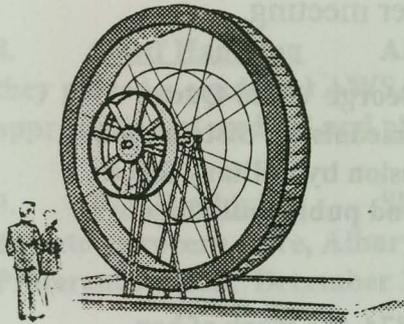


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*A presentation of slides showing Albury Homes
and special buildings will be made by Gerry Curtis*

**QUESTION OF THE MONTH: What is a Confectioner's Licence, and who in
Albury was granted one 150 years ago in 1848?**

ALBURY IN 1898: Advertisements from the *Albury Banner*

Private Hospital. Sister Dempsey, David Street (between Swift and Wilson Streets) Albury

"Avilion" Private Hospital. Miss E. Faulding Chapman. Successor to Mrs Pounceby

**E. Heilmann. Practical watchmaker & Jeweller, Town Hall Buildings, Opposite
Mechanics' Institute, Dean Street, Albury**

**Ellis and Son. Prize Coach, Buggy, Sulky and Waggon Builders. Agricultural Implement
Makers and General Smiths. E.C. Ellis, Manager, Townsend Street (Opp. T.H. Mate & Co)**

**Scanlan & Blacklock. Albury Implement Agency. Cycle Makers and Dealers, Albury
Sole Agents: The Austral Cycle Agency Limited, 139-141 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne**

**R.A. Potts & Son. Wholesale and Retail Family Grocers & Ironmongers, China, Crockery
and Glassware, Beehive Buildings, Dean Street, Albury**

M. Blasbalk. Watchmaker, Jeweller & Optician, Dean Street, Albury

I X L Soap Works. Townsend Street, Albury. F.W. Thornander (Successor to H.H. Patterson)

T. Chubb. Saddle & Harness Factory, Justice's Buildings, Dean Street, Albury

Helm Bros. General Blacksmiths & Buggy Builders, Townsend Street, Albury

Hume Foundry. Albury. Charles Lampitt, Manager

C. Reis & Co. General Merchants, Wilson St, Albury. Alteration to premises completed.

Mrs Hopper's Registry Office for Servants, No. 1 Selle's Terrace, Olive Street, Albury

The following items were shown at the Bring and Tell December meeting.

1. **John Craig** Medallion to celebrate the coronation of King George V and Queen Mary. June 22, 1911. Mayor Cleaver Woods purchased about 1,500 medals for distribution to school children. Activities in Albury on that day included a procession by military forces, Fire Brigade and the Albury Band, and fireworks. Business houses and public buildings were bedecked in gay colours.
2. **Gwen McAulay** A tapestry sampler made in Yorkshire 1874, the work of her grandfather's sister. It lists the parents and the twelve children of the family, the eldest being Gwen's grandfather.
3. **Howard Jones** A copy of Townsend's 1839 plan of Albury
 A tie insert, probably made of celluloid, possibly 1920s or 30s
 An invitation to the opening, on March 9, 1958, of St. Anne's Primary School and the blessing of the foundation stone of the Sacred Heart Church on the same day. (courtesy of Frank Higgins)
 Australian National Airways passenger information cards for a flight on Dec. 2, 1948 Launceston to Melbourne detailing the staff on the plane, and the weather as they flew over Wonthaggi that day. The cards were to be passed around for each passenger to read and were the forerunner of the information now conveyed over a public address system.
Border Morning Mail of May 16, 1978 announcing the Inner Bypass of Albury was to go ahead
 Welsh lady porcelain ornament, undated.
4. **Shirley Miller** The G.A. Thompson Cup for the East Albury Golf Club Championship which was awarded to her, as Miss S. Saunders, in 1934. The Club started in 1912, constructed by Shirley's father, with a nine-hole course, and operated for five years on Vallambrosa Estate between, what is now, Mount St & Chambers Avenue. In 1933 the Club moved to Alexandra Park.
5. **Claude Burke** As an old newsagent (his words) he is a hoarder of papers & brought along a Fiji Sun Feb. 1976 from which he read headlines and adverts.
6. **Jim Paterson** Heart-shaped aluminium bookmark depicting the Phonograph Dept. of Blakes Busy Book Bazaar, Albury. (Made in America)
 A British Boer War Peace Medallion. Reverse side: "Wodonga 1900".
 Hume Weir Cricket Club 1924-25 Badge No. 1. Jim is interested to know who was the No. 1 member of the club
 Small bronze/brass name-plate: Barklamb Bros. monumental masons
 Younghusbands' wallet with gold lettering
 Albury-Lavington bus timetable, (Testro Timetables, Melbourne): undated and carrying advertisements including Brady's corner store, Frauenfelder St, North Albury, Pearson Pharmacy, and Ian Litster painter, & Jackson, hairdresser.
 Football photo: Hume Weir-Albury Premiers 1922
7. **Tom Jelbart** Two paintings on canvas by M.L. Rowan, reproductions from the early 1900s of Irishman, Edward Patrick Kinsella's much-copied works: Hope of His Side and Out First Ball.

8. **Geoff Hamilton** Albury Soccer Club pennant signed by all the Socceros when they played a combined AWSA team at Lavington Feb 1, 1990 presented to Geoff in appreciation of medical and physiotherapy services to the team.
9. **Ron Braddy** Shield awarded to his father, Bert Braddy, manager of Moran & Cato's grocery store, Albury, for the Best Window Display for Australian-Made Preference Week, December 1924.
- 10 **Gerry Curtis** Grister, used to grind wheat into flour. It was made by Lovelock of London and belonged to the late Gordon Spencer's grandfather
- 11 **Reg Garland** Photo of the Band at a Legacy Ball at the Palais Royal, Albury Nov 7, 1958

The Bulletin Editor thanks contributors who wrote descriptions of their items. The full details will be kept on file for future reference.

W.A. WATER

Our *Bulletin* Editor, Janice Lynch, was accorded the honour of turning on the water supply at her hometown of Duranillin, W.A. on Dec. 11. Duranillin is 66ks east of Collie and 109ks east of Bunbury and was Janice's home from 1956 to 1992, when she moved to Albury.

Duranillin sprouted from the fettlers who arrived with the railway line in 1916 and left the township bereft on their removal in 1968. The little town has never had more than 100 people, plus the farming community, but supports two general stores, providing photocopy and fax services, while water came by rail all the way from Collie! In 1990 piped water would have cost \$70,000 per residence or business. A plentiful underground water source is now available to supply the 20 residential and commercial properties at a total cost of \$56,500.

Janice's campaign to gain a water supply for the small community began in 1986 and she was delighted to have been asked back to open the facility.

(Helen Livsey)

POTATO FAMINE DESCENDANTS

The Irish Famine Commemoration Committee is developing a database of people who can trace their Irish forebears back to the potato famine of 1845-50, with its peak in 1847. More than a million people left the country between 1845-1860 following the failure of the crops through blight in 1845 and 1846, which left a shortage of seed potato for planting in the following years. Further information about the database can be obtained from the Committee, P.O. Box 215, Heidelberg, Vic. 3084.

Notice to Members

Angus & Robertson no longer offer our members 10% discount on book purchases.

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday, Feb 24, 7.30pm Xavier High School North Campus, Fallon Street (entry off Currawong Street), North Albury

MONUMENT CLASSIFICATION

The following information about National Trust Classification was contained in a letter to the Albury City Council in November advising that the Albury War Memorial and Monument Hill Parklands have been Classified by the National Trust of Australia (NSW) and included on its Register.

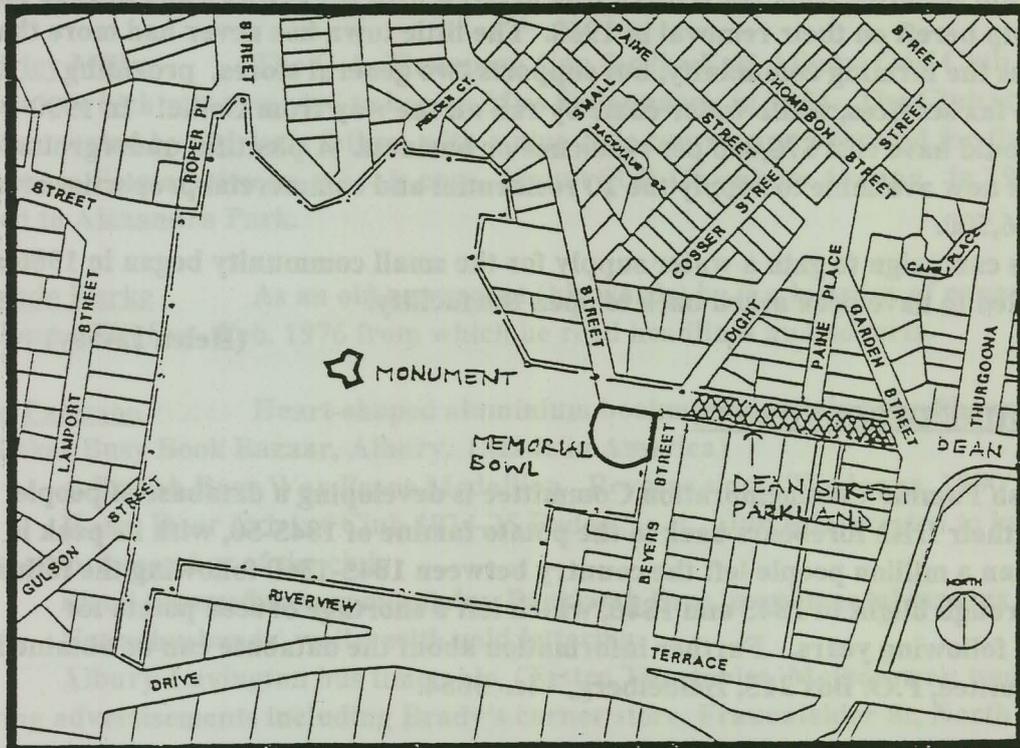
The Register lists those buildings, sites, and areas which, in the Trust's opinion, falls within the following definition.

"Those places which are components of the natural or the cultural environment of Australia, that have aesthetic, historical, architectural, archaeological, scientific, or social significance or other special value for future generations, as well as for the present community."

Classification by the National Trust does not have any legal force. It is however, recognised as an authoritative statement of the heritage significance of a building, site, item, or area, and by listing such items in its Register, the Trust hopes to advise the public of the value of Australia's National Heritage and encourage its conservation.

The Trust does not advocate rigid and unnecessarily restrictive development controls with regard to listed items or places but recommends that their significance as part of the national, state or local heritage should be conserved through controls that allow, where necessary, for new and compatible development and associated works which respect the character of the place or item through enhancement rather than conflict.

The boundary of the listing is the existing extent (1997) of the Monument Hill Parklands as shown on the map.....



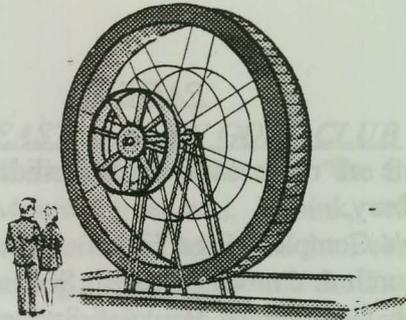
Information from the Trust's "Listing Card", 3 pages of history, description and significance of the site, will be placed in the filing cabinet in the Local History Room at the Albury Library.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday March 10, Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

GUEST SPEAKERS Mr Ted Landon, former Chief Executive Officer at the Old Albury Base Hospital, will give an introduction to our guest speakers Joyce Star, Chris McDonald, Betty Osmond and Marie Lee.

All former nurses at the hospital, they will give an insight into their former profession, as well as reliving some of the lighter moments whilst serving there.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Name the Matron or Charge Nurse of the Albury Hospital during the typhoid outbreak of 1898 (100 years ago).

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

What is a Confectioner's Licence, and who was granted one in Albury 150 years ago in 1848 ?

BETTY OSMOND gave the answer to this question - It was John Strickland.

He was granted the licence from the Colonel Secretary in February 1848.

The licence was thought to be some form of regulation of food supplies or merely a mode of raising revenue. (details supplied from Dr Andrews History of Albury-page 14).

JANICE LYNCH supplied information about Confectionery.

Confectionery is of two kinds, sugar and flour. Sugar confectionery means sweets in which sugar is the main ingredient. Either they consist of sugar in very fine crystal form dispersed in a sugar solution and flavoured, such as chocolate cremes or fondants, or there may be sugar maintained in a solution of a careful blend of the different types of sugar - boiled sweets, toffees or caramels.

Fats, Milk and nuts were employed to obtain a variety of flavours and textures.

Before the 19th century sweets and candies were the monopoly of apothecaries, who made them to hide the taste of their drugs. Flour confectionery consists of pastries and fancy cakes having flour as their basic but sweetened and mixed with various dairy products such as butter and eggs. More than 70 agricultural products are used in the making of confectionery. (Ref from Britannica and New Age Encyclopedias).

EDITORS NOTE There are several advertisements listing " Baker & Confectioners " From the 1895-1897 Border Post Almanac's They are -

R.Denison (Townsend St); J.C.Little (Olive St); F.Sigg (Dean St); J.P.Eck (Townsend St). J.Treloar was also listed as a caterer in City Cafe, Dean Street, and sold confectionery.

REPORT ON FEBRUARY MEETING

Gerry Curtis presented a descriptive and informative programme of more than seventy slides, showing many of the homes and special buildings in and around Albury.

