society for many years.

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

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**STATEMENT OF BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
31 MAY,1995**

	1995	1994
	\$	\$
Balances 1 June 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
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	14,949.11	16,800.27
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	1,182.90	(1,851.16)
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	16,132.01	14,949.11

REPRESENTED BY :

Balances 31 May, 1994		
Hume Building Society		
All Purpose Account	2,437.33	1,439.11
Term Investment		8,000.00
WAW Credit Union		
Term Deposit	684.68	5,500.00
Shares	10.00	10.00
Tietyens Investment Account	13,000.00	-
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	16,132.01	14,949.11

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 & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
31 MAY,1995**

	1995	1994
	\$	\$
RECEIPTS		
Membership	2,048.00	1,805.50
Donations	55.50	5.00
Publication Sales		33.00
Publications		
Sale of Dr Andrews Book	207.60	182.15
Sale of On The Home Front	50.00	290.00
Sale of Albury/Wodonga Chosen City	18.00	46.00
Sale of Bulletin Index		385.00
Sale of History Sheets	63.00	
Sale of The Trek	270.00	
Sale of Heritage Kit	140.00	
Research	254.50	112.00
Interest on investments	1,463.22	1,095.43
Bus trip		200.00
Grants - Royal Australian Historical Society		500.00
Grants - Hume Building Society		300.00
Sundries	97.50	
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	4,667.32	4,954.08
PAYMENTS		
Bulletin	1,659.32	1,353.10
Publications	255.00	3,285.00
Insurance	208.00	208.00
Stationery	27.54	464.05
Donations	50.00	50.00
Research expenses	10.00	20.25
Membership expenses	15.00	27.00
Treasurers expenses		235.00
Conference expenses		112.70
Rent - Hire of CWA Hall	330.00	300.00
Rent - Post Office Box	70.00	70.00
Repairs to equipment	108.95	208.80
Hire of bus		150.00
Financial Charges	31.47	46.24
Membership subscription	80.00	125.00
Sundries	453.54	
Miscellaneous items (t/pot h/w jug & 2 slide magazines)		150.10
Advertising	185.60	
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	3,484.42	6,805.24
SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<hr/>	<hr/>
	1,182.90	(1,851.16)

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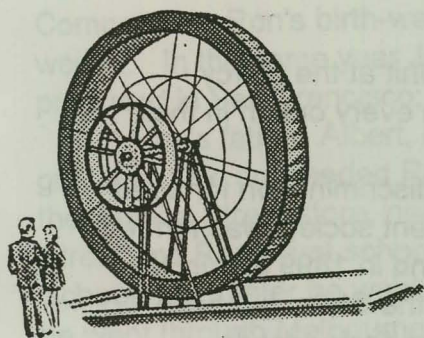
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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday, August 8, Commercial Club Conference Room

Colonel Bob McLean, MBE

will be guest speaker marking VP Day's 50th anniversary on 15th.

Colonel McLean was commissioned in 1942. He saw active service in the South-West Pacific and was mentioned in dispatches. After the war, he held a number of key Army appointments and spent some time as a senior instructor in Britain. In 1970, he was appointed second-in-command of 1 Central Ordnance Depot, Bandiana. After further training in England, he was promoted colonel in 1971 and returned to Australia to command the Albury Military Area and 31 Supply Battalion.

Colonel McLean retired in 1976 but he and his wife, Betty, remained in the area and became very active in the community. Colonel McLean was president of the Wodonga District Hospital for 10 years. He was a board member of the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation for 12 years and president of Lifeline Albury-Wodonga. Mrs McLean was a Wodonga councillor until she retired in 1993 and is an OAM.

**QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH: Do you know anyone who brought back
Guinea Gold?**

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

When did Freemasonry start in Albury, and what do you know about it?

Belle Shepard said the first Masonic Lodge was formed by the Combemere Lodge in 1878. Dr Andrews gives an earlier date of 1861 for the Hume Lodge, the opening of which was celebrated with a banquet.

Geoff Hamilton said Lodge Combemere was constituted on June 4, 1878, and Lodge Concord on September 7, 1881. Mention was made of John Hands Paine, Town Clerk of Albury 1880-1902. He was initiated in Lodge Combemere in 1880 and was elected Wor. Master four years later. In recognition of his great work the brethren placed in the Albury temple some elaborate lodge furniture, suitably inscribed.

MEMBERS' NIGHT SPEAKERS

CHERYL RYAN is a social worker at the Geriatric Assessment Unit at the Mercy Hospital. Part of her job is to make sure elderly people are given every option in their choice of health care.

She noted that in the early days of Australia there was no discrimination for aged or maimed convicts. They were all expected to work. A benevolent society was formed in Sydney in 1818. Age pensions were introduced in New Zealand in 1899 and in New South Wales in 1901. Initially pensions were the responsibility of the State but have been administered by the Federal Government since the end of the first decade.

Part of Cheryl's work is to record the life of each person who goes into care. As Henry Jochheim was in the assessment unit he gave permission for his story to be related. Henry joined the Historical Society in 1984.

SOCIAL PROFILE - MR HENRY ALBERT NORRIS JOCHHEIM

Henry Jochheim was born on the 26th October, 1910, in Bowen, Queensland, the eldest child of George and Jessie Jochheim, in a family of three boys.

Henry's grandfather had selected a grazing property outside Bowen, the property being in the Jochheim family to this day, at one stage there were 1,900 head of cattle run on the property. Henry and his brothers attended school at Bowen and later at Brisbane where Henry achieved a scholarship to attend Brisbane Grammar School.

On leaving school Henry worked at the Australian Bank of Commerce, which was later absorbed by the Bank of NSW. Henry worked in Brisbane, Toowoomba and Chinchilla until the age of 21 years when his father became the licensee of the North Australia hotel in Bowen and Henry commenced work at the hotel.

Henry joined the services in 1938 as a permanent member of the Australian Army. During the war he was a member of the medical corps where his major task was to train soldiers and establish army hospitals. Henry particularly remembers a time when he was given the task of setting-up an army hospital at Yuronga, Brisbane. He was handed a form telling him to go ahead and set the hospital up from scratch, including the organisation of staff, stores and medical equipment.

In 1943 Henry married Madge Hickman, who was from Bundaberg, Queensland. Madge died in 1972. Henry has one daughter, Sheena (now Mrs Gordon) and three grandchildren. Sheena is a teacher at the North Albury Public School.

After the war Mr Jochheim went into the NSW state hospital system and held positions of Chief Executive Officer at two hospitals during this period.

In retirement Henry lived at Towradgi, NSW, where he enjoyed fishing and bowls, until he shifted to Albury in 1981. Henry has lived happily in a unit in Lavington since then, where he has enjoyed gardening, particularly his fern house and his carpentry work. He feels that he has had a full and interesting life and a lot to reminisce about with family and friends.

Little did we know when we heard Henry's story that he would not survive to see it in the Bulletin. He passed away on July 17 and many of our members will miss the presence of this very gentle man. Our sympathy is extended to Sheena and her family.

RON BRADDY was born in 1920 on the same day as Mickey Rooney and Lana Turner. Compared to Ron's birth-weight of 4½ pounds Mickey Rooney was probably a heavy weight. In the same year Johnson & Johnson introduced the Band Aid; tea bags were produced in San Francisco; the population of Australia was 5,411,297.

Ron's father, Albert, came to Albury in 1923 as manager of Moran & Cato's grocery. He succeeded Ron's (future) wife's uncle, D.B. McWilliams, who took over the Guinea Street store, near the David Street corner. Braddys moved into 658 Kiewa Street and Ron's first school was Sunnyside Kindergarten, held in St. Matthew's Sunday School Hall. Later he went to the Albury Public and High Schools. After leaving school he went through Melbourne University - yes, through on a bike - it was a short cut to the Victoria Market! In 1950 Ron married Betty Henshaw. They have two daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren and enjoy a very full life, living on the hill where the Albury Gaol used to be.

EMPLOYMENT. Ron's first job was with his father in the East Albury P.O. Store. (1935), and later with P.D.S.: Producers Distributing Society (1938), Militia and A.I.F. Army (1939-44), Gadsden Can Factory (1944), 3 Base Ordnance Depot, Bandiana (1945-52), Star Service Station (1952-58), Blakes Office Equipment (1958-60), Blakes Newsagency (1960-62), Mate's Menswear and China Dept. That was in 1962-71 when he also had a part-time job with the Albury Newsagency at 3.30am each morning. Borg Warner was his next employer (1971-75) and the Albury Base Hospital (1975-85) from where he retired on July 3 after 50 working years.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES have included St Matthew's Church Sunday School teacher, League of Youth, Young Anglicans, Boys Society, Men's Society, Choir and church server, as well as Boy Scouts, Albury Apex, RSL, Rostrum Club, Lions, Public School and High School P & C, Civil Defence, Y.M.C.A., Justice of the Peace, Historical and Horticultural Societies, Commercial Club, S.S. & A. Club, and Meals on Wheels. In addition Ron excels as a story-teller and, by the look of the above list, there are a lot more stories still to come.

