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MARCH HISTORY MEETING

8pm Wed. March 9

Commercial Club,
Dean St, Albury

ACTIVITIES:

Oral history workshop to record the recollections of Old Australians on the coming of New Australians 1947-60; also Ray Gear speaking on his research topic, "Hotels in Dean Street"; & John Craig summarising some journals we have received.

? QUESTION for MARCH:

When & how did the first group on post-war migrants arrive at Bonegilla?

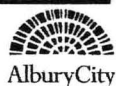
APRIL MEETING: 13/04/05

FUTURE EVENTS

① 27/05/05 to 17/07/05;

"Works Wonders" stories about home remedies will be on display at the Albury Regional Museum.

Works Wonders is an exhibition about some of the weird, wonderful & commonplace ways in which people have dealt with sickness & injury at home. Based on family memories of rituals & remedies, the exhibition tells the stories behind everyday household products & cures. - a 'nice cup of tea' when



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Photo 1: Station Master's Residence, Young St/ Railway Place.

someone is feeling off colour, Vicks VaporRub on the soles of the feet 'to draw a cold down from the head', flat lemonade & plain toast after a gastric attack.

It's stories like these that I invite A&DHS members to recall & write about, in order to incorporate an element of local content into this exhibition. Your contribution about memories of home remedies will be most welcome & no doubt amusing & of interest to others.

Please forward your written memories to: Helen Pithie, Director, Albury Regional Museum, PO Box 323, Albury 2640. tel 02 60513451 fax 02 60513454
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www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/museum (or to an A&DHS Committee member).

② 11/02/05 to 03/04/05; Albury Regional Museum Exhibition: "Gambling in Australia; Thrills, Spills & Social Ills". (see BULLETIN 443). -Helen Pithie

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REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY MEETING:

GERRY CURTIS presented a series of slides on "the Early History of Albury":

1. STATION MASTER'S RESIDENCE.

The Albury Station Masters residence is built close by the Albury Railway station. The Station Master, Sgt in charge of Police & the Postmaster, had very important roles in our community. The railways usually built two-storey homes on the busier lines in country NSW. The station master & his wife at times entertained Inspectors of Railways & other influential people that travelled to Albury & beyond.

2. WAUGH'S BUTCHER SHOP.

Alf Waugh moved to Albury in 1895. He leased & later purchased premises on the corner of Townsend & Smollett Streets for a butcher shop. Coincidentally it is still a butcher shop till this day. The building was pre- >>>>



Gerry Curtis: Photo by Mary Thurling



Photo 2: Waugh's Butcher Shop
viously owned by Thomson's Saddlery. The upstairs section, which was residential, was built in the 1900's.

About 1896 the young Alf Waugh was the first butcher in Albury to install a compressor which was run by gas which generated the electricity for the refrigeration plant. Albury didn't have electricity at that time. Alf was very taken with the modern technology, after attending an Industrial fair in Dean Square in Albury which was run by the Albury Show Society. He was the only butcher in town that had a refrigeration plant; so he was able to keep his meat for a longer period. Alf Waugh was an Alderman & Mayor of Albury for a number years.

In 1860 Crawford & Connolly coach company kept their horses at the stables behind Waugh's butcher shop. Travellers caught the coach where the butcher shop is situated today & the stables were right next door in Smollett Street where Green Court is now. The Taxation Office was the Farmers & Graziers Wool store for many years. Before the wool store was built it was the home of the Exchange Hotel which was on the same corner opposite the Butcher shop; it was one of the largest hotels in town at the time. The coach's main headquarters was at the Hub Arcade in Kiewa Street, (which is presently being demolished for the new Albury Library & Museum).

The coach to Melbourne would leave at 1.30pm & it would take two days & two nights to arrive. The cost was 4 pounds eighteen &

PLANNING TO SPEAK AT A MEETING? Please remember to write it down & give it to a Committee Member for the Bulletin Editor. Photographs (originals or large copies) are welcome. Avoid Plagiarism - quote your sources!

sixpence. The Crawford & Connolly contract was to take the passengers as far as Wangaratta & then return. The passengers would then change coaches for the rest of the journey to Melbourne. In 1922 their business closed down as motor vehicles became very popular.