These included - Kia Ora; Bonegilla House; Bellevue; St Mathew's Complex; Fred Heath's home; The Courthouse; Model School; Convent of Mercy; St Patricks Church & Convent Chapel; Soden's Hotel; F.A. Selle's The Carriageway ; Masonic Hall; Globe hotel; Commercial Bank of Sydney; Ranelagh guest house; Botanical Gardens; Albury Sports Ground Grandstand; Christian Brothers Monastery; St Patrick's Hall; Bogong Chambers; Mr George Adams home; Jack Arnold's home; and Wilcara were just some of the slides shown to members and visitors attending our last meeting.

We thank Gerry for such an interesting night, where members and visitors were able to take a trip back down memory lane, and also to Chris McQuellin for taking the slides.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING (where in operation) finishes 2am Sunday March 29.

SENIORS WEEK (March 15-22)

To celebrate Seniors Week, there will be an EXPO and workshops at the Convention Centre in Albury on Wednesday 18 March.

Also on this date, Historical Society member, Gerry Curtis will be conducting two short walking tours from the Convention Centre down Kiewa Street and return.

The tours will start at 11am and at 3pm.

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Each organisation will be asked to talk about their aims and objectives. This will be followed by a member from each group giving details about what they are doing to celebrate Heritage Week.

Heritage Week will be celebrated in N.S.W. between April 26-May 3.

The theme this year is "Our Country Heritage".

ALBURY REGIONAL ART CENTRE PROGRAM -

20 February-22nd March -"The Atlanta Dream:the Black and White Exhibition"

A photographic exhibition of well known Australian Olympian athletes such as Sam Riley, Trish Fallon, and also modern music artists such as Christine Anu, INXS and Human Nature.

March 6-29 The La Trobe Collection exhibition.

Includes the work of well known Australian artists such as Fred Williams, Clifton Pugh, John Olsen and Rick Amor.

April 5-4 May - Mandy Martin "Tracks : Back "O Bourke"

An exhibition of drawings and paintings by Australian artist Mandy Martin based on the enviroment of the Murray Darling Basin. The exhibition aims to "provide a feeling for the region and its ecology through the examination of a sample range of landscapes & seasonal conditions"

April 17-17 May -"The King of the Accordion" (Read a story,see a picture).

EAST ALBURY GOLF CLUB

Shirley Miller writes that "the East Albury Golf Club was originally on Vallambrosa Estate between Mount Street and, I think, what would be now Chambers Avenue, about 1928 (not 1912 as mentioned on page 2 of the February Bulletin). I was 14 and always, after school and on holidays, hitting a golf ball around the Estate so my Dad (Jack Saunders) made a putting green in the corner, just opposite our land, which soon developed into nine greens. It was a wonderful little golf course and soon most of the top-notch players from Albury Club joined us and, as I knew a lot of them, I got a lot of tuition.

I won one championship which was two weeks tuition from a Melbourne professional which was great. I think the joining fee was at first 5/-. Unfortunately five years later roads and houses began to appear and we had to find another place. Dad had built a little club house on the corner of our land (Jamieson & Mount Streets). We had everything.

The Golf Club moved to Alexander Park in 1933 and in 1934 I won the G.A. Thompson Championship Cup at the age of 20; handicap 14. When I was married the cup went off with my things. It laid around and I wanted to get rid of it but my husband, Tom, wouldn't hear of it, so it just tarnished and blackened. When our eldest daughter, Wendy, married Brian Moriarty and some years later they started winning cups and trophies, Tom thought it time mine came to light, so he found it, had it resilvered and it is now 63 years old."

SOCCEROOS

It was an Albury Hotspurs pennant which the Soceroos signed for Geoff Hamilton when they played here in 1990. Apologies, Geoff. (Bring & Tell Report, Feb. Bulletin).

GIFTS for which the Society is most grateful:

This is your City. The Twin Cities board game. Jacqui Bullivant has passed on to us this game, manufactured in 1985-86, for players of all ages. It previously belonged to her aunt, the late Mrs Doris Westhorpe.

Mrs Joan Gray has donated documents from the estate of her late sister, Mrs Betwyn Barker: *Memories* of one of the Society's early members, and officer-bearer, the late Claud Hazelwood. The text and photographs are in a bound wooden cover with an inscription to Mrs Betwyn Barker. An insight into life on Urangeline: stock, shearing, school, sport, etc.

Booklet, *Historic "Brookong" and Antique "Urangeline"*, by H.L. Browne with typed comments by C.C. Hazelwood.

Photographs of the young C.C. Hazelwood on horseback, and of Urangeline Station in 1987.

Notes on blade-shearing. Newspaper articles including Urangeline, by Terry McGoverne BMM July 25, 1987, and Bobby Rand by Howard Jones BMM July 9, 1994

HABERFIELDS A Family Dairy Tradition is the 14th book to be written by local historian, journalist and Historical Society member, Howard Jones. The book details the remarkable story of Haberfields, the dairy company that grew from a horse-drawn milk run in 1931. The Company was to face and survive the Great Depression, supplied camps in WW11, the Kiewa Hydro Scheme and the Bonegilla migrant camp.

Cheese production began in the 1940's and the Company went on to become a major Australian food exporter. In 1996 the family business was sold to Parmalat Aust P/L.

This is not just a Company or family story, but reflects many social changes in Albury and the wider district. It is available from the Dairy Shop in South Albury for \$15.

VALE REUBEN WYNN

It is with sorrow that we record the death on February 8, of one of our esteemed members, Mr Reuben Wynn. He was aged 79 years.

Reuben was a member of our Society since 1991 and went on to hold the position of Treasurer in July 1994 until his resignation in November 1995 because of poor health.

His funeral was held on Thursday February 12.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife Betty, two sons, Raoul and Marcel along with their respective families.

Members observed a minutes silence at our February meeting in his memory.

The Military Historical Society of Australia (Albury-Wodonga Branch)

Members have changed their meeting nights so as not to clash with our Society.

Future meetings will be on the first Monday of the months of March, May, July, Sept. and November, usually at the V.M.R. Museum, Victoria Street, Albury at 8pm.

In their latest newsletter, they mention that issue of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 has begun. It recognises service, short of war, between 1945-1975 in a number of regions of the world including Japan, Korea, PNG, West New Guinea, Thailand-Malaysia. The ribbon is navy blue, khaki, green, yellow, green, khaki, airforce blue. It is worn after campaign awards and before long-service and foreign awards.

Branch contacts are - President: Don Campbell (02-6059 2961) and Sec/Treas: Doug Hunter (02-6021 2835).

MONTHLY MEETING NIGHTS FOR HISTORICAL ORGANISATIONS

As a matter of interest, readers may like to know the following information :-

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| 1st Tuesday | Wodonga Historical Society |
| 2nd Tuesday | Albury Historical Society |
| 3rd Tuesday | Wodonga Family History |
| 4th Tuesday | Albury Historical Society Committee |

JINDERA PIONEER MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Members will hold their Annual General Meeting at the Museum on March 9 at 8pm.

In his annual report for 1997, President Peter Moll praised the help given by volunteers in manning the museum.

There had been a downturn in casual patrons to the museum, however it was pleasing to see that the number of school children visiting had increased, and it was hoped that the Museum's depiction of the early settler's lives will broaden their outlook and give them an appreciation of life in the early days.

The Pioneer Museum and Historical Society is now an incorporated body and the new constitution is available for all to see at the front desk.

During the year some repairs and improvements were carried out. These included some new flooring in the Vestibule, painting in the Bedchamber, improved wheelchair access to the toilets and some paving around them. Also a mesh ally-way was placed in the Blacksmith so it could be opened to the public.

Last December a film unit making a documentary on Federation carried out two hours filming in the shop.

This film will be shown on TV later in the year. Mr Moll commented that it will be interesting to see if they use some of this film in the finished product.

1998 marks the Society's 30th birthday, and it will most likely incorporate an anniversary celebration dinner in October.

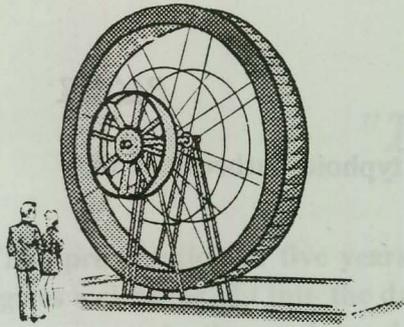
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between April 26-May 3.
The theme this year is "Our Community Heritage".*

MEMBERS NOTE -- The May monthly meeting will take place on the second Tuesday, as usual, May 12, at the Commercial Club, commencing at 8pm.

This will be a members photographic identification evening, of buildings in and around Albury.

Question of the Month for May.

How many Railway Stations were there between Albury and Wagga Wagga in 1898 (100 years ago) and can you name them ?

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S QUESTION

Name the Matron or Charge Nurse of the Albury Hospital during the typhoid outbreak of 1898 (100 years ago).

Information supplied by Helen Livsey and Chris McQuellin.

Albury Hospital

Superintendent and Matron :

- 1897 Almanac Mr & Mrs Kershaw
 Mr Kershaw died Dec.1897
 (at ALBURY PRIVATE HOSPITAL, David St, the Staff Nurses
 were Pounceby and Winter)
- 1898 Almanac Mr & Mrs MacGillivray
 (Advert for Private Hospital, David St : Mr & Mrs Kershaw, late
 of the Albury Hospital).

*Extra Information of interest to readers -taken from the 1898 Almanac -
 Subscription to admit patient in 1898 was £2.2s ; bona fide laborer, £1.*

*Albury Hospital -President - George Day, MLC ; Vice-Pres ; F.W. Tietyens ; Treasurer, Thos
 Affleck; Secretary, R.A. Potts; Collector, R.Rixon.*

Resident Surgeon, Dr R Neville Woodside ; Hon Surgeons, Drs Andrews and Muller.

*Committee - W.Carkeek, John.L.M'Eachern, C.Reis, J.R.Chapman, K.M'Lennan, John
 F.Maloney, C.Ten Brink, Thos.Affleck, Chas Schmiedt, Jacob Brann.*

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS -

We wish Cleaver Bunton, Patron of our Society, a Very Happy 96th Birthday on May 5.

Wodonga Historical Society May 6

The Society is promoting a night of reminiscing among people associated with the "Old" saleyards.

Everyone that has a story to tell, an experience to relate, together with family is invited and friends to the Wodonga Football Clubrooms on Wed. May 6 1998. Historical items and photographs will be on display. Viewing and socialising from 7pm. Formal start 7.30pm. M.C. for the evening : Brian McKoy. There will be an admission of \$5 which includes supper. Enquiries to Jim Parker 03-57261396.

ALBURY MUSEUM

March 30 - April 17 - "The Midnight Grocer"

George Geraghty was known as the "Midnight Grocer" as he often delivered orders very late at night. This was a continuation of a longstanding trade practice when shops opened till late and deliveries were made after hours.

Brennan and Geraghty's Store was established in Maryborough, Qld, in 1871 and was still operated by the Geraghty family a century later. This exhibition is about the culture of shopping - in this instance grocery shopping - in a similar way to our local experience of Abikhair's clothing and haberdashery. The store, and associated buildings, was acquired by the National Trust in 1975 to save it for posterity. The store is now open to the public.

April 20-30 - "The Red Cross in Black Patches"

ANZAC commemoration this year centres on the work of the Red Cross hence "The Red Cross in Black Patches.

The Red Cross Regional Centre Murray/Riverina in conjunction with the Museum will present this display for 10 days only.

"Tintaldra 1873-1878

BOOK REVIEW by Jan Marsden

The presentation of five years of the lifetime diary of CHARLES TRENCH ARMSTRONG gives a clear insight into the day to day working of a station in the 1870's, and although there is a sameness in the work carried out, there is also variety, far more human contact than one imagines, distances seem no object, and there is frequent contact with neighbours near and far. While inter-dependant, there is still room for personality clashes, snitching, and all the other attributes of human nature, but no matter the difference of opinion, visitors were always offered a meal, and accommodation if needed, - a strange mix - maybe born of respect for anyone who accepted the challenge of this land of isolation and climatic extremes.

The distances covered, to the markets at Beechworth, the Lands Office in Wodonga, the Governing Land Body in Melbourne, the Court House in Albury, the evening visits to neighbouring stations for social gatherings, a visit from the Policeman at Mitta Mitta, all part of life then, when transport was by horse, makes today's "busy lifestyle" seem very parochial!

Being a "Townie", it took a little while to work out just what "Ran the Fence" really meant, but I was more intrigued by the "Rough and Tumble" paddock. It seemed to accommodate strays from other properties, a few head needing attention. On one occasion it held 1100 head of cattle en-route from Namoi to Gippsland over Omeo!

Some fence to run on a regular basis, & it seemed all fences were checked almost daily.

The lot of a Station Overseer is certainly varied and, apart from doing and organising the "outside" jobs, the Homestead killing and salting, the overseer made Vinegar, rendered the Beeswax, bottled the honey, made Tomato Sauce, and Grape Jam. dried the Figs, tended the vege garden and pampered the grape vines, and so on.

Maybe the "Hut Keeper" made the soap and candles? There would be little time to feel isolated, and his writing gives the impression that all this was the norm.

He is obviously a man of learning and culture. What brought him to Australia aged 11 years? and what brought him to the Bush? He seems equally at ease meeting with Baron von Mueller, the Botanist, at Walwa Station, the Lady Mayoress of Melbourne at a private function there; dressed in suit, hat, gloves and cane attending the Melbourne Opera, the Philharmonic Concerts in Albury, the Banquet and Ball to celebrate the opening of the Wodonga Rail Link, as he is in collecting the Virus from the lungs of a freshly killed Pleuro beast, to inoculate 300 head in 2.1/2 hours!

For a time he managed the Station Store and also did a mail run.

He courted Mifs (a touch of the Olde World) Annie Pascoe in 1875 but they did not marry until 1882 by which time Charles Trench had moved onto a property near Nyngan with two of his brothers. Sadly Annie died two weeks after their daughter was born.

He married again in 1907.

Today his Grandson, Charles Trench Armstrong, is on the Nyngan property.