REUBEN WYNN told the *Tale of Two Books*.

The first book was *The Fortunes of Samuel Wynn*, written by his son, Allan Wynn. It tells of four couples, including Samuel Wynn and his wife, and Reuben's parents, who came to Australia from Poland in 1913. Samuel soon became Sammy to those he worked with as a farmhand at Stawell, a vineyard hand at All Saints Wahgunyah, at a Melbourne cork factory, and as a licenced grocer, wine retailer and restaurateur. In 1918 he bought a colonial wine saloon at the top of Bourke Street which premises eventually became the Florentino Restaurant. In 1925, aged 33, Samuel Wynn became a winemaker.

Reuben told some of his own special memories: of being a (junior) drum major in 1927 when he met the Duke and Duchess of York, of playing tennis with his twin cousins and Zelman Cowan, and when he started his apprenticeship for his present position with the Historical Society: at fourteen years of age he was Treasurer of the Chess Club at Melbourne High. A school photo showed Reuben in the same class as cricketer, Keith Miller, Miller being the smaller of the two. As a regular cricket bat was too large for him Reuben's father-in-law, Arthur Lord, a 1st grade cricketer himself, made Keith a cricket bat to suit his size. It is now held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The second book he brought along was a gift from his son and is entitled *Wynn Families Around the World*. It lists Wynns in many countries along with addresses, telephone numbers, Coats of Arms, etc. the twist to the story being that the family we know as Wynn was actually the Family Weintraub, which means "wine-grape". Reuben's uncle named the family well, if unceremoniously before their arrival here.

After three such interesting stories we look forward to hearing from more of our members at a later date.

OBITUARY - THOMAS WILLIAM MILLER

Born Echuca - Educated Daysdale - Worked Albury

Society member, Tom Miller, passed away in Albury on July 13, three days before his eightieth birthday. Tom and Shirley, as well as their daughter, Wendy Moriarty, have been active members of the Society for many years and to Shirley and family we offer our condolences.

Tom will be remembered as a wood merchant operating from 365 Kiewa Street until 1961 when there was less demand for wood heating. He had the Albury Box Factory until it burned down in 1965. Later he and Shirley opened the Albury Health and Bulk Food Supplies at 556 Olive Street which they conducted until retirement. Mr Miller worked for Apex, Lions, P & C, his church, and in 1986 received an Australia Day Council Award in recognition of fifty years service to the community. Undoubtedly a very quiet achiever.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING - Tuesday August 22nd, at 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus off Currawong Street, North Albury.

PUT ALBURY PRE SCHOOL IN THE PICTURE

As its golden jubilee approaches photos are needed of the Albury Pre-School at its original site at the rear of the present AlburyAlbury Council building in Kiewa Street.

As no pictures are presently available your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated. Please phone Helen Livsey 213 671

Certificates of Appreciation for war efforts

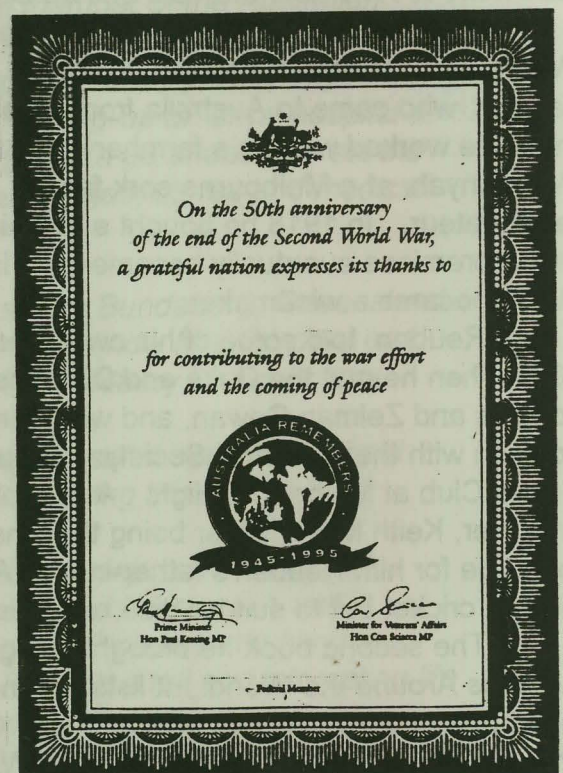
people who contributed to the war effort during World War II can now receive a commemorative Certificate of Appreciation as part of the Australia Remembers 1945-1995 commemorative year.

The certificates are available to all veterans who served in the allied armed forces or to those who served at home in a range of roles connected to national defence and well-being.

Certificates can be applied for on your own behalf or on behalf of friends and relatives.

the certificates will be a suitable commemoration of the important role these people played in the history of Australia and our appreciation of their efforts.

Application forms, or more information about the Certificate of Appreciation are available from Mr Tim Fischer MLA, (Federal Member for Farrer), Office in Swift Street, Albury.



MUSEUM CHATTER NO 16

AUGUST 1995

The last newsletter ended on a quiet note, signifying winter at the Museum. Indeed, visitor numbers have been down as predicted. The rain, bless it, makes a visit to the Museum a trial and only dedicated souls brave both cold and wet to attend.

EXHIBITIONS.

The **Australian Comic Book Exhibition** or ACE had been very successful for us. Although the exhibition is large and takes up two rooms of the Turks Head Building, it is colourful and interesting enough to amuse the visitors. By the time you read this it will have gone to its next venue so I do hope you had a chance to see.

The next exhibition will be **Postcards from the Border**. This is based on the extensive collection of postcards owned by the Mayor, Jim Patterson. It provides a special look at the growth of Albury and casts a sideways glance at Wodonga. The Mayor will open the exhibition on 1st August at 1pm.

Two other Museum originated exhibitions are being prepared. The first is a look at the old **Albury Base Hospital**. I hope to run this in conjunction with the first anniversary celebrations for the New Base Hospital in October. If you have any information about the buildings, the nurses training scheme, doctors, matrons or any other interesting stuff please call me at the museum. I am looking for items related to these themes as well. Does anyone have an old uniform? copies of manuals or standing orders? Gruesome or fascinating items of technology? If so I would like to borrow them for the exhibition.

The second exhibition will be on the **Old Hotels of Albury and Wodonga**. Any news at all would be welcome here.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Plans have been approved, finally, for the new construction at the rear of the Turks Head Building. These changes will include a new entry, paving and pergolas to provide a different aspect to the Museum. The result will mean changes inside as well. It is time for the permanent exhibitions to be reviewed and changed so this will take place after the construction is completed. If you would like to have a look at the plans come down to the Museum and ask me.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

A few changes have happened here as well. I have decided our volunteers have very valuable skills and these should be tapped. Their work at the museum will now be project based with each person undertaking a specific task rather than just taking on a general assistant role. A couple of wonderful people have added their names to our list and I welcome Helen Pithie and Carol Balazs to the ranks.

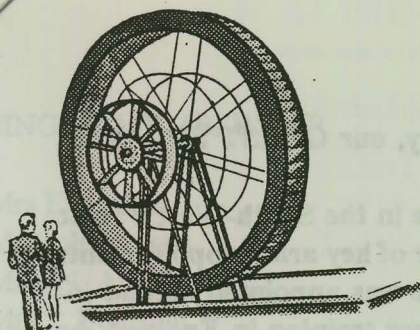
That's all for this month folks. As always you are welcome to call and see us at the Museum

Elizabeth Close

Director

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday September 12th, at the Commercial Club,
Conference Room.

Members, please bring a plate for supper.

GUEST SPEAKER Mrs Allison Webb will speak about
THE TWO SARAHS
and ROBERT BURNS -
THE AUSTRALIAN CONNECTION

Two of the Scottish poet's granddaughters lived in Australia.
One was the wife of Dr. Berkely Westropp Hutchinson,
an Albury medical practitioner.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Where and When did the BLOOD BANK start in Albury ?

ANGLICAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY has arranged a SEMINAR on WRITING HISTORY to be held at WAGGA WAGGA on 7 OCTOBER 1995.

It is the third of a planned six seminars over this and the following year which are being held in different areas of the Diocese. Speakers will include the Rev. Dr. Tom Frame, author of six widely acclaimed books on naval history and Mr John Winterbottom, Deputy Archivist, Charles Sturt University whose subjects will be "Sources for Writing History".