3. OLIVE STREET-SCAPE.

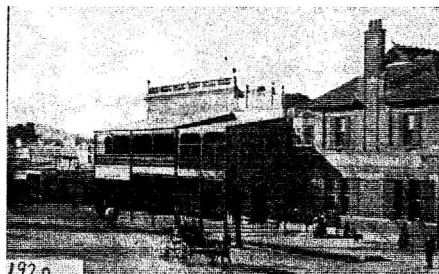


Photo 3: Olive Street Albury c1920
OLIVE STREET NORTH, UNION BANK, ALBURY.

With the street scene in Olive Street you will recognise the bank on the corner & it was built by Frew & Logan in 1910, & was known as the Union Bank & later as the ANZ. Angus & Robertson Book Shop uses the same building at this present time. Next door to the bank was Friedlieb's Chemist Shop which was in the family for many years, then Berlin House which belonged to Mr Brann. Naturally the building name was hurriedly changed during the war. Perl's Clothing Shop was in that group of shops.

4. ADAMSHURST.

George Adams arrived in Australia in 1854. He lived at Beechworth & Deniliquin before coming to Albury. He purchased ten acres (4 ha) of land where the Albury Campus of Charles Sturt University is now situated. He built a home for his wife & himself & called it Adamshurst. He planted a vineyard on the rest of the property.

Adamshurst is situated in David

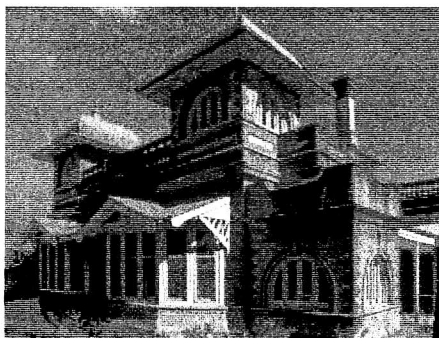


Photo 4: Adamshurst, David St Albury.

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Street, between Guinea & Wilson Street. He later purchased the Albury Banner from Samuel Fry Blackmore in 1862. His wife passed away in 1892 & he went away overseas & left the housekeeper & her parents to caretake his home. When he came back from his long holiday he eventually married his housekeeper. She was considerably younger than himself & his wedding present to her was to build an extension on to the house in the early 1900's hence the unusual frontage. George Adams died in 1915.

During the war Adamshurst was taken over by the Air Force & Mrs. Adams lived in one wing of the house while it was occupied. In later years it was taken over by the NSW State Government & was used as a Youth Hostel for country children who came to Albury for their Secondary school education.

5. ST. DAVID'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH;

On the corner of Wilson & Olive Streets, was built by Frew & Logan about 1905. The bricks were made locally. The first Presbyterian church in Albury was built in Smollett Street

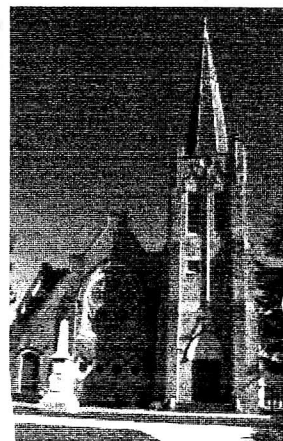


Photo 5: St David's Presbyterian, Albury.

where St. Patrick's church Hall now stands. The manse was near, very close to the Morton Bay Fig tree which is still in the grounds of St Patrick's School.

They then moved premises to Olive Street in 1905 into the church hall which was in between the present church & the manse until St David's was built. The shingles on the spire of the church are made of asbestos cement.

COMMITTEE Meeting: 5.15pm Tuesday March 22, 2005, at Albury City Library

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6. BONEGILLA HOUSE.



Photo 6a: Bonegilla House, Kiewa St.

The first picture is of Bonegilla house on the corner of Kiewa & Wyse Street which was built in 1858 without a verandah.



Photo 6b: Bonegilla House, Kiewa St.

The second picture shows that it now has a verandah which was built on at a later date - about the 1870's. Many years later a picket fence with a garden appeared & it certainly has made a difference to it's appearance.