Some interesting comparisons :- "The Boss" Sydney Grandison Watson had 4 runs totalling 60,800 acres for which he paid £360 a year.

The Cudgewa Run was 69,000 acres at a rent of £400 a year. This ran sheep but on his other properties he ran around 7000 head of cattle of varying ages.

The general price for a beast at the farm gate was £7, the purchaser was responsible for the transportation, often to Melbourne. The Droving fee was 7/- per head.

REPORT ON MARCH MEETING

Mr Ted Landon, former Chief Executive Officer at the Old Albury Base Hospital, was our first guest, after a very brief talk he presented to the Historical Society, a box containing slides of the old Albury Base Hospital, that he had taken over a period of thirty years from 1960-1990. The slides included scenes of the various wards, district nurses, and other historical memories.

In accepting the slides, our President, Geoff Hamilton thanked Mr Landon for his gesture and assured him that the slides would be looked after, and sometime in the near future they will be shown to members at a slide evening.

Four former nurses at the old Albury Base Hospital were invited to give an insight into their former profession, as well as re-living some of the lighter moments whilst serving there. They were Joyce Star, Chris McDonald, Betty Osmond and Marie Lee.

Unfortunately JOYCE STAR was unable to attend because of a prior engagement. She was known as Sister Miller, and started her training during the war, then moved to various places, until she returned to Albury as a Sister.

CHRIS McDONALD, a retired Wodonga Hospital Matron, talked about what the Albury hospital was like when she started in the Spring of 1944 at the age of 18 and started her general training, when it was called the Albury District Hospital.

Training was a four year course. Albury was a totally different town even though it was war time, and the Albury Hospital was the main and only public hospital for miles around. There was no Mercy Hospital at that stage, and there was a private hospital in Olive Street, which was later taken over by the Mercy Sisters.

Wodonga had a private Hospital.

The Albury District Hospital consisted of female and children's ward in one wing and the male ward of Watson Gray in the other wing. They were very basic by today's standards. They had flywire around the verandahs & canvas blinds that used to flap. On winter nights it was pretty grim out there as the verandahs were filled with beds of patients.

There were up to 200 patients in those times, but it must be remembered that patients stayed much longer than nowadays. A coronary patient stayed for 6 weeks in bed on total care. Nurses even fed these patients.

There was a mortuary located near where the T.B. ward was eventually built.

And there was an isolation ward near Smollett Street. It was a square building with a flywire enclosed verandah, where whooping cough, mumps, scarlet fever and even polio patients were nursed. Visitors weren't allowed to enter the wards, they used to come up to the flywire and converse with the patients that way.

In the male ward, (Gray Ward) there used to be TB active patients. There were no drugs to treat them in 1944. The only treatment was a good diet and their lungs were collapsed periodically to try to encourage healing. When drugs did come, it was like a miracle.

The old wards had nothing on the floor. They were just board floors and in 1944, until the displaced persons came to Bonegilla, there were very few domestic staff, so the nurses were also responsible for the cleaning of the hospital. These displaced persons, were to have a big impact on the nurses' very busy lives.

Chris did her midwifery certificate when she was 49 years. In those days there were no humidicribs and the only way to keep babies warm was by using water bottles.

BETTY OSMOND

Betty started nursing at the end of the two years that Chris talked about and nursing conditions had slightly improved. Betty didn't do any sweeping and dusting, and she was a Senior for quite a while, because the hospital was short of staff.

Chris spoke about the qualifications needed for nursing. An intermediate certificate or entrance exam to start nursing and be 18 years old. Betty started after WW11 and cadets were being taken because of trainee shortages.

Nurses were addressed by their surnames and when addressed by Matron or anyone else in authority, they stood with their hands behind their back. There was a lot of discipline. At night special permission was needed to go out, and nurses had to be back at midnight.

Uniforms when she started were grey, (because striped material was unavailable) brown shoes and stockings and they wore a blue cape. They had white caps with lace on the top in their fourth year.

It was a four year course, and Betty was the only one to sit exams and that happened for the last 2 years. Exams were held twice a year at Wagga Wagga.

Betty said that nurses were taught on the boards. She hated Methylated spirits and powder - these being used to prevent bedsores, however modern prevention is much better.

Nurses were taught how to make beds with the patients still in them, and how to lift patients to prevent backstrain.

MARIE LEE

Came from a large family, & her older sister had gone nursing at the Albury Base. She had learnt to smoke and drink a glass of beer, so she was discouraged from going nursing, and it wasn't on the agenda until her Mother was ill and had to spend a month in hospital in Melbourne. Marie learnt that there was more to a hospital than what she had grown up to believe. She believed that at Albury Base Hospital you went to have your appendix out, your tonsils out or to die. There was no in-between, that was what hospitals were for.

She learnt in Melbourne that there was much more to nursing, so she asked her Mother if she could nurse, and she approved on two conditions (she thought -no smoking or drinking), but her Mother said that the two things that nurses needed most in hospital was (1) to wear makeup (2) always wear a smile.

Her Mother died in March 1959, and Marie went nursing in August 1959. Still a four year course.

Marie had worked for four years at Blackie's Chemist as an unregistered chemist assistant. Mr Blackie, was a bachelor, and when he died he left money, which was used to build Blackie House maternity ward at Albury Base Hospital.

Wages - Marie was getting £11 a week at Blackies, and got £11 a fortnight when she went nursing however this included board & lodgings. Still had to get late passes to go out at night.

In the nurses' home they had a house mother who kept the girls under strict control.

She spoke of the ancillary staff who were the domestics - they were the only "human people" there as far as the junior nurses were concerned. The majority were new Australians, delightful people, and they mothered the junior nurses.

Marie commented that the four years she spent at the Hospital was the four most memorable years of her life.

CENTENARY OF FEDERATION COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Albury City Council are inviting interested individuals and representatives from relevant community groups to nominate as delegates for a Centenary of Federation Community Committee.

The role of this Committee will be to devise Centenary of Federation Celebratory concepts that may be eligible for grant funding through the NSW Centenary of Federation Committee.

In addition, the Community Committee will assist with organisation of Centenary of Federation Celebrations to be held in Albury in 2001.

Submissions for grant funding are required by the NSW Centenary of Federation Committee by July 1998.

The Community Committee will continue to manage Albury Centenary of Federation celebrations up until the actual event in 2001.

Nominations close April 13, 1998.

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A LADY PHYSICIAN

(taken from the Albury Border Post Fri. Jan. 25. 1889)

The medical profession in Sydney is just now a little disturbed by open air performances of a lady physician, who cures all conditions of ills, and yanks teeth wholesale from the mouths of the innocent public.

Early in the evening she shows round town in an emblazoned vehicle (drawn by three horses abreast), on the top of which is seated a brass band. After traversing the principal streets she adjourns to an open space adjoining Liverpool street, and from her vehicle invites all persons suffering from any complaints to come forward and be permanently cured. Since her arrival she has drawn some thousands of teeth, given satisfaction in regard to more serious cases. Often a case will be undertaken, in which the sufferer is well-known to city folk, who are really in sympathy with the unfortunate. Then interest in the case will heighten, and any sign of improvement will be met with continued applause. During the time patients are being under treatment the brass band very feelingly rolls out a series of accompaniments to the various operations.

The lady is said to be a French Canadian, and speaks only in her own tongue, having an interpreter "to let the public into the secret."

There are many amusing cases brought under notice, yet the female doctor has caused a sensation far and ahead of the generality of her class.

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FRIENDSHIP

*What is friendship ? it is many things :-
It is feeling completely natural with another,
shedding all pretence and shame, just being yourself.
It is sharing with another both big and little things,
Joy and sorrow, laughter and tears.
It is counting on another to understand your moods,
To put up with your failings, to be there when you need him most
with a word of encouragement, a smile, a look.*

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday May 26, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

CELTIC NAMES RESEARCH

A compilation of Celtic Names (Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall Channel Islands etc) is at present being undertaken by Assunt Publications.

This book will also cover names being researched from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, England.

Members who may be interested in submitting their family research names are allowed to submit as many entries as they like for a donation of 5 x 45c postage stamps.

Forms to be returned a.s.a.p. with the closing date being 1st August 1998.

The books will be available in September 1998.

Further information about forms and purchasing books/computer disks, can be obtained from Assunt Publications, P.O. Box 636, Cooroy, Qld. 4563. by 1st August 1998.

HANDY HINT

Removing Photos from Photo Albums with Self Adhesive Pages. - Here's a solution you might want to try. It does work, but you have to be extremely careful.

By using a hair drier on the lowest setting and carefully working your way from one corner of the photo down, you should be able to remove the photo without damaging it.

(Murrumbidgee Ancestor).

The Wodonga Family History Society (Inc) extends an invitation to past and present members to their 10th Anniversary dinner to be held 7pm Sat. May 16.1998 at the Blazing Stump Hotel Function Room.

RSVP April 30. to Judy Seymour 02-6028 9387 or Bonnie Cooper 02-6024 4304

FOR BUDDING POETS

Here's a chance for members to show a little creativity, and at the same time include a little bit of history.

Members are encouraged to write a small poem (no more than 10 lines, please) which is to include something of a historical nature.

It can be humorous or of a serious nature - the choice is yours.

Whilst it is realised that not all members originated from the Albury district, it could be about life in general, or snippets of local history, pertaining to the area they came from before living here.

This is not a competition. The idea behind this is to encourage members to put pen to paper (not all of us are able to be public speakers), and then at the discretion of the Committee, a poem will be selected each month, for inclusion in the *Bulletin*, (subject to available room).

A special folder will be placed on the main table at each meeting, so that these valuable poetic memoirs can be enjoyed by all members.

Finally, we would like to know who is the author, so please don't forget to include your name - most important.

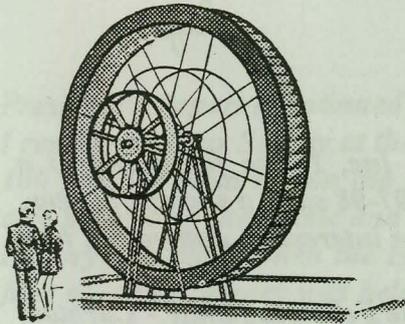
*And Finally : If you find mistakes in this or any of our *Bulletin*'s, kindly remember they are there for a specific purpose.*

Your hard-working Editor "Aims to Please" and publishes something for everyone and some people just look for mistakes.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday June 9, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING followed by the monthly meeting.

GUEST SPEAKER - Mr Jim Paterson will give a talk about the history of postcards.

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. *Minutes of the previous A.G.M. held on June 10.1997*
2. *President's Report (see page 2 & 3)*
3. *Treasurer's Report & Audited Accounts.*
4. *Election of Committee of twelve (including Office Bearers), Public Officer and Honorary Auditor.*

The following nominations have been received

<i>President</i>	<i>Geoff Hamilton</i>
<i>2 x Vice President's</i>	<i>--</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Ron Braddy</i>
<i>Minute Secretary</i>	<i>--</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Tom Jelbart</i>

Committee - Janice Lynch, Claire Simpson, Mary Thurling, Helen Livsey, Jan Marsden, Howard Jones, Betty Osmond, Claude Burke, Reg Garland.

Public Officer : Helen Livsey Hon. Auditor : --

6. *General Business : To set the annual Membership Fees.*
The Committee recommends the following subscription rates.
\$17 adult \$20 family \$21.00 Corporate

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who mailed the first postcard in Australia, in what year, and to whom was it addressed ?

Wodonga Saleyards History will be available at our A.G.M. at \$5 a copy, kindly made available by the Wodonga Historical Society.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

In presenting this, my first report as President of the A.D.H.S. Inc, I give full credit to a wonderful committee who all played a prominent part in making 1997-98 such a successful year. Reminiscing over this period, one must agree that all meetings were interesting and voiced with such a wide variety of speakers.

At the June meeting we heard Mrs Dorothy Fellowes speaking on the Fellowes family - Curators of the Albury Botanic Gardens over quite a number of years.

In July, Mrs Jean Whitla spoke on her "Life in the outback" with her father, The Rev Bruce Plowman.

John Mollison told us of the early days of his life at the August meeting followed by the history of the Albury Base Hospital and the Albury Blood Bank since 1950 by Dr Allan Hogan.

Trish Forrest co-ordinator of the 50th Anniversary Festival of the Bonegilla Migrant Camp spoke well on all aspects of this event whilst Ray Harrison and Peter Joos told of their experiences connected with Immigrants at the Camp, at our September night.

This was followed up at the October meeting with experiences and duties involved with the "Camp" by Doina Eitler, Elizabeth Bartsch and Ron Braddy.

Guest Speaker for November, Lyn Lehman of Albury T.A.F.E. gave a practical demonstration of storing history/genealogy information on a computer, whilst the December meeting was enjoyed not only with "Bring and Tell" but also a Trivia Quiz.

Slides of famous old homes and buildings started the New Year in February, arranged by Chris McQuellin and presented by Gerry Curtis.

In March, Mr Ted Landon, former Chief Executive Officer at the Old Albury Base Hospital spoke on many aspects of the Hospital and then presented our Society with a box of slides taken of the Hospital and Staff over the period 1960-1990. Speakers for that night were Chris McDonald, Betty Osmond, Marie Lee, all former nursing staff members of the Hospital.

Our April meeting was very commemorative. It was a combined evening with the Wodonga Historical Society and Wodonga Family History Society joining us for the first time ever to celebrate Heritage Week -26 April to 3rd May - the theme being "Our Community Heritage". Speakers from each group enlightened the well attended evening of many aspects of their respective Societies.

The May meeting was ably conducted in my absence by Vice President, Ron Braddy (Thanks Ron), with a photo identification evening of famous and some unknown old buildings in Albury, resulting in much discussion and was thought provoking.