The seminar is intended for those writing parish, family or local history but will be equally informative for anyone undertaking historical research generally. It will include workshops and a Show and Tell session which will illustrate how to find history in physical things.

The seminar will be held at St. JOHN'S PARISH Hall, Church Street, Wagga Wagga starting at 9am and finishing at 4pm. The cost is \$15 and includes a light lunch, morning and afternoon teas.

Registration forms will be available to members at our next meeting, otherwise the contact address is -Mrs Dorothy Fellowes, P.O. Box 417, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

Phone 069 - 254 786 or Judy Baskin on 06 - 292 5109

REPORT ON LAST MONTHS MEETING

Marking the occasion of Victory in the Pacific's 50th Anniversary, our GUEST SPEAKER was Colonel Bob McLean MBE.

Colonel McLean has had a very full army life seeing active service in the South-West Pacific and was mentioned in dispatches. After the war, he held a number of key army appointments and spent some time as a senior instructor in Britain. In 1970, he was appointed second-in-command of 1 Central Ordnance Depot, Bandiana. After further training in England, he was promoted to Colonel in 1971 and returned to Australia to command the Albury Military area and 31 Supply Battalion. He retired in 1976.

The theme for his talk was "The Army Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

Firstly he quoted statistics of all wars from the Boar War up the the present day battles. One main question which he asked his audience and still remains unanswered is "What do you fight for - greed, supremacy, uranium, oil or what " ?

He spoke of the many problems which confront army administrators including sexism, and pshyologically unbalanced personnel to mention a few.

How the world of wars have changed over the period of years, and also how this news is related to the public has also changed. In years gone by, the only news of such was by radio or press. Now days it also comes direct to your lounge room courtesy of television, with graphic footage.

After a very enlightening talk our guest speaker wound up with the lighter side of army life by relating several short humerous anecdotes accumulated over his thirty years within the army.

A vote of thanks was moved by Bruce Pennay and was carried with acclamation. A copy of Dr Andrews history of Albury was presented to Colonel McLean.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS QUESTION

"Do you know anyone who brought back Guinea Gold"

This related to a newspaper printed in NEW GUINEA, Lae, Port Moresby area.

The first newsheet printed in early 1942 - was a single sheet entitled "MANS" (Moresby Army News Sheet). Following this the "SALT" newsletter, which was more elaborate was distributed, but on a very irregular basis. When the Guinea Gold came into production, it very soon became eagerly looked for by all service personnel in the islands, and was delivered by dispatch riders or in many cases by air drop.

A copy dated 11 December 1943 was tabled for all to see at the meeting.

The press that printed the Guinea Gold in 1942 is now located in the Bandiana Military Museum.

SYMPATHY is extended to Ron and Betty Braddy and family on the death of Ron's sister, Lorna Arnold, on August 24.

ALBURY PRE-SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS

The 50th Anniversary celebrations will take place on 16th September 1995 at the Albury Pre-School Kindergarten, Alma Street.

The Organising Committee are hoping to see many ex-students and visitors for this very special occassion. A History sheet outlining the history of the Pre-School Kindergarten is attached to this bulletin.

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Saturday, September 30. 10am to 5pm
Sunday, October 1. 9am to 4pm

Included in the show will be a display relating to the Albury Brewery, as well as convict pottery, Chinese pottery found in Australia and some dating 3000 BC to Ming 1600 AD.

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From Mr Phil Webb: Albury Sheep Show catalogues from the first show in 1946 to 1977, 1979 to 1983 and 1986 to 1988. This collection gives a large slice of the rural history of Australia and includes advertisements from many local and national businesses which have supported the Sheep Show over the years.

From the Holbrook & Germanton Historical and Steam Railway Preservation Society Inc., through Dr. G. Shortland: a copy of the Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works together with Minutes of Evidence and Plan relating to the proposed RAILWAY FROM CULCAIRN TO GERMANTON, dated October 1900. The report contains evidence given by landholders who were then in the Culcairn and Germanton (Holbrook) area.

These documents will be placed in the Local History Room
at the Albury Library.

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CONDOLENCES are offered to our members, Don Logan and Mrs Margaret Cottrell, on the demise of their spouses: Mrs Lois Logan on July 30 and Thomas Cottrell on August 3.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, September 26, 7.30pm
Xavier High School North Campus, off Currawong Street, North Albury

ALBURY PRE-SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

by Jane Downing

On the 15th September 1995 the Albury Pre-School Kindergarten will be celebrating 50 years in the community. An Apex project, work begun a year before the Pre-School opened with fund raising, one example of which was a Fund Raising tent set up at the Albury Show. Tom and Shirley Miller filled the tent with toys and books and their own child to give a visual display of the proposed Pre-School. The response was not altogether positive. A certain doctor made a comment to the effect that a woman's place was in the home—and her children should be there with her.

Criticism like this was part of the debate on the appropriate age to commence formal schooling that was active in countries such as Britain, Russia, the United States—and Australia. Many *did* believe the age should be lower than the existing five or six years, and, as voiced at a large public meeting in Sydney in 1945, that the Government should take responsibility for provision of education to children aged 2-5. Members of the Albury Apex Club had taken the matter into their own hands and resolved to open Albury's first public Pre-School—almost a hundred years after the first school opened in Albury. (There is a report of a private school in Albury in 1848, the first state school opening in 1850 on the corner of Dean and Kiewa streets). It was also, notably, to be the first public Pre-School outside the Metropolitan area of New South Wales.

One strategy to inspire interest in the project was a series of posters (about 20"x24") placed in shop windows around town. The first week there was simply a question mark; the second, the word "Why". People were waiting for the third poster which read, "Do we need"; and on the fourth week they discovered a poster with one more word: "Pre-School".

This, the tent at the Albury Show, and other fund raising activities were ultimately successful in raising the £900 necessary to open the Pre-School. Land on Kiewa Street was requisitioned from the Police and a fibro building constructed during numerous working bees. Voluntary workers also began on furnishings and fittings within the building, and preparing the grounds and equipment. With the idea a reality, the doctor who commented at the Show thought again, and sent all six of his children through the Pre-School.

The *Border Morning Mail* announced the opening of the Albury Free Pre-School Kindergarten under the heading "For the Tiny Tots". On the 15th of September 1945 Mayor, Ald. D. G. Padman officiated at the ceremony at the Kiewa Street site before a great crowd of parents and eager children. Mr. Wallace, Headmaster of the Albury Public School gave an address on the modern trend toward Pre-School education; the Grammar School Choir and a trio, "Mesdames" Bennet and Wilson and Miss Rumsey, interspersed the program with musical items, and afternoon tea was served.

The real work started two days later when the first Director, Mrs. Frieda Muetzelfeldt and her assistant Miss Eileen Boon, opened the doors to a staggered intake of forty young children. Interest had been great, a hundred children were enrolled, but the places were given to the older ones, the younger ones to get a chance later.

The children entered a bright environment of picture books and toys, including rocking horses, beneath "fanciful" wall murals by Mrs. Lindsay Hulms. Many of the toys were improvised as money was not plentiful, nor supplies at the end of World War II. The Apexians had made a much loved set of blocks, and Mrs. Muetzelfeldt and Miss Boon had been painting pegs and wooden cotton reels in bright colours, to play with and thread on bootlaces. Buckets were made from fruit tins, wire handle threaded on the top. Water in these, coloured with "blue bags" would keep the children busy painting the pavements outside (the colour drying away in the sun). A call had gone out for multiple copies of "*Woman's Weekly*": each child was to have a "picture", one on each of three hooks for their hat, handtowel and sheet; these were cut from the magazines, thus each copy was needed in triplicate.

Outside, the playground was to have over the coming years a slippery slide, cement pipes to crawl through (one memorable day the Fire Brigade had to be called to pull a boy out!), a sand pit and a swimming pool under a shady tree. An inspector came down from Sydney and is said to have given a very good report.

Mrs. Muetzelfeldt saw the Pre-School as "a valuable influence for good." One child in the first intake was Margaret Harrison. Her father was on the Committee to set up the Pre-School and she later sent her own three children there. The long involvement of many Albury families like this attests to the "good". And yes, the "Free" in the Pre-School's name referred to the fact there were no fees.

The money necessary to keep the Pre-School running each year was found initially through public support and fund raising. Apex continued its financial support: for example, in 1947 they organised

a Talent Quest with the proceeds going to the Pre-School. With £50 in prize money the "Quest" received a lot of interest.

The operational expenses were estimated to be £500 in 1945. A teacher's salary was £3 a week, an assistant's 18 /-. By 1953 salaries alone accounted for £1600 a year and weekly contributions were asked of parents of children attending the Pre-School to supplement the public donations. The contributions were however voluntary—parents did not have to pay anything if they did not wish. In the 1960's there was also an extra fee asked of parents not actively involved in fund raising. It was not until the 1970's that the Government officially became involved, as it is in 1995, with ongoing funding.