7. KIA ORA.



Photo 7: Kia Ora, Townsend St.

Originally it was the Bank of NSW & was built in 1858, in Townsend Street. You have to admire the stone work on the outside of the building & it also has a beautiful stair case inside the home & an unusual wrought iron fence. In the 1900's the home had an upstairs balcony fronting Townsend Street. Mr & Mrs Alf Waugh purchased the premises & lived in it for quite a few years during the period that he was an Alderman & the Mayor of Albury.

8. CONVENT OF MERCY.



Photo 8: St Joseph's Convent of Mercy

John Gordon, Architect, was born in London in 1824. On arrival in Albury to live, the Convent of Mercy situated in Olive Street between Smollett & Hume Streets was his first work in 1868. He also designed the chapel which was built later in 1879. It was his last job, as he was drowned at Wagga Wagga the following year. The bricks for the Convent & Chapel were made by Plummer's Brick works.

Fallon's building & Wine cellars that was situated in Kiewa Street right opposite Englehardt Street was his second design job in 1869. Although Fallon's building has been demolished for years, the wine cellars are still in existence & are waiting on approval from the NSW Heritage office whether the Albury City Council are able to demolish them or not.

When John Gordon died his two sons took over the family business & it was known as Gordon & Gordon.

9. ST. PATRICKS CHURCH.

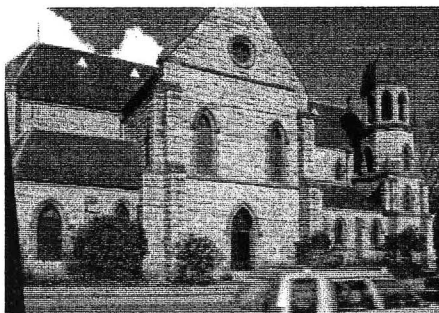


Photo 9: St Patrick's, Smollett St.

Situated in Smollett Street, St Patrick's Church was the third building that was designed by John Gordon, built in 2 years & 3 months between 1870 & 1872.



Photo 10: Gerry Curtis's Furniture Shop.

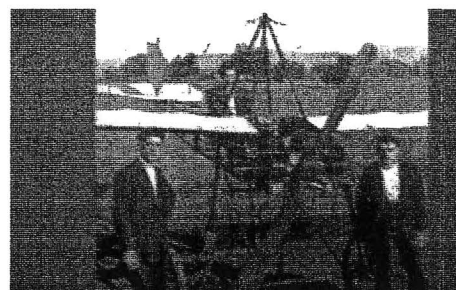


Photo 11: Alex & Vivian Porter & Azor Robbins with aeroplane.

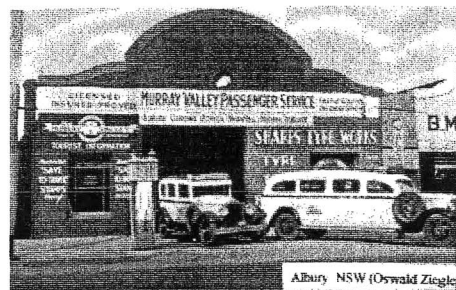


Photo 12: Kiewa St Bus Depot



Photo 13: Murray Valley Passenger Service



Photo 14: Albury Railway Platform.



Photo 15: Town Hall, The Plaza, & Mechanics' Institute.



Photo 16: Old Albury Fire Station. Photo by Mary Thurling.

Answer To "QUESTION for FEBRUARY"; "What were the most important events in Albury in the 1930's?"

- The Great Depression years.
- 1930 – (17/12) 2AY radio began.
- 1931 – Haberfield's Dairy began.
- 1932 – first Albury Scout Hall built & opened.
- 1933 – Don Bradman in Albury.
- 1934 – Baby Health Centre opens.
- 1934 – New Ambulance Station.
- 1934 – Uiver forced landing.
- Royal visit.
- 1934 – Pyjama Girl murder.
- 1936 – Hume Weir construction finished.
- 1937/11 – "Spirit of Progress" steam train commences service between Melbourne & Albury/Wodonga.
- 1938 – Parade, 150 years of white settlement in Australia.
- 1938 – Abattoirs opened.
- 1939 – September: WWII begins.