My first privilege as your President was to present Hon Life Membership to Gerry Curtis, an honour well earned by the recipient for outstanding services to our Society over quite a number of years.

Our Committee suffered several set backs in the early stages, in as much as we lost our minute Secretary, Frank Higgins.

Frank and his wife Dorothea, moved to Orange and were given a rousing send off in August and this position was filled by Reg Garland, thus leaving a vacancy on the committee.

This problem was soon overcome with a welcome to Jan Marsden at our October meeting.

No doubt you are all aware of our financial investment problems, but keeping a watchful eye on this situation is our Treasurer, Tom Jelbart. For this, Tom, our Society is very grateful.

A special feature of the "Hume Weir" by the A.B.C's Television programme "Quantum" was televised on 24th July following an "Open Day" on 5th July.

Many stories were told by those who had vivid memories of the early construction days of the Weir.

Another prominent event was the 125th Anniversary of St Patricks Church, Albury on 23rd November at which a conducted tour and relative history was voiced by Gerry Curtis.

President's Report (Continued from page 2)

I represented our Society at the inaugural meeting of the proposed "Phaeton's Run" celebrating 100 years of motoring on the NSW-Victoria border, arranged by The Promotion Haus who are also promoting the Hume and Hovell Festival to be held November 14-15th this year.

History was made when the Heritage Council visited Albury on April 2-3rd. This visit was the first of, and a dinner was held in the Elizabeth Room in the Civic Centre Complex on April 2, when Mrs Hazel Hawke, President of the Heritage Council, was the Guest Speaker. I was privileged to be your representative at this function.

A "Certificate of Appreciation" and a School Badge was received from students of the James Fallon High School thanking us for our donation, and continued support of the restoration of the James Fallon grave at the Albury Cemetery.

Arthur Scott is to be thanked for his summary of the inwards Bulletins, likewise all members of the Society for their contributions to the "Question of the Month(s)".

It is with a note of sadness I regret the passing of esteemed members, Dick Fielder and Reuben Wynn. Both members gave their "all" for the benefit of our Society. Condolences to members of their families.

Our monthly meetings have been well attended, followed with a "cuppa" and social chat, keeping the friendship high.

The Committee meetings have been well attended also. Thank you all for your support, and to my wife Dorothy "Thank You" for your every ready assistance.

Dorothy and I represented our Society at a combined Rotary International night on Tues. May 12 at which Dr Klaus Zeller, German Ambassador was Guest Speaker.

Accompanied by Helen and John Livsey, we also enjoyed the hospitality of the Wodonga Family History Society's 10th anniversary dinner held at the Blazing Stump Hotel on May 16.

I deem it an honour to have been your President and trust I have fulfilled my obligations to this wonderful Society.

I leave you with this thought "All mankind is divided into three classes -

Those that are immovable

Those that are moveable, and

Those that move.

Thank You.....Geoff Hamilton. (President).

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LIBRARY ACCESSIONS OFFICER

It has become necessary for Jacqui Bullivant to resign from this position and Ron Braddy has volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Ron will catalogue all the publications we receive from other Societies as well as any other archival material which is suitable for the Society's collection in the Local History Room at the Albury Library. Our gratitude goes to Jacqui for all the work she has done for us over almost five years.

WODONGA FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

Members of our Society joined Wodonga to celebrate ten years of functioning in Victoria. Celebrations were held at Perry's Stump Hotel and visitors were impressed at what a happy lot these family historians are! Founder of the group, June Shanahan, was present as well as first president, April Padbury.

The Society started in 1987 as a sub-committee of the Albury Historical Society and, after a year, decided to move to Wodonga and become affiliated with the Genealogical Society of Vic. So great is their success that an additional group has been formed for southern NSW members to meet at the Lavington library 7.30pm on the 3rd Monday of each month.

REPORT ON APRIL MEETING

Our April meeting was a combined meeting, bringing together both the Albury and Wodonga Historical Societies and the Wodonga Family History Group, as a Heritage Week, celebration. It was a special and momentous occasion

Speakers from each group gave short talk about their group's aims and objectives, followed by another member giving details about an individual historical project.

NORM MARTIN (President, Wodonga Historical Society) gave a talk about the impact of the Hume Weir on Albury/Wodonga and surrounding districts.

He covered the importance of the river in commerce through the operations of the river boats, which were responsible for bringing immigrants up river from Adelaide. The towns that sprang up along the river, to unload and load produce and machinery.

In time, a constant water supply was important to allow the Murray Valley to produce agricultural goods. One answer to this problem was achieved when the Chaffey Bros developed a pump which was to be an outstanding success.

The Murray was still subject to drought & indeed dried up several times, including 1915 & 1917. Because of these factors, the River Murray Commission was formed by NSW, Vic, SA & the Commonwealth Govt. The Commission chose the confluence of the Mitta & Murray rivers as the site for (at that time) one of the largest dams in the world, and a start was made in 1919 on construction. A big minus in the choice was that it flooded some 50,000 acres of prime grazing land, but the amount of produce from irrigation that has since been achieved has more than replaced the loss.

Norm said that his Grandfather had selected land back to 1884 in this district.

HELENA PROSSER (Albury Historical Society) spoke on a Community project, especially the Pioneer Cemetary.

Helena said that when she came to Albury in 1985 after an absence of 25 years, she found the cemetary in disrepair, and in urgent need of restoration.

The Albury City Council allocated \$25,000 towards the repair to paths, repair &/or replacement of fencing, denominational signs and warning signs.

The repair and replacement of headstones is under estimated, and Helena strongly contends that this is totally the responsibility of the Council. She stated that two other organisations are prepared to help in this work.

A booklet is to be printed and other methods are being investigated to publicise the cemetary and help visitors to trace relatives etc. The Heritage of Albury, Helena said, really starts there and contacts made are this often responsible for bringing forward many interesting facts.

She had won the right to paint wrought iron which has proved to be successful in restoration of the graves & working bees are held on the first Sunday of each month.

JUDY SEYMOUR (Wodonga Family History Society) said that their Society was formed as a result of a meeting held by the Albury Historical Society at St Patricks School in 1987. In 1988 it became aligned with the Genealogical Society of Victoria, and in 1990 Wodonga became Incorporated. They have a membership of 100 and are hopeful of hosting the 4th Conference of the Vic. Assoc of Family History Organisations in the year 2001.

Their aim is to encourage people to explore their past. Also to assist in preserving documents relative to family history. They want to see close co-operation between all societies representing local history.

Report on April meeting (continued)

GEOFF HAMILTON (President of the Albury Historical Society) spoke about the formation & objectives of this Society, which was formulated after a meeting was called in the Albury City Council Chambers by Ald. C. Bunton (Mayor) on November 8, 1960. Ald. Bunton was elected Patron, Mr W.A. Bloomfield as President, Messrs Basil Patman, W.W. Fielder, Vice Presidents and a committee of six.

In 1962 the Society applied for the registration of historical buildings including the Turk's Head in Wodonga Place, the former home of John Farrell, author of the Iliad of Albury. A constitution was adopted to encourage the study of the history of Albury and to liaise and co-operate with other organisations having similar objectives. One of the important achievements has been encouragement of members as speakers and the regular presentation of guest speakers from many locations as far away as Melbourne which both entertained and informed members on a number of subjects.

JIM PARKER (Wodonga Historical Society) presented a concise history of the establishment of the Wodonga Saleyards. In 1935 the Wodonga Shire Council decided to establish Council owned yards in Elgin Street, now the site of Wodonga Plaza. The Council called tenders and the contract went to Arthur Dunstan (Timber Merchant), his foreman being Joe Donovan. After an initial settling in period the Superintendent appointed was Percy Newbound assisted by Archie Nugent and Hector Thompson. In the 1950's loudspeakers were installed to cover nearly all the saleyard area and a number of phones were located to allow efficient contact with the central position. The refreshment rooms were conducted by a number of ladies over the years and supplied a large number of buyers & sellers with on-site snacks.

Jim McGeoch, foremost in having pig and calf yards established across the road near the railyards. The original yards had gravel floors. Over the years what was once more or less an isolated area, became a built up area, with noise and dust created by stock movement, and the nuisance to traffic on the Hume Highway (Elgin St) when cattle were taken across to the trucking yards. These factors spelt the end of this location.

In the 1960's, two trains at least left Wodonga going south, each of 64 cattle trucks and with up to 7000 head of stock being handled Wodonga was credited with the second largest sales in Australia, and with the closing of the Albury saleyard sheep sales were transferred to Wodonga. Sales were conducted to fairly strict timetables with the order of sale being established by a lottery before the start.

Eventually with the growth of Wodonga, new saleyards were built at Bandiana. These yards are known as the W.G. Page Yards in honour of the Council Engineer who designed them, and are still considered today to be equal to the best in Australia.

BETTY LEVER (Wodonga Family History Group Project Officer). As project Officer Betty had to learn to operate a computer. At this stage a member heard of minute books, etc at Yackandandah which seemed to hold promise of very pertinent information for family historians. Indigo Shire Council gave permission to the group to peruse the records providing the work was done in Yackandandah. It was thought the travel would present difficulties but the task proved so interesting that there is no shortage of volunteers. In the rate books interesting items found included land transfers and letters from ratepayers. Council gave permission for the material to be photocopied amounting to up to 200 pages a fortnight. The Council agreed to do the copying at no cost to the Society with the records remaining the property of the Yackandandah Historical Society. Unfortunately most of the 19th century records had been lost. 1884 being the only year discovered. The records for this century start at 1921 and were intermittent up to recent years. Betty thanked all who had helped the Wodonga group, particularly staff in Yackandandah.

REPORT ON MAY MEETING

Our May meeting was conducted by Vice President, Ron Braddy.

A photographic identification evening was held. Information was sought from members present as to the identity not only of buildings in and around Albury, but also the people in them, and if possible what year the photographs were taken.

This resulted in much discussion, but also left quite a few photos still unable to be identified.

There is a moral to this tale of woe - it's never too late to write a few details on the back of our own personal photographs. We may know who and what they are, but when we depart this earth, others need to recognise them when we're not here to tell them.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS

Don't forget our historical poetry request (see our last Bulletin for full details).

Members are requested to put pen to paper and write a small poem (no more than 10 lines) to include something of a historical nature. - Humorous or serious - your choice,

Bring them along to our meetings. Hopefully if we get enough, and subject to space, poems will be included in our monthly Bulletins.

WALLA WALLA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our President, Geoff Hamilton, was guest speaker at Walla's AGM on Wed. May 20. Geoff spoke about rail travel, particularly from the Albury Railway Station. Congratulations to Walla on the success of their society as they embark on their eighth year of operation.

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ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

How many railway stations were there between Albury and Wagga Wagga in 1898 (100 years ago) and can you name them ?

June McKenzie supplied information from the Albury Railway Centenary 1881-1981. souvenir booklet : Albury, Racecourse, Kinross (opened 1943), Ettamogah, Table Top (Known as Yambla in 1898), Gerogery, Culcairn, Henty, Yerong Creek, Bon Accord Siding, Uranquinty, Connorton Siding (closed 1890), Kapooka (opened 1927) & Wagga.

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GIFTS which have been received with gratitude by the Society :

Sheet Music : Souvenir Song of the Albury Centenary Celebrations 1924, By the Hovell Tree; Words by Jack M. Byrne, Music by Will. J. Caspers, and

Albury Song, The Great Vocal One-step of the Year (undated) ;

Words by Claire E Byrne, Music by Ernest W. Gollmick

Julie Fitzgerald of Rutherglen was the donor of both of the above.

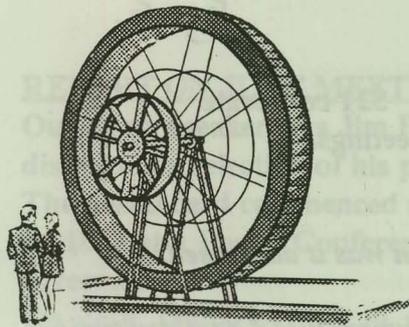
Mrs Merle Saville presented the Society with copies of the Albury Banner (April 12, June 7 and August 2, 1935) on behalf of her late Father, Mr Dick Fielder.

Jan Marsden provided a set of laminated photographs of the grave, on Burnett Downs Station, Northern Territory, of Harry Redford, alias Captain Starlight.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday June 23, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

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**NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday July 14, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.
Members, a plate for supper please.**

GUEST SPEAKER Dave Herbert will talk on the history of the Albury Fire Brigade.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "When and where was the first Albury Fire Brigade located" ?

WHO DOES WHAT IN THE COMING YEAR

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Claude Burke 6026 2327.

****Reg Garland has found it necessary to resign from the Committee, so there is still an opening for a Minute Secretary.****

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PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATORS : Claude Burke & Betty Osmond

SUBSCRIPTIONS : Will be increased to \$17 adult \$20 family \$21 corporate
We will no longer charge members and visitors a tea/coffee fee at meetings.

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ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Who mailed the first postcard in Australia, in what year, and to whom was it addressed?

Janice Lynch supplied information as detailed in Bill Hunter's "Thousands of Great Australian Facts" (page 13)

"The first postcard was mailed in 1875 from Lady Robinson, wife of the NSW Governor, to the Postmaster-General. It cost a penny, & like most postcards probably took six months to arrive".

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WHAT'S ON & WHERE

WAGGA INVITATION Open Day/Expo

An invitation has been extended by the Wagga Wagga & District Family History Society Inc to join members at the Sturt Public School Hall, White Avenue, Koorngal, Wagga Wagga on Saturday, 25th July for a Family and Local History Open Day/Expo.

A selection of their own Family History resources will be on display as well as prepared displays from some of our members.

The Expo/Open Day commences at 9am and concludes at 5pm.

Further information is available by contacting Lawrie Maher on 69 263123

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Albury Regional Museum 3-19th July "MY ROOM" a photographic exhibition by year 9 students from James Fallon High School. It is hoped that these photos will become part of the Museum collection for future generations to see what a teenager's room was like at the end of the twentieth century.