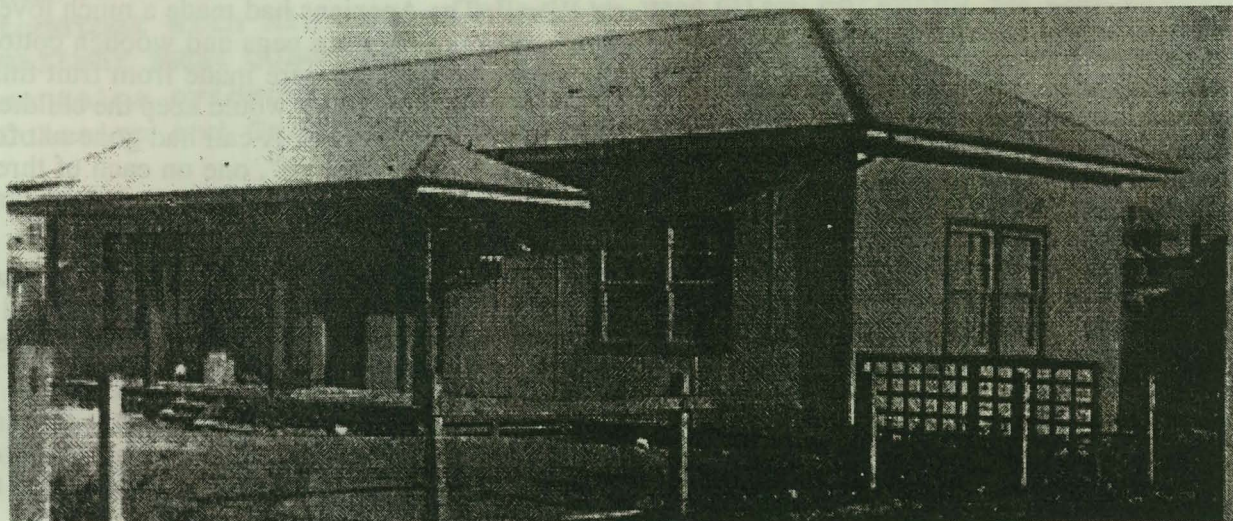
Through each decade the involvement of citizens was imperative to the functioning of the Pre-School. This was not just financial involvement—the Pre-School has always been managed by a committee of members of the community, mostly parents of children enrolled. The General Committee, initially a body of men with a woman as secretary, was complemented by an Auxiliary Committee of active women fund raisers. Mr. J. Braid was the first chairman (or President) and the secretary was Miss N. O'Brien.

Late in 1953 there was some concern that the Pre-School could close for want of active support from parents. Though 120 children were attending (the day divided into morning and afternoon sessions to accommodate more children) parental apathy threatened the Pre-School's continuation. The doors *did* open at the beginning of the 1954 school year and the Albury Pre-School Kindergarten continues to thrive. In fact the commitment of the community to Pre-School education expanded to another Pre-School in North Albury in the mid-1950's, and to West Albury, Ross Circuit, and others in the growing city in more recent years.

In 1966 the Pre-School was 21 years old and there was a party for the children, complete with balloons and cake. The Mayor, Cleaver E. Bunton, planted a tree to commemorate the achievement. In all likelihood the tree was cut down when the new Council Chambers were built.

Planting a tree will also be part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations—or the planting of three. The silver birches will be planted at the front of the new Pre-School building in Alma Street (opened in 1975) by three women involved from the beginning. Anne Hogan who started as an assistant in 1946, went on to study and returned as Director from 1957 until her retirement in 1982, Eileen Cottrell (née Boon) who was one of the staff when the Pre-School opened in 1945, and Shirley Miller, who was tireless in her fund raising efforts in the early years. The last will be helped by her great-grandson, Pre-Schooler James Moriarty. In addition a time capsule will be placed beneath a paver in the Gazebo, to be opened in another 50 years. Past students, staff and committee members will celebrate with those currently involved—and all the three and four year old Pre-Schoolers who will hopefully come again to celebrate in 50 years time.

The 50th anniversary celebrations will take place on 16th September 1995 at the Albury Pre-School Kindergarten, Alma Street.



*The first Pre-School Building in Kiwa Street
(Border Morning Mail 17 September 1945)*

ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.
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MUSEUM CHATTER NO 17
SEPTEMBER 1995

The Museum grounds are a confused mess at present. Staff have to walk around the buildings to get into the Turk's Head. The carpenters have turned the gardens into storage areas and the grass into a mire. However, it will be worth it when they have finished. You will not know the old place.

EXHIBITIONS

The current exhibition - **Postcards from the Border** - is attracting a lot of attention. I hope you have had a chance to see some of the wonderful pictures of our towns. One extra postcard was added to the collection by a kind visitor. It is a coloured photo of Dean Street in the 1940s.

The next exhibition is **Albury Hospital** which will be held in October. As mentioned in the last Chatter, this will be run in conjunction with the first anniversary of the new Base Hospital. As yet I have not begun the serious work of gathering information and objects, however, has anyone got anything they would like to contribute to this exhibition? Please call me and let me know.

BONEGILLA

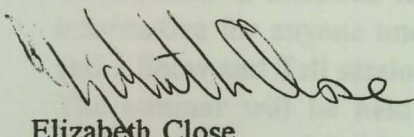
Those of you who read the Border Mail avidly will have seen the excellent article written by Howard Jones on the Museum's collection of Bonegilla information. Thankyou for the great write up, Howard, there has been a good response already. I have extended the search to include the many members of the Multicultural Resource Centre and will be sending out information in their newsletter. If anyone is interested in receiving a **Bonegilla Collection Data Sheet** or would like to have one sent to anyone, please call the Museum and we can assist you. I would love to hear from anyone associated with Bonegilla, either as a migrant or as a local who worked there or in any other capacity.

(Don't forget the Museum's **BONEGILLA GRAFFITI** which will be held in November.)

MACPHERSON COLLECTION

The Museum has employed a consultant curator to sort through the vast number of negatives in this collection. As a result there are many pictures which need some description. Keep an eye out for the next Chatter, I hope to reproduce some for your information and input

Cheers for now

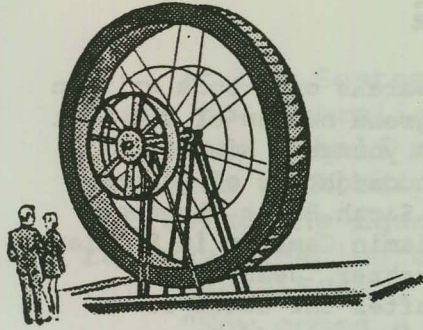


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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday October 10th, at the Commercial Club,
Conference Room.

Members, please bring a plate for supper.

GUEST SPEAKER will be GORDON DOWLING, who will give a talk on
"My Life in Albury"

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What can you tell us about the ALBURY MONUMENT

ALBURY COUNCIL HISTORY - Cr. Amanda Duncan-Strelic, has become the first woman ever to be elected as Mayor of the City of Albury.

CENTENNIAL DISPLAY - Border Medical Imaging will celebrate 100 years of X-RAY with a static display covering the history of radiology over the past century, in the foyer of the Albury Base Hospital from 17th October to 10th November. This display is designed to follow the progress of radiology over the past 100 years, with particular emphasis on the local history.

FREEMASONRY - Following the July Question of the Month - "When did Freemasonry start in Albury", Keith Orford has kindly presented for perusal a copy of the History of Lodge Combermere No.61 of U.G.L. of NSW 1878-1978 Centenary Souvenir, by Bro.J.W.Mackey, P.M. This centenary souvenir publication gives a brief history of the Lodge Combermere and includes mention of other Masonic activities in the district. Works such as these add depth and helps to bring to life the colorful history of Albury.

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LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Mrs Allison Webb based her talk about **The Two Sarahs** on a book written by her brother, John W. Begg, a great, great, great-grand nephew of the poet Robert Burns, being a direct descendant of the poet's youngest sister, Isabella, who married John Begg. The two Sarahs, granddaughters of Robert Burns, were Sarah Elizabeth Maitland Tombs Burns and Sarah Burns Thomson. **Sarah Burns Thomson** was born in 1826 and married Benjamin Cameron in Scotland in 1850. In 1852 they arrived in Australia and a daughter, Jean Armour Cameron, was born 1864 in North Adelaide. Two years after the death of Benjamin in 1881, Sarah married Andrew Campbell and they lived at Castlemaine, Victoria where Sarah died in 1885.