– Jill Wooding; Joe Wooding; Douglas Hunter; Geoff Hamilton; Inga Krain; Gerry Curtis; John Craig.

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1 THANKS** to *Harold Mair* for Local Parliamentary History including;
- his speech about local NSW MLA's 1856 to 1978 (up to Harold's election).
 - Booklet: Sesquicentenary of Inauguration of Parliamentary Institutions in NSW & Australia.
 - Copies of Writs certifying the return of George Macleay & John Hay as Members of Electoral District of Murrumbidgee 1856 & their Oaths of Allegiance.
 - (Govt. Gazette?) page 1368+: Writs of Election for all NSW Electoral Districts 1856.

2 CONTRIBUTION. Thanks to Mrs Ella Allan for a copy of "A

History of the Albury Presbyterian Church" compiled by Mrs Glad Williams, 1982, unpublished manuscript. The document has been added to the History Room Collection at Albury Library.

3 UIVER. Committee members, Jan Marsden & Ron Braddy attended the Uiver Working Group meeting on Wednesday 23 February. Gerry Curtis is also a member of the Group. Ron voiced the opinion of the Committee that an essential part of any plan is an audio visual to tell the dramatic story of the landing of the Uiver & the efforts of the Albury community in ensuring the plane was able to complete the race. Plans for the restoration of the aircraft & suitable accommodation for it is in the very early stages. Gerry is part of a small working party formed to investigate options & funding.

4 REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. Our Research Officer, Helen Livsey, has responded to 50 letters & 77 phone calls asking for information in the last 12 months. The rate of inquiry has increased since information about the Society appeared on the web site of the Albury Regional Museum. Our thanks to Helen for her work.

– Douglas Hunter *

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE JOURNALS – by John Craig

A compilation to help members find items of interest. These journals can be viewed at the Albury City Library – History Resources Room:

DESCENT: Journal of Society of Australian Genealogists, December 2004

1. Australian Genealogical Computer Index (A.G.C.I.) on CD ROM.
2. People in Place – Reconstructing Neighbourhoods.

FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETIES NEWSLETTER: Nov 2004.

1. Report from States & Territories.
2. Annual Report of the President for 2003 – 2004.

HAWKESBURY CRIER: F.H.G. Newsletter, December 2004.

1. St Gregory's Catholic Church,

Kurrajong – A Brief History.

INHERIT: Victorian Heritage Council Magazine. October 2004.

1. World Heritage Listing of Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens.
2. Sheep Washes & Yards of Victoria 1830 – 1880.

INSITES: Historic Houses Trust NSW, Summer 2004.

1. Newstead Homestead c.1841 – It's Associations with Tom Roberts.
2. The Old Mint Site on Macquarie Street – Developing a Vision.
3. Events Calendar for January/ February 2005.

MEMENTO: News from National Archives. January 2005.

1. The Year That was 1974: National Archives Release Cabinet Documents That Have Reached 30 Years of Age.
2. The Arrival of Dutch Migrants to Australia.

MUSTER: Central Coast (Gosford) Family History Society Journal, December 2004.

1. Never Give Up Searching.

2. Guest Speaker List for February – May 2005.

NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (NSW):

1. National Trust Heritage Awards Application Form, 9 – 17 April 2005.

PRO-ACTIVE: Public Records Office Victoria (PROV) Magazine. Summer 2004/ 2005.

1. Women of Eureka – Assisting their Men at the Uprising.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (U3A) Albury/Wodonga. Course Brochure 2005.

1. Semester 1, Jan.31 – July 1: Semester 2. Aug.1 – Dec.9 2005.

UPDATE: Information Victoria Newsletter, Nov 2004 to Jan 2005.

1. Information on a Broad Range of State Government Activities.

WAGGA WAGGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter, Oct/Nov 2004 & Dec/Jan 2005.

1. Interesting Links Between "Jack The Ripper" & Wagga Wagga.

WODONGA BUSINESS MAGAZINE – January 2005.

1. Albury/Wodonga "A Taste of Success - Tourism Business".

2. Business Cluster Program Launched.

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