Leather Plaiting Workshop - July 25., run by Debbie Coulthard. The workshop is open to people of all ages and offers instruction in plaiting all sorts of things from key rings to belts.

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WODONGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY has two publications for sale.

History of Municipal Saleyards 1935-1980 \$5

History of Saleyards & Stockmen 1935-1980. A transcript of a speakers' night held on May 6, 1998 \$10

A video of the evening is available at \$20.

Contact Alan Jones (02) 6024 7213

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GIFTS which have been received with gratitude by the Society :

From Jan Marsden : History of Wodonga Municipal Saleyards 1935-1980.

From Jim Paterson : Dinner Menu commemorating the visit to Albury on April 2, 1998 of the NSW Heritage Council.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK Albury City Council has engaged Gerry Curtis to speak during the Local Government Week bus tours in August.

Watch the local press for booking details.

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"ALBURY HERITAGE", The City Council is to publish a new edition of Howard Jones' book, first published in 1991. It will include a 2600 word postscript covering the years 1991-1998 & a new foreward by the Mayor, Cr. Patricia Gould. Eight new colour photographs will be included. A publication date will be announced soon.

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REPORT ON JUNE MEETING

Our guest speaker was Jim Paterson, who gave members a history of POSTCARDS, as well as displaying a selection of his personal collection, pertaining to our local area.

The postal card commenced as an idea in 1865 by Heinrich Von Stephan, an Austrian-German. In 1867 at a Postal Conference in Karlsruhe he repeated his suggestion but could not get any agreement.

On 26th January, 1869 in an article in a Vienna newspaper, one Dr. Emanuel Herman, a professor at the Wiener Neustadt Military Academy, suggested that postal cards about the size of envelopes then in use should be introduced. He advocated that a message of restricted length should be permitted and that the card should be allowed to pass at a reduced rate of postage.

The Austrian postal authorities seized upon the idea, although they did not accept all Hermans' detailed suggestions, and the World's First Postcard was issued by them a few months later on 1st October 1869. The card bore a printed two Kreuger "Head of the Emperor" stamp on one side, and on the reverse side was labeled as the space for communication and the title was Correspondenz-Karte.

The first British postcards were issued exactly one year later by the General Post Office on 1st October 1870, having been printed by Messrs De La Rue under an exclusive contract and was an immediate success. At some Post Offices the crowds were so large that Police were called in to control them.

The first card was 122mm x 88mm and made of light buff cardboard much thinner than that used today. It was superseded 6 weeks later by a 121mm x 74mm size.

The cards were solely for inland use and could only be bought at Post Offices, and sold for one half-penny each, and the stamp was printed on.

1st April 1872 privately printed Postcards were allowed in Britain. 1st July 1875 Britain issued her 1.1/4d. Postcard for foreign use. (stamp printed on).

About 1892 a Rotary Press was developed in Germany for Photo-Lithographic printing.

1st Sept 1894 privately printed postcards for use with adhesive stamps were allowed in Britain. 1894 Messrs Geo. Stewart of Edinburgh and F T Corkett of Leicester produced what was probably Britain's first picture postcard. January 1902 the Postmaster General sanctioned the use of divided back cards

The hobby of collecting post cards is strongest in Britain where large fairs have been established for many years for "Cartologists". (another name was Deltiologists)

The Australian Scene --The new wave of interest began to grow in the late 1960's. The photographers, often unrecognised, have recorded an Australia that will probably never be seen again. Every facet of our life was captured for us on the postcard.

Prior to March 1901 each Australian Colony had its own postal service, this responsibility for which was then transferred to the New Federal Government.

The first postcards actually titled as such to come into use in Australia were issued by NSW in December 1875. These came in two sizes 120x83mm and 117x72mm and are known as "bamboo-jointed" cards - because of the decorative bamboo like border. Victoria followed on 19th April, 1876, S.A. in 1877, W.A. in 1879 and Q'ld in 1880, with Tasmania much later in January 1882.

Albury was well photographed and documented in Postcards. Jim's collection comprises of more than 1600 cards which include more than 830 cards on local & social history.

Jim's ambition is to catalogue & publish in great detail his collection of Albury-Wodonga Postcards as well as to encourage other collectors to do the same.

(Editors Note - a thank you is extended to Jim for his guest speaker's written report).

BOOK REVIEW - By JAN MARSDEN

Memories of Claud C. Hazelwood

The memories of Claud C. Hazelwood gave the reader aspects of life on the land at the beginning of the 20th century. From his boyhood on Urangeline Station which his father managed, to his retirement from the land in 1962, the reader is brought from labour intensive farming to the mechanical age.

The shearing shed run by steam, a hot air engine, through a Wolseley, a Lister to a Marshall twin cylinder 16H.p. which is today housed at the Swan Hill Folk Museum, shows how, as the engines improved, the size of the shearing sheds became smaller. This was also influenced by the separation of Urangeline and Mohonga stations, and still later, when Urangeline station was cut up for "soldier Settlement". A condition of this sub-division was that the Hazelwood's father retained the homestead block.

The Station store was stocked by back loading from delivering the wool clip and held the equivalent of a department store !.

"Farm kids " freedom to roam the paddocks, swim in rivers and dams, ride horses, and learn to shoot, set a wonderful foundation for a self-sufficient life, but at times the Guardian Angel must have been in over-drive ! The parting with young children to attend boarding school is no less traumatic today, than it then was, but there is little choice for the isolated parent, and the gaining of knowledge in that enviroment of shared pranks, sport and holidays, gives a greater perspective to life on the land.

Sport seems to play a big part in the country life, and most social functions revolved around this. Balls, Picnic Races, Tennis Tournaments etc. to raise funds to improve sporting facilities.

The stacking of hay I found interesting, and while I am sure mechanisation has done much to reduce the work load, I mourn the passing of the "Loaf of Bread" haystacks, with their rural charm.

Life goes along as the seasons demand, all challenges have to be met, whether it's fighting bushfires, floods, women doing heavy work, during the war, the boys taking over as shearers' cook, being builder, mechanic, unofficial message carrier, vet, snake killer, or bullock driver. Mr Hazelwood gives us a broad overview of his piece of the patchwork that creates our National Heritage.

I found it interesting reading.....Jan Marsden.

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INFORMATION SOUGHT

Leslie Francis CHICK was an Albury and District builder for about 35 years. His family wish to list all the houses and buildings he erected and would appreciate information to help with the task. Please contact Jan Hunter, (nee Chick) at 575 Poole St, Albury, Ph 02 - 6021 2835. (email djhjr@ozemail.com.au)

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The Historical Society are also searching for photos of old homes , particularly those at the northern end of Olive Street, Albury.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday July 28, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
31 MAY, 1998

	1998 \$	1997 \$
RECEIPTS		
Membership	1,845.00	1,909.00
Donations	10.00	89.00
Publications		
Sale of On The Home Front	10.00	9.00
Sale of Albury/Wodonga Chosen City	10.00	9.00
Sale of History Sheets	106.00	4.20
Sale of John Hunter Book	0.00	5.00
Coffee	132.15	0.00
Sundry Sales	0.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Income	15.00	0.00
Research	75.00	320.00
Interest on investments	95.36	1,008.91
Sundries	66.00	90.00
	<u>2,364.51</u>	<u>3,494.11</u>
PAYMENTS		
Bulletin	920.90	921.55
Insurance	306.50	306.50
Donation - James Fallon High School	350.00	0.00
Stationery	42.65	308.35
Research expenses	0.00	20.00
Membership expenses	278.00	115.00
Rent - Post Office Box	70.00	70.00
Repairs to equipment	40.00	2.95
Consumer Affairs Registration	30.00	30.00
Financial Charges	18.53	19.91
Phone	32.55	43.50
Membership subscription	150.00	140.00
Sundries	0.00	52.00
Postage	559.10	612.09
Slides	50.70	178.35
Tape recorder & tapes purchased	0.00	138.95
	<u>2,848.93</u>	<u>2,959.15</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<u>(484.42)</u>	<u>534.96</u>

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**STATEMENT OF BANK AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS
31 MAY, 1998**

	1998 \$	1997 \$
Balances 1 June 1997		
Hume Building Society		
All Purpose Account	2,315.95	1,920.79
Term Deposit	2,139.80	2,000.00
Tietyens Investment Account	13,000.00	13,000.00
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	17,455.75	16,920.79
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(484.42)	534.96
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	16,971.33	17455.75

REPRESENTED BY :

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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.

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- * **Tours** - private and fund-raising - to sites and properties of historic significance
- * **Research** - Archives in the Local History Room at the Albury Library
- * Albury Regional **Museum** - local history, visiting exhibitions, Museum shop, open daily

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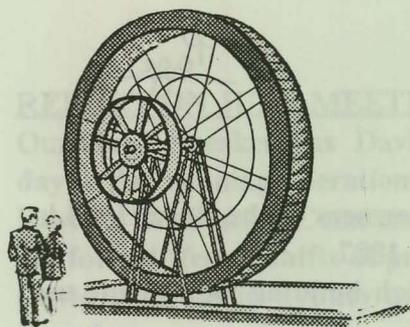
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BULLETIN 372 AUGUST 1998

NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday August 11, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.
Members, a plate for supper please.

MEMBERS NIGHT

John Mollison "Experiences in Australia"
Howard Jones "Celtic Background"
Harold Mair "Albury as I remember it"

QUESTION OF THE MONTH "Who sold the first Australian - produced Holden in Albury, & does anyone know who bought it ?

SUBSCRIPTIONS Members are reminded that Annual Subscriptions are now due.
\$17 adult \$20 Family \$21 Corporate

SEPTEMBER MEETING - To commemorate the centenary of the opening of the Albury Telephone Exchange, speakers will address our September meeting on that subject. Visitors and new members welcome.

CAN YOU HELP

Our Society is still seeking a Minute secretary to take notes at our monthly meetings. If you would like to volunteer or help out (even for a short time) please come forward and let us know - ring our President Geoff Hamilton on 6021 2431

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK (August 24-28 1998)

Albury City Council has engaged Gerry Curtis to speak during the daily bus tours which will travel through the city area and to Doctor's Point, Mungabareena, and the Monument, and stopping at the Hovell Tree and Botanic Gardens. Local History Sheets will be available for purchase during the tours. Watch the local press for booking details.

JINDERA MUSEUM In October it will be thirty years since "Wagners Store" began operating as a Museum.

To celebrate the occasion a "PIONEER DAY" will be held at the Museum on Saturday 17 October 1998 commencing at 10am.

There will be demonstrations, displays & activities such as bobbin lace making, wool pictures, blade shearing, drag sawing, antique cars, motor cycles, engines, toffee apples, foot races, sausage sizzle etc.

Admission will be free and there is a wheelchair access.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"When and where was the first Albury Fire Brigade located" ?

PAM McDONALD An old shed was obtained on loan from the owners of the Rose Hotel in Kiewa Street adjoining the pub and the brigade took up quarters in 1887.

In 1889 the station was moved to a site in Dean Street where a rough building for brigade use was erected next door to the Mechanic's Institute.

Chief Officer Webb was to describe the building in 1910 as a two storey barn of weather board and iron with earth flooring, and a disgrace to the principle street.

The site was also to prove inadequate as the Council whittled portions of the land for a market place, a technical college, and a community garden over the ensuing years.

One can only admire the initiative of this fledgling fire brigade then only 2 years old, for its temerity in taking on the task of organising the inter-colonial demonstration of 1886 held in Albury.

Mary Thurling brought along some photographs, which were tabled for members to look at, dating back to 1893.

Helen Livsey : Banner - Feb.14, 1863 Albury Volunteer Fire Brigade formed. Rules formulated at a meeting in Court House. Mayor Presided. Town Clerk, Mr Brooks, became captain.

In November the Faugh-a-balla Fire Engine arrived. In March 1875 a new fire brigade was formed with T.F. Waller as Captain, McLaughlin and Verey, Lieutenants. Giles Treasurer, Hodgson, Engineer and Lambert, Secretary. The old engine had been sold not long before for £7

In June 1875 they were having engine practice on banks of river and in Townsend Street where they managed to throw a jet over the Bank NSW building now known as Kia Ora.

Border Post Feb 22, 1882 Meeting held at Albury Hotel to consider forming Fire Brigade owing to the completion of the water supply. 40 present.

March 1, 1882 Committee of five was formed.

Other information supplied to and read by, GEOFF HAMILTON - "Station Scene"

In 1884 a brigade was formed under the captaincy of Walter Billson who had recently arrived from Beechworth. Other members of that brigade included Thomas Chubb, Thomas Ryan, Lou Winzer, Dan Watson, Jim McIntyre, Jeff Marshall, John McEachern and brothers : Bob and Ernie Sharp.

The original Programme of the Albury Volunteer Fire Brigade 1893 Grand Intercolonial Fire Brigade Demonstration was on display. The programme is part of the Historical Society's archives and had been collected by our late member, Wattie Fielder.

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The Albury Historical Society is looking for photos of old homes, particularly those which used to be at the northern end of Olive Street, Albury.

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Tuesday August 25, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.

REPORT ON JULY MEETING

Our Guest Speaker was David Herbert who gave a very interesting talk on the history and the day to day running operations of the Albury Fire Brigade.

David is the Station Commander on one of the platoons at the Mate Street Fire Station. There are four different shifts of professional fire fighters who work from that station.

David grew up in Sydney and came to Albury in 1990, and originally worked with Ashley Bowcher.

David's interest in the history of the local Fire Brigade was the result of a phone call from a retiring detective Sargeant from Sydney. He had found a silver cigar case in a deserted tenement in Surrey Hills (Sydney). The case was inscribed "From members of the Albury Fire Brigade to Captain Ryan after 30 years service from 1886-1916."

The Brigade has a display cabinet in the Mate Street Station, for trophies, and memorabilia and photographs.

It also houses a silver trophy (cup) inscribed "Annual fire brigade demonstration Ballarat 1896 won by Albury" and was a consolation prize. Captain Ryan was still Captain when they won the trophy, which was shown to members.

David found photographs of Capt Ryan and a 1915 news report of a major fire in Mate's Building at the corner of Kiewa and Dean Street. It was regarded as the biggest fire that had occurred in Albury at that time.

A local jeweller (who was also an Alderman) in premises adjacent to Mate's building rallied a group of the local proprietors together after the event. They arranged a special minting of twelve appreciation medals. These were later presented to the fire brigade members who attended the fire.

David said that they would love to see, or to have a photo of, one of these medals to display in their cabinet.

The Fire Brigade developed from about 1865. A group of residents concerned about protecting themselves from fire, banded together and got themselves a hose reel.

In those days, whoever saw a fire would run to the fire station and ring the bell, which would alert everyone to get to the station. They would grab the hose reel and literally drag it to where the fire was, and unroll the hose, and from some sort of water source, they would pump water onto the fire.

Later on there was a manual pumper introduced. (often seen on western films), but these had been fitted with some sort of internal combustion engine, which was later proven most unreliable.

Other brigades had a steam driven pump, on a horse drawn cart with a large bottle type boiler on the back of it. Tinder wood and paper would be kept on the cart, and when the alarm went out, someone would light up the fire, hook up the horses, and the fire fighters all jumped on the cart and raced off to the fire, still feeding the fire with timber. By the time they got there, the steam hopefully would have built up enough pressure in the boiler to drive the turbine and pump the water.

As far as David knew, Albury never had such a steam pumper.

Albury did however have a good reticulated water supply from early times and a steam driven boiler pump which applied pressure through the water mains. As soon as a fire alarm was given, contact would be made to the person in charge of the boiler at the pumping station - water works, and he would light up the boiler to get up enough pressure in the water mains for the hose reels to connect onto the hydrants to pump water onto the fire, so there was no need for a pump at the water supply end.

These days the brigade has a constant water pressure of between 60-100 psi in the water mains.

(GUEST Speaker - Continued from page 3)

Occasionally they still have problems because fire hydrants used in NSW are underground and sometimes they get buried, or someone grows grass over the top of them making them hard to find.

About 1909 the Board of Fire Commissioners was formed in NSW and took over the running of brigades in NSW towns, standardising most equipment used by the brigades.

The Commissioners sent plans to Albury for the fire station in Kiewa street, which was the first station built under the auspices of the Board of Fire Commissioners. Captain Ryan, took these plans to the Council which sent a strong letter to the Fire Commissioners, who in turn sent an inspector to Albury. He realised that if it was built as the original plans specified, because of the level of the land, the station would be under 6" of water when it rained! The plans were redrafted and we eventually ended up with the fire station as it is. An additional garage at the rear of the station was later built to house an extra fire engine, and this was added to yet again to house the old historic engine.

Albury is in a rather unique position regarding fire protection. Along with Wagga and Broken Hill, we are the only towns outside the NSW metropolitan area with full time permanent fire fighters.

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EVENTS OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

On NEW YEAR'S DAY 1898 a Fire Brigade Demonstration was held with 36 brigades (about 400 men) competing. Wool imports and exports during January : Greasy - imported : 10 bales, value £105 : exported : 405 bales, value £4416; Scoured : 195 bales, value £2501. Deaths during the month : John Kidd, Harry Schubach, Matthew Justice, and vigneron Philipp Gehrig. (in 1998 Gehrig's Winery celebrated 140 years as family winemakers).

In FEBRUARY William Ashby, Charles Schmiedt and Frederick Hayes were elected to Albury Council. Other candidates were Jacob Brann, John C.Chenery, Amos Crisp and Samuel J.Ringwood. Conrad Ten Brink was elected Mayor.

Deaths during the month included John Hartley, architect and ex-alderman. Anthony Morton son of C.J.Morton, Jindera, and Mrs F.A.Maxwell.

MARCH saw intense interest in the Federal Convention proceedings and stirring speeches were made by NSW representatives. Three deaths from Anthrax occurred in a herd of cattle depastured on the Murray. Typhoid fever was prevalent in Albury. C.H.Douglas, owner of Walla Walla station, died in Melbourne, aged 56.

In APRIL, a Scottish Society was formed in Albury. Deaths were recorded of Patrick Montague of Hospital Hill, Andrew Kyle, poundkeeper at Wodonga, T.Klemke, Walla, and Thomas Galvin, Albury.

During MAY a phenomenal outbreak of springs occurred in the Upper Murray. The springs had previously been dormant. A very pretty wedding took place in Sydney when Hon.W.J.Lyne's daughter, Annie, married Marcus McCauseland.

The Hon. Ed. Barton delivered an address at Albury Mechanic's Institute on the subject of Federation, and was enthusiastically received. Mrs Neave of Albury and Miss Emma Powell, aged 26, of Wodonga died during the month.

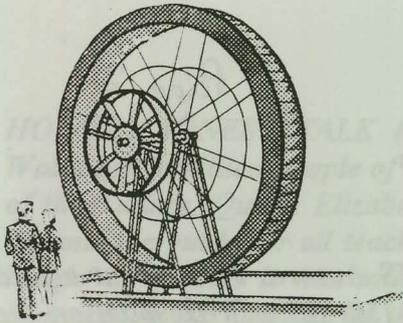
In JUNE the referendum taken in connection with the Convention Bill was defeated by 5,000 votes to the disappointment of Albury residents. The bill found its greatest support in the Riverina electorates. The polling in Albury was; For the Bill : 1063, against 283.

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BULLETIN 373 SEPTEMBER 1998
NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday September 8, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury. Members, a plate for supper please.

GUEST SPEAKER *Albury Telephone Exchange celebrates 100 years of operation in 1998. Our Guest Speaker will be MARY CAMERON, who was in charge of the exchange from 1950-1990, in the capacity of Monitor, Supervisor and Supervisor-in-charge. She will give a talk about the history and the workings of the Albury exchange during the years she was there.*

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"Who had the telephone numbers between 1 and 10 in Albury" ?

COMING EVENTS

BROCKLESBY PUBLIC SCHOOL RE-UNION

Oct 10-11 Marks 100 years celebration re-union for Principals, Staff and Students, families and friends. Contact the school on (02) 6029 4272 or Fax (02) 6029 4239 for further details.

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

3 Aug -20 Sept "Same Story, Different Places : an Urban Dreaming"

This exhibition gives a glimpse of the way in which the last 200 years have been experienced by Aboriginal People. The stories in this display are about indigenous peoples in urban areas throughout Australia, with acknowledgement of the white Australians.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH (FOR AUGUST)

"Who sold the first Australian - produced Holden in Albury, and does anyone know who bought it ?

Answers were given by Geoff Hamilton, Helen Livsey, Arthur Scott, and Howard Jones.

Preston Motors sold the first Holden to Mr Kerr, Manager of the Bank of New South Wales, for £750. The Manager of Preston Motors was Bob Jacka and the Sales Manager was Harold McIntyre. (Bryan Seymour and Charlie Griffiths were helpful with the above information). The Holden was officially launched on Nov.29.1948 by Prime Minister Ben Chifflery at Fishermans Bend, Victoria. The Border Morning Mail reported that Albury launch which followed three days later on Dec.2, at the Palais Royal, where Mayor Cleaver Bunton officiated.

REPORT ON AUGUST MEETING (Members Night)

JOHN MOLLISON

1944-45 after service as a Bombardment Liaison Officer in HMS Aurora, John spent a cold Christmas in Cairo. His C.O's wife was a nursing Sister at the 15th Scottish Hospital on the banks of the Nile in Cairo. Another Sister was Peggy Stephen. Youngest granddaughter of James Mitchell of Tabletop, great granddaughter of Elizabeth Mitchell, "the Mother of Albury", great-great-granddaughter of Count Gabriel Louis Huon de Kerilleau, she was born at the Union Bank in Dean Street, where her Father was Manager (he had designed the course for the Albury Golf Club).

John & Peggy met when celebrating VE Day; they fell for each other & decided to marry. Their marriage ceremony was a very simple affair in Cairo, lasting less than five minutes.

At the end of May 1946, John began teaching at a London School recently returned from evacuation. Luckily his parents had room for them to live in their house.

Mid June their first child, Jane, was born at Guy's Hospital, with which John's father was associated for 64 years.

Life in London after the war was not easy. Food was rationed and many other things were scarce.

In 1949 they moved to Winchester in Hampshire, where they lived in a medieval house. They continued to welcome the food parcels sent by Peggy's sister, Nancy Stedman, from Mate's, in Albury.

In 1952 John got permission from his Headmaster to spend a year in Australia. (This was because Peggy had been away for about 13 years). He accepted a position of temporary teacher at Melbourne Grammar.

In December 1952 they left England for Australia. When they reached Fremantle they saw W.A.'s flowering gums for the first time.

They then sailed to Port Adelaide - it was January and the weather was very hot.

From there they sailed into Sydney Harbour, and stayed for about 10 days before returning to Melbourne to prepare for the beginning of the school term.

After travelling by train to Albury, they caught the "Spirit of Progress" to Melbourne.

John liked the old buildings. Though Melbourne Grammar's bluestone buildings were not old by English standards, they were indeed venerable in their own city.

John recounted memories of some holidays his family took including driving to Queensland; South Australia; their train trip across the Nullabor on an air-conditioned diesel express, stopping at Kalgoorlie where they boarded the narrow gauge steam hauled train on the final stage to Perth. From there they joined the ship "Oceania" in Fremantle and sailed for Italy.

John in ending his talk, commented that he had been lucky in having a wide variety of experiences during his time here.

HOWARD JONES

After unfurling a Welsh National Flag for all to see, Howard started his talk by asking how many present had an Irish, Scottish or Welsh background. In all cases, except some of the Scottish people, their ancestors would have spoken a Celtic language. Nowadays most of the Celtic heritage is forgotten. There is a similarity in Australia with aboriginal languages. In the last census of 265,000 people of aboriginal or Islander origin only 44,000 of these spoke aboriginal languages at home. Despite that the languages in Wales and Australia have managed to survive against all the odds.

The similarity is that the people who controlled Britain and Australia both had the idea that if you spoke another language you were un-cultured and un-educated, so both countries over different periods, the same thing came across- that to get on in life you had to speak English, and forget about your other culture, and it's rather ironic as far as Welsh is concerned as it goes back even further than English - possibly 1400 years as a language.

HOWARD JONES'S TALK (continued from page 2)

Wales has 3 million people of whom 20% speak Welsh at home. It started with the Tudors. One of the Tudors, Queen Elizabeth, ordered a bible to be translated into Welsh in 1588 and that became the guide for all teachers of Welsh for over 400 years. Although English could not be taught in schools it was taught and spoken in Sunday Schools and churches. In 1847 a commission was ordered by the Government in London and this consisted of Welsh people and not English people. It concluded that the Welsh language was a vast drawback to Wales - a medical barrier to the moral progress and commercial prosperity of the people. So they had a very definite policy, English must become the only language of education and went so far as to punish children for speaking Welsh at school and in the playground.

By Federation in about 1900, only about half the people spoke Welsh simply because of the educational system. When the 20th century came, although the educational policies improved, the damage had already been done.

Howards' own personal experiences - all four grandparents spoke fluent Welsh, though they spoke English at school in the 1880's, however some in his own family in the 1930's have not been able to speak English. His Mother spoke Welsh but his Father didn't. His wife, Hazel, was brought up in a Welsh speaking village. She never spoke any (or very little) English until she was about 7 years old, when her father came here from the air force and couldn't converse with his daughter.

Howard's sister went to a Welsh language school in the 1940's. Howard couldn't handle it in school, "a bit dull" so he was sent to an English school and learnt a little Welsh, but he was far from fluent. Howard then read part of The Lord's Prayer in Welsh.

Nowadays, Welsh has to be used in certain jobs such as the Police or in Banks.

He likened it to the Albury-Wodonga area with aboriginal names such as Wodonga, Baranduda, Yackandandah, and Wangaratta, which reminds us that before 1824 the whole population here spoke another language.

For those searching their family tree, Howard said you do not need to know Welsh, as all of the official records such as census, church records, birth certificates etc are written in English (or Latin if you go back far enough).

HAROLD MAIR

Harold was born in 1919 Albury at the private Hospital, Rockeby in David Street, where Winterburn is now located.

Most of the medical practitioners had their own hospitals, Dr Paton was at Rockeby and there was also a district hospital.

He lived for 3 years in David Street, South Albury and his Father was a migrant from Scotland, and his mother was a third generation Australian Irish person. His Great Grandfather settled in upper Indigo in 1840.

Harold's talk was centred around how he saw things occurring when he moved from South Albury to Stanley Street then later Wilcox Street. Around 1922 he mixed with boys his own age around Nail Can Hill off Pemberton Street, known formerly as the old Sydney Road.

Coming back to the corner of Thurgoona & Pemberton Streets there was a building that was once a district hospital, which moved about the first world war to Wodonga Place. Later on that building was allocated to the high school before the one was built in Kiewa Street about 1927. The gaol was adjacent and there were a number of warders and their families, including Galligans and Tanners, living in that vicinity.

The gaol was later demolished and became the Housing Commission area.

Going along Stanley Street just over the bridge was a closed-in swimming pool then over Creek Street there was a butter factory where Harold was sometimes sent with a billy can to buy icecream.

HAROLD MAIR'S TALK - continued from page 3.

Where the Carlton (Country Comfort) is now, was the Club Hotel, owned by the Browns. Moving along Dean St. there were pastoral companies including New Zealand Loan, tailor shops, and, on the southern side was Moran & Cato grocers and the Albury Hotel, which was almost to the bank corner in Kiewa. It later moved around the corner and was renamed the New Albury. Opposite, in Kiewa Street, was a very fine pub, the Court House Hotel, operated by Mr McCarthy, who had three lovely daughters. In Dean Street there was Mr Smith, the jeweller, grandfather of Tony Smith of the Cinema Centre, and a number of cafes. On the north side was the Post Office, Court House, the former Council Chambers - a fine building - then the Mechanic's Institute : sixpence to go to the silent movies on Saturday afternoon. Dean Square was previously the market site, beside the Telegraph Building (later Museum) on the corner, and Ryan's Market Hotel opposite. These were just some of Harold's memories. He said that it was very interesting recounting the years, and he was very fortunate to see what has happened over the years in Albury.

ALBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP LIST

Only those listed below and those who pay before September 10th will receive the October Bulletin.

Subscriptions became due after the Annual General Meeting held in June.

A membership form was attached to the July Bulletin.

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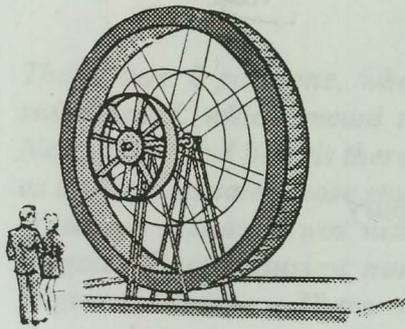
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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday October 13, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury. Members, a plate for supper please.

GUEST SPEAKER Bruce Arnott, Community Educator, Public Relations Team of Fletcher Challenge Paper, (formerly Australian Newsprint Mills).

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"When was the first newspaper printed in Australia ? "

CAN YOU HELP

Our Society is still seeking a Minute secretary to take notes at our monthly meetings. If you would like to volunteer or help out (even for a short time) please come forward and let us know - ring our President Geoff Hamilton on 6021 2431

LATE NEWS - SADLY TO BE RECORDED -

The death on September 25 of our former Secretary, Kevin Esler who sometimes travelled many miles to attend meetings.

His objective was to serve the community in a challenging and fulfilling role, where knowledge, skills and experience could be utilised.

A life well lived.

COMING EVENTS

JINDERA MUSEUM To celebrate thirty years since "Wagners Store" began operating as a Museum, a "PIONEER DAY" will be held at the Museum on Saturday 17 October 1998 commencing at 10am. Admission will be free.

WAGGA WAGGA & DISTRICT Family History Society

An invitation has been extended to our members to attend a seminar by Father Brian Maher on Wednesday 28 October at 7.30pm. The venue is Room 19, South Campus of Charles Sturt University (enter CSU grounds at gates, Hely Avenue). There will be a charge of \$10. "Irish Catholics in South Eastern NSW"

For more information contact Lyn Banks 02-6931 2036 or Jan Hurcum 02- 6922 3523

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"Who had the telephone numbers between 1 and 10 in Albury" ?
from the 1960 Telephone Directory (and other where stated)

1. Roxburgh Snare & Co, Bank of NSW Chambers, Dean St, Albury
2. Fleming, Henderson & Stedman
3. R.D.Ellem. National Mutual, Wood St.
4. Friedlieb's Pharmacy
5. Dr. L.S. Woods
6. Sr. E.B. Nordsvan, T & G Building
7. R.Vincent, Manager, 640 Dean St. (Dalgety ?)
8. McKenzie McHarg & Moran
Miss C.M. Eck, "The Colosseum", Olive St. (1924)
9. C.N. Callow, Vet
10. Dr. John Stoney

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER MEETING

Albury Telephone Exchange celebrates 100 years of operation in 1998, to to give members & guests an insight into the history and the workings of the Albury Exchange, our guest speaker was MARY CAMERON.

Following is an extract from her very informative talk.

"I was an employee of the P.M.G. and later Telecom Aust for almost 48 years. I commenced duty as a telephonist at Oaklands Exchange in 1940, transferred to Albury in 1950 where I was appointed as Monitor (1st line of Supervision).

I remained there, with brief spells working in the Business office at the corner of Olive & Smollett Streets in the late 70's, until 1988 when I retired.

My position then being Manager of the Manual Assistance Centre as it became then, the telephone exchange being the place where the equipment was housed."

Mary then quoted a statement made in March 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell: "This is a great day for me and I feel I have at last struck the solution of a great problem - and the day is coming when telephone wires will be laid into houses, just like water and gas, and friends converse with each other without leaving home."

Just 22 years later in 1898, 17 subscribers were connected to a telephone exchange in Albury and they were able to do just that.

By 1901 the first trunk line was connected from Albury to Corowa via Howlong.

By 1916 there were 265 subscribers, and in 1921, 380 subscribers and 10 trunk lines. About this time one of Albury's well known citizens, Mrs Gertrude Twomey took up duty at the Exchange.

Mrs Twomey, mother of Dr. Brian Twomey, died last year at the age of 100 years.

When I commenced work at Albury in 1950, it was to a completely new type of switchboard. Oaklands was a Magento Exchange, where a handle had to be turned to contact the exchange by means of a shutter showing the number. Albury was a Central Battery Exchange where, when a subscriber lifted the receiver, a light glowed above the number on the board. Calls were answered the same way by inserting a plug into a corresponding "jack", then plugging into the required number with the other part of the plug operating a key then to send out a ring.

There were less than 100 subscribers connected at Oaklands and approx 1200 at Albury, a staff of about 35 female telephonists to work the daytime shifts and 3 male for the night shift.

Mr Jim Robinson was O.I.C. and Mrs Eda Arnold and Mrs Nell Gatliff the two supervisors and I was one of the 3 monitors.

There were 8 positions, where telephonists answered and connected local calls on a multiple switchboard, which meant they had access to all numbers as switchboards were duplicated. Next to the local boards there were 8 trunk positions. These boards were not always manned but as traffic fluctuated more staff were put on to handle calls.

Wodonga exchange was within local call distance and there were about 10 incoming and 10 outgoing lines. Busiest numbers then were the Army at Bandiana and later the Bonegilla Migrant Centre. There were 2 automatic country exchanges connected. Jindera and Burrumbuttock were well ahead of their time as it was years before the smaller places got automatic exchanges. Albury North was automatic also with about 200 subscribers but they had to call Albury operators to be connected to anyone other than Albury North.

The early 1950's was the era of the wool sales in Albury several times a year. In fact 1951 was that of a record wool clip for Australia over £20 million (average 144 pence). The three days were hectic ones as buyers from around the world were booking calls to their head offices and the local wool people too were involved. Delays on calls via Melbourne and Sydney were up to 2 hours.

Public telephone calls were paid for at the Post Office and after hours money was placed in a container known as "The Shute" and a pulley was used to take it up to the exchange room.

Telephonists had to be of a certain height, and they all had to sign an Oath of Secrecy & Allegiance to the Queen.

1959 there were 2,300 subscribers and in 1963 there were 4,000 subscribers with 61 staff.

By now there was a new exchange building in Kiewa Street and equipment was moved there in July 1965. The new handled calls more efficiently. Progressively RAX's became connected. These calls had to be handled by Albury, Holbrook, Corryong, Corowa etc. Kancoban, Snowy Scheme calls from all nationalities. Later on whilst Dartmouth Dam was being constructed - the lines were bad and every day there were complaints regarding cut-offs.

As STD became available traffic eased, then with more development in area the Information positions became overloaded.

In 1966 Wodonga cut-over and telephonists were transferred.

In 1985 training for 2 weeks in Sydney began for Visible Display Units. My first encounter with computers was "mind boggling" after methods we were used to. Mary's reaction was that they would never learn, but as is traditional with telephonists the change over was dealt with, and the day came when we moved from the Post Office to the "new exchange". No more docketts - no more directories to cope with - but a whole new era in telephony.

Present day statistics - 1998 12,000 Albury Subscribers; 10,000 Lavington; 9,000 Wodonga ; 2,000 Thurgoona.

In 1971 the whole of 060 (Albury) and 069 (Wagga) were contained in a small directory.

The busiest days - Local calls - Melbourne Cup and the Thursday before Easter.

Trunk calls - Christmas Day - not so many calls but delays ; Mothers Day.

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Additional Information -

In 1880 Melbourne had the first exchange, and in 1882 it was introduced into NSW.

Albury was one of the first ten telephone exchanges opened in New South Wales, being opened on 30 July 1898, with about 17 subscribers.

At its inception calls were free, but the rental was rather expensive, being £8 p.a. for business premises and £5 for residences. Subscribers were not permitted to allow outsiders to use their telephone, members of their family or employees being the only ones authorised. Any breach of this regulation rendered the subscriber to having their telephone disconnected.

When first opened, the exchange hours were 7am to 10pm from Monday to Saturday, Public Holidays 9am to 10am and 6pm to 8pm and closed Sundays.

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ALBURY GOLF CLUB will celebrate its centenary next year. Mrs Wendy Moriarty is compiling the club's history and would really appreciate any information about the club including players, and old photos (or copies of).

Wendy is planning to have the book completed in time for its release in June 1999. She can be contacted on 02 - 6021 5915

DICKIE / CONDIE FAMILY Would the person who phoned Cobram in August about this family please contact Helen Livsey (phone 6021 3671 who has some information.

OCTOBER 100 YEARS AGO

Items of interest taken from the Border Post Almanac.

Dr Muller was appointed Lodge surgeon and Mr A.G. Blackadder chemist of the Manchester U.O.O.

During the month, 20 acres were withdrawn from the travelling stock reserve at Culcairn and designed into village allotments with a view to testing the genuineness of the desire for village settlement in that locality.

For the 10 months ending Oct.31st the rainfall amounted to 23 in 29 pts. During Thursday Friday & Saturday, in the last week of the same month 240 points were registered.

Mr Cook, Minister of Mines for NSW., and Mr Foster, Minister of Mines in Victoria, accompanied by Mr Pitman (NSW), and Mr Hunter (Vic), geologists, and several members of Parliament visited Albury, and inspected the different gold bearing localities. After a careful inspection had been made, it was decided to immediately commence boring operations at Black Range and Doctor's Point.

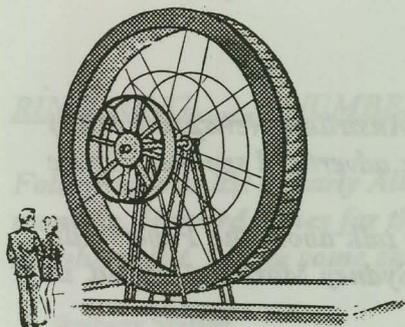
Albury Banner Fri. June 12, 1903

The Doctor's Point Reef. Messrs. Fred Simmons and Son have sold their Golden Point claim to a Ballarat syndicate. The former owners retain a paid up interest. The prospector discovered gold in the locality over 20 years ago. The lode has been traced over 300 feet and the stone taken out so far has yielded from 2oz. to 5oz. gold per ton.

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday November 10, at the Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury. Members, a plate for supper please.

GUEST SPEAKER LYLE WRIGHT, a former Telecommunications Engineer in South Australia. His talk will be "From Morse to Website"

QUESTION OF THE MONTH Australia's first telegraph line - where and when was it opened ?

GIFTS which have been received with gratitude by the Society :

Our thanks go to Edna Roach, who donated several volumes of photographs of the Albury district, and Robert Potts of S.A. for a small glass dish with a coloured photo of the Union Bridge.

COMING EVENTS

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

25 September - 27 November "Selling the Dream"

"Come to Sunny Australia" - the promotion of our country was a successful campaign to postwar migrants by the then Australian Government.

View the exhibition "Selling Australia" to see how the Government sold a particular aspect of Australian life to attract migrants. How accurately did it represent Australian life and how much did it reflect the reality migrants experienced after their arrival?.

How has our idea of Australian National identity changed since then.

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

"When was the first newspaper printed in Australia ? "

Answers were provided by many members to this question.

1803 - Mar 5 Australia's first newspaper, the Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser was founded by Governor King for the dispersal of useful information & the more effective publication of government orders & proclamations. A weekly, printed & edited by the Government Printer, George Howe, it was published until 1842. 1831-April 18 Australia's oldest existing newspaper, the Sydney Herald, commenced publication as a 4-page weekly. It was owned by Ward Stephens, Frederick Stokes and William McGarvie, and cost 7 pence.

REPORT ON OCTOBER MEETING

Ms Heather Toth representing Fletcher Challenge Paper (formerly Austrlian Newsprint Mills) was our guest speaker last month, stepping in to take over from our advertised speaker, Bruce Arnott, who was unable to attend.

Heather was able to give members a very interesting and informative talk about the Paper Mill, supplemented by overhead projector pictures, as well as copies of the Sydney Morning Herald, in particular the Souvenir Edition celebrating 50,000 issues 1831-1997.

*Topics covered included - The History of Newsprint Production in Australia.
The History of Fletcher Challenge Paper and specifically
about Albury Mill operations*

About 300 people are employed directly at Albury and many more work for local contractors servicing the mill. A further 120 people are involved in growing, harvesting and transporting radiata pine pulpwood thinnings, which the mill converts into paper, and another 200 in collecting wastepaper for recycling.

Albury Newsprint Mill was owned outright by Fletcher Challenge Paper in September 1998.

- (a) The Albury Mill is ranked among the top newsprint facilities in the world. Commissioned in 1981, the mill pioneered the application of newly developed thermomechanical pulping techniques and was among the first plants in the world to produce newsprint from 100% thermomechanical pulp.*
- (b) Produces newsprint (45gsm) 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.*
- (c) In 1998 record production figures were obtained - 211,000 tonnes - approx 35% of Australia's newsprint needs.*
- (d) In 1993 Australia's first de-inking plant was commissioned in Albury at a cost of \$130 million, to reuse almost 60% of Australia's waste newspapers & magazines.*
- (e) Albury's newsprint is made from 60% raw fibre and 40% recycled fibre.*
- (f) Continuous use of waste products for valuable end uses - ANM uses pine thinnings, a forest by-product, as pulpwood. Bark removed is used as a hog fuel for one of ANM's boilers and a portion donated to education and community groups for use in softfall areas.*
- (g) Treated waste water is piped to a 320 hectare property at Ettamogah to irrigate half a million pine trees and sixty thousand native trees.*
- (h) The Albury mill is the lowest water user of all the paper mills in the world. The water is recycled twenty times within the mill.*
- (i) The Albury Newsprint Mill won the Rivercare 2000 Gold Award in 1995 for ANM's off-river disposal scheme of re-using treated waste water to irrigate ANM's 310 hectare radiata pine plantation.*
- (j) The Mill was awarded the Border Mail 1997 Business Achievement Award for Emerging Agriculture in recognition of the use of waste products for valuable end use in the Biosolids Programme. Biosolids from the water treatment and de-inking plants are used as a soil improver and fertiliser replacement when spread on local farmland.*
- (j) Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by recycling saves energy and reduces the impact of material decomposing in landfill and by planting over 8.5 million trees over the last 14 years.*
- (k) A breakdown of expenses incurred at the Albury Mill shows that 21% goes in Wages; 18% for Wood; 1% water ; 12% Wastepaper; 19% Chemicals ; 5% Gas and 24% Electricity.*

Guided tours of the mill can be made by appointment. It takes approx 1.1/2 hrs and includes recycling, woodmill, pulp mill and water treatment plants.

VICTORIAN COMMUNITY AND LOCAL HISTORY AWARD

Sponsored by Information Victoria, an annual prize is to be awarded to an Australian resident or organisation for recent work which contributes significantly to the appreciation and development of Victorian Community and Local History.

The objectives of this award is to foster the development and encourage greater awareness of local community history across the State of Victoria ; To promote excellence within historical research and facilitate the promotion of work by individuals or organisations to the benefit of all Victorians ; To increase the role of Information Victoria, and to continue the promotion of metropolitan and regional history.

The subject matter is limited to history within the State of Victoria, and entries must be received by Friday 5th February 1999.

The award presentation will take place on Saturday 10th April 1999.

Further enquiries can be directed to : Information Victoria 1300 366 356 (local call cost).

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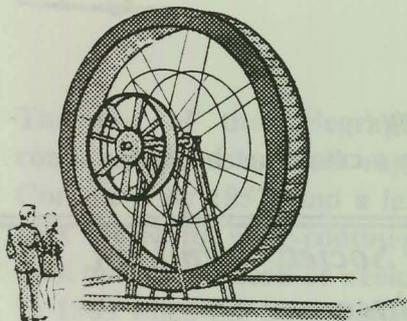
From the Editors Desk -

As added information from the Question of the Month, it may interest members to know that the first regular newspapers were not like the ones we read today. They were handwritten reports on sheets of papyrus sent out to subscribers, including country residents and travellers who wished to keep up with news from home. They probably began in the Greek language in the cosmopolitan centres of Hellenistic times (after 323B.C.) like Alexandria. By the first century B.C. papers of this kind written in Latin were being sent around the Roman Empire. When a daily paper finally came out it was named appropriately, but without much flair, "The Daily News" (Acta Diurna). It was published in Rome by the government from the 1st century B.C. until the 5th A.D. it was more like a modern newspaper and included news, highlights of Senate proceedings and court cases, official proclamations, births and deaths, financial reports, sporting fixtures and results, and stories fictional and miraculous. It was the first paper to have a large permanent staff, including reporters and clerks, and editors who were called *actuarii*. Publication consisted of posting copies up each day on billboards in prominent places.

(Reference contained in the Penguin Book of Firsts by Matthew Richardson, page 25).

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NEXT MEETING 8pm Tuesday December 8, Commercial Club, Dean St, Albury.

SUPPER *Continuing our tradition, the men are asked to bring and serve the supper at our Christmas meeting.*

BRING AND TELL As December is always a BRING & TELL meeting, we request members to bring along something interesting and/or historical, and talk about it.

It would be of tremendous assistance to your *Bulletin Editor* if you could please provide a brief written description of your item/s, for inclusion in our next *Bulletin*.

You are especially invited to bring along a family member or friend for this meeting.

TRIVIA QUIZ NIGHT *There will no Question of the Month for December. There will however, be a trivia quiz session compiled by Howard Jones.*

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

The first meeting for 1999 will take place on Tuesday February 12th.

OLD PARISH MAPS TO BE PRESERVED

The Society has been successful in an application for a grant to preserve its collection of Parish Maps. On Nov.16, Shane Carmody, Victorian Director of National Archives of Australia, presented the Society with a cheque for \$350 on behalf of the Australian Council of Archives. The Society planned to match the grant until the Upper Murray Regional Library, realising the value of the maps as a local history resource tool, generously offered to meet half our costs.

New South Wales is divided into 141 counties, each of which is divided into parishes. Our maps are mostly for Parishes in the Counties of Hume and Goulburn, with lesser numbers for Mitchell, Schwyn and Urana. As a general guide, Parish Maps usually show the name of the first owner of the land, except where the land has been resumed by the Crown.

HELP PLEASE.....

Howard Jones is researching CIRCUS VISITS to ALBURY. If you have any programmes that he could copy, or any circus information / mementos, please contact him on (02) 6051 1546 (work) or 6021 6589

GIFTS which have been received with gratitude by the Society :

Our thanks to Maryanne Priest who has delivered to the Society a cream net bedcover.

*A Christmas Wish is extended to all our Society members
from the Editor and Committee.*

*"A Christmas Day that's memorable for all the joy it brings,
A bright New Year that's filled with days that hold life's finest things"*

ANSWER TO THE QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Australia's first telegraph line - where and when was it opened ?

1853 - Sept. The Victorian Government invited tenders for the construction of a telegraph line between Melbourne and the port of Williamstown.

S.W. McGowan's tender was accepted.

He had studied telegraphy under Professor Morse.

1854. Feb Australia's first telegraph line was opened between Melbourne and Williamstown. This was 10 years after the installation of the world's first morse telegraph system in the USA. The line was opened to the public on Mar 3, and McGowan was appointed General Superintendent of Telegraphs.

REPORT ON NOVEMBER MEETING

Our GUEST SPEAKER was LYLE WRIGHT, a former Telecommunications Engineer who worked in Adelaide from 1940 until 1962, and then in Melbourne until he retired in 1982. In

1962 he was part of a team which planned S.T.D. then in 1967 he was Head of a team which put first part of S.T.D. into service.

Lyle commented that in the latter stages of his career, he had a wide view of what was happening in communications in Australia and around the world.

Still a telecommunications engineer at heart, he told how the last 150 years of rapid development of telecommunications had opened the way for the information revolution which is happening right now around us.

As far back as 1753 an anonymous writer to Scots Magazine suggested a way of communicating electrically over wires between two points. The idea of using the apparently infinite speed of electrical signals fascinated many people. During the next ninety years many ideas were proposed in many countries, but largely because electrical phenomena were then little understood, none of these progressed to commercial success until the 1840's.

In 1786 Galvani and Volta in Italy discovered a relationship between the flow of electricity & chemical which led in time to practical batteries to supply electrical current. In 1819 Oersted found that currents of electricity produced magnetic effects, and others like Ampere, Faraday, Gauss and Weber quickly extended his work, opening the way for a host of developments, including electrical communications.

In about 1830 Samuel Morse went to Europe from the USA to study painting, but on the way home in 1832 heard about the work of Michael Faraday. By 1837 he demonstrated an instrument exploiting electromagnetism to send messages over short distances. A man named Vail simplified the hardware, and Morse invented the Morse Code which endured well into this century.

The use of the telegraph to handle government, business, newspaper and private communications spread rapidly, especially in the USA. England was connected to the Continent by 1852, and a landline was constructed right across India by 1854. By 1866 the first successful inter-continental cable was in service across the Atlantic, and despatches then took minutes instead of weeks to cross between Europe and America.

In 1869 when the Suez Canal opened and steam ships came into service, it still took 6-8 weeks for despatches and news to move between England and Australia, and often just as long for them to get from the capitals to remote country places.

Within Australia the first telegraph went into operation in Victoria in 1853, followed by services in SA and then in NSW. Telegraph lines spread rapidly within all the states.

By 1858 Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide were interconnected, and by 1869 there was a crescent of main telegraph lines from Port Augusta in SA to Cardwell, about halfway between Townsville and Cairns in Queensland, and a cable had been run to Tasmania that year. Western Australia was not yet connected to the eastern states.

At least 6 proposals were put to the Colonial Office as to how Australia could be connected telegraphically with London, each reflecting the interests of particular states or cable companies. Surprisingly SA won the day with an astonishing proposal to build a line about 2000 miles from Port Augusta to Darwin across unknown country to link with a cable already started by the British-Australian Telegraph Company to connect Darwin with Java whence connections existed by then all the way back to London.

This work was done quickly despite massive problems; a saga in itself.

The Adelaide Register of 23 August, 1872, reported that "At 1 o'clock on the 22nd a message was received directly from Port Darwin.. Immediately... the Red Ensign was hoisted on the (GPO) Tower and the Town Hall bells were rung...".

Each message still took hours to go between Australia and England, even days when breakdowns occurred. It passed through 36 stations where telegraphists received and re-transmitted the messages. The error rate must have been horrendous, but it was a quick service compared with what had been possible before. Automatic repeaters replaced manual re-transmission within a few years, but staff were still needed at all the stations to adjust the repeating relays as weather conditions changed.

The capacity of the Overland Telegraph Line was gradually increased over the years by using better equipment and introducing duplex working.

On 19 February, 1942, one of the first bombs dropped on Darwin hit the Post Office and killed nine PO staff in adjacent slit trenches. Communication with London was impossible.

When the telephone was invented by Bell in the 1870's, it could only be used over relatively short distances compared with the telegraph because the signal was much weaker and it's information content was about 20 times as great as that of the telegraph.

Why should information content matter? Increasing telephone traffic carrying capacity of lines use the term "bandwidth". The maximum amount of information which can be carried by any communication link depends on its highest possible rate of reliable and accurate information transmission, and the total time of transmission. The maximum rate of information transmission possible depends directly on the frequency bandwidth of the equipment or transmission path concerned, which is usually called simply its bandwidth.

Bandwidths are the range of frequencies which a path can carry reliably, and it is measured in cycles per second or Hertz. Each type of information transfer needs a path of at least some minimum bandwidth. Machine telegraphy needs a path bandwidth of 120Hz. Normal speech is 2400Hz or more, quality music 10 000Hz, & a TV picture 6MHz.

For overseas telephony Australia only had HF or short-wave links from 1927 until the early 1960's. Our overseas telephony capacity took a dramatic leap when COMPAC, a superior single co-axial cable costing £80m Sterling was laid from Sydney to Vancouver via NZ, Fiji and Hawaii in 1963. It provided 80 telephone channels and had 313 submarine repeaters spaced 19 miles apart, the majority of them 3400 fathoms below the surface of the sea. The COMPAC cable was supposed to provide for 20 years growth, but was fully used in less than 3 years.

In lectures Lyle gave to engineering students in Adelaide University between 1958 and 1962, he mentioned research work being undertaken on the possibility of using light waves to carry information. Little did Lyle foresee the demand level for telephone channels which has since emerged, let alone that for data transmission.

A question and answer session followed our guest speaker's most interesting talk, after which our President presented Lyle with an honorary twelve month membership.

(A footnote from our Research Officer)

Albury has a connection with the Overland Telegraph through our second Telegraph Officer, Carl Kraegen, who was in Albury for at least six years during the 1860's.

He died from thirst in 1872 when he was travelling to Alice Springs, following the new telegraph line, to become the first Stationmaster at Alice Springs Telegraph Station. He was only 40 years old and is buried where he died, 80 miles south of Alice Springs.

It was Mr Kraegen who was (literally) charged with erecting in Albury in 1861 the time ball which was dropped each day at noon. The time ball cost £20 but the Council voted to pay only £10 and Mr Kraegen had to find the balance. He laid the foundation stone in 1867 for the Telegraph Office which was where the Art Centre is now located in Dean St..

EVENTS OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - 1898 - continued

In OCTOBER tenders were called for the erection of a new Bank of N.S.W. and premises for T.H.Mate & Co, both in Dean Street, as well as a two-storey residence for dentist Charles Pettitt. The Salvation Army Federal Band came to Albury. Mr Burleton, aged 72, of Bowna, and Fred Hoysted's wife died. James O'Donohue, his son, and George Radcliffe drowned near Tumbarumba.

In NOVEMBER the first meeting was held of the Albury Fifth Building Society. The following were appointed as officers and committee: Dr. Woods, J.H.Paine, A.A. Jones, R.Thornton, J. Bald Wilson, D. McDonald, J. Brann, H.Headley, D.S. Watson, F.W. Tietjens, and James Colquhoun. A row of shops in Olive Street, owned by Mrs Dr. Kennedy, were totally destroyed by fire and were later replaced by a handsome two-storied brick structure. The Election and Qualifications Committee considered the petition of R.T. Ball, former M.P., against the election of T.H.Griffith on the grounds of intimidation and undue influence. The petition was dismissed. Deaths included J. McLaughlan, Miss Lily Heriot and her sister, William Maher of Talgarno, Mrs Keighley, wife of a former Albury Police Magistrate, and Mrs Cotterell of Bowna. James Tyson, the Australian millionaire, died in Brisbane.

In DECEMBER considerable damage resulted from a fire at Krueger's Tannery. A new bridge was opened, replacing the 1861 Union Bridge.

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday JANUARY 19, 1999, 7.30pm, Xavier High School, North Campus, off Fallon Street (entry Currawong Street), North Albury.