Sarah Elizabeth Maitland Tombs Burns was born in 1821 and married Dr. Berkeley Westropp Vincent Hutchinson in England in 1847. They came to Australia with their three children in 1852 and lived at Chiltern, Warrnambool, Beechworth, & North Wahgunyah. The Doctor moved to Albury and presented a silver trowel which was used to lay the foundation stone of the new Wesleyan church in 1865. In 1875 the Doctor and Samuel F. Blackmore were trustees of the Wesleyan Church when the foundation stone of the new church was laid. Samuel Fry Blackmore was a solicitor (admitted in 1853) who later moved to Sydney. Mrs Webb's brother was articled to the firm of Blackmore which is now known as J.W.Begg, Blackmore & Co.

Dr B.W.V. Hutchinson died in Melbourne in 1889; Sarah Hutchinson died in England in 1909. There are no descendants of the two Sarahs still living in Australia.

GIFTS for which the Society is most grateful:

From **Mrs P. Brown, Pearce, A.C.T.**, a photograph of **Dr. W. Cleaver Woods and Burnley Hospital staff**. The original owner of the photograph was the late Mrs Bessie Nelson (nee Bishop) of Yerong Creek and Melbourne.

The doctor is seated with two nurses, also seated, and another two standing, with a background of bushes. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who may be able to identify the nurses. Perhaps there are other photos of nursing staff who are identified by name. Doctor Woods established the first Burnley hospital about 1888 and built a new one in 1903. The Nurse in Charge in 1897 and 1898 was Sister Swinton.

The photograph will be displayed at the October meeting.

From **Albury Pre-School Kindergarten**, and author, **Jane Downing**, a copy of *An Anecdotal History*, illustrated, written for the 50th anniversary. Celebrations were held, trees planted and a time capsule laid down, at the school on September 16. A comprehensive summary of the history was included in last month's Bulletin.

From **Mrs Jan Hunter**, Poole Street, Albury, a **Programme** for the Official Opening of the **Albury War Memorial Civic Theatre**, May 22, 1964. As well as the Order of Proceedings and entertainment, Dedication and Blessing of the Memorial Shrine and the Theatre, the programme lists Albury City Aldermen and Council Officers, members of the Concert Hall Committee, and Concert Hall Floral Festival candidates.

From **David Nicholson**, five N.S.W. **Bicentennial Videos**.

From **Mrs Y. Bensley**, a collection of very good colour photographs of Albury schools, churches, etc., also a few of Corowa, Benalla, Brisbane, etc. taken in recent years by the late Mr **E. O'Neill**.

MARK TWAIN AT ALBURY

At the September meeting we recorded the centenary of the visit to Australia of 60-year-old Mark Twain during the last three and a half months of 1895. Helen Livsey read Twain's memories of Albury which he recorded in a book entitled *Following the Equator*: While delighted with the clean, new railway sleeping carriages, he was not impressed with the railroad coffee.

"Now comes a singular thing: the oddest thing, the strangest thing, the most baffling and unaccountable marvel that Australasia can show. At the frontier between New South Wales and Victoria our multitude of passengers were routed out of their snug beds by lantern-light in the morning in the biting cold of a high altitude to change cars on a road that has no break in it from Sydney to Melbourne! Think of the paralysis of intellect that gave that idea birth ... it is a narrow gauge road to the frontier, and a broader gauge thence to Melbourne."

The above was recorded in a book review in the Sydney Morning Herald of May 11, 1985. The same newspaper was highlighting the "paralysis of intellect" a century earlier with a report on June 30, 1883 headed

MAIN SOUTHERN LINE:

When the early morning train (from Melbourne) arrives at Albury the train from Sydney is waiting at the station, common sense suggests that the exchange of passengers is made here, but a number of useless and ridiculous manouvers must be gone through. The Sydney train must come on to Wodonga and go back empty to Albury before it is allowed to take up its load, while the Melbourne train steams back empty to Wodonga to take up passengers it might have more conveniently received at Albury. All this tomfoolery is carried on in the supposed interests of the magnificent hamlet which, until recently formed the terminus of our (Victorian) North Eastern line.

POTATO FAMINE IN IRELAND

Cheryl Ryan, presently acting secretary of this Society, has written **Ballyconnell to Bowna** to coincide with the Mullavey Family Reunion at Albury and Mullengandra Sept. 29 to October 1.

The book provides a good background to conditions in Ireland with some emphasis on the potato famine which started exactly 150 years ago: *The famine started with the partial failure of the potato crop in 1845, reached its peak during 1846 and 1847, and lasted until 1851. The population of Ireland ... had reached more than eight million in 1841. During the famine over a million people died from disease and starvation. An even greater number emigrated. Less than two percent of famine refugees came to Australia. By 1851 the population of Ireland had fallen to six and a half million. In 1971 the population was only four and a half million.*

Ballyconnell to Bowna can be purchased from Cheryl Ryan (nee Mullavey), phone 40 3486, at \$20 per copy.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTHS QUESTION -

Where and When did the BLOOD BANK start in Albury ?

SYLVIA MEREDITH, who had once worked at the Albury Blood Bank, answered the question giving some of the early history as well as the Albury material.

Other members to contribute to the question included RON BRADDY who told how Apexians started blood donating in the 1940's., GERRY CURTIS remembered the SS&A Club being group donors in the mid 50's; SHIRLEY MILLER recalled giving blood to a newly born baby; GEOFF HAMILTON remembered going with seven Rover Scouts to the old blood Bank in Morgue Street, off Dean Street at the Ambulance Station. The blood Bank was housed in a 12ft x 12ft shed; JOHN MOLLISON told how blood was stored in England in 1951; JANICE LYNCH, who was unable to attend the meeting, also obtained information from Dianne Russell at the Albury Blood Bank. A photocopy of the brochure she provided will be placed in the Local History Room of the Albury Library.

The first Blood Bank in Australia was set up in 1941 in a ward of the Sydney Hospital in conjunction with the NSW Red Cross Society. This was under the control of Dr.R.J.Walsh an ex resident Medical Officer of the hospital - and thus began the era of blood banking in Australia.

In 1963, an appeal was made to establish a new building to house the central blood bank at the Base Hospital, Albury, to serve Albury and a district covering an area bounded by Henty and Deniliquin on the NSW side, and Wangaratta to Corryong on the Victorian side. The Blood Bank appeal was headed by Mr D.G.Padman MLA, Committee President. Seven thousand five hundred pounds was required for the new building, and it was to be located on the corner of Wodonga Place & Smollett Street.

Prior to 1951 some blood transfusions were carried out in Albury, but the blood had to be obtained from Melbourne. In 1951 Dr.H.S.Hambrett, the Director of the Commonwealth Health Laboratory at Albury, with the help of the Apex Clubs organised a blood donor appeal. This allowed blood for transfusions to be obtained in Albury, but it was still necessary to bleed the donor immediately prior to the transfusion.

In May 1957 with the technical advice of the Victorian Red Cross Transfusion Service, the assistance of the Albury Base Hospital Ladies Auxiliary and the local Red Cross branches, Albury opened its Red Cross Blood Bank.

It opened in one of the wards of the Albury Base Hospital and its first Honorary Director was Dr.A.B.Hogan. It is perhaps significant that Dr Hogan and Dr Walsh were resident Medical Officers together at Sydney Hospital. Although the blood bank was actually located at the Base Hospital it really belonged to Albury and district and it undertook to provide blood not only to Albury Base Hospital but to all Hospitals in the district. Since 1957, all blood used at Albury Base, The Mercy Hospital and Wodonga hospital as well as in surrounding hospitals has been provided by the Albury Red Cross Blood Bank. Some months after its inception the Albury Blood bank became a Regional Blood Bank of the NSW Red Cross transfusion service.

OBITUARY The President of the Wodonga Historical Society, Mrs Frances Bourke, died recently. Several hundred people attended her funeral at St Stephen's Uniting Church, where she had been the organist for many years. Frances was involved in several organisations, including the Red Cross and Citizens Advice Bureau. She played a prominent part in the Society's placement of commemorative plaques at Wodonga historic sites in the past year or so. Sympathy is extended to her family.

QUILT SEARCH The Pioneer Women's Hut, a Museum at Tumbarumba southern NSW, has commenced a major project to document and compile a national register of all types of quilts, made prior to about 1960 whether in Australia or overseas and then brought to Australia. The project is endorsed by major National and State Museums, Quilting Groups, small and Regional Museums and many individuals.

Quilts are a symbol of daily life and women's work and Australia has a rich heritage in quilts, from finely stitched ones of silk to the simpler functional Wagga rugs, but a lot of it is largely unknown. The register, available in the year 2000, will add to our understanding.

Quilt forms are available from the Historical Society, the Albury Regional Museum and the Pioneer Women's Hut, P.O. Box 192, Tumbarumba NSW 2653.

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This month's news is a bit thin. No great events to report. The building at the back of the Turk's Head continues and it is now beginning to take shape. What a difference it will make to have an outdoor, all weather area attached to the Museum. The builders have just about finished and then the paving work will be undertaken.

EXHIBITIONS

Postcards from the Border has just finished its run and the staff are beginning work on the new exhibition.

The new exhibition is **Albury Hospital** which opens on the 9th October. I have had some excellent discussions with members of the hospital staff who have given me a look at the objects and books from the hospital's past. There is a very interesting collection up there - full marks to those people who had the wisdom to keep the bits and pieces. I would like to find some old nursing uniforms, hospital linen and such like if it were possible. Does anyone have knowledge of these things?

Thanks to Phil Webb for the two photos he has loaned the museum for the exhibition.

BONEGILLA

The next stage in the development of the collection is the establishment of a Friends organisation. At present there is a small interested group meeting to draft aims, objectives and other aspects of this society. A constant quiet stream of information is coming to the Museum in association with this project. It is nice to know that the Museum is providing a way for people to leave their history for others to learn.

DONT'FORGET

If anyone is interested in receiving a **Bonegilla Collection Data Sheet** or would like to have one sent to anyone, please call the Museum and we can assist you. I would love to hear from anyone associated with Bonegilla, either as a migrant or as a local who worked there or in any other capacity.

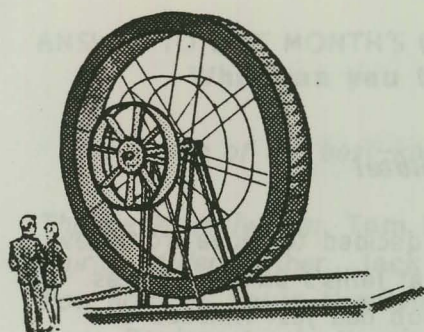
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Next meeting: 8pm Tuesday, November 14, at the Commercial Club Conference Room.
This meeting has traditionally been the one when the men bring the supper.

ALBURY'S X-RAY PIONEER - WHO WAS HE REALLY?

To celebrate the centenary of X-rays, radiographer, **Chris McQuellin**, will tell us about the men involved in pioneering work in the local area, both for diagnosis and treatment.

Question: What are our members' memories of their (first) X-rays?

PICNIC/BARBECUE, Sunday evening, November 19. Committee members invite everyone who would like to bring a barbecue/picnic tea to join them at **Hovell Tree Park** (at the shelter near the bridge) from 6pm.

December: Bring and Tell/Family Week meeting.

Although our meeting is a week later than the local Family Week Celebration, we will carry the Family theme into the December Bring and Tell. We encourage members to **bring a family member** (your own or someone else's family!) who does not usually attend our meetings. We must emphasise that visitors are always welcome, with or without a current member. Some of the **Bring and Tell** items may also have a Family theme.

TREASURER. We have regretfully accepted the **resignation** of our Treasurer, Reuben Wynn, due to ill health. **We thank Reuben** for his diligent work on behalf of the Society and wish him a speedy return to good health.
The committee is now in need of someone to volunteer to fill this position.

SOCIETY PATRON, Cleaver Bunton, has recently been hospitalised after a fall. We wish him all the best for a complete recovering at home.

GRAHAM STOCKS has recently celebrated **50 years of involvement in church music** in Albury. We congratulate him on this unusual achievement. Graham became the organist at the Methodist Church when his father became the minister there in 1945. He has continued as organist with the Uniting Church as well as contributing to the music of other denominations in the area whenever his expertise was sought.

AJ. BROOKS' FEDERAL BAKERY**478 Townsend Street****Albury***At the northern side of the Pastoral Hotel*

During 1929 **Alexander John Brooks** and his wife, Annie, decided to move from Kew to Albury to start their own business. Alex had been head baker at Jellis's Bakery, Princes Street, Kew for many years. Alex and Annie had five children. Bob had just finished an apprenticeship as a fitter and turner, Jack had spent time at Sherrins (makers of footballs) in the leather department, but had to leave because of dermatitis. Alex, Jnr. was apprenticed to a cabinet maker. The daughters were Nellie and Jean.

It was the beginning of the Depression; the two older sons were out of work. Alex knew by moving to Albury and starting his own bakery his sons would have work. So late in **1929** Alex and his daughter, Jean, came to Albury, staying at Kia Ora opposite the bakery they had purchased. For many years the family was in debt to **Burrows' Flour Mill** who had lent them the money to start the business. While staying at Kia Ora Alex and Jean learnt the ropes of their new venture from the **Marshalls** who were the current bakers. When Annie, Bob, Jack and Nellie arrived the family moved into the house which was attached to the bakery. There was a wood stove in the kitchen, ice chest to keep meat, butter and milk fresh, no running hot water, a chip heater in the bathroom, and a copper to boil the clothes.

Alex, Snr. and Bob worked in the bakehouse, Jean was in charge of the shop not only selling bread, but groceries as well. Jack delivered the bread in a horse and cart. The horses were kept in a paddock behind the house. Nellie did the housework and cleaning. Annie, the mother, didn't keep the best of health and died in 1932. Alex, Jnr. came to Albury about 1931/32. He went into the bakery and Bob went delivering. Jack died in 1937 as a result of an accident. Alex, Snr. died September 1939.

The **dough** was made by hand up until the early 1940's, when a **new bakery was built** and the dough was made by machine. As the years went on the bread was delivered by vans. Before the war Brooks' **delivery carts** could be seen all over Albury. Other bakeries in Albury around the same time were Wynne's, Thiel's, McGilvray's, and Worsley's. During the war the bakeries were **zoned**, Brooks being allocated West Albury and Happy Valley (now Glenroy). These areas housed some of the poorer people of the town, but they ate plenty of bread. Some of them having to give loads of **wood and eggs in exchange** for bread. Bread was also sent to Bungowannah, Bowna and Wymah by contract carriers.

Each Easter **hot cross buns** were baked on Thursday afternoon after the deliveries had been made. The bread carters would then deliver them. **Some who worked for Brooks** were Bill Howard and Mick Burg (bakers), Ray Dickinson and Joe Eck (bread carters), and Kevin Klose who served his apprenticeship with the family. Reg Chisholm, who had owned a bakery in Jones Street, joined the staff as a baker after Alex, Snr. died. In 1945 the Brooks family bought the land from Margaret Mary Eck & Alexander Joseph Brackenbridge for £1,300.

In May/June 1960 **Southern Border Bakeries** took over Brooks' Bakery. Bob joined the staff of Southern Border. Alex and his wife, Phyllis, purchased a bakery at Darlington Point, NSW. Nell continued to live at the bakery until 1961 & in 1963 the property was sold.

Some of the **businesses in Townsend Street** at the time of the bakery were Chubbs, Alf Urban, boot repairer (now Anything Goes), Harold Whiteley, jeweller (now Icon), Violet Gladman, Annie Jewel and Polly Jones, secondhand dealers, Eddie O'Brien and Mick? Bone, barbers, Mangan's bike shop and garage, Mr Finney, surgical bootmaker. The Pastoral Hotel was built on the empty block on the other side of the shop. The Border City Hotel was pulled down and A & G Smith was built. A lot of these buildings were demolished when K-Mart was built. Opposite the bakery was Sammons and Edwards (now the Health Dept), Kia Ora, John Bruce garage (now the TAB), Jack Skinner, and Neville Eustace, saddler.

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION:

What can you tell us about the Albury Monument?

It is one of the best-known war memorials in Australia. (Australian Encyclopaedia)

Thelma Musselwhite: **Tom Bartleson** built it.

Shirley Miller's father, **Jack Saunders**, tendered to build it.

Ron Braddy: **Louis Harrison** was the architect who designed it.

Anne Davies: **Louis Harrison** was also the architect for St. Patrick's Hall.

Elsie Simmonds is **Tom Bartleson's** niece.

The information became a three-part story about the **Monument, Tom Bartleson** and **Louis Harrison**. Refer to page 148 of *Border City: History of Albury* by W.A. Bayley.

Frank Higgins read part of a letter from a researcher on the **National Survey of War Memorials**: It is a unique war memorial in Australia both in its design and site. Its simple yet impressive design is well served by its location on the top of Western Hill. It is one of the few towers erected as a WWI memorial and the only one of its design. Its visibility was seen as a vital part of its meaning when the site was selected. It bears no names and only a simple inscription.

Ron Braddy read part of Donald L. Young's account of the **unveiling ceremony** on April 25, 1925: The night was perfect for the occasion. A dark clear night with no moon and the crowd gathered at the junction of Dean, Thurgoona and Garden Streets, at the foot of the hill..... the memorial was unveiled by General J.J. Paine, son of a former Albury Town Clerk.

Gerry Curtis talked about **Louis Harrison**, an architect of Deniliquin, who came to Albury in 1915. He had been Mayor of Deniliquin for a term. He was the architect for Hoyt's Regent Theatre (Dean Street), Dalgety's and Younghusband's wool stores, Commercial Club, Terminus Hotel, remodelling and additions to the Globe Hotel, as well as many homes, public buildings and woolsheds around the district. His last job was the Albury Ambulance Station. He was a foundation member of the Albury Rotary Club and a member of St Patrick's choir before his death in 1934 at the age of 63 years.

Tom Bartleson came from a family of eight children. As well as the Monument, he built the Wodonga water tower. He lived at 559 Stanley Street, Albury. His eldest son died at Gallipoli. After the death of his wife Mr Bartleson may have moved to Melbourne to be near some of his children. It is not known when or where he died, and we have no contact with any of his descendants. We would be grateful for any information.

It was suggested the Society write to the Albury City Council requesting that a plaque be placed on the Monument acknowledging the builder & the architect.

Members responded with great enthusiasm.

GIFTS for which the Society is most grateful:

Brisbane Water Historical Society and Henry Kendall Cottage & Museum, Gosford have passed on to us photos of Mount Buffalo, Glen Wills Hotel, Mitta, Murray & Tambo Rivers, as well as some of Sale, Ballarat, Warburton, Great Ocean Road etc.

Andrew Kelso of Narrabundah has sent an item from The Australian Surveyor of March 1965 about Surveyor, P.F. Adams; an article about the Murray River's source from the Riverlander, June 1964; articles on St Hilaire Vineyard and Experiments in Manuring of vines from the Wine and Spirit News, April 25, 1909; typed articles on Murray Valley Sparkling Wine and St Hilaire Sparkling Wine by "Bruni" from The Australasian, April 29, 1882.

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REPORT ON LAST MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER.

Gordon Dowling – "A very keen and successful fisherman"

He is known for his astute leadership as General Manager of the Border Morning Mail, in sport, especially swimming and diving, and for his charitable services.

June 3, 1913 was a great day for Albury. It was the day Gordon Robert Dowling was born, the son of Mr and Mrs Barclay Dowling. His achievements were documented by his son, John, when he was required to write, as part of a thesis, a Resumé on a Prominent Citizen.

Mr Dowling was educated at the Albury Public School and attended agricultural courses at the Albury Rural School. He started his working life as a **woolclasser** with **Farmers & Graziers** and joined the **Border Morning Mail** in 1936. He rose through the ranks of the Advertising and Circulation Departments to become **General Manager** in 1961, a position he held until his retirement in 1983. He has been a member of the NSW Country Press Association, Provincial Daily Newspapers of NSW, and Regional Dailies of Australia.

He was awarded, for his Rotary Club involvement, a Paul Harris Fellowship in 1986; in 1987 NSW Amateur Swimming Association Merit Service Award; in 1985 an **Order of Australia Medal** for Services to the Community; he was **Albury Citizen of the Year** in 1989. His community involvement has included the Chamber of Commerce, Regional Promotion Council, Floral Festival, Trade Fair, Mercy Hospital, Guadalupe House, Salvation Army Red Shield, Kalianna, NSW Challenge Foundation, Cancer Fund, Woodstock, Adamshurst, Australia Day, Albury/Wodonga (Junior) and Hume Football League & Water Polo Association Tribunals. His sporting participation included playing and coaching Albury Blues Rugby League; Albury Amateur Swimming Club and Owens & Murray Swimming Association; and St Patrick's Junior Football Club.

At our October meeting Gordon Dowling entertained those fortunate enough to be present. He told how part of his work for the Mercy Hospital involved grooming the **Floral Festival Queen** candidates – and how much he enjoyed the work. The Queen was appointed according to the amount of money raised and the winner was awarded a Border Morning Mail Gold Medallion sash. For three years the Mercy Hospital candidate won and there was quite a disturbance about this strength from up on the hill. Mr Dowling attempted to overcome the problem by arranging for two sashes: one for the Floral Festival Queen and one for the Fund Raising Queen. That year Margaret Ryan was the Mercy Hospital candidate and she won both of them!

Gordon, his four brothers and sisters, and their parents were **outdoor people**. Every summer the Dowling family loaded their goods and chattels on to Ashcroft's truck, with its solid rubber wheels, for a journey to Willow Bank in South Albury where they stayed for 6–8 weeks. They lived off the land: milk (and apple plums) from Nat Gray's dairy, vegetables from the Chinese gardeners, rabbits trapped on the Victorian side of the river, and Murray Cod of whatever size Mrs Dowling requested. Cod were available in abundance in those days.

The Dowlings were an **aquatic family** and Gordon was not the only one to excel in the water. His sister, Gwyn, who joined the Air Force, won the Services Diving Championship in Sydney competing against three State title holders but she never had the benefit of the intensive coaching available to city swimmers. Gordon won numerous country level swimming and diving championships, and qualified as a swimming referee in both NSW and Victoria, which was somewhat unique at the time.

He was a foundation member of a group of comedy divers, all members of the Albury Swimming Club. The **Krazy Kruet Krackers** did all sorts of terrible things and not without subsequent injuries because it was a dangerous act. The Krackers were a star attraction when swimming was a spectator sport and top class artists were brought from Melbourne and Sydney to perform at Water Follies about twice a year.

Mr Dowling is a speaker of note and his audience was left with a longing to hear more stories of his life in Albury, and especially of the Krazy Kruet Krackers whose antics obviously had great appeal.

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

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MUSEUM CHATTER NO 19

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Greetings history lovers and supporters of the Turks Head. I am pleased to report that the Museum additions and developments are just about finished. Paving is complete, the new entrance is in operation and I await the prospect of new signage, carpets and paint!! if you haven't been to see the Museum for a while come on down, you will be surprised.

EXHIBITIONS

The exhibition about Albury District Hospital has just finished its run in the temporary exhibition space. There was some good coverage in the press and on TV which resulted in some extra visitors. I would like to do another exhibition some time in the future which looked at the Nurses Training School in detail, including talking to some of the former students.

The next exhibition will be about Bonegilla. It was originally given the working title of Bonegilla Graffiti, however the exhibition title is now **Leaving Their Mark**. It will feature some of the new items which former migrants have generously donated to the collection as well as some panels from the old buildings and photographs of sites. It opens on the 13th November and will continue until the end of January. During this time museum staff will be available to record the oral histories of anyone associated with the Bonegilla Camp who is willing to speak about their lives.

CURATOR OF PUBLIC PROGRAMS.

The newest staff member at the museum is Helen Pithie, who joins us in the capacity of curator of Public Programs. It is good to welcome an enthusiastic and creative person to the team. Helen is currently working on ways to attract young people to the museum environment via some exciting holiday programs.

FORWARD PLANNING

Next year (good grief we are nearly there!!) I am planning only three temporary exhibitions. One of these will be about the Botanic Gardens. So, naturally I am already on the lookout for information about the history. The Museum holds lots of photos but what I am really looking for is recollections and memories of activities in the Gardens, picnics, parties, weddings, particular reasons for going to the gardens, memories of special plants or trees. More of an oral history approach really. However, if anyone has photos of the gardens or activities in the gardens - particularly during or after WWII, I would love to talk to you.

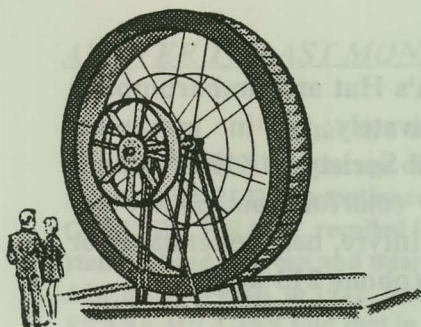
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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday December 12th, at the Commercial Club.

BRING & TELL As December is always a Bring and Tell Meeting we will uphold that tradition instead of discussing a Question of the Month. *(It would be a help to the Bulletin Editor if you please provide a brief written description of your item).* You are invited to bring along a family member or a friend as part of "Family Week".

GUEST SPEAKER In addition to our Bring and Tell night, we will have Ken Orchard of Wollongong University, who is currently conducting historical research into the series of stereographs made by George Burnell and E.W. Cole in 1862, entitled "Stereoscopic Views of Murray River Scenery", with support of the Australian Research Council.

Ken will talk about the research he has conducted over the past twelve months in the light of the series being incomplete in its present form. He is also very keen to talk with members of the local river Communities in the hope that they may be able to aid him in his ongoing research.

SUPPER

Did you notice how the gremlins got into the November Bulletin and invited the men to provide the supper - a month earlier than usual? --Well, we thought we'd make November a practice run for December, when the men usually bring and serve the supper so well.

TREASURER - With the recent resignation of our Treasurer, Reuben Wynn, due to ill health, our Society is URGENTLY appealing to any member who may feel they have the necessary attributes to undertake this position, or know of some-one that will, don't be shy, and PLEASE COME FORWARD.

NINETY YEARS YOUNG -

Two of our most loyal members have celebrated their 90th Birthdays :
Daintry Heywood on October 30 and Lucy Staton on November 22.

We offer our heartiest congratulations and wish them many more happy, healthy years.

Mrs C.S. McIntyre's Patchwork Quilt.

As mentioned in Bulletin 342, October 1995, The Pioneer Women's Hut at Tumbarumba is documenting quilts, made or used before 1960 held privately or in museums. In 1972 Mrs C.S. McIntyre (of Albury) gave the Albury Historical Society a "19th century patchwork quilt made by her grandparents in England from a colorful "pot-pourri" of service uniform materials". If anyone knows anything of Mrs McIntyre, her descendants or relatives, Helen Livsey would be pleased to have any information. (phone 213 671).

We thank John Henwood for two photographs given recently: Caerleon, later named Ranelagh, originally the home of the Thompson family, corner Hume Street and Wodonga Place, Albury; and what is believed to have been a Police lock-up, behind a house opposite the Turk's Head Hotel. Buildings in both pictures have been demolished.

The Anne Hogan Playground was opened in Sarson Street, Norris Park (off Union Road), Lavington, on November 1. The playground was dedicated by Cr. Patricia Gould in honour of Miss Hogan who was the Directoress of the Albury Pre-School 1957 to 1982. Although surprised at the honour, Miss Hogan is pleased that the Council chose a children's playground to receive her name.

Other ladies recognised in local place names are Elizabeth Mitchell (Drive) and Gertrude Colquhoun (Park).

DATES TO REMEMBER

23rd January 1996 - 7.30pm . Next Committee Meeting, to be held at the Xavier High School North Campus, off Currawong Street, North Albury.

10th February - 10.30am to 4pm The Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society will hold a seminar at the Charles Sturt University Archives, South Campus, Cnr Charlesville & College Aves, Wagga Wagga. Cost is \$20 (includes lunch). Speakers are Heather Garnsey & Martyn Killion. Programme includes Directories & their use in Family History ; Bridging the Gap - Discovering the origin of your ancestors from Australian source material; effective letter writing & note taking ; Hiring a professional genealogist. Further information from John Winterbottom at the Archives (069) 332623 or to book send money to the Secretary of the Wagga Wagga & District Family History Soc, P.O. Box 307, Wagga Wagga. 2650.

13th February 1996 - 8pm. First meeting for the Historical Society's new Year. Our Guest Speaker will be Dorothea Higgins, who will speak on the Marquis-de-Ray's expedition from Italy to New Ireland to Australia.

18th & 19th May 1996 - Advance Information received from the Wodonga Family History Soc. Inc of a weekend seminar to be held at the Baranduda Community Centre. Subjects will cover - St Catherines House Records; British Census; Newspaper and Shipping records; Port Phillip Records and Heraldry. For more information contact 060-289387 or 058- 548264.

MEMBERSHIP LIST (continued)


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All of You



ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

"What are our member's memories of their (first) X-rays ?

BETTY OSMOND at the age of 7 years had an x-ray in 1934 by Dr Smithwick in Henty for a broken wrist.

MARY THURLING mentioned compulsory TB screening.

GEORGE KRAIN recalled in Germany 1931 the patient would lay on the table whilst the operator would stand behind a screen and wear goggles.

ALLISON WEBB in 1942 had to take an iodine tasting liquid for her x-ray.

FRANK HIGGINS said that in 1942 operators were shielded by a lead screen.

Other uses for X-Rays included a Pediscope at David Jones to measure foot size for new shoes; engineering works and army service personnel upon enlisting.

REPORT ON LAST MONTHS MEETING

To celebrate the centenary of X-Rays, radiographer, Chris McQuellin gave us a very interesting talk, which he illustrated with many slides and included information about the men involved in pioneering work overseas and locally, both for diagnosis and treatment.

He entitled his talk - Albury's X-Ray Pioneer - who was he really ?.

William Crookes in the 1870's developed the vacuum tubes which led to Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen's discovery of X-Rays on Nov.8.1895. (Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen 1845-1923, a German Physicist, received the first Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901). A slide was shown of a drawing of the experimental apparatus used by him -very primitive by today's standards.

In Australia it was first reported in the Sydney Daily Telegraph, on 31 Jan 1896. The first Albury report was Friday Feb.21.1896 in the Border Post, and the Daily News on Sat.29 February 1896, when both papers reported on the first demonstration of the Roentgen rays. With reference to Dr.Cleaver Woods and W.W.Watson a photographer. Dr Woods was one of the first doctors remote from the capital cities to develop an interest in X-rays. He was born in Australia in 1852 and trained at Edinburgh University School of Medicine. In 1896, recognising the potential of X-rays he sought to introduce them to Albury, and arranged a demonstration of the new technique at the Albury Lands Office as early as September 1896 - and so Albury has claim to one of the earliest of the pioneers of X-rays.

Dr Patrick Kennedy came to Australia from Killaloe, Ireland (born in 1852). He returned to Dublin to attend the Royal College of Surgeons. Eventually he came to live in Albury where he bought the practice of Dr Ryan. He was active in the Albury Racing Club, Newtown Orphanage, a foundation member of the Albury Club. Dr Kennedy married Josephine Gibson in 1882. (His obituary appeared in the Albury Daily News July 24 1923).

October 15 1896 is the first local press report for an appeal to raise funds for the treatment of a patient of Dr Kennedy's with throat cancer. For Patrick Connor of Murrumbidgee, in the Kiewa Valley, (a brewery employee) the cost was ten shillings (10/-) per treatment. His weekly wage was Two Pounds (£2-0-0d).

Both Dr Woods & Dr Kennedy gave a lifetime of service to the Albury community, showing amazing insight in utilising Roentgen's discovery for the treatment of their patients. Dr Kennedy was the first Australian experimenter in using X-rays for the treatment of cancer, and it was fitting that he was buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Wilhelm Roentgen probably had little inkling of the benefits his new discovery would give the world when he took that first image of his wife's hand back in 1895. He could hardly have imagined that over the next 100 years, X-Ray technology would expand to the place it holds in medicine today.

Following our his talk, Cheryl Ryan, on behalf of all members and visitors present, thanked Chris for a very interesting and enlightening talk.

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**MUSEUM CHATTER NO 20
DECEMBER 1995**

Christmas Greetings to all our readers. This will be the last chance you will have to learn about events at the Museum in the current format. As part of the change of image for the Museum in 1996, we will be producing a quarterly newsletter which will be sent to all interested people, volunteers, media folk, libraries, other museums etc. Of course the Albury and District Historical Society will be included in the mailout. At this stage I hope that the newsletter will be colourful, informative and historic to such a degree that it will be in demand but we will see.

EXHIBITIONS

The current exhibition is about Bonegilla. **Leaving Their Mark** features new items which former migrants have generously donated to the collection. It includes two panels found in an old hut on which Greek migrants have written. (*Can anyone translate from Greek?*) There is a series of photos taken at Block 19 that is the only part of the original camp left now. It opened on the 13th November and will continue until the end of February. During this time museum staff will be available to record the oral histories of anyone associated with the Bonegilla Camp who is willing to speak about their lives.

The Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs, Senator Nick Bolkus, will be visiting the area in February to unveil a plaque at the Bonegilla site and to Launch an association of friends for Bonegilla. I am delighted with this recognition of the work of the Museum also the public recognition this will give to those migrants who passed through Bonegilla.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS.

Helen Pithie, curator of Public Programs, has devised an innovative holiday workshop for young people which will be held in the second half of the Christmas holidays. It will be a puppet making workshop looking at the use of puppets for storytelling (*does anyone remember Punch and Judy?*). If you know of any young ones who might be interested in this project, keep your eyes on the Border Mail for more details.

THE MUSEUM SHOP

At last there is a real Museum shop in place in the entrance to the Museum office. We have taken some old wooden items from Milos to use as part of the display and these show off the stock to perfection. The first items for sale are wonderful curiosities designed to interest people, especially children in the wonders of the environment. However there are also other things that would make great Christmas gifts. Come and have a look, all items are at very reasonable prices.

I leave you with good wishes for the festive season and hope to see you at the Museum soon.

Elizabeth Close

DIRECTOR

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM