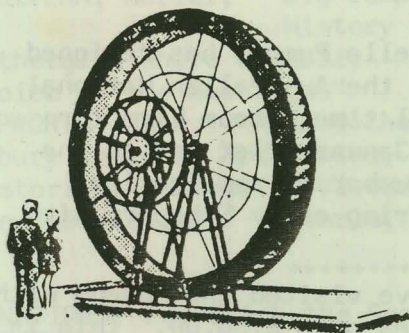


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Next Meeting: 8 pm, Tuesday 14th February 1984
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Colin Frauenfelder will show some of his slides of
"Historic Buildings and Landmarks in Albury"

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held in December 1983

The President's Report was presented and the Treasurer's too (see enclosure).
Mr Jack Anderson was awarded an Honorary Life Membership of the Society.
The committee for 1984 was elected. The decision on the date of future A G Ms
was referred to the committee. Subscriptions to remain the same as in 1983.
Raffle winners: 1. Mrs Olga Butt 2. Miss Bev Geldard 3. Mrs Peg Boyes.

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<u>COMMITTEE 1984</u>	President	Keith Burnham
	Vice President	John Alker-Jones
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	Secretary	Jo Gordon
	Treasurer	Helen Livsey
	Minute Secretary	Anne Holloway
	Committee members	Marie Aney, Gwen Brown, Gerry Curtis, Anne Davies, Holford Lempriere, Doug Royal, Mary Thurling.

Who does what?	Museum Sub-committee Chairman	John Alker-Jones	21 2528
	Museum Roster	Mary Thurling	21 6975 and Jo Gordon 21 4363
	Tours Officer	Holford Lempriere	25 6308
	Bulletin Editor	Anne Davies	25 2872 (not business hours, please)
	Bulletin Distribution	Gwen Brown	
	Membership Secretary	Helen Livsey	21 3980
	Local History Room Co-ordinator	Anne Holloway	21 2173
	Publicity Officer	Marie Aney	25 3618
	Heritage Week Co-ordinator	Gerry Curtis	213172
		with Doug Royal & John Alker-Jones	
	Restoring old frames at Museum	Doug Royal	21 1348

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Museum Report

Keith Burnham

As most members will be aware our Museum Director, Mrs Narelle Pumpa, has resigned as from 4 January 1984 in order to continue her studies at the Australian National University. Advertisements for the vacant position of full time Museum Director appeared in the 'Weekend Australian' on December 17th and January 21st and in the Border Morning Mail on December 17th. There have been a number of applications received of a high quality and it is hoped to interview during early February with a view to the new Director commencing work during March.

Since the Official Opening on 7th December, 795 persons have visited the Museum with admission receipts being in excess of \$500.00 and book sales over \$100.00. This is an encouraging start bearing in mind the limited publicity that has been undertaken.

Thirteen volunteers from the Society have acted as museum attendants so far in addition to Michelle Bush' attendance during the week. I am particularly pleased to report that the Museum has opened as planned on a seven day a week basis and this is entirely due to the volunteers' and Michelle's efforts well done!

Albury City Council has advised that Aldermen David Nicholson and John Emmerly will join the Museum sub-committee as observers. Council has also provided \$8000 in its 1984 budget towards the cost of the Museum Director's salary as well as providing money towards improving the security measures at the Museum.

Museum Roster Three more volunteer members are needed for the museum roster.

This will mean that the sixteen volunteers work one shift every four weeks. The hours are 10.30 to 1.30 and 1.30 to 4.30 Saturdays and Sundays. We are all learning and trying to iron out any problems. If anyone would like to have an introduction to museum duty he/she could attend with an experienced member. Many pleasant hours can be spent in the bright, clean and restful atmosphere of the Turk's Head. Phone Mary Thurling 21 6975 or Jo Gordon 21 4363 if you can assist or would like to be an observer for a shift.

Book Sales

Keith Burnham

The Society has available the following publications for sale:

Bayly	History of Albury	\$5.95
Dunlop	Over River and Plain - History of Wodonga	\$6.95
Carroll	The Hume - History along the Hume Highway	\$6.95
K & L Bentley	Charts of the River Murray, Yarrawonga to the Hume Dam	\$11.00

A 10% discount on these prices is available to Society members. The books can be purchased direct from the Museum or via the Society's Secretary.

Also available at the Museum are commemorative mugs of "THE ROYAL VISIT of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales with HRH Prince William to Woomargama Station, Albury, 1983" at \$6.95 each and excellent postcards of the paddle steamer era at 40¢ each.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS 1984 NOW DUE

Members have free admission to the Society's Albury Regional Museum at the Turk's Head. Adults \$6, Children (15 or under) \$1, Corporate Membership \$25.

Adult and corporate members also receive the Society's Bulletin 11 times a year, a 10% discount off books bought at Angus and Robertson 526 Olive Strret Albury and 10% off history books from Riverina Educational Bookshop 532 David St. Albury.

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Welcome to new members Mr K Esler, Tumbarumba. Mr Alec Savidge, Wodonga, Mr Howard Jones, Mrs Guilan Thurling, Mrs K Ortiz and Mr A Goyen.

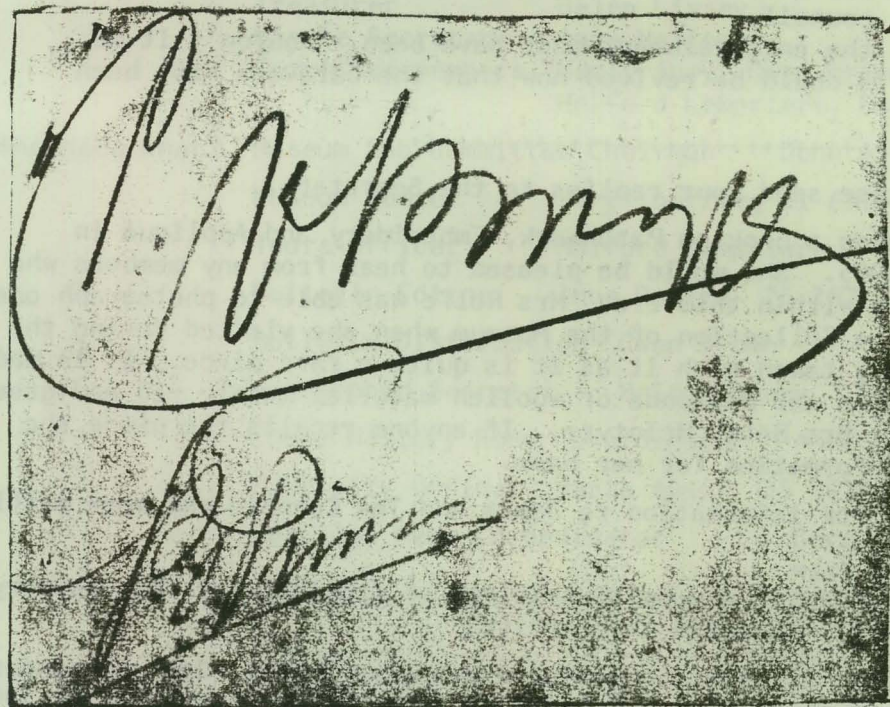
Recent additions to the Historical Collection - Upper Murray Regional Library.

McGIVERN, Muriel, "Big Camp Wahgunyah: History of the Rutherglen District"	H994.55 McG
Rutherglen Shire Council, Community Service Guide	H919.455 Rut
"Voice of the Mountains"	H994.55 Voi
HEPWORTH, John, "Around the Bend; a journey down the Murray by raft"	H919.4 Hep
Albury Regional Art Centre, Annual Report 1982/1983	HQ708.9944 Alb
Historical Records of Victoria : Aborigines of Port Phillip, 1835-1839	H994.5 His v2 pt1
The Cyclopedia of Victoria, published 1905	HQ994.5 Cyc v3

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DONATIONS, for which the Society is most grateful, fromMr C C Hazelwood 7 photographs taken probably early 1900s at Urangeline Station:

Mr G R Jackson; 8 horse team ploughing; goat team; polo pony stallion; men on Mahonga; part of a mob of 10,000 ewes; Shropshire sheep. Also stored items already acknowledged: booklet "Albury, Hub of a Nation" 1971; p.c. "The Hospital, Albury; souvenir handkerchief 1914-1915 from Mrs Bell per Mrs McLean; 2 glass positive photographic plates of Jenolan Caves & Sydney; 3 legal documents, 2 conveyances Jones St - Bungambrewatha Creek and 1 mortgage Kiewa St, names mentioned John Dornan & Griffith family Thomas Hunter, Charles Hunter, Claude Hamilton and Lilian Helen.

Miss Audrey Fletcher Brown silk parasol, beaded neck piece and a cream silk shawl.Mr Jim Seymour, Melbourne. Large coloured photo of a painting of the Union Bridge, AlburyConvent of Mercy, Albury. 5 shingles and hand madenails from a house which was next-door to the Convent in Olive Street, Albury.Mr Eli Barker A suitcase of clothes and embroidery.Mr R Doughty, Rosewood, NSW. "View of Albury, NSW before the turn of the century" Supplement to Border Post/Wodonga Advertiser.Mrs K Winnett, Information Officer, NSW Govt Offices, Albury : Programme, Itinerary & Speech for Official Opening Ceremony of the NSW Govt Offices in Albury 25/11/66.Mr Jim Adams for photocopying this Bulletin.Mrs Peg Boyes Reprints of "Murray River to Botanic Gardens" and a box of books of assorted titles - for sale at the Museum.Mr Vern Rouvray Autographs of "Two members of the crew of the Uver, the Dutch airliner which competed in the Centenary Air Race, 1934" & his account of the exciting event.

Left: Photocopy of
the two autographs
donated by Mr Rouvray.

We hope to print his
'very clear memories'
in a later Bulletin.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - Radio Ettamogah and the Historical Society.

You may be interested to know how we, Bev Geldard and Prue Paton, are progressing in this new and challenging project of collecting the oral history of the A/W district. To begin with our training has been interesting and varied. We can now do a live radio programme, which could be either a mixture of our favourite music or an interview with a local person who has a fascinating story to tell.

We have also sent off a number of letters to some of our elderly citizens, inviting them to contact us and already the response has been encouraging although some have expressed concern when they realize we wish to tape their memories, in which case we try to be as reassuring as possible.

The success of this project, we realize, is close to your hearts as well as our own. The personal contact we can have with potential interviewees is essential to that success, so we invite you all to think of friends and their friends, the stories they have told of A/W in pre war days and remember us who can preserve those stories for the future.

Bev Geldard.

And from Prue Paton:

It is of great pleasure to report to the Albury Historical Society that the Oral History programme is now well under way. Many people have been recorded and we are busy transferring these interviews onto archival tape. The "work" is truly spell-binding: one never knows what new information each interview will bring out!

One of the most interesting pieces of information came from Mr Cleaver Bunton. He recalled the Anniversary Day celebrations - Anniversary Day is, of course, what we now call Australia Day.

When Mr Bunton ran for council in 1925, one of his main platforms was the beautification of the Noreuil Park area. After his election, the Noreuil Park Beautification Committee was formed to supervise the transformation of the area: the Chinese Gardens were removed to another site and the grounds along the river were landscaped. An openair entertainment area was formed close to the riverbank. A wooden platform backed onto the river and a semi circle of lights lit the scene.

Concerts were held there on Anniversary Day and other occasions during the summer months. Decorated craft of many kinds, sponsored by business houses and local organisations, were tied up at Union Bridge and floated down stream to anchor beside the platform. Each "act" stepped off the craft, onto the stage and gave his/her performance. They then stepped back onto their craft and floated away downstream to be replaced by the next act.

These concerts went on for years but the advent of the caravan park changed the concept of the area. The Noreuil Park Beautification Committee found that they did not have control over the area as before so they handed the park back to the control of the full council.

What a beautiful sight the entertainment must have been. Wouldn't it be marvellous if these concerts could be revived now that the caravans have been removed from the park!

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CAN YOU HELP?

Please send your replies to the Secretary.

Mrs Margaret Rolfe is writing a book on Patchwork, Embroidery and Appliqué in Australia between 1788 - 1945. She would be pleased to hear from any members who have samples or information within this era. Mrs Rolfe was able to photograph one of our quilts in the Reserve Collection of the Museum when she visited during the school holidays and was very taken with it as it is quite a rare piece. It is made of brightly coloured hexagons and diamonds of woollen material mainly red and green, backed with cotton. Donor: Mrs Betty McIntyre. If anyone recalls the piece she would be pleased for any information for her book.

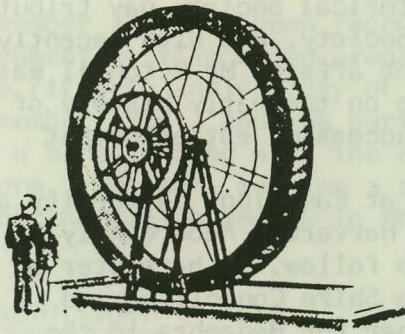
Mrs Val Connors is looking for information re James and Ted Connors who were settlers in this area in the 1850s.

Ms Susanne Wegmann "Do you know of any Swiss settlers of the last and this century around Albury and Rutherglen? When did they arrive?"

Miss Rosanne Moone would like information on her great grandfather, John Alexander Kennedy, who lived in Albury the latter half of last century and died there in 1903 or 1905. He married Sophia Jane Waite (daughter of John Waite) in 1853 at Albury and they had 12 children. John was a Pound Keeper & Nuisance Inspector at one stage.

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

PREPARING FOR THE BI-CENTENARY by Bruce Pennay, Director of the Albury Campus,
The Riverina College of Advanced Education.

Last Meeting: Colin Frauenfelder showed slides from his excellent collection on early Albury; we enjoyed trying to identify and date them. It is astounding how much Albury has changed in the last 100 years. He also brought us up to date with pictures taken at excursions: Emu Park (Muniong), Ettamogah Vineyard, Clyde Cameron College, 'Towong Hill' and Mr Mitchell. Thank you, Colin.

MUSEUM NEWS

by Keith Burnham.

During the past month interviews have been held for both the Museum Director and Museum Attendant positions.

We welcome Mr & Mrs Keith Johnson as the new attendants. They will be moving into the cottage within the next few weeks.

As yet we cannot name the new Museum Director, but an offer of appointment has been made.

We are grateful to Mr Harlan Hall, Director of the Sydney Maritime Museum and Mr Ray Stubbs, Deputy Town Clerk, Albury City Council for their assistance on the interviewing panel. Mrs Gordon, Mr Alker-Jones and myself represented the Society.

Special thanks should also go to Society members Mr & Mrs Davies, Mrs Gwen Brown and Mr & Mrs Charles-Jones for providing overnight accommodation for three applicants and Mr Hall.

Money Matters! A very special vote of thanks to Les McLean for the meticulous and accurate keeping of the Society's books for the period 1982 & 1983 - no mean feat. The Society wishes him well as President of North Albury Rotary for 1984.

HERITAGE WEEK, 7th to 15th April 1984.

Saturday, 7th ALBURY CEMETERY WALK ... with Cliff Chamberlain,
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Sunday, 8th RIVERBANK WALKS - meeting at the Hovell Tree, Hovell Tree Reserve
1.30, 2.30 & 3.30, & finishing at Albury Regional Museum, Wodonga Place.

Tuesday, 10th 8 pm, Special Speaker at the Society Meeting.

Saturday, 14th "WALK DOWN TOWNSEND STREET" Albury ... with Cliff Chamberlain, starting
2.30 pm from Clark Maples, Dean Street and walking down to Elm Court.

Sunday, 15th "De KERILLEAU" house, Wodonga will be open to visitors, guided tours,
2 to 4.30 pm, \$4 a car.

OBITUARY - The Honourable T W Mitchell, C.M.G.

It is with a feeling of sorrow that members of the Historical Society pay tribute to the memory of Tom Mitchell, one of the founders of the Society, who died recently.

In keeping with his resolve to be interested in District affairs Mr Mitchell was closely associated with Mrs Peg Boyes, author of many books on the early history of the District, thereby making a major contribution to the successful establishment of the Society.

Born at Towong Hill in 1906, Tom Mitchell was educated at Cambridge University and followed up with post graduate studies at America's famous Harvard. Accordingly he was well equipped for the full and illustrious life that was to follow. A barrister by profession and Historian Master of Arts, Tom Mitchell was a Shire Councillor and President of the Upper Murray Shire Council and he was Member for Benambra in the Victorian Legislative Assembly from 1947 to 1976. He held the portfolio of Attorney General 1950 - 1952. He was highly regarded in Government circles for his oratory, sound judgement and outstanding capacity but above all he was known as a statesman of integrity always acting with an honesty of purpose and for the well being of society.

Tom Mitchell loved the home of his birth and the countryside which surrounded it and took full advantage of the outdoor life it provided. He was the holder of Australian, British and New Zealand gold medals for ski-ing, represented Australia six times as Captain of the Australian Ski team and was both International and Interstate Ski champion. It was always a pleasure to hear him speak of the debt of gratitude that the present generation owes to the pioneers. He came from a pioneering family - his great grandmother was among Albury's first settlers when she arrived by waggon in 1836 - and Tom carried on with the pioneering traditions.

This great man possessed all the attributes of a good citizen but foremost amongst these qualities was his concern for all people, more particularly for those of youthful age. This was evidenced by his contribution to the Scouting movement. For many decades and up to the time of his death he was a high ranking scout.

Tom Mitchell's life both in peace and war was studded with adventure, a love of country and its people and he bequeathed an example worth of emulation by all whose good fortune it was to know him.

Twenty eight years ago (1955) Tom Mitchell fought for - and won - the right to be buried on his own property. He had his wish granted last week in a grave on a hill overlooking the environment that shaped his life.

It is now farewell to a friend whose death brought to an end a most colourful link with the Border District's beginning, happy in the knowledge that he has earned the "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Kingdom of Heaven".

C E Bunton.

TABLE TOP BOOK: After months of patient research and rewriting, of checking leads and old photographs, the Table Top book committee is at last sitting back and resting. Copy is all in, proofs are read and our book has finally "gone to bed" in the printer's hands.

Table Top district story goes back far beyond 1884 - the local school is celebrating its centenary at Easter time this year. The flat topped hill first attracted the attention of Hume and Hovell's expedition in November 1824 as they approached from the north east side, and Hamilton Hume named its rampart-like aspect Battery Mount. It was also known by the Aborigines as Mullyan-argina, or breeding place of eagles. Later on, when the Mitchell family acquired the run from Dutton and others, its southerly aspect earned it the title of Table Top.

This name has been applied not only to the early station property but to the whole district which now extends as far south as Ettamogah, and from Jindera on the west to the shores of Lake Hume. Last year it was agreed to compile a history of this area, its publication to correspond with the centenary of the district school. This illustrated book, which comprises over 160 pages of district stories and illustrations, is to be officially launched next month as part of their Easter festivities.

Holford Lempriere.

Correction: Helen Livsey's phone number is 21.3671.

More volunteers urgently needed for duty at the Museum on Saturdays and Sundays, 10.30 to 1.30 or 1.30 to 4.30. Ring Mary Thurling on 21.6975.

"UIVER" and the 1934 Air Race - Historic night landing of the Dutch K.L.M.'s entry "UIVER" a Douglas DC2 at Albury Racecourse in November 1934 has been recently re-enacted by a similar aircraft as part of an extensive documentary film being prepared by the Dutch Government. This film will commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of its part in the London to Melbourne Air Race in October - November 1934 - and the part played by Albury citizens in "flagging down" the aircraft to a safe landing with the aid of car headlights, when lost in a severe electrical storm. "Uiver", meaning a stork, flew on next day to win the handicap section of the race and finish second in the speed section.

Holford Lempriere.

ORAL HISTORY

by Prue Paton.

As we record the oral history of the district we hear many side-splitting stories. One of the funniest came from Mr Bill Trewella of Wodonga, formerly of Bethanga. Mr Trewella's father was a butcher then a greengrocer during the days of the flourishing Bethanga gold mines. After school Mr Trewella would help his father by delivering the greengroceries on horseback.

He remembers one day he went to a house where the householder was gossiping to a neighbour over the front fence. "Just go through and put the groceries in the kitchen, Bill," she said. When young Bill reached the kitchen he found the air was white with flour. The woman of the house had been baking bread and had left the back door open. On the table was a big bag of flour and the freshly-made dough which had been left to 'prove'. A turkey gobbler was having a wonderful flour bath in the flour bag and all the young turkeys were busily scratching at and eating the raw dough!

The owners of this same house kept bees. One evening he was invited into the dimly candle-lit kitchen. "Sit down, Bill," she said. He sat down on a cane-seated bentwood chair and was immediately alarmed. "Oh, heavens! What have I sat on!" he said. He stood up and the chair followed him. "Oh, no, Bill! This afternoon some flies and bees got into the honey and we strained it through the seat of the chair"

DONATIONS brought in by Mr & Mrs W W Fielder, some of which they are giving and some are items which they have been storing. The Society is most grateful to them.

- * Framed oil painting by A W Eustace of the paddlewheeler "Albury" passing Western Hill. It came from the Thurgoona home of Donald McEachern, grandfather of Mrs Fielder.
- * Photo of lady riding side saddle - the first wife of J L McEachern, Albury blacksmith.
- * Framed photo of Dr Andrews. Photos: Mr Affleck, editor of the Border Post, horse named "Blockhead", Queen Victoria, 'Morningside', Elm Street, Albury. Four photos of the Upper Murray: Murray Gates, Jingellic, Bringenbrong Valley, Mount Kosciuszko. Small photo of Leonard Smiles, first Albury boy to lose his life in WW1. Two photos of a Band and of a Group of ?Councillors. Three picture frames with glass.
- * Large framed picture containing certificate & photos of foundation members of Druids Albury Lodge No 518 (donated by last surviving member).
- * Photos of etchings of Murray River towns, Albury to Adelaide, donor, Harry Godson.
- * Coins (identified) which were donated by Mr Ken Irons after Speaking to the Society.
- * Large commemorative tokens donated by Mrs E Batstone.

DONATIONS registered at the Museum, for which the Society is most grateful:

Mrs R Milthorpe - Ornate scrap book containing coloured pictures and cards.

P E Watson on behalf of Mrs V Watson - 2 uniforms (WWI), 1 WRAC uniform (WW2), 3 British Red Cross certificates (WWI), all in sturdy leather trunk.

A Bounader - Movie equipment from old Wodonga theatre dating from 1915.

G W Stocks - Weights from Blackie's Pharmacy, Dean Street (where Dynan's Menswear is now).

J W Warhurst a) Minute Book of the Loyal Albury Lodge, no 4963 I.O.O.F.M.U., "17/2/69" to "November the 19th 1873." b) one metal/cast iron rectangular object found near old oven. What is it?

Mr Fred Griffith - one oar, 1902, from Geelong School Rowing Team, "Winners".

Miss Beth Klinge - Framed watercolour painting, by the donor, depicting "Moving Cattle along Pemberton St, 1950, to cross the Murray at Howlong owing to extensive floods between Albury and Wodonga."

More thanks: to Chapman, Martin & Associates for photocopying this Bulletin and to Mrs Boyes for 70 copies of the reprint of "Captain Charles Sturt" by Mrs Boyes.

Recent Additions to the Historical Collection - Upper Murray Regional Library.

McCLELLAND, James	Index no 3 : readable names of all convicts and free persons arriving in Australia, not naval or military, 1801-1805	HQ929.3	McC
BAXTER, Angus	Tracing your origins : a complete guide to discovering your English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish ancestors	H929.1	Bax
COFFEY, Hubert William	Irish families in Australia and New Zealand, 1788-1983 by H W Coffey and M J Morgan	H920	Cof
REPORT on the Murray Valley area :	Land Conservation Council, Victoria	H333.72	Rep
ALPINE area :	proposed recommendations : L C C 1978	HQ333.73	Alp
ALPINE area :	final recommendations : L C C 1979	HQ333.73	Alp
ALPINE area :	special investigation : final recommendations : L C C 1983	HQ333.73	Alp
NATIONAL Photographic Exhibition, Albury 1983, catalogue;	written and compiled by A M Banfield	H770.074	Nat
BOYES, Rosemary	The Hume Monument	H994.48	Boy
McMILLAN-KAY, Robert Malcolm	The McMillan and McKibbin families and their descendants, 1863-1983	HQ929.2	McM
ROGERS, L	My journey from the Snowy River (Bairnsdale) Illustrated	H921	Rog
CHAPMAN, John Herbert	Family identity, Toorak	H929.2	Cha
The Australian National Boomerang Championship, Aquinas College, Albury	In Boomerang Association of Australia Bulletin no 18, Sept 1977	H799.2	Aus
WILLSON, Ross	A short history of The Rock to Westby branch line		
In Australian Railway Historical Society Bulletin, July 1980		HQ385	Wil

DONATIONS of books/booklets by Mr C C Hazelwood for which the Society is most grateful:

Benjamin Boyd in Australia (1842-1848) by H P Wellings. Eden & Twofold Bay, H P Wellings.
 Jerilderie - 100 years by The Rev H C Lundy. The Manor House, Campbellfield.
 An Historic Church, St Stephen's, Portland, Victoria by Noel Learmouth.
 Letters from the River by Eric Irvin. Sturt of the Murray by Michael Langley.
 The Lives of Frank Rolland by B R Keith (Geelong College).
 'Squatting' on Crown Lands in New South Wales by J K Campbell.
 Also the Society's copy of The History of Albury by Dr Arthur Andrews.

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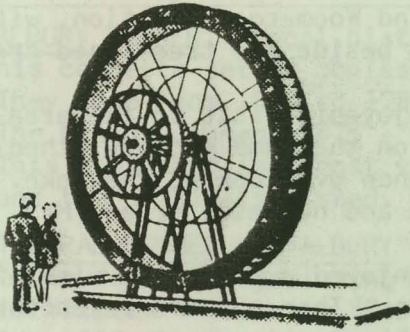
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Next Meeting 8 pm 10th April at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.
Merrick Webb will speak about THE TABLE TOP SCHOOL CENTENARY
which will be held at the Easter weekend, 21st - 23rd April
and about the book which the Centennial Committee has published on
THE HISTORY OF TABLE TOP, 1824 - 1984.

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The Historical Society will be there among 2AY's Coca Cola supporters!

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2.30 pm from Clark Maples, Dean Street & walking down to Elm Court
where a plaque will be unveiled recognising the renovation of the building.

Sunday, 15th "De KERILLEAU" House, Wodonga, open 2 - 4.30 pm, \$4 a car. How to get
there: Go from Albury to Wodonga; turn left at 1st traffic lights into
Osburn Street; keep going till Sunicrust Bakery; turn left at roundabout into
De Kerilleau Drive & immediately left onto a dirt road leading to the homestead.
Members needing transport could ring Gerry Curtis (21 3172) beforehand.

MUSEUM REPORT by John Alker-Jones.

An historic meeting with representatives from Albury City Council (Aldermen David Nicholson and John Emery) was held with the Museum sub-committee. It is hoped that the City Council will become trustees of the Museum. The new director Ms Constance Kordell will begin duties on April 9th.

Our new full time Museum Director is Connie Kordell. Her academic qualifications include a Graduate Diploma in Museum Studies, with Distinction, from Victoria College, Melbourne. Her practical experience was with the Gold Museum at Ballarat. She has been working at the Canadian Consulate in Melbourne at public relations, promotions, media releases, speech writing, reports, etc, etc.

Ms Kordell has agreed with the Museum sub-committee that her responsibilities are
a) to assist with policy concerning acquisitions, the Collection, finance, public relations, publicity, education and administration. b) to direct the basic functions of the museum which include assembling, preserving and documenting the Collection (both on Show and in Reserve); developing programs for education and entertainment; involving the community in museum activities and fund raising; promoting public relations and tourism, and administering office and staff. All this - and she's charming and well organised too!

A.I.D.

WOOMARGAMA TOUR

Close to 150 years of history and development lie behind Woomargama Station, with its rolling hills, and its homestead and outbuildings nestling beside the tree-lined creek which runs through the property.

Members of our historical society made a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the area on Sunday, March 18. Some 20 carloads met at the village on the Hume Highway, then proceeded to the assembly point for lunch on a shady eminence overlooking the lake. We later set out in convoy under the direction of our host and hostess, Mr and Mrs Gordon Darling and the manager, Mr Bryan Ward.

From a hilltop to the west of the Dora Dora road, we enjoyed a panoramic view of the property, sparkling in its emerald coat of early autumn. Then we were taken through the historic old one-time 20 stand woolshed. Next we sought an eminence to the east from where fresh views opened up to north and south. Throughout the tour, a running commentary was furnished by Mr and Mrs Darling and Mr Ward on the modern stocking of the property both with beef cattle - Hereford x Simmenthal bulls over pure Hereford females; and sheep - a Suffolk stud and a flock of Merinos and first-cross ewes. Pasture management was also explained.

Finally, Mr and Mrs Darling escorted our party through their lovely old homestead, more recently brought up to date, and housing so many treasures. Here it was that the infant Prince William was cared for while his parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales, went about their strenuous aerial tour of Australia.

Our Society wishes to thank Mr and Mrs Darling for their hospitality and co-operation in arranging our visit.

Holford Lempriere.

Donation The Society also thanks Mr and Mrs Darling very much for the bound book of photocopies of newspaper cuttings about the royal visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales and Prince William to Woomargama, 20 March to 17 April which was "Presented to the Albury and District Historical Society on the occasion of the visit of their members to Woomargama by Gordon and Margaret Dowling 18 March 1984" It is an impressive memento of a marvellous visit. The invitation to Woomargama Station was for up to sixty members, the final arrangements were made at our Society meeting on March 13th.

PREPARING FOR THE BICENTENARY

The Australian Bicentennial Authority has been busy since 1981 organising a programme of national and international activities to make the celebration of the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia. Most people are aware of the Australian Bicentennial Road Development Project and the development of a new Parliament House. There are also plans to establish a National Science Centre in Canberra, a Tree Maintenance Programme and a National Register of Historic Records among various other schemes.

On a national level historians under the general editorship of Ken Inglis have been busy working on a Bicentennial History. The volumes are to be Australians to 1788, Australians in 1838, Australians in 1888, Australians in 1938, Australians 1939-1988. There is also to be an Historical Atlas and an Historical Statistics Volume.

The bicentenary offers a special opportunity to engage in the study of the regions and localities. The Greater Taree City Council is currently advertising for the services of an Historian. The Newcastle City Council has established a local History Award. The prize this year went for a study 'A Popular View of Passenger Transport in Newcastle in 1938'.

I have personally undertaken a study of a single town - Goulburn - first in the 1880s and then in 1938. I used the same slice or posthole approach to discover how people lived and what they thought. I have been anxious to discover mental furniture and not just the street furniture that bemuses those who write to bolster civic pride. Attitudes and opinions are more likely to have a temporal than a spatial existence, so I have been interested in the colony or the nation as a whole - at that time - to illuminate the local story.

What is Albury Wodonga doing for the bicentenary? Whatever it is, it has to be done now - not in 1988. The preparation of a history that focussed on Albury Wodonga to 1788, in 1838, in 1888, in 1938 and 1939-1988 would seem to me to be a noble and worthwhile goal. The groundwork on the national scene is being done. How far did this community's experience match or differ from that of other places? That is the question we might properly address.

Bruce Pennay.

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DONATIONS by Mr and Mrs W W Fielder.

ALBURY BANNER. Local historians will be thrilled to know that Wattie Fielder has given his complete set of copies of the Albury Banner to the Upper Murray Regional Library. They date from 1860 to 1950 and were presented to him on his retirement from the Banner. The bound volumes, 1874 - 1914, may be read in the Local History Room of the Library. This newspaper is a most valued present. It is to be hoped that it will be copied soon and the originals stored.

THE PADDLEWHEELER "ALBURY". In our last Bulletin (214) we thanked Mr and Mrs Fielder for their donations including an important oil painting by A W Eustace. This is reproduced in William A Bayley's "Border City" as 'Paddlewheel "Albury" passing Western Hill in the 1860s'. We are now able to provide some information on the "Albury" and A W Eustace.

Alfred William Eustace was an Australian artist and taxidermist, born in 1820 in Ashbury, Berkshire, England, the son of a gamekeeper. He and his wife Sarah Ann and their two children Sidney and Kate came to Eldorado near Black Dog Creek in 1851. Employed as a shepherd, he always carried a small box of oils in his swag, so that from his camp he could experiment with colour and techniques. Here he taught himself to paint and here he endeavoured to capture the spirit of the bush. Canvas and board not being readily available, he turned to using large round eucalyptus leaves. He exhibited paintings in Albury in 1864 and in Melbourne in 1884. By 1896, he was receiving orders from nearly all the capitals of Europe. He was also a skilled taxidermist and the stuffed animals and birds in the Burke Museum in Beechworth are his work. He died in 1907. He and his wife are buried in Chiltern. They had six children. Albury Regional Art Centre has two of his pictures on show. There was an Exhibition of his paintings in Chiltern in 1974; its catalogue provided this information. A.I.D.

LETTERS FROM THE RIVER

Taken from an account of a trip from Sydney to Wagga Wagga published originally in the Sydney Morning Herald in 1875.

Edited by Eric Ervin and published in 1959.

21st June, 1875

Dear Allan,

As you can see, here I am in Wagga Wagga again.

But there are also boats like the "Albury," capable of carrying I don't know how many passengers. When she first pulled in to the town after which she was named—the first river boat they had ever seen—I believe she took 300 of the locals down-river for a picnic to celebrate. The "Albury" could do it. She is 156 tons, 120 ft. long and 32 ft. wide; and her hold no less than 8 ft. deep. There's a boat for you—more than twice the size of the "Victoria," and with a 50 horsepower engine. (5)

That memorable day seventeen years ago which I mentioned was when the "Albury" with the barge "Wakool" in tow, first arrived. It was a Sunday, and for that reason no business could be done. But on Monday morning practically everybody at Wagga Wagga was at the river's edge to see this wonder, and her cargo of badly-needed merchandise. Her manifest had been published in the newspaper a few days before, and the Wagga-ites were looking forward to getting their hands on a few of the half-tester bedsteads, chairs, tables, crockery, flooring boards, cedar, palings, matings, shoes, spirits, and groceries they knew she carried. (6)

They were disappointed! An over-zealous Chief Constable "impounded" the boat under the impression that she was carrying contraband. No one could get on or off until the matter had been thrashed out in court.

It very quickly was. The people were incensed, especially as the Chief Constable hadn't a legal leg to stand on. But he'd put the processes of the law into motion and the farce had to be gone through. The case was dismissed by the Police Magistrate after the merest formalities.

Captain Francis Cadell himself was in charge of the boat, and I don't think he ever forgot the odd welcome he got from Wagga Wagga, after being feted, wined and dined at every other place.

Plenty more to tell you yet, but I'll send this much off now by the mail to Tarcutta. My best regards to Emily, the children and yourself, Your affectionate brother,

Tom.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

(5) The "Albury" was built by R. Napier and Sons of Glasgow, landed in sections at Port Elliott, South Australia, by the brig "Lady Emma" in 1855, and then carried to Goolwa and put together by mechanics of the Glasgow firm. ("Founders and Pioneers of South Australia," Grenfell Price, Adelaide, 1929.) It had "excellent cabin accommodation for about fifty passengers" ("Wagga Wagga Advertiser," 25th June, 1870). The "Albury" travelled the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers for many years. Her journeys and her cargoes were reported in such far apart newspapers as the "Adelaide Register," "Albury Border Post," "Wagga Wagga Express," "Wagga Wagga Advertiser," and the "Sydney Morning Herald." Yet each paper gave what appears to be its own version of her dimensions, and no two versions exactly agree. Grenfell Price says the "Albury" was of 40 horsepower and 100 tons burthen, 120ft. in length, 6½ft. in depth, 16ft. beam. William A. Bayley ("Border City," Albury, 1954) says 50 horsepower, 156 tons, 120ft. long, 32ft. wide and 8ft. deep in the hold. The "Adelaide Register" (1879) quoting what it claims is the Australian Shipowners' Association register, says the "Albury" was 137 tons.

(6) Goods listed in the "Albury's" manifest included: "Adelaide flour; tea, Congou, in chests; sugar, ration, in bags; salt, coarse, in bags; soap, Liverpool, in boxes of 56lbs.; candles sperm, in boxes of 25lbs. each; oats; sherry, in cases of two dozen each; Claret in cases of one dozen each; currants; ale and porter in cases of two dozen each; rum; flooring boards; cedar; palings, five feet; earthenware, breakfast, dinner and chamber sets, teapots, jugs, bowls, cups and saucers, baker's plates, tumblers, etc.; furniture; matting, assorted patterns; half tester bedsteads; American chairs in cases of twelve, sofa mattresses and pillows; folding chairs; large cedar tables; tarpaulins, covers and bleached canvas, 16 x 20, and 18 x 24; tar; glass in boxes and sheets, 10 x 8, 10 x 12, 10 x 14 and 12 x 14½; iron, in rods, round and square, in different sizes; zinc, assorted numbers; zinc, piping and gutters; galvanised iron in sheets 6ft. x 6in. and 7ft. x 6ins; boots and shoes, ladies' and men's; saddlery, stationery; wrapping paper, ink, playing cards; a large assortment of readable books; bacon and hams, etc." ("Wagga Wagga Express," 13th November, 1858).

ORAL HISTORY

A contribution from Bev Geldard.

As we enter our 5th month of this 6 month project, I look at what ground Prue and I have covered and realize that the collecting of oral history, in Albury Wodonga alone, could continue on for as long as there are people who will bravely sit in front of a microphone and pass on the stories. It has been fascinating work and continues to be with each new person we meet.

While listening to the tapes, in the studio, I begin to understand how important it is to document in this way, not to secure dates and times for certain events, but to sense how people lived and thought during a period of two world wars, a depression and a growth in technology, the like of which may never happen again.

There are many memories, of the weir being built, from the butchers who delivered meat to the workers living in wooden huts, to Mr Murray's father who helped put in the huge valves, right at the beginning. A Mr Saunders of Wodonga retells of the time on his butcher's round, a distraught customer calls him into the house because the jam she's making has set hard in the saucepan. "What did you do?" he asks her as he tries in vain to remove the spoon from the jam. "Just sugar and water" comes the reply, and as Mr Saunders looks up toward the sugar jar he exclaimed "Oh, Mrs Y, that's not sugar, you've used semolina!"

May Meeting and C.E.C. classes.

Bev Geldard & Prue Paton will be the speakers at our May Meeting, as a change from recording! They will be telling us how exciting the project has been, in many ways. They hope to run a six week course on Oral History at the C.E.C. next term.

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WE DID HELP.. Mrs Burley of Shepparton (July 1982 Bulletin) who asked about John Fraser of Hawksview'. Border Post 1885: Mr John Fraser of Hawksview received a certificate of competency for the office of Inspector of stock. Research by Helen Livvey

Mrs Cleary of Blaxland (July 1983 Bulletin) who wanted to know about her grandfather who had brickworks here about 1890s. Border Post of 1878 & 1890: advertised W K Smith, Brick Kilns, near Mr Ellis's Coach Factory, Albury Flat, and Willow Tree Brickyard, Kiewa Street, Albury. Research by Helen Livsey

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CAN YOU HELP .. The family of John Egge: Chinese Riverboat Captain, who first came to Albury as a member of the crew of Captain Cadell's Albury. Known as "John Bull" when he worked for Cadell, they are curious as to why he chose the name of Egge. John Egge settled in Wentworth, where he established a line of riverboats which traded up & down the Murray. The Egge family are hopeful of finding some written information, either from Cadell or Egge, which would throw some light.

Mrs Sylvia Kirwan who wants information on Catherine Eva Rau who married Andrew Wittmer in 1867.

Mrs M Godfrey who wants to know about Susannah (Shones) & Joseph Keenes of Moorwatha/Goombargana, & their son James (born 1848) who married Annie Mickan. Annie later married James' brother Robert & died at Corowa in 1932. Also about the Napthali family.

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DONATIONS for which the Society is most grateful.....

Mrs Jean Laycock of Pymble for her donation of \$14 towards the work of the Society.

Mr and Mrs R Cuddy of Sydney who have given us a dress which belonged to Dame Mary Gilmore. Mrs Cuddy was Dame Mary's secretary and is the granddaughter of John Farrell.

Mr C C Hazelwood "Umbrella Swift" for winding yarn into skeins .. or holding skeins for winding into balls. Was it invented by an exasperated man? !

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THANKS ARE DUE to Carol Devine who has typed the envelopes for posting the Bulletin for some years. We now have a new system of addressing and thank Carol very much for her valuable time and incredible effort.

We thank Joseph B Murphy and Co for photocopying this Bulletin.

The editor apologises to contributors whose articles were shortened or postponed.

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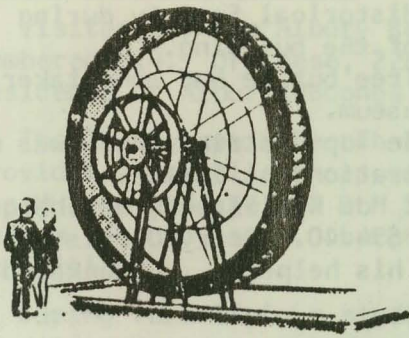
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MAY MEETING: 8 pm, Tuesday 8th May, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

1. Speakers: Prue Paton & Bev Geldard on ORAL HISTORY, our successes and failures.
2. Publications and Research is the name of the proposed sub-committee of which Anne Holloway is the Convenor. Please see her if you would like to work with this group.

Notice of Motion: that before any written material (including publications, signs, plaques) is produced in the Society's name, it be submitted to the committee for formal approval. Moved Marie Aney, seconded Anne Davies.

3. A Demolition Order has been placed on 426 David Street, NE corner of Hume and David Streets; deadline 10th May. This matter will be discussed at the Meeting.

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Oral History by Prue Paton

Bev Geldard and I are looking forward to talking to the members of the Historical Society at the May Meeting. During the talk we will give an outline of what we've achieved - our successes and our failures. The talk will be illustrated with examples from our tapes. Five months down the track we are now confident in what we're doing and hope that this talk will encourage other people to "have a go".

We are to be tutors at a course on "The Recording of Oral History" run by the Continuing Education Centre at Wodonga. It will be a six week course beginning on Thursday 7th June from 7 to 9pm and will cost \$20 for each participant. We plan to make the course as practical as possible so that those taking part will have confidence in themselves, their equipment and in the importance of what they are doing.

We have been very busy over the last two weeks making a start on our required 13 half hour programmes for radio broadcast. So far we have made 3 of them; for the first two, "The Rabbit Scourge" and "Accident and Health Hazards in the Early Days" we used material from four or five different people. The third programme we made entirely around Mrs Vivien Rich and her experiences during the time she worked at the Base Hospital as a sister. The programme we're making at the moment is on World War I.

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HERITAGE WEEK. We had a memorable visit to "de Kerilleau", a gracious two storey house built in 1870 by a Frenchman, William Huon. We saw the well-proportioned rooms on the ground floor and admired the furniture and pictures. We also saw the old kitchen, the grounds and the huge Moreton Bay figtree (planted 1872). We thank Mrs Watson most sincerely for opening her home to the Society and to the public.

Cliff Chamberlain's Walks were very popular. About 150 people hurried between graves and heard about Dr Crichton, Marion Pardey, Jack Iliffe, Rev Henry Elliot, Robert Rand, Arthur Jones, Elizabeth Mitchell, James Fallon, Ken McLennan, Inez Maude Kersley, Mr Wilson ('Sir'), Johnny McEachern and John Burrows. The next Saturday,

Heritage Week (continued) in Townsend Street, we listened to Cliff and others & finished at "ELM COURT" formerly James Higgins' Coach Factory built 1885 Architect - Gordon and Gordon. This plaque was unveiled by the Albury & District Historical Society during Heritage Week 1984 in recognition of the recent renovation of the building."

Patterson's Steam Band was in full swing at the Hovell Tree but we had some takers for the River Bank Walks, most of whom finished up at the Museum.

Merrick Webb spoke at the Society Meeting about the Table Top district which was most interesting and was an excellent introduction to their celebrations at Easter.

So Heritage Week was very busy and full of interest. At "de Kerilleau", we charged \$4 a car and took \$840.90; Gwen Brown at the Bookstall took \$94.40. Gerry Curtis as co-ordinator of Heritage Week did a splendid job ... so did his helpers ... thanks to all

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MAYBE WE CAN HELP Mrs Godfrey about Annie Mickan (Bulletin 215). Mrs M E Fox says that there was a Mickan family Re-Union at Tanunda, S.A. on May 1-2 1982, of descendants of Johann & Anna Mickan from Upper Lusatia, Europe. The family compiled a book "From Cornitz to South Australia - the Mickan Story - The Story of their Emigration and of their growth and spread throughout Australia". Copies from: Mr E Mickan, 20 Joyce Street Murray Bridge, 5253.

CAN YOU HELP

Mrs M R Bott. She is the great grand-daughter of George "Banner" Adams, and would appreciate any information about Mr Adams, the "Banner" and "Adamshurst".

Mrs M Bollenhagen who is the daughter of William Driscoll; he lived in Olive Street and left Albury in 1923/24. She believes her great grandfather had the Bridge Hotel, now the Turks Head Museum. Other relatives lived at Yerong Creek. Any information, please.

Peter Rundmann, Toowoomba, with information about Charles George Norman Lockhart, an early settler of Albury "who was responsible for initial settlement of German immigrants".

George Benstead contact Bill Gulliver who was believed to have a carrying business in Albury in recent years. Please ring (060) 25 6956.

Can you help with information about the Turks Head building and names and dates of occupiers? Helen Livsey (060) 21 3671 or write to the Society, P O Box 822, Albury.

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DONATION from Mrs Rosemary Boyes, for which the Society is grateful, of 60 copies of "Heritage, Albury-Wodonga 1984" and \$76 which is half the proceeds from the Book Launching held on April 4th. Mrs Boyes, with her customary energy, printed the collection of photographs in time for Heritage Week. It is mainly of buildings which date from the lifetime of two pioneers, Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell and Mr Robert Brown. "The Carriageway" in Smollett Street just qualifies as it was built in 1889. The book costs \$2.95.

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Members 1984 (continued from Bulletins 214 and 215)

Mrs M Armstrong, Ms A Banfield, E Barker, Mrs M R Bott, Mr & Mrs C E Bunton, Mrs A Cobcroft, R Cohen, Mrs M Cracknell, Mrs L H Darveniza, C Druitt, R Frankenburg, A Grant, Mr & Mrs F B Higgins, K Irons, Mrs V Luke, Bethanga Heritage Group, J J Lamerton, Mr & Mrs D Nicholson, Mrs P Paton, Mrs N Reynolds, N M Stedman, C T Terry, R C Ward.

All members are reminded that their membership card entitles them to

- * Free admission to the Albury Regional Museum.
- * 10% discount off books purchased at Angus and Robertson, 526 Olive Street, Albury.
- * 10% discount off history books from Riverina Educational Bookshop, 532 Kiewa Street.
- * 10% discount off books from the Albury Regional Museum.

Thank you to Mr Jack Anderson, Honorary Life Member for a \$6 donation.

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We thank Kell and Moore for photocopying this Bulletin.

Acquisition. Mr Landon of Albury Base Hospital allowed Mr Lempriere to borrow the photograph of Mrs Mitchell which hangs outside the Elizabeth Mitchell Ward. Table Top committee and A & D H S now each have a copy of this excellent picture: Elizabeth Mitchell née Huon, born at Paramatta, N S W, 6th June 1797, Died at Albury 1880.

MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Visitors to the Albury Regional Museum during the period 17th March to 17th April numbered 414. Of these, 226 were tourists who came mostly from Victoria and 188 were residents of Albury/Wodonga and environs.

The Photographic Search Exhibition presented in the museum during Heritage Week provided an excellent opportunity for members of the community to become involved with the Museum and the A & D H S. Many people donated photographs or loaned them to the museum for copying. Others enjoyed contributing information on the photographs in the exhibition.

During Term II four students from the Community Service Section of the Transition Education Programme at Murray High School will be employed in the museum one-half day each week. The students are Christine Milligan, David Strauss, Scott Miller and Glen Trembath. They will help accession the collection and set-up the museum's workroom. They will also be trained as museum guides, so that they can assist with large school groups visiting the museum. It is hoped that they will continue to work in the museum after they leave Murray High School.

The Museum's security system has been upgraded and provisions have been made for the installation of smoke and fire detection devices which will be connected to the computerized burglary alarm system now in operation throughout the Turks Head building.

The Albury City Council has also painted the museum attendant's cottage behind the museum and is purchasing a vacuum cleaner, and ultra violet light filters for the fluorescent tubes in the museum's display and storage areas. Excessive light is a serious conservation problem in the museum, and the filters will help to alleviate the problem without diminishing enjoyment of the objects on display.

Volunteers are needed for work in the museum. There is a variety of work to do including cleaning and storing the costume collection, typing, accessioning and tagging objects, helping with the documenting of the collection, researching answers to requests for information and running miscellaneous errands. Volunteers are also urgently required for week-end duty on the front desk and for back-up and relief for Mr Johnson on week days. Please contact the Museum Director (Telephone: 21 4550 between 10.30 and 4.30 on week days) if you would like to volunteer your services.

Constance Kordell.

Donations to the Museum for which the Society is most grateful:

Mr Fred Griffith, two slabs from old hut in Toorallook and an iron kettle hanger for use over open fire.

Mr Gerald Milfor, manifest from the "Cumberoona", October 1869.

Mrs Jean Jansen, Book by Mr Tom Mitchell "Mount Kosciusko and Surrounding Districts" published around 1940.

Mrs Barbara Quirk, Photograph of Lavington Day in Albury, 1928

Mr Charles Robert Merritt, Brochure soliciting funds for building The Monument, features view of Western Hill from Dean Street with monument drawn in.

Mr Pat McLeish, colour 3x5" postcard, Sydney Street, Wodonga, c.1920

Mrs Alker-Jones, Woman's black velvet dress with ornamental beadwork, c. 1920.
unknown donor, 3 ginger beer jugs.

Mrs L Spurr, three 3x5" postcards, two of Murray River in Flood, one of Albury from Poole's Hill. One 4x6" B/W photograph on heavy card labelled Curley's in Albury.

Mrs A I C Howard, Six B/W 6x8" photographs of the building of the Hume Dam.

Special souvenir issue of Albury Daily News, 6 October 1919. Supplement to The Albury Banner & Wodonga Express, 11 Sept 1896, reprinted from The Leader. 1980 copy of October 24, 1934 cover page of Border Morning Mail.

Two issues of Border Morning Mail, Friday 11 April 1947 & Monday 28 April 1947.

Judith Sillett, eight 2.5x2.5" B/W glass photographic plates featuring scenes of Albury circa 1920.

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The Prime Minister has said that "Advance Australia Fair" is the National Anthem:

24th April 1984 At the Remembrance Service after the Melbourne Anzac Parade, the Master of Ceremonies obediently started with the Australian/National Anthem "Advance Australia Fair". After speeches and the bugle call "Stand To", he announced "We will now sing the hymn 'God Save the Queen'". The band played a whole introductory version not recognisable as the British National Anthem. The Welsh Choir sang "Lead Kindly Light".

BOOK REVIEW LAMENT FOR THE BARKINDJI. The Vanished Tribes of the Darling River Region.
by Bobbie Hardy.

Members who have been following the B.M.M. series of early April on the Aboriginal people of Albury are aware that these people are not descendants of the Wiradjuri of the area. Many have come to Albury from Wilcannia and are from the Barkindji tribe.

To understand more fully the historical background of the people, I recommend the reading of "Lament for the Barkindji" by Bobbie Hardy. Other than in the introductory chapter, the book is not emotive or generalized: it presents an objective and specific account of the interaction of black and white values and cultures over the period 1827 to 1940.

The six parts of the book are: The Barkindji, The Wandering Boree 1829-45, Capitulation 1845-65, Subjugation Completed 1865-80, The Station Blacks 1880-1910 and The Protective Yoke 1910-1940. Objective or not, the final chapter is one of utter heartbreak with the forced movement of the people to Menindee in 1933 and Brewarrina in 1936. The irony of the 150th anniversary by white Australians in 1938 was that these were the only Aboriginals left in N.S.W. who were able to perform a corroboree for the "celebrations".

Four copies of the book, which is now out of print, are held in the Upper Murray Regional Library. The book is listed as highly recommended reading by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

Lois Humphreys.

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UPPER MURRAY REGIONAL LIBRARY Recent Additions to the Historical Collection.

ARCHEION : the newsletter of the State Archives, no 1, June 1983	HQ994.4 Arc
ARCHIVES AUTHORITY OF N S W : Record group NCS-ND, Colonial Secretary, Part 1, Naturalization & denization records, 1834-1903	HQ325.944 Arc
ARCHIVES AUTHORITY OF N S W : Immigration: index to assisted immigrants arriving in Sydney, 1880-96	HQ304.8944 Arc
The MARGARET CARNEGIE COLLECTION : Newsletter No 1, July 1983, R C A E, Wagga Wagga	H016.994 Mar
REPORT on the Alpine Study area, Land Conservation Council of Victoria 1977 Contents: vol 1 Report, vol 2 maps	H333.73 Rep Vol 2a
REPORT of the North Eastern area, district 1, L C C of V, 1972	H333.72 Rep
REPORT of the North Eastern area, district 2, L C C of V, 1973	H333.72 Rep
The GRAPEVINE : Howlong's Community newsletter	H919.44 Gra
JINDERA JOTTINGS : no 1, May 1982	H919.44 Jin
SHIRE of YACKANDANDAH community newsletter: Y. Welfare Group	H919.455 Shi
GROWTH CENTRE : community liaison notes no 1, Mar 1979, A W D C	H919.4 Gro
A W D C Bulletin, vol 1 (Aug 1975) - vol 9 (Aug/Sept 1979)	H361.6 Alb
UBD business and street directory for Albury-Wodonga & surrounding Victorian and N S W towns.	H919.4 Ubd
MITCHELL, Elyne : Chauvel country: the story of a great Australian pioneering family.	H929.2 Mit
BENTLEY, Kath. River of Islands: charts of the River Murray Yarrawonga Weir to Hume Dam, 1983	HQ919.44 Ben
ALBUM of newspaper cuttings and other items relating to Neil Semmler	H786.092 Alb

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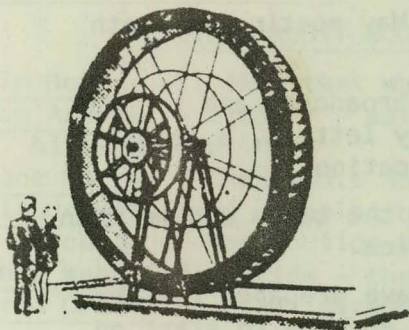
David Clarke conducted a Heritage Week Tour of the History Department of the Library. He showed * How to find the History books in the main library * The documents and books stored in the Local History Room (into which you may only take a notebook and pencil and no pen or shopping bag!) * The microdot gadget which enlarges and lights up the tiny dot and behold - a page of newspaper or a marriage register.

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TABLE TOP, A History of the District, 1824 - 1984

Compiled by the Table Top History Committee, Editor Merrick Webb.

This is a splendid 160 page book. Geography, Maps, Aboriginals, Hume and Hovell, Early Settlement and the Pioneer Families form the introduction. Descriptions of the School, Store and Railway etc follow. Then as divisions and sub-divisions of the land allow more people to live there, we hear more about the later families. Finally, there are accounts of the groups and activities which go to make up a community. The book costs \$8 and there is an extra map for \$2 which together provide a mine of information.



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Next Meeting 8 pm Tuesday 12th June, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

"130 YEARS of GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION in ALBURY and DISTRICT"

Speaker: Mr Harold Mair, M.P., member for the Albury electorate in the New South Wales State Parliament & Patron of this Society.

Society News

1. The Committee, as instructed at the A G M, has decided that the Annual General Meeting for 1984 will be held in November.
2. The Research and Publications sub-committee expects to meet on the 3rd Monday at 3.45 pm, initially at the Museum. Convenor: Anne Holloway. The motion "that before any written material (including publications, signs, plaques) is produced in the Society's name, it be submitted to the Committee for formal approval" was passed at the May meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: Receipts \$20.95. Expenditure \$1579.38.
Balance in General Account \$190.93. Balance in Investment Account \$6,500.00.
4. Members 1984 (continued from Bulletins 214 - 216)
M Comitti, J Henwood, P Howell, Mrs V M Knopers, Ms C Kordell, R Leyland, S Miller, Miss C Milligan, J Paterson, L L Rigg, D Strauss, G Trembath.
Junior members: Miss S Comitti, Miss J Middleton.
5. Correction to Bulletin 216: Holford Lempriere says that it was Dr Hogan who was so helpful to him about the photograph of Mrs Elizabeth Mitchell.
6. Advance Notice: Mrs Jean Read will be the speaker at the July meeting.
Her subject will be "Research in Family History".
7. The Society thanks David Skinner for photocopying this Bulletin.

CAN YOU HELP?

Mrs Sylvia Kirwan who would like to know (per Helen Livsey) the date of the death of William Thomas Kirwan who was buried in Albury sometime after 1883.

Mrs K Lorenz with information about her grandfather, Thomas Maher, who died in Kiewa Street, Albury on 8th January 1888. How long had he lived there? What was his exact address?

THE ORAL HISTORY joint talk by Prue Paton and Bev Geldard at the May meeting was both entertaining and informative.

They told about learning to use the equipment, about learning to broadcast and to interview. They had to prepare documentation such as introductory letters, a legal agreement for use of tapes, summaries of tapes and their identification.

Bev "the technician" put on headphones to find the right place on the tapes and we then heard recordings of some awful mistakes and some fascinating stories.

You can hear more Oral History in the 30 minute broadcasts they have prepared for the Community Radio, 2REM FM transmitting on 107.9. These programmes are due to start on 10th June 1984. Don't miss them! 1.30 pm on Sundays repeated on Wednesdays at 1.30 pm.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAMMES - to be broadcast on 2REM (not necessarily in this order).

KYAMBA JIM

Jim Bell of Thurgoona talks of his grandfather, Kyamba Jim who drove bullock wagons between Sydney and Melbourne, carting goods for T.H.Mate's store in Albury.

ALBURY'S WINE INDUSTRY

Colin Frauenfelder - great grandson of Johann Peter Frauenfelder who came out with Schubach and Rau from Germany in 1849 and established first winery in Albury.

Kath Ortiz - grand-daughter of P E Fallon who was brother of J T Fallon - Murray Valley Vineyard at North Albury.

Dan Murray - grandson of Captain Lankester of Emu Park, now Muniong, Ettamogah. Came down from Sydney to manage Fallon's vineyard. Bought Emu Park and then the Ettamogah vineyard.

The tragedy of the phylloxera aphid virtually wiped out the wine industry in Albury in the 1890s.

ACCIDENTS & HEALTH HAZARDS IN EARLY DAYS

Holford Lempriere - first doctor in Albury - Doctor's Point.

Jim Bell - accident to young man - bush operation.

Meg Grant - father's death caused by mercy trip to Albury for woman in labour on cold wet night.

Melba Fox - Home births - mid-wife coping with problems - home cures - recipes from Dr Scholl sometimes went wrong.

Evelyn Smith - death of child recorded in poem.

George Saunders - pneumonic plague - not allowed to cross from Victoria to N S W - masks.

Tom Griffith - camping beside Murray River because not able to come over river.

Cleaver Bunton - extremely ill - diagnosed as bubonic plague.

Jack Murray - lead poisoning while working as printer at Albury Banner.

WORLD WAR I

Will Frewella - bricklayer at Geelong building army clothing factory and bully beef factory - sent to Egypt and France.

May Bishop - husband was Albury's most decorated soldier - injured in France - died seven years after war from injuries - D C M, M M and bar.

Dan Murray - fund raising from school children - white feathers given to men of army age in Albury.

Melba Fox - anti-German hysteria - prevented her from becoming a teacher.

Tom Griffith - ringing church bells at war's end - childhood memories of war games in trenches - knitting squares for war effort.

RELIGIOUS BIGOTRY

Jim Bell of Thurgoona. Grandparents 'mixed marriage' which led to their children being baptised and confirmed in both the C of E and R C church.

Tom Arundel of Wodonga - different degrees to which Sunday was observed by different religions in Gundowring district.

Cleaver Bunton of Albury - Bigotry in football. Albury v St Pat's changed in 1929 to East Albury v West Albury.

Michael Ryan - social divisions - lack of understanding even within the family - gradually breaking down.

Oral History Programmes (continued)THE RABBIT SCOURGE

Jim Bell - wildlife that was wiped out with use of phosphorus poison cart.

Tom Arundel - aged 97 - walking over the Gundowring hills with 40 to 50 rabbit traps over his shoulder.

Jack Murray - the rabbit as food during depression.

Claude Hazelwood - losing battle until tractors and rippers in 1950s - against poison because of destruction of wildlife.

Phil Webb - Hawksview - the cost of eradicating 200,000 rabbits.

Fred Griffith - the introduction of myxomatosis.

SOLDIER SETTLEMENT AFTER WWI and BUILDING OF HUME WEIR

Will Colley - President of R.S.L. - government granting of blocks of land to returned soldiers.

Claude Hazelwood - Blocks of land given too small to make a living.

Will Colley - pressure on R.S.L. to ensure all jobs on Hume Weir only for returned servicemen - living conditions.

Phil Webb - construction of Hume Weir.

Dan Murray - survey high water levels around edge of weir - changes weir made to ecology of river - survey for land compensation.

Phil Webb - raising height of Weir wall.

OTHER PROGRAMMES The Albury Base Hospital, The Depression, - Changes, Schooling in the Early Days & Personalities plus Transport, Entertainment or W W II.

6 ORAL HISTORY CLASSES at the Continuing Education Centre, High Street, Wodonga by Bev Geldard and Prue Paton, Thursdays 7 - 9 pm beginning 7th June, fee \$20.

Bring your own tape recorder. The course will be as practical as possible so that those taking part will have confidence in themselves, their equipment and in the importance of what they are doing. It will include practice in interview techniques and editing of tapes.

THE UIVER - a letter from Mr Vern Rouvray of 12 Mawson Avenue, Beecroft, N S W.

My parents, brother, sister and I were living in Albury from 1930 to 1936 and I still have very clear memories of the Dutch aeroplane landing in the Albury racecourse during the Centenary air-race in 1934.

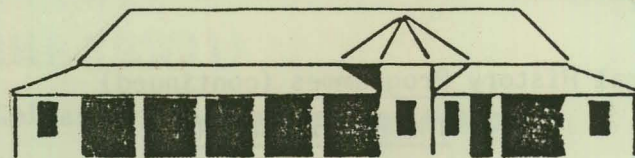
During that week there had been lots and lots of heavy rain and flooding. As I was only 15 years of age and still at high school I was in bed sound asleep as the drama unfolded.

However my father was at a business function meeting in the shopping area that evening when news was circulated through the radio station that the Dutch plane Uiver was in trouble and lost in the poor visibility. An urgent request was made for every available car to proceed out to the racecourse and form a complete circle and leave their headlights on.

The plane, aided by all these lights, landed safely but became bogged in a swampy rain-sodden area. The crew were taken into Albury and made guests at a local hotel for the night. My father obtained two of the crew's autographs for me to paste into my autograph book. (Donated to the Society, see Bulletin no 213 February 1984)

When we assembled at school the next morning, our headmaster, Mr Roberts, referred to the landing being a very historical event and gave us all permission to ride out on our bicycles to have a look at the plane, which was a great thrill for us all. We saw lots of Albury people working very hard with shovels, tow ropes etc, trying to get the plane moved out of the mud on to drier ground.

I am not sure if it was that afternoon, but I will never forget the excitement and jubilation from everyone when the plane finally became air-borne again. It circled around low over the town in a gesture of farewell and appreciation for the help and hospitality it had received from the residents of Albury before continuing on its way to Melbourne to gain second place in the air race.



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MUSEUM SHOP**

Publications on local and regional history, specialist maps,
souvenirs. A list of items in the shop is available upon request.

- * Admission free to members of the A&DHS
- ** 10% discount to members of the A&DHS

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MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The number of local residents and tourists visiting the museum is increasing. Many parents are bringing their children to the museum to gather information for school projects. Visitors from other regions and interstate are coming to the museum to learn about the history of Albury-Wodonga before travelling through the region.

A good museum is an important education resource and strengthens a community's image, so it is not surprising that museums are a vital component in a region's education system and tourist industry.

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Every museum has an acquisition policy - whether by plan or by default - and that policy affects the scope and quality of the museum's collections, the museum's income and expenditure, and its programs, staffing and housing.

A good acquisition policy is not too broad and is relevant to the community which the museum is there to serve. It takes account of resources available to the museum, acknowledges other museums and their collections, and recognizes the many roles an object may play.

The Albury Regional Museum's management committee is currently developing an acquisition policy for the museum. If there are particular areas of the collection you would like to see strengthened, or if there are exhibitions or programs you would like the museum to present, please discuss them with me, John Alker-Jones (Chairman), Keith Burnham, Jo Gordon, Helen Livsey, Rob Simmons, Bruce Pennay, Richard Leyland, John Emmerly, or David Nicholson before June 19th.

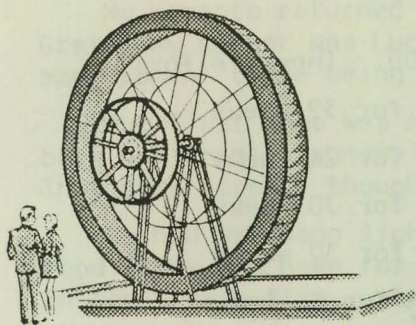
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The Museum Committee and I wish to thank the Albury and District Historical Society for the Adler Electric Typewriter it has lent to the museum, and for a grant of \$1,000 to help meet the museum's operating expenses. We are most grateful for the assistance of the Society.

Constance Kordell

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Guest Speaker, Mrs Jean Read

"RESEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY"

This talk should be very interesting to the many people who are now tracing family history. Mrs Read learned her subject while restoring "Maryvale" cottage at Leneva and researching her family names of Gaffney, Burgess and Ewart from that area.

The Society has just received information from the Genealogical Institute which may also be of interest:-

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF GENEALOGICAL STUDIES

AIMS AND OBJECTS

- * To promote and encourage the study of genealogy, heraldry, family history and allied subjects throughout Australia and to assist members in their researches.
- * To create and foster the development of standards of practice amongst genealogists and the genealogical profession.
- * To promote and arrange for the easier access by genealogists to public records and to record repositories throughout Australia.
- * To maintain a reference and research library covering genealogy, family history, heraldry and allied subjects and an archives devoted to the history of Australian families and related material.
- * To make records and indices of monumental inscriptions, parish registers and other genealogical source material.
- * To conduct regular meetings and lectures.

ANNUAL AWARDS

The Alexander Henderson Award is for the best family history published in Australia and submitted for the award.

The President's Award is for the best family history compiled and written by an Australian student aged 18 or less. Factual accuracy, neatness and legibility are all important.

WORKSHOPS Quarterly workshops on genealogy are held for beginners. Help is given with both local and overseas research.

Who to contact: The Public Relations Officer,
Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies,
P O Box 68, Oakleigh, 3166

SOCIETY NEWS

GRANTS under the Commonwealth Community Employment Program.

The Society has been notified about grants totalling over \$45,000. They are for:

- * Museum Education Officer one person for 39 weeks
- * Local and Aboriginal Historical Research . . one person for 26 weeks
- * Museum Cataloguing one person for 30 weeks
- * Library Cataloguing one person for 30 weeks
- * Photographic Record (Buildings & Museum items) one person for 26 weeks

These positions must be filled from the Commonwealth Employment Service; applicants must be registered with the C E S and have been unemployed for 9 to 3 months. The grants are for wages and workers compensation etc as well as materials and equipment specified as being needed for the jobs.

Treasurer's Report Receipts \$141.90, Expenditure \$157.27
Balances: General Account \$175.56, Investment Account \$6,500.

Members 1984 (continued) Mrs D R Gibbons, F Harte, Mrs D Robertson.
Corporate member: Wodonga West Primary School.

The Publications sub-committee will meet on 9th July at 3.45 pm at the Turks Head.

Last Meeting Mr Harold Mair, M P, was unable to address the Society's June Meeting as he had to attend Parliament in Sydney. Doug Royal showed slides of a trip he had made with four friends following the route of Burke and Wills from Menindee to Coopers Creek. The Museum Director, Ms Connie Kordell, spoke of the Albury Regional Museum's Acquisition Policy.

MAYORS OF ALBURY - a continuation of the series which commenced last September.

EMERSON, Alfred Harvey. Member of Council 1877-83. Mayor 1879, 1880 and 1881.

He was born in County Wexford, Ireland, the son of a solicitor. The family came to Australia when Mr Emerson was still a youth. After some time on the goldfields he and his brother James entered the legal profession in Melbourne. After a short time he moved to Woods Point, Victoria. His practical experience as a miner served him well in his practice as a mining advocate and he quickly acquired a wide fame as a successful legal practitioner in mining cases. As the gold ran low at Woods Point Mr Emerson moved to Beechworth.

In 1875 he came to Albury and shortly afterwards his nephew, J R S Fowler was articled to him and later became a partner in the practice. When Mr Emerson retired the firm was carried on by Mr Fowler and Mr F W Tietyens who had served his articles in the office.

Mr Emerson took an active part in public affairs, being president of the Albury Racing Club and vice president of the Albury Club. He was an ardent sportsman, particularly in angling and was an admirable raconteur.

He was a member of the Horticultural Society and, during his term as Mayor in 1879, he planted the first street tree for the Council in Dean Street at the present Post Office corner. The north side of Dean Street, between Kiewa Street and Olive Street, was planted with young elms, each tree being protected by a substantial rectangular wooden framework. The cost to the Municipality was £1 12s 6d (\$3.25) per tree.

Mr Emerson had been married but had no family. He died on March 20, 1897.

Helen Livsey.

CAN YOU HELP? Mrs C Fry, 42 Henderson Street, Camp Hill, Brisbane 4152 who would like information about Charles Mallee Roen, a private tutor who died at Brocklesby in 1899, aged 66, and is buried at Walbundrie. He had four children Fanny, Barbara, Archibald and Charles.

Lucy remembers

Part I

My parents returned to Albury from Western Australia in 1909. My father came from Greta; my mother was Lucy Hill of Enyapara, Thurgoona. Enyapara means 'a place of many women' there being nine girls and one boy in the family.

Our first home was a brick four roomed house with a kitchen attached, a verandah back and front, laundry and far-away toilet. The house is still standing, in Thurgoona Street, though with an altered front.

We had kerosene lights and candles, lanterns for moving about in the dark, wood fires and coke for open fireplaces. Bathing took place in a large tin tub in front of a fire, water being carried from a copper, heated outside.

Grocery orders were called for and they, and milk and meat, were delivered. Mr Greenhalgh called with samples of Griffiths tea, in small tins, and called back for orders, which were delivered in a large tin.

A small mill ground the wheat for breakfast, followed by home-made bread with butter, beef-fat, home-made jam or Cockie's Joy (Golden Syrup to the uninitiated); we were never hungry.

Autumn and spring brought forth a dosing of sulphur and treacle, a spoonful a day for blood purification, frightful tack! Another old-fashioned treatment that followed colds, measles, whooping-cough or any such, was for patients and contacts to be shut in a room, and sulphur shaken over a shovel of coals, until the poor victims were nearly suffocated.

L M Staton.

NEARLY 200 YEARS AGO: The Rev. Richard Johnson, a meek and gentle preacher who accompanied the first convoy of convicts, had the sense to buy some orange seeds in Rio on the way out from England. He made little progress with his preaching, but amassed a small fortune from farming. With a land grant of 600 acres near Paramatta, he managed to grow some very fine fruit trees within a few years. The fruit sold at 6d to 9d a piece!

M U S E U M S H O P: BOOK REVIEWS

C Kordell.

"WODONGA, OVER RIVER AND PLAIN", by Alan J Dunlop.
Published by The Hawthorn Press, Melbourne 1976. 224 pages, bibliography and index.
\$6.95 **10% discount to A & D H S members.

The author's aim in writing this book has been to present the main factors transforming a rather small, isolated hamlet into a busy city and to show the pioneers as they were - courageous, hardy, industrious people of great faith and ideals. "Wodonga, Over River and Plain" is entertaining and easy to read. It is illustrated with maps and photographs and there is a detailed list of early pastoral runs near Wodonga.

Alan James Dunlop is a member of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and this is his second book on the history of an Australian town.

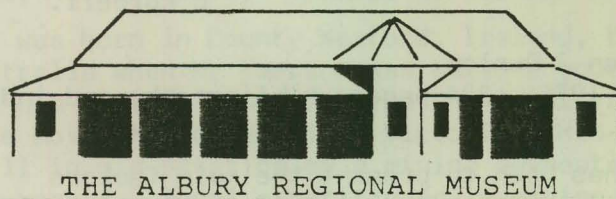
"THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF THE UPPER MURRAY 1835 TO 1845, WITH A SHORT ACCOUNT OF OVER TWO HUNDRED RUNS 1835 TO 1880", by Dr Arthur Andrews (Sydney, 1920).
A limited, numbered reprint edition by the Library of Australian History, 1979.
\$12.00 **10% discount to A & D H S members.

Dr Andrews resided in Albury from 1876 to 1919 and was the Government Medical Officer in this district for forty-three years. "THE FIRST SETTLEMENT OF THE UPPER MURRAY" draws heavily on early published records and contains a large fold-out map of the district. It is a collector's item and would be a valuable addition to any library.

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<u>LOCAL HISTORY BROADCASTS</u>	every Sunday at 1.30 pm. repeated on Wednesday at 1.30 pm on Radio Ettamogah, 2REM:FM 107.9 MHz.
Sunday & Wednesday, 1st & 4th July	<u>Health Hazards in the Early Days</u> Holford Lempriere, Jim Bell, Cleaver Bunton, Meg Grant, George Saunders.
Sunday & Wednesday, 8th & 11th July	<u>Soldiers Settlement Scheme & The Building of the Hume Weir</u> Will Colley, Phil Webb, Claude Hazelwood, Dan Murray.
Sunday & Wednesday, 15th & 18th July	<u>The Great Depression</u> Alice Haydon, Vivian Rich, Dan Murray, John Beck.
Sunday & Wednesday, 22nd & 25th July	<u>Albury Base Hospital, 1929/30s</u> Vivian Rich.
Sunday & Wednesday, 29th July & 1st August	<u>Religious Bigotry</u> Jim Bell, Tom Arundel, Cleaver Bunton, Michael Ryan.
Sunday & Wednesday, 5th & 8th August	<u>The Rabbit Scourge</u> Jim Bell, Tom Arundel, Jack Murray, Phil Webb, Claude Hazelwood, Fred Griffith.
Sunday & Wednesday, 12th & 15th August	<u>Personalities</u> May Bishop, Sister Therese, George Osbourne, Tom Griffith.
Sunday & Wednesday, 19th & 22nd August	<u>Changes in Albury Wodonga</u> Walter Cottrell, Tom Arundel, Will Colley, Alice Haydon, Meg Grant, Cleaver Bunton, George Saunders, Michael Ryan.

These programmes were compiled by Bev Geldard and Prue Paton from the interviews they recorded during the Oral History Project, December 1983 - June 1984.
The project was funded by a grant from the N.S.W. Wages Pause Programme to 2REM:FM which is the Community Radio for Albury Wodonga.



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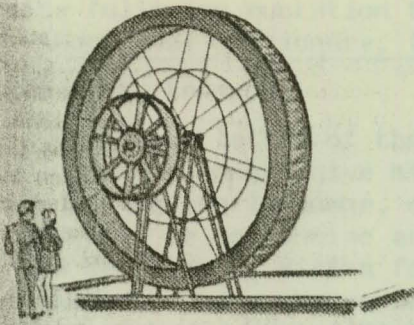
UPPER MURRAY ABORIGINAL CULTURE

MANIFEST (1869) FROM THE "P.S. CUMBEROONA"

* Admission free to members of the Albury and
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Mr Justice Nagle will speak on
"David Collins, First Judge of Australia,
A Discussion of his Life and his Cases."

S O C I E T Y N E W S

Community Employment Programme

Keith Burnham

Since the Grants were approved, four of the positions have been filled.

Ms Pam McElroy is the Museum Education Officer; she is a qualified teacher/librarian. Mrs Maria Green is to catalogue the Society's Collection in the Museum; she has been cataloguing at the Herbarium, Brisbane. Miss Ann Matheson is to catalogue the Historical Collection in the Library. Miss Adele Whittaker has a B.A. in photography from the R.M.I.T.; she will be making a record of Buildings in Albury and also of Museum artefacts. The Local and Aboriginal Historical Researcher has not yet been appointed.

Donations for which the Society is most grateful:

Mr C C Hazelwood a) Two hardcover books: "The Riverina, People and Properties" by Robert B Ronald and "The Polly Woodside". b) An envelope of photocopies including information on Robert Rand of Mahonga, an article on local aborigines and some of the Border Morning Mail Jubilee Issue, 24.10.53.

Mrs Frank Boyes, B.E.M. - \$200, proceeds from the sales of her Heritage booklets.

Dynan, McLachlan and Co. for photocopying this Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report Receipts \$61, Expenses \$34.28
Balance: General a/c \$202.28, Investment a/c \$6,500.00

New Members D Cook, Mrs A Ferguson, M Hardy, Mrs P Priestly, Peter Rutherford.

For the Family History Awards mentioned in the last Bulletin, the closing date is 31st December. Applications and enquiries to the Public Relations Officer, Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies, P O Box 68, Oakleigh, 3166.

Next Research & Publications sub-committee meeting: 3.45 pm, 13th August at the Museum.

EARLY DAYS

The following quotation forms the preface to Major J.F.H. Mitchell's book
"Aboriginal Dictionary, (Woradgery tongue) ... also Customs & Ceremonies of the Tribe"

Dear Dr. Kennedy,

In your letter of the 11th April, you suggested that the Author of the "Woradgery" Dictionary should give his age, family connections, etc., and the facilities he had for acquiring the language, customs, etc. of this tribe. I have pleasure in doing this, and will be as concise as possible. An interested reader will find, on looking up the Registry of Births for June, 1796, that at Parramatta, near Sydney, was born Elizabeth Huon, who could claim to be one of the first born Australians. Her father, Gabriel Louis Huon d'Kerilleau, was deprived of his estates by the Corsican usurper, Buonaparte, and fled his country, for safety, to England, the land of freedom. From England he migrated to Britain's new possession, Australia, with the hope to repair his broken fortunes. About 1813, Captain William Mitchell, a native of Kent, England, married Elizabeth Huon, and on receiving a grant from the Crown, during the Governorship of Brisbane, he took up his residence there, naming the Estate "Brisbane Meadow." County of Argyle, near Goulburn City. John, his third son, was born in 1831, October 16th, and named after his mother's youngest brother, John Francis Huon. About the year 1842, John joined his widowed mother, who formed the "Mungabareena" Station, taking it over from the late C.H. Ebdon, the homestead was only three miles from the present City of Albury, known then as the Crossing Place. John and his youngest brother, James, being too young to assist in the management of the station, found amusement in joining the black boys in their hunting, canoeing, fishing and swimming excursions, and mixing with the adults, gained a smattering of their language, etc., which I have endeavoured to record, and hope my readers will not be disappointed, but interested.

31st May, 1906.

John F.H. Mitchell.

MAYORS OF ALBURY

EDMONDSON. William Newall Maxwell,

Served on Council 1870-73, 1879-86, 1894-5, 1899-1902. Mayor 1872 and 1880.

Born in Lancashire, England, Mr Edmondson arrived in Sydney in 1858 and stayed there for two years. In 1860 he came to Albury to manage the business of Mr T H Mate, which then employed two men and a boy. Mr Edmondson was the first to import direct to Albury from England through Ryland and Sons, of which his cousin was one of the principals. During his 25 years of service to Mr Mate he also held the position of Postmaster for more than a year.

Mr Edmondson was a part-owner of the Cumeroona, said to have been the finest steamer on the river.

In 1885, having left Mr Mate's employ, he entered into the partnership of Edmondson and Parker on the south eastern corner of Smollett and Townsend Streets. The premises were formerly the Exchange Hotel buildings, and the bar, hall and another room downstairs were made into one large room to house drapery, millinery and men's clothing. Near the entrance to the store was a "beautiful counter of cedarwood, which vies with the handsome bar at the railway refreshment room". The southern end of the building accommodated grocery, hardware and offices, while upstairs was the ladies' showroom. The cellar was used partly as a bonded store, and partly for storing bulk liquor and case goods.

After a year the business was taken over by John E Roberts and Co. Mr Edmondson was a partner of this firm for two years before becoming a tea merchant in Kiewa Street, and later moving the Townsend Street, next to Dean Street corner. He sold India and China teas and blended different varieties, attracting customers within a 150 mile radius of Albury.

In his earlier years he became a convert to Henry George's doctrine of land nationalization, and devoted much time and energy to promoting that cult. (see next page)

Mr Edmondson was a competent musician and a member of the Philharmonic Society, Horticultural Society, Land Board and Licensing Bench.

He died at his home "Forest Lodge", Albury on January 11, 1913.

Helen Livsey.

Henry George, American writer on political economy and social reform, born 1839, died in 1897. He became a journalist and editor of papers, and in 1879 published "Progress and Poverty", a work that attained an enormous circulation. In it many of the older views of wealth, wages and capital are attacked, and the conclusion is finally reached that all taxes should be replaced by a single tax levied on land values, thus practically making and recognizing the land as national property, whilst still leaving it in the occupation of individuals.

Lucy remembers.....

Part 2

After a few years in Thurgoona Street, a move was made to a house in Olive Street. (As a point of interest, Pogsons, the previous tenants, were members of a group who went to Paraguay with the New Australia Group. Mr Pogson was a pianist and bandmaster.) This was a larger house and had Gas lighting. Where our home and Walsh's next door were is now the Hume Permanent Building Society. Next to Walsh's was, I think, Malcolm's. Mr Malcolm was a caterer and a generous man, he would give shoe boxes of broken cakes to children, though not to me as I never asked. After Malcolm's was a coach builder. Then came the Model School and the Girl's Primary each of which I attended.

At the Infant school, I wrote on a slate with a slate pencil and had a little tin with a sponge in it. Miss Musgrave was a sweet person; she used to read "David Copperfield" to us every day for a great treat. Before school, we sang "Rule Britannia", "Advance Australia Fair", "God Save the King" and we saluted the Flag.

Rent of the Olive Street house was 12/= per week, then 15/= and when a further rise was imminent, my parents decided to build our own home which they did, in the Old Howlong Road now Pemberton Street. The block of land had been a dairy farmed by Montague. It was one acre, 12½ perches. This was later divided into four smaller blocks. Our home was built on the top part and my brother had the next; prior to the 1940 war, the block on the corner of Pemberton & Paine Streets was sold for £45 and a little later, the one facing Paine Street for £75. But back to 1918: a mortgage of £200 was raised to build the house, repayable by £2 4s 5d per month but my father paid it off in two years. He was a builder and a good one.

L M Staton.

LOCAL HISTORY BROADCASTS every Sunday at 1.30 pm, repeated on Wednesday at 1.30 pm on Radio Ettamogah, 2REM:FM 107.9 MHz.

Sunday & Wednesday, 5th & 8th August	<u>The Rabbit Scourge</u>	Jim Bell, Tom Arundel, Jack Murray, Phil Webb, Claude Hazelwood, Fred Griffith.
Sunday & Wednesday, 12th & 15th August	<u>Personalities</u>	May Bishop, Sister Therese, George Osbourne, Tom Griffith.
Sunday & Wednesday, 19th & 22nd August	<u>Changes in Albury Wodonga</u>	Walter Cottrell, Tom Arundel, Will Colley, Alice Haydon, Meg Grant, Cleaver Bunton, George Saunders, Michael Ryan.

These programmes were compiled by Bev Geldard and Prue Paton from the interviews they recorded during the Oral History Project, December 1983 - June 1984.

CAN YOU HELP? Mrs N Slack-Smith, 12 Bruce Street, Tamworth, 2340 wants information about her great grandparents, William and Sarah Brown who were involved with grape-growing and wine at Wahgunyah around the 1870 - 1880s.

CAN YOU HELP? Mrs Carol Flint, 73 The Avenue, Morwell, 3840 wants to know about her great great uncle James (Jimmy) le Sueur who was born in Prahran in 1855. She hopes to confirm that he drove for Cobb and Co and to know the dates. He lived in Goulburn in 1886. He stayed at Soden's Hotel during coach trips from Goulburn to Albury. He later worked at Mates before returning to Melbourne.

WE COULD HELP (at least Helen Livsey could) Mrs C Fry of Camp Hill, Queensland.

A report of the enquiry into the death of her ancestor, Charles Halley Rowan (Roen on the death certificate), showed Mr Rowan was a tutor to Mr Maxwell's family at Brocklesby and died at the Brocklesby Hotel while on sick leave.

FAMILY HISTORY from Mrs Jean Read's talk to the July Society Meeting.

Tracing your ancestry is a long job - Stamina, Perseverance and Dedication are three necessary requirements. But it is not hard work, more a fascinating hobby.

There is only one way to trace Your Family History - by working backwards from yourself. Your family history begins with you - so start by using a "Direct Family Tree" chart and fill in your own details.

First, Yourself - obtain a full copy of your birth certificate and fill in your name, date and place of birth and your father and mother's names, ages and birthplaces.

Next, a full copy of your parent's marriage certificate should show the full names, ages and birthplaces of both parents, the names of your two grandfathers and their occupations and the names and maiden names of your two grandmothers.

Then, your father and mother's full birth certificates should show your two grandfather's full names, ages, birthplaces and their occupations as well as your two grandmother's full and maiden names, ages and birthplaces.

Fill in the information on your Family Tree Chart, and continue carefully back through the generations, each time obtaining full birth and marriage certificates.

And for your history, NOTE names of witnesses to marriages (often a brother, sister of parent appear in the records), the men's occupations and places of residence and check religions for variations over the years. Go and see your eldest relatives and friends of the family and listen to them talking about early days. Check the family Bible. Look for early school records, they are often still at the school.

So with perseverance, you may work back to finding the First Arrivals of your family, your pioneer forebears, and know when, whence and why they came to Australia.

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Albury families can check Births, Deaths and Marriages in the Registry beside the Courthouse. Cemeteries - Albury City Council has had responsibility for them since 1951. The Records are kept at the Lawn Cemetery in Union Road. Prior to 1951, each denomination kept its own records, somewhat haphazardly. However, the Council did make a survey plan after it took over the cemetery, but of surnames only.

Wodonga families could consult Mrs Gehrig of the Wodonga Cemetery Trust but for information in the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registers would need to write to Melbourne.

The Historical Collection in the Upper Murray Regional Library at Albury has a stack of information - for example - the microfiche indices to Births, Deaths and Marriages in NSW prior to 1900 - and - a copy of the Census of NSW to 1828 which will show name, age, occupation and residence as well as the ship and year of arrival. But you may settle for the 8 pages of "Notes on Victorian Family History which outlines how to Begin a Search" ! David Clark is the Librarian in charge of the History Room.

We hope to have some copies of Direct Family Tree Charts for sale at the August Society Meeting.

A.I.D.

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This paragraph appeared in the Border Post, May 23, 1857:

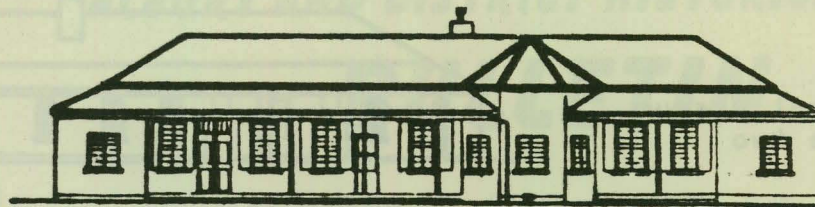
DOMESTIC SERVANTS - The scarcity of female domestics in Albury has now become painfully apparent and it is a matter of impossibility to procure them at any rate of wages. For some time we have been reduced to the necessity of nursing our own baby, and performing a variety of household offices, but we console ourselves with the reflection that Governor La Trobe was in former times compelled to clean his own boots, groom his own horse and answer the door to visitors. Should this paragraph meet the eye of Mrs Chisholm we trust that lady will send us an early consignment of the softer sex via the Murray.

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DO YOU KNOW where there is still a Milestone in Albury?

Answer in the next Bulletin.

AUGUST 1984



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MAA STATE CONFERENCE, SYDNEY

The Museums Association of Australia, NSW Branch held its first state conference in Sydney the last weekend in July 1984. The conference began on Friday, July 27th, with a seminar at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences on regional museums. Three papers were presented in the seminar: "A Strategic Plan for South Australian History Museums" by Dr. Peter Cahalan, Director of the SA History Trust; "NSW Regional Museums and Their Future" by Perry Howard, Director of the Griffith Pioneer Park Museum; and "The Albury Regional Museum: A Case Study in Development" by Constance Kordell, Director of ARM.

The conference moved to the Art Gallery of N.S.W. Theatre on Saturday and Sunday where representatives of the museum profession in New South Wales heard papers on the Australian Bicentennial Authority, the Power House Project, Social History Exhibitions, Local Government and the Arts, Museum Displays, the Museum of Australia, the SA History Trust, Government Assistance to Community Museums in Victoria, and the Role of the N.S.W. Office of the Minister for the Arts in Helping Community Museums.

CAMA, the Council of Australian Museums Associations including the Museums Association, the Museum Education Association and the Art Galleries Association, will hold a national conference in Adelaide in October 1984.

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TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS AT ARM

The museum is planning to present a program of temporary, travelling exhibitions in the South Exhibition Room during 1984 - 85. The first exhibition, from the Museum of Victoria, is entitled W. BALDWIN SPENCER AND THE ABORIGINES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1894 - 1912, and it will be officially opened on Friday, 14 September, by His Worship, the Mayor of the City of Albury, Ald. John Roach.

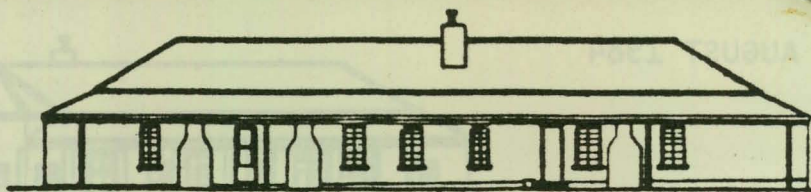
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ALBURY BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Plans are being made for the Australian Bicentennial Celebration in Albury in 1988. If you would like to be involved in the celebration and have ideas for a project or program, please contact the Museum Director before September 30th, 1984.

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ARM Visitors - July 1984: Local, 288; Tourists, 141; A&DHS, 55



MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA

The Albury Regional Museum Volunteers are cordially invited to afternoon tea in the South Exhibition Room of the museum on Sunday, 5 August 1984 from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m.

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ALBURY CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROMOTIONS GROUP

The Albury Cultural and Community Affairs Promotions Group meets each month to exchange ideas and information and to provide mutual support. The Group will meet for breakfast at the Albury Regional Museum on Friday, August 3rd. Members of the group are: the Regional Museum Director, Constance Kordell; the Upper Murray Regional Librarian, Anne Burnett; the Albury Tourism Officer, Rob Giason; the Albury Community Affairs Officer, Cliff Chamberlain; the NSW Tourist Centre Officer, Mary Ann MacCartney; the Regional Art Centre Director, Audray Banfield; and the Albury Civic Centre Manager, Roger Makin.

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ACQUISITION POLICY

An Acquisition Policy Working Group has been delegated with the task of summarizing and correlating all of the points raised by individuals and in discussion with various community organisations during the past three months. At present, a policy is being developed which takes account of the museum's mandate to collect, preserve, conserve and present material evidence of man's existence in the region and which meets all legal requirements in regard to property ownership. Collecting has been focused on the Turks Head Hotel and the period it was most successful in the nineteenth century.

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BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM SHOP

EARLY DAYS OF THE UPPER MURRAY, by Jean Carmody. Published in 1981 by Shoestring Press, Wangaratta, Victoria. 175 pages including index and bibliography. \$20.00 - 10% discount to A&DHS members

EARLY DAYS OF THE UPPER MURRAY is a colourful account of the settlement of the Upper Murray region beginning in 1837 and continuing through the establishment of pastoral runs and selections. Ned Kelly, Dr. John Singleton, and Squizzy Taylor are all included in the book.

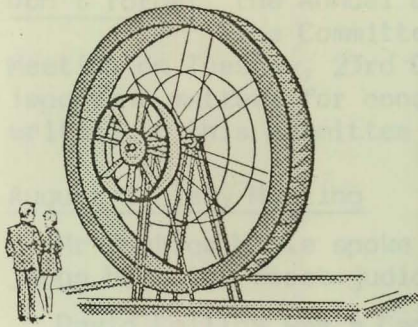
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MUSEUM YELLOW PAGES, edited by Dr. M.L. Eutick and published by the Museums Association of Australia, NSW Branch, Sydney 1983. 119 pages. \$8.20 - 10% discount to A&DHS members and representatives of museums in the region.

Section I of the MUSEUM YELLOW PAGES is a useful compendium of Local Historical Societies, Heritage Organisations and Specialist Groups, State and Federal Government Departments and Authorities, and International Organisations. Section II is an alphabetical cross-referenced list of materials that could be used by museums, historical agencies or other bodies associated with the storage, preservation and exhibition of objects.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, 11th September at 8 pm
C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

AN EXPLORERS' EVENING

Speakers: Mr Doug Royal with Mr Clarrie Nolan
Mrs Frank Boyes, B E M

"BURKE AND WILLS" A preview for the General Meeting:

Seven men perished during the Great Victorian Exploring Expedition of 1860, now known as the Burke and Wills expedition. Burke and Wills were the first white men to cross the continent overland from South to North. They failed to make the return journey. Burke travelled at an average of 7 miles a day for seven and a half months before he could walk no further and finally succumbed to exposure. Both Burke and Wills were accorded full Empire recognition for bravery and perseverance - the very things the Empire was made of. However, monumental travelling mistakes were made and the unrelenting central Australian landscape was as unforgiving as ever.

Doug Royal.

Society News

Community Employment Programme: Local and Aboriginal Historical Researcher.

Mrs Shirley Tucker has been engaged for this 26 week project. She has studied anthropology at university in Western Australia and has worked as a Librarian/Research Assistant for the Australian Bank Employees Union. Mr Bruce Pennay of the Riverina College is acting as Academic Supervisor. The title of the project has become "Non-Europeans in Albury Wodonga prior to 1900 - a social history project".

Donations, for which the Society is most grateful:

Mrs Frank Boyes, B E M \$50.40 for sale of copies of "Overland to Port Phillip Bay".

For Research from Mrs M Godfrey, Sylvania \$5 and Mrs C Fry, Brisbane \$10.

Tietjens, Angel and Jackling for photocopying this Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report Receipts \$1231.07 (includes interest on Investment Account)
Expenses \$176.00
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Members 1984 (continued) C A Mott, E Furst, Mr and Mrs S Lukins.

Research and Publications sub-committee will meet at 3.45 pm on Monday 10th September at the Turk's Head, Albury Regional Museum.

Society News (continued)

Don't forget the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 13th November. Nominations for the Committee will need to be in the Secretary's hands by the Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd October. Notice of Alterations to the Constitution or other important matters for consideration at the A G M would also need to be given in writing at this committee meeting.

August Society Meeting

Mr Justice Nagle spoke to the Society about David Collins who was, not the first judge but, the first judicial officer of Australia.

David Collins was a Captain of Marines. He was a soldier unlearned in the law. He came out with the First Fleet in 1788 and, under the Governor, Captain Phillip, had carefully and diligently to set up and administer a legal system. He had to deal with 750 convicts, two thirds of them male, plus 17 children

200 marines, 27 wives and their children
the Governor, himself and 7 others.

The convicts had disregarded the laws of society and many had committed violent crimes. The marines were the most despised force in the army, they were scum, often taken from gaol or press-ganged. The place was a prison settlement and yet the convicts were not in gaol, not confined. As for punishment, those convicted could not be imprisoned or transported, conditions were already so bad that the death penalty was hardly a deterrent and there remained the lash or the chain gang. The Governor reserved the right to ratify any punishment.

After serving in Sydney and returning to England, David Collins was sent to govern the district of Port Phillip, which he so disliked that he was sent to Hobart.

Mr Mott thanked Mr Justice Nagle for his description of David Collins and his work. He referred to a Collins family in Yackandandah who were descendants of those children of David Collins who were born in Hobart.

Anne Davies.

O R A L H I S T O R Y

We hope that you enjoyed the Oral History programmes on Radio Ettamogah.

They were a wonderful opportunity to hear about life in Albury in earlier days. The first hand experiences and anecdotes of the orators add a new dimension to the history we find in books. Each tape seemed to have information which was, to me, quite novel and gave me food for thought about the "good old days". A special thanks to Prue and Bev for compiling these tapes and to all those orators who agreed to be taped. The tapes will be stored in the Upper Murray Regional Library. They will be available for listeners subject to the restrictions placed on them by the original participants.

We have another chance to learn how to record Oral History.

Haven't you often wanted to record the family anecdotes and those of that interesting person down the street? Well - here is your opportunity.

6 ORAL HISTORY CLASSES at the Continuing Education Centre, High Street, Wodonga.

by Bev Geldard and Prue Paton, Thursdays 7 - 9 pm beginning 25th October, fee \$20.

Bring your own tape recorder, if you have one. The course will be as practical as possible so that those taking part will have confidence in themselves, their equipment and in the importance of what they are doing. It will include practice in interview techniques and editing of tapes.

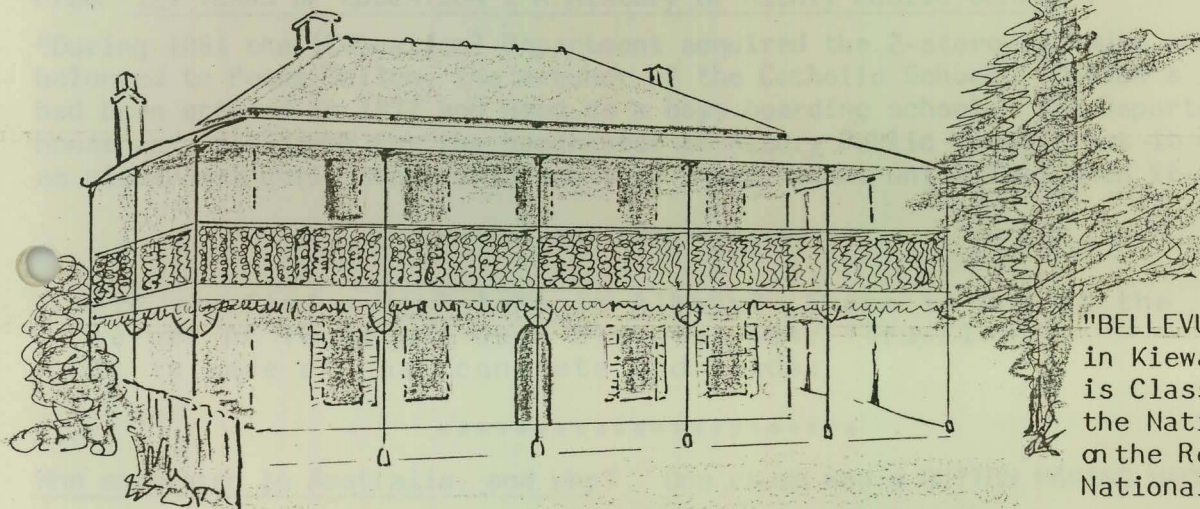
Mr McLennan was born in Strathglass, Inverness-shire, Scotland in 1829. In his youth he entered a banking establishment and afterwards engaged in the drapery business. He landed in Melbourne in 1852, went to Castlemaine and followed various gold rushes including Beechworth, from where he came to Albury in 1856. Mr McLennan established a drapery store which he conducted for fourteen years, selling to Downie Brothers in 1870. For a few years he followed various interests, with investments in gold and brewing, which proved to be unprofitable for him and during the 1870's he built new Dublin House premises at 583-5 Dean Street, where McLennan's store operated until 1930. His success in the drapery trade was attributed to Mr McLennan's foresight and business capabilities, and his interest in matters affecting the town and district.

He was the first President of the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society in 1870, and Patron of the Albury & District Caledonian Society from its formation until his death. He held a seat on the Licensing Bench resigning shortly before his death on January 15, 1907 at the age of 75 years.

In 1865 Mr McLennan married Georgiana Bell, a niece of George and James Day, both of whom served terms as Mayors of Albury. Mr and Mrs McLennan had four children, one of whom, Kenneth, also worked in the Drapery Store. The McLennan home was "Bellevue" in Kiewa Street, Albury.



K. McLennan & Co., Dean Street.
Linen Drapers, Silk Mercers and
Outfitters, Milliners & Costumiers.



"BELLEVUE"
in Kiewa Street, Albury
is Classified by
the National Trust and
on the Register of the
National Estate.

"Bellevue" was built in the 1860s by William Wyse for K McLennan of K McLennan & Co, early drapers of Albury. In 1873, there were large additions and improvements worth £1,000. There used to be more to the house on the northern side and it had servants quarters and stables at the back. The south half of the house is a well-integrated addition.

"Bellevue" is a charming two storey brick house with iron lace on the balconies and verandahs, and shutters for the downstairs windows. Inside are 12 large rooms and a central wooden staircase. There are wide wooden architraves and carved fireplaces; some rooms have ornate and some wooden ceilings. Many exterior and interior windows are leadlight and the old glass is rippled. Upstairs, French windows open on to the front balcony. The house has an area of 36 squares with the verandahs providing an extra 14.5 squares.

The original owner of the land on which the house stands, and of much of the eastern side of Kiewa Street north of Dean Street, was Mr Wyse, who took it over from the Crown in 1854.

Lucy remembers her father building their home in Pemberton Street in 1918

The house comprised four rooms, a large kitchen with walk-in pantry, verandahs front and back, a bathroom off the verandah, and outside toilet, laundry and workshop. The hearth slates, garden tiles and French doors were from the old school house in Smollett Street. There was a small cellar beneath the kitchen floor and a cellar beneath the house to store apples, quinces and pears for winter - no wretched fruit fly to plague the grower then.

Water was not laid on to the kitchen for some time and it was back to kerosene and candles for some years. We had wood for heating the stove, grates and the copper. Washing was done in a large copper, soaked overnight, boiled with a good froth of home made soap, rinsed, blued and hung on outside lines. There was another line across the kitchen ceiling, bolted through the rafters, which was a great help in winter to air off the clothes.

We owned a cow, fowls, orchard and vegetable garden; meat and groceries were delivered. The pantry shelves groaned with preserves, jam, sauces, pickles, dried citrus, figs, apples and pears, also a kerosene tin of eggs put down in a solution of "ovo" to use in winter, when eggs were scarce. From early November, four plum puddings hung suspended from the pantry ceiling and a large tin bandbox held Christmas cakes. Sharpes delivered Hop and Ginger Beer, but no nicer than home brewed stored in the basement.

Large wooden framed, hessian covered Coolgardie safes, standing in draughts kept food sweet, the frame had strips of flannel hanging from a tin of water on top, dripping into another tin at the bottom. Canvas water bags hung under verandahs kept drinking water very cool.

Each autumn the straw from the mattress' underlay was tossed out and replaced by lovely sweet smelling straw. Feathers were laboriously collected, washed, boiled and dried to make the overlay mattress, also pillows and eiderdowns. L M Staton.

From "125 YEARS OF EDUCATION". A History of Albury Public School":

"During 1881 the (Education) Department acquired the 2-storeyed house which had belonged to Peter Cullen, the teacher of the Catholic School. Cullen's residence had been erected in 1872 and used as a boys boarding school. The Department used the house as a residence for the headmaster of Albury Public School, but it was later used as classrooms until about 1910 and then stood vacant until 1917 when it was demolished."

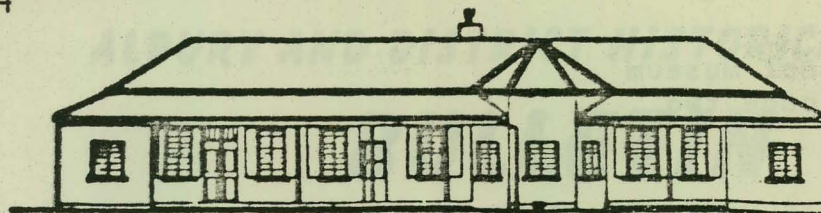
Did you find a MILEstone in Albury? There is one at the corner of Young and Dean Streets, near "Tru-Floor". It is made of cast concrete and reads:



Who emigrated to Australia, and why? One cause was a BUTTON MAKING MACHINE.

In the seventeenth century Abraham Case brought back to Britain the art of button making. He set up home with his new bride at Shaftesbury, Dorset and started to make & sell his buttons. Early buttons were the High Top, Singletons, Dorset Knobs, Birds Eye and Honeycombe. The buttons caught on. Soon he was able to employ people and at one time 4,000 people were employed, mostly in their own homes. Cottagers left their work in the fields to make buttons. Whole families were involved. They bought their threads & rings, worked the buttons, then took them back to the depot where they were paid, and of course invested in more materials. It all came to a sudden end in 1851 at the Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace when Ashtons invented & manufactured a button making machine. Practically overnight, the cottage industry disappeared leaving Dorset in devastation & starvation. The cottagers did not know what had hit them. They went in hundreds to the workhouse. The gentry of the time could not employ them all so they got together with the Government & it was agreed to ship out families to Australia & Canada. It is said that there are more Sturminster Newton families in Newfoundland than there are left in Sturminster Newton.

From Diana Illingworth of Milton Abbas.



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W. BALDWIN SPENCER EXHIBITION September 15 - October 21

The Albury Regional Museum's first travelling exhibition, W. BALDWIN SPENCER AND THE ABORIGINES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1894 - 1912, will be officially opened by His Worship, The Mayor of Albury, Alderman John . Roach, on Friday, September 14th, in the South Exhibition Room of the museum. Included in the exhibition are thirty-four photographs taken by W. Baldwin Spencer between 1894 and 1912 and Aboriginal artifacts from both local tribes and those of the Northern Territory.

Spencer came to Australia from England in 1887 to take up the position of Foundation Professor of Biology at the University of Melbourne. In 1894 he went to Central Australia as zoologist and photographer with the Horn Expedition. It was during this journey that his interest in the Aboriginal people was aroused. Spencer went back to the Northern Territory many times between 1894 and 1926 and published six major works about the Aborigines. In 1901 he was the first man to take movie films of the Aborigines, and he and Frank Gillen shot nearly 2,000 still photographs of them.

Between 1899 and 1926 Spencer was the Director of the National Museum of Victoria, and it is in this institution that his collection of movies, photographs, fieldnotes, diaries and artifacts is now housed. W. Baldwin Spencer died in 1929 whilst undertaking fieldwork amongst the peoples of Tierra del Fuego in South America.

Spencer's photographs show the Aboriginal people in almost every aspect of life and also include superb individual and group portraits. Many were photographed in traditional Aboriginal camps whilst others were taken in European settlements.

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ARM VOLUNTEERS - SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA

ARM Volunteers and those members of the community wishing to become involved in the museum's activities are cordially invited to afternoon tea at the museum on Sunday, September 9th, from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m.

During the tea, there will be an audio/visual presentation on the Australian Bicentennial Authority's plans for the Bicentennial Celebrations in 1988. There will also be a brief meeting to confirm arrangements for the official opening of the W. Baldwin Spencer Exhibition.

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ARM Visitors - August 1984: Local, 297; Tourists, 239; A&DHS, 39

VISIT TO ECHUCA, SUNDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER

The museum has organised a visit to Echuca on Sunday, 30 September. It will include a guided tour of the Port of Echuca, a visit to the Alambee Auto & Folk Museum, a visit to the Wax Museum, a visit to the Echuca Historical Society Museum, and a cruise on either the P.S. Canberra or the P.S. Pride of the Murray. A tour bus will depart from the museum at 8.00 a.m., Sunday morning, September 30th, and arrive back at the museum that evening between 9.30 and 10.00 p.m.

The cost of the tour is \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and pensioners, and \$15 for children. These prices include bus fare, museum entry fees, a Port of Echuca Passport, and the cost of the ride on a paddlesteamer. They do not include the cost of meals. There are 45 seats available, and booking is on a first come (with payment), first served basis. Cheques should be made payable to the ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM. Bookings are being accepted from now until September 21st.

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MUSEUM STUDIES ATTACHMENT

Glynis Jones, an archaeologist and a student in the Museum Studies Unit at the University of Sydney, was assigned to ARM for three weeks during August to gain practical experience in museology. While at ARM, Glynis assisted the museum's education officer and completed a paper comparing local Aboriginal tribes with those of the Northern Territory. The comparison will supplement the catalogue on the W. Baldwin Spencer Exhibition to be presented in the museum from September 15 to October 21.

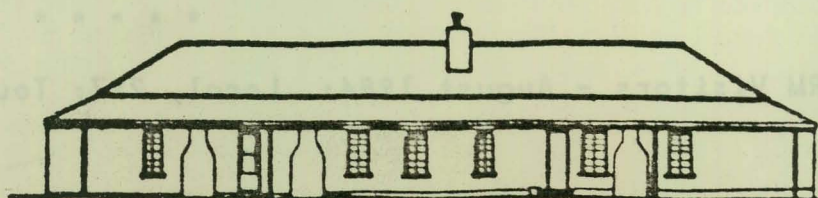
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BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM SHOP

TRACKING DOWN THE BUSHRANGERS, A Heritage Field Guide by Peter C. Smith. Published in 1982 by Kangaroo Press, Kenthurst. 190 pages, index, bibliography and illustrations. \$6.95, 10% discount to A&DHS members

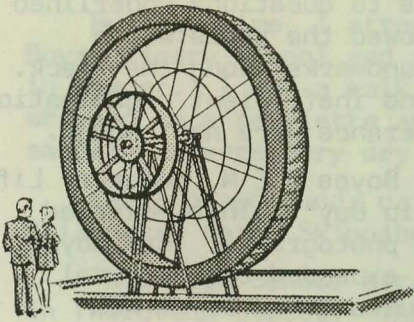
"Bushrangers hold a special place in our folk history because they represent the spirit of rebellion which characterised the beginning of the colony's struggle to become a nation. It was a time of great individual feats and enterprise. By the 1860s the skills of the men of the land reached a peak. Many restless colonial youths turned their abilities in bushcraft and horsemanship and their fitness to the pursuit of high adventure in a life of bushranging. Their physical abilities and familiarity with the bush enabled them to travel the countryside performing acts of daring and bravado with a flashness and audacity in marked contrast to the capabilities of the 'new chum' police." (Smith: Intro.)

TRACKING DOWN THE BUSHRANGERS is about the main bushranging gangs operating between 1862 and 1880. It tells you what happened and how you can visit where it happened. There are ten chapters in the book: The NSW Police Force, The Victorian Police Force, Frank Gardiner, Dan Morgan, Ben Hall and His Gang, The Clarke Gang, Thunderbolt, Captain Moonlite, The Kelly Gang, and Bushranging Firearms.



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NEXT MEETING:

8 pm, Tuesday 9th October,
C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Mr Clifton Mott will speak on
"GEORGE MOTT AND THE BORDER POST"

Mr C A Mott, former editor of the Border Morning Mail, will speak about his grandfather, George Henry Mott, the son of a London doctor. George Mott arrived in Australia in 1853, joined the Ovens and Murray Advertiser at Beechworth in 1855 and in 1856 started the Border Post newspaper in Albury.

George Mott was Mayor of Albury in 1868. This year the Governor of New South Wales, the Earl of Belmore, visited the municipality. Under the leadership of the Mayor about 300 citizens travelled 8 miles out along the Sydney road to Crisp's Hotel where they met the vice-regal party and escorted it into Albury. The procession passed under a triumphal arch which Mr Crisp had erected opposite his hotel. Opposite the Globe Hotel, where the party was accommodated, was another arch bearing the motto "Welcome to the Federal City".
Helen Livsey.

"ROXBOROUGH" TRIP

On Sunday, October 14, members have been invited to visit the home of Mr Andrew Gilmour, at Chiltern. Mr Gilmour is better known as a radio and T.V. personality, but at "Roxborough" he is a collector of historic treasures and antiques, in his palm shaded home. He is a keen student of district & Australian history, having a family background dating back over a century. He also has grazing interests several miles out.

Cars are to assemble at the Soldiers' Memorial on the south side of Chiltern, on the Old Melbourne Road, at 12 noon; and move on to "Roxborough" for our picnic lunches.

More detail at the October meeting.

Holford Lempriere,
Tours Officer.

ORAL HISTORY

Don't forget to register now for the very informative course on recording what people remember. It is being run by Prue Paton and Bev Geldard at the Continuing Education Centre, Wodonga starting Thursday, 25th October.

Last Meeting The Explorers' Evening Doug Royal dazzled us with his erudition. Clarrie Nolan's answers to questions underlined his extensive knowledge of the outback. Their party had followed the route which Burke and Wills had taken in 1860. Doug's slides showed us landmarks along the track. His commentary made us realise, sadly, how Burke's wasteful and inefficient organisation had caused the deaths of men and animals. Courage and perseverance were not enough.

Mr C E Bunton O A, O B E, Patron of the Society and Mrs Frank Boyes B E M, Honorary Life Member spoke about the 6th edition of "Overland to Port Phillip Bay". This enlarged edition has 64 pages, 4 maps, 6 colour and 16 black and white photographs. Mrs Boyes has searched out much information in answer to queries and so expanded the original booklet. The 6th edition is on sale at the Albury Regional Museum; Mrs Boyes has generously donated the proceeds to the Society.

Community Employment Programme:

Library Cataloguer. Ann Matheson has been sorting the Historical Society material and placing it in the pamphlet filing cabinet by person, subject and place. She will be starting to list the books in the Local History Room and later will list material in the pamphlet file.

Photographer. Adele Whittaker will be starting work on the 5th of November.

The Education Officer and the Museum cataloguer are employed at the Museum. Ms Kordeli will be commenting on their activities later on.

Local and Aboriginal Research is Shirley Tucker's job. She has entered on duty as a researcher under the C.E.P. scheme and is currently busy locating people and materials that will help her. Shirley would appreciate assistance from Historical Society members who may be able to help her further.

"Non Europeans in Albury-Wodonga Prior to 1900"

Research of non-europeans in Albury-Wodonga prior to 1900 has initially taken two quite separate paths. A little over one week was spent in a fairly detailed reading and indexing of the 1883 Banner. This particular year was selected because it covered the period when the Aborigine Protection Board was established and it was hoped some local reporting of that event would be found.

Unfortunately this was not the case although a few very small paragraphs reported on aborigines in general and chinese in the area. In order to extract information of any value from the newspaper it is essential to have a good understanding of the settlement and population patterns of the europeans. The reader in most cases is assumed to be aware of locations of camps, missions etc and owners of properties are mentioned rather than property names or locations.

To supplement the newspaper exercise a wide variety of references have since been examined ranging from works such as "Recollections of a Victorian Squatter" to far more recent studies on aborigines, their customs and their reaction as far as possible to the white invasion of their land. Archaeological reports carried out on behalf of the Albury-Wodonga Development Corporation seem to suggest a rich local aboriginal history that has yet to be literally unearthed.

Shirley Tucker.

New members: Mrs M Lambert, Mrs M B Taylor.

Donations for which the Society is most grateful

Mrs F Boyes B E M, \$104.40 from book sales.

Fleming, Henderson and Gardiner for photocopying this Bulletin.

Research & Publications sub-committee next meetings, Monday 8th and 22nd October, at 3.45 pm at the Albury Regional Museum.

Contributors to this month's Bulletin included Helen Livsey, Holford Lempriere, Bruce Pennay, Shirley Tucker, Lucy Staton, Marie Aney, Peter Batson, Rob Simmons, Anne Holloway and the editor, Anne Davies.

Lucy remembers

Part 4

By this time, I attended the High School, with some classes being held in the Boys Primary School and some in fibro buildings where we froze in winter and roasted in summer. I had a walk of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to and from school in all weathers. Lunch was wrapped in a serviette and brown paper. As bread was made weekly, by lunch time the sandwiches were very dry, but hunger was a good sauce.

Large playgrounds catered for recreation midmorning and midday: Rounders, Prisoners' Base, Skipping, Jacks and Hopscotch. Later there was a tennis court.

This High School arrangement lasted until the School was moved to the old hospital in Thurgoona Street. The Isolation block became the science block. Then the new High School was built in Kiewa Street.

Railway passes were issued at school holidays. Not to be overlooked by those going to Sydney or Melbourne, I applied for one to Ettamogah, seven miles away or seven pence. Naturally I didn't receive one.

Pemberton Street was the old Howlong Road and the stock route. Mobs of long horned cattle travelled along the road to the Wodonga Sales. The last mob of Queensland cattle, 1300 in number, were driven along in the 1930s, 700 the first day and 600 the next. The stock took months to reach Albury after a stay at the Queensland border. They travelled the Stock Highways and arrived in good condition.

Mail was only delivered one mile from the Post Office, so we had a box on the lowest corner of our block.

Miss Edmondson owned the opposite paddock and allowed us to have our Empire Day bonfire in her paddock. When her estate was divided her executors stipulated that all homes were to be built of brick and have tiled roofs. But as tiles were unprocurable for a time after the war, other roofing had to be used.

L M Staton.

Question: Bricks were made in Albury, why not tiles? Editor.

ALBURY BANNER 3rd October 1884 From notes on Albury Borough Council Meeting.

Memorandum from Mr Howard, curator of the Botanic Gardens stating that the lawn mower now in use was too small for the purpose and suggesting purchase of a larger one. The curator also suggested labelling the plants with botanical and common names. It was agreed to purchase a new lawn mower and a number of labels.

1984 Albury Horticultural Society are presently identifying trees and shrubs in the Botanic Gardens with the help of the staff and Melbourne experts. One hundred plaques have already been engraved with botanical and common names. The Garden staff have fastened the plaques securely to short metal stakes, matched name to plant and banged the stake firmly in place. There are over 600 trees and shrubs in the Gardens. The Camellia Show held on 8 & 9 September was a fundraiser for this project.

Letter written by Colin Wintle, president of the Ealing (London) Historical Society on 10 September 1984 after reading the June, 1984 Bulletin of the Albury, N S W, Historical Society sent, with greetings from a member of the Bendigo Historical Society, by Jim Batson.

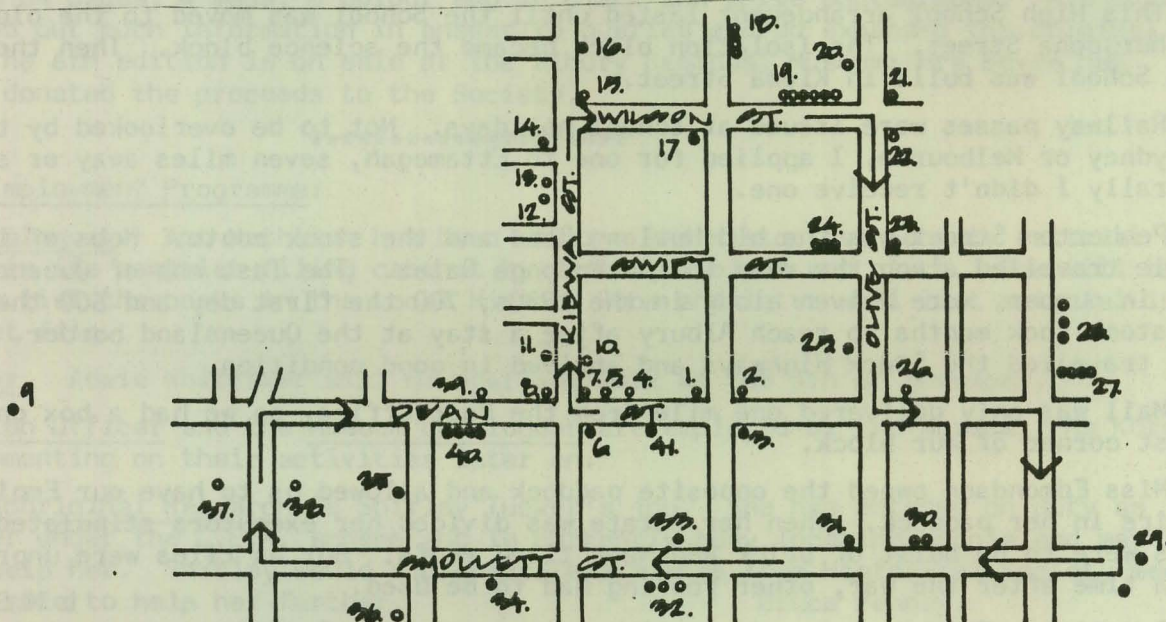
"Very many thanks for the sight of the Bulletin. It simply pulsates with interest.

I've already told you of the nostalgia aroused in me by mention of Albury - as I know the Surrey village of that name well. On page 2 there's a reference to Holford Lempriere (re the first doctor in Albury) and these two names plunged me back into my teenage years, because Holford was the village where I lived after my parents left Bristol and emigrated to west Somerset. One day we went along to watch polo at Dunster, where I met my first sweetheart. She was Audrie Lempriere, still a schoolgirl - a fascinating blonde. She came from Jersey, where her grandfather held the title 'King's Hereditary Butler'. When the King visited the island, Lempriere's job was to ride into the sea up to his horse's girth to greet his majesty."

WALKING TOURS OF ALBURY & WODONGA ... plans for illustrated leaflets ...

by Albury Wodonga Regional Tourist Council, Border Architects Group and
Albury & District Historical Society.

The suggested walks are of about 1½ hours duration and include historic areas and places of interest in Albury and Wodonga. For the Albury Guide photographs and sketches might be used for no more than 30 places with other places identified from the map reference. At this stage the Border Architects Group is preparing notes on those buildings which are of particular architectural interest and it is expected that A & D H S will combine these notes with more general copy based upon their research. Members comments to the Publications sub-committee, please.

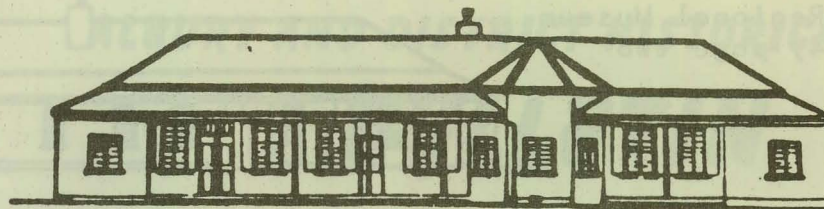


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| 1 Old Technical College | 17 Uniting Church, Hall and Manse | 29 Railway Station and Stationmaster's Residence |
| 2 A N Z Bank | 18 Riverina College | 30 Commercial Hotel & Cottage |
| 3 C M L Building | 624-630 Olive St. | 31 Public School |
| 4 Regional Art Centre | 19 Cottages | 32 St Patrick's Church, Hall and Presbytery |
| 5 Court House | 470-490 Wilson St. | 33 The Carriageway |
| 6 Waltons | 20 Adamshurst | 34 Dalgety Farmers Building |
| 7 Post Office | 21 Model Store | 35 Kia Ora, 473 Townsend St. |
| 8 Globe Hotel | 22 Sodens Hotel | 36 Elm Court, 435 Townsend St. |
| 9 Monument | 23 Murray Grey Building | 37 Botanic Gardens, Bandstand and Hume Monument |
| 10 St Matthew's Church and Rectory | 24 Cottages | 38 Albury Base Hospital |
| 11 Albury Club | 444-462 Swift St. | 39 Commonwealth Bank |
| 12 Albury Council Chambers | 25 Myers/Centrepont | 40 Beehive Building, 637 Dean St. |
| 13 Fire Station | 26 Regent Theatre | 41 T & G Building |
| 14 "The Nook" 571 Kiewa St. | 27 Four Railway Cottages | |
| 15 "Nyang" 590 Kiewa St. | 28 Six Railway Houses | |
| 16 "Bellevue" | | |

Bi-Centenary Suggestions

- * Albury Heritage Study - identify worthy historical items and areas for preservation.
- * Regional History of the Murray Region of N S W.
- * A Social History of Albury or Albury-Wodonga at set periods in Australian history.
- * A Social History of post-war Bonegilla.
- * Annual local history/heritage prize in pictorial or dramatic form.
- * Set up a trust fund for maintenance and restoration of local historic buildings and an advisory service for appropriate development standards.
- * Development of an historic park in the Riverside Park area.
- * Erection of replica of Robert Brown's cottage.

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CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

W. BALDWIN SPENCER
AND THE
ABORIGINES OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
1894 - 1912

A SURVEY OF EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT
IN THE ALBURY WODONGA REGION
1824 TO THE PRESENT

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ARM VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Afternoon Tea: ARM Volunteers and those members of the community wishing to become involved in the various activities at the museum are cordially invited to afternoon tea at the museum on Sunday, October 7th from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m.

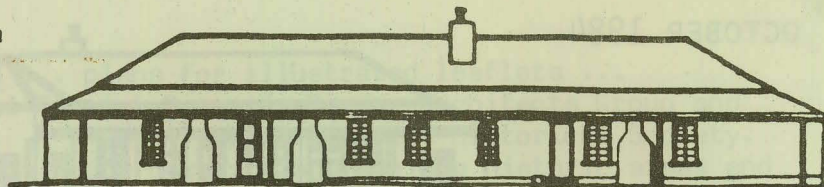
Bicentennial Project: The Volunteers are developing a project for the Australian Bicentennial in 1988. The project will be discussed at tea on Sunday, October 7th and a final proposal will be submitted to the Bicentennial Committee on Monday, October 8th for consideration and possible funding.

W. Baldwin Spencer Exhibition: The ARM Volunteers contributed greatly to the success of the official opening of the W. Baldwin Spencer Exhibition on Friday, September 14th. In particular, thanks are due to Ida Trueman, Gwen Brown, and Noelene Reynolds for organising the refreshments and to Hebe McLean, Gerry Curtis, Howard Jones, Holford Lempriere, and Colin Frauenfelder for helping with painting and moving the exhibition cases.

Christmas Program: The Volunteers are organising a Christmas program and activities to complement the travelling exhibition entitled "Christmas in the Colonies" which will be presented in the Museum's South Exhibition Room during December. If you would like to help plan the program and to participate in the activities, please contact the Museum Director at 21-4550 on weekdays.

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ARM Visitors - September 1984: Local, 413; Tourists, 206; and A&DHS Members, 42. Also, 57 Albury-Wodonga residents participated in the Museum's Visit to Echuca on Sunday, 30 September.



THE UPPER MURRAY STEAMSHIP COMMITTEE

The Upper Murray Steamship Committee was formed in July 1984 to investigate the possibility of purchasing or constructing a paddle-steamer which would operate on the River Murray from Albury to Howlong and be based at a convenient location in the district.

Initial research resulted in the location of several paddle-steamer in operation (principally in Echuca, Mildura, Swan Hill and Adelaide), under restoration, for sale, or in a derelict condition along a river. After careful consideration of the alternatives and a study of river conditions, the committee decided to have constructed a paddlesteamer like the "P.S. Cumberland", an historically significant ship which was built for Albury's first Mayor, J.T. Fallon, and which was operated successfully on the River Murray for many years in the latter half of the nineteenth century.

The Upper Murray Steamship Committee's objectives are:

1. To contribute to the economic development of the region, and particularly to the development of tourism in the region,
2. To provide first-hand experience and generate appreciation of the river environment in the Upper Murray region,
3. To contribute to the development of the riverfront, taking into account the historical significance of the area and existing structures and institutions and their purposes and uses,
4. To make a major regional contribution via the river and riverboats to the activities and celebrations of the Australian Bicentennial in 1988,
5. To produce an authentic recreation and live, working exhibition of an historically significant mode of transport in the region, and
6. To commemorate and reflect the part local and regional government officials have played in the development of Albury and the region.

The Upper Murray Steamship Committee includes the Vice-President of the Albury and District Historical Society and the Director of the Albury Regional Museum, and further information on the committee's activities may be obtained from them.

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WANTED: TWIN CYLINDER PORTABLE STEAM ENGINE (125 lbs/in² - 85 bhp at 100 rpm). The UMSC wishes to obtain a woodfired fire-tube boiler with a twin cylinder engine and a top-mounted valve gear. In earlier days, this type of engine was fitted with heavy iron wheels and moved around the countryside by horses. The engine has a heavy fly wheel on one end of the crank shaft and a pulley for a flat leather belt on the other end. It was often used in shearing sheds. Information may be supplied to the Museum Director at 21-4550.

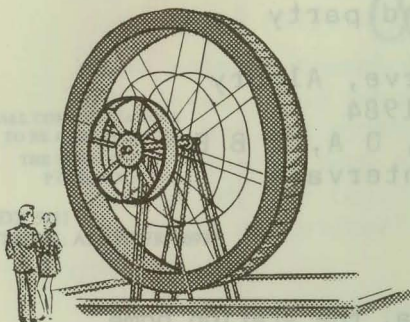
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ALBURY'S RAILWAY CENTENARY SOUVENIR BOOKLET. A Brief History of the City's Early Days, Its Transport Modes and The Coming of the Railway. Text, photos and sketches by Lloyd Holmes. Published 1981, softcover, 23 pages. \$2.00 - 10% discount to A&DHS members.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 8 pm on Tuesday 13th November 1984 at
The C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

The President's Report is enclosed.

The Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts will be presented at the A G M and
enclosed with the next Bulletin.

Date of Future A G Ms. The Committee was directed at the 1983 A G M to decide on the
date of future A G Ms. It recommends that the accounts be
closed on 31st May and the A G M be held in June.

Clause 10 of the Constitution now reads: "The Annual General Meeting of the Society
shall be held each year in Albury in the month of December or at such other time as
the Committee shall decide and at least ten (10) days notice of the meeting shall be
given to financial members of the Society."

Clause 21 of the Constitution now reads: "The Honorary Treasurer shall see to the
collection of subscriptions and all sums of money due to the Society and shall bank
the same promptly. He shall pay all accounts promptly when they have been passed
by the Committee. He shall keep the accounts of the Society and after the 31st October
each year he shall prepare an annual statement of accounts."

Notice of Motion Alteration to the Constitution

Clause 10, delete "December", insert "June".

Clause 21, delete "31st October", insert "31st May".

Moved Doug Royal, seconded Helen Livsey.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee. The following have accepted nomination for the
committee: John Alker-Jones, Gerry Curtis, Anne Davies, Jo Gordon, Anne Holloway,
Holford Lempriere, Helen Livsey, Doug Royal, Alec Savidge and Mary Thurling.

Nominations for Office Bearers and two more Committee members will be accepted at
the Annual General Meeting (Clause 7b).

Subscriptions for the period 13th November 1984 to 11th June 1985 as recommended by
the Committee: \$5 Single
\$8 Family
\$1 Junior (15 or under), no Bulletin.
\$25 Corporate membership.

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DON'T FORGET * Friday, 16th November, Commemoration Ceremony for the
Discovery of the Murray (Hume) River.

* Sunday, 18th November, Tour to the Federation Museum, Corowa
and to Collendina.

* The Raffle Win an historical book.

SEE OVER....

COMMEMORATION CEREMONY

marking the 160th Anniversary of the discovery
of the Murray (Hume) River by Hume, Hovell and party
on 16th November, 1824

to be held at the Hovell Tree, Hovell Tree Reserve, Albury
at 1.30 pm on Friday, 16th November, 1984

Speakers: Mrs F Boyes, B E M and Mr C E Bunton, O A, O B E
Music by "Lazy Harry" from 1 pm and at intervals

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COROWA - COLLENDINA TOUR

Sunday, November 18, has been chosen for an outing to Collendina, the station home on the banks of the Murray, which was originally taken up by Robert Brown. He moved there after he left the Crossing Place. Now owned by Mr and Mrs Peter Howard, it is a place of immense historical interest.

Corowa Historical Society members have asked us to meet for our picnic lunch at their rooms and afterwards go on to Collendina.

More information at our meeting on November 13.

Holford Lempriere,
Tours Officer.

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CHILTERN VISIT

Some 30 of our members undertook an enjoyable tour of the Chiltern district on Sunday, October 16. Our first point of call was at "Roxborough", the historic old home of Mr Andrew Gilmour in Oxford Street. This was architect-designed for Mr Gilmour's grandfather, over a century ago, the family also having many ties with the very early names in the Albury-Wodonga area, including William Wyse, the first stockman to bring cattle to the Murray.

Visitors were privileged to inspect historic treasures, which included many pieces of fine furniture and pictures, while we listened to his tales of the very early days in the district. Gold was first found in payable quantity around 1853 and the population grew to an estimated 50,000. Little remains of this early glory today, but Chiltern has gained popularity on account of its important historical background.

Through the co-operation of Mr Graeme Parkes, forest officer with the National Parks Service of Victoria, we were then able to enjoy a drive of several miles through the forest to the Donkey Hill lookout and some fine views of the Indigo valley. This forest is thickly timbered with second growth Grey Box and Red Ironbark, while the floor is covered with shrubs and wildflowers, all in their spring clothes.

Holford Lempriere.

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October Meeting. "Fellow Historians" said Clifton Mott and members were proud to be classed with him. He spoke about his grandfather, George Henry Mott, the son of a London doctor. After a "runaway marriage" in Holborn, London, he and his wife Allegra came to Australia in 1853. He was active in body and mind, & restless. They moved from Melbourne to Castlemaine and then 1855 to Beechworth, a goldfield town, where he became part owner of the Ovens and Murray Advertiser. Forty years later George Mott wrote "Reminiscences of a Victorian Journalist" for the Albury Border Post. Mr C A Mott read a "Reminiscence" about Beechworth and the events surrounding the parliamentary election of Cameron of Golden Horseshoes fame.

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New members: H. A N Jochheim, Mrs C A Mott.

Donation for which the Society is most grateful

Mrs Frank Boyes B E M for forwarding \$151.20 from book sales.

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R A F F L E Prizes: "THE NATIONAL ESTATE, Australia's Heritage"
50¢ "The First Sunrise" & "Overland to Port Phillip Bay"

R A F F L E

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R A F F L E All presented by Mrs Frank Boyes, B E M

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YOUR REFERENCE

24 September 1984

The President
Albury & District Historical Society
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Dear Sir

RE: ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

Reference is made to previous correspondence and discussions concerning the possible formation of a Council Management Committee under the provisions of the Local Government Act to undertake and control future operations of the Albury Regional Museum, including the full time position of a Museum Director.

This matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on Monday, 17 September 1984, and I have to advise that Council has approved in principle the proposal whereby it will assume a greater financial responsibility for the continued operation of the Museum, including the employment of the Director, effective from 1 January 1985, and to the appointment of a Management Committee under the Local Government Act, such Committee to be responsible to Council for the management of the Museum.

However, Council's final approval in this matter has been deferred for consideration in conjunction with the 1985 Estimates, which will be submitted to Council in late November/early December. The approval is subject to Council being able to accommodate the anticipated expenditure in its 1985 Budget, having regard to the priorities of other works and projects, and the limitation on Council's rate income.

Prior to preparation of the Draft Estimates, it will be necessary to have discussions with your Committee and the Museum Director for the purpose of revising your own estimates relating to the operation of the Museum, and having regard to the imminent decisions of the State Government concerning 1985 grant assistance. Contact will be made with Ms Kordell in this regard shortly.

Yours faithfully

D.I. McLean
TOWN CLERK

The Albury-Wodonga Place Names Committee met recently to discuss street names needed at Thurgoona Park; St Hilaire; a new estate near the Wodonga Golf Course; the Baranduda Range Stage 4 and Federation Park.

Woolshed Creek runs through Thurgoona Park, so the committee recommended using names of sheep breeds such as Corriedale and Merino. It decided the area being developed around "Noorla" should come under the wing of "St Hilaire", where it had previously been agreed to choose "wine" names for the streets. Perhaps the most unusual decision was to recommend golfing terms (rather than names of famous golfers) for the streets being built near the golf course in Wodonga. At Baranduda, an "Australian animals" theme will be used.

Taking an historical theme, names of Prime Ministers have already been chosen for Federation Park and it was decided to "finish up" with McMahon Court, Fraser Court and Bob Hawke Court (there already is a Hawk Court). Governors-General will be used next.

Society members would no doubt like to see additional "historical" names used in Albury. As the Society's representative on the place names committee, I would be happy to receive ideas.

Howard Jones.

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The Community Employment Programme for Cataloguing the pamphlets in the historical room at the Albury Library commenced on the 2nd August, 1984 beginning with a familiarization program of both the library and the museum.

The collection of pamphlets, which were not in any specific order, were then sorted into their appropriate subject or name headings with the help and guidance of David Clarke.

Cataloguing of the pamphlets then began with a card being written out for each pamphlet in the file. This cataloguing is continuing at present and when completed will provide an alphabetical subject guide to the pamphlet collection.

Other work currently being undertaken is the typing of the index to Dr A Andrews' "History of Albury" and familiarization with the word processor in preparation for an alphabetical author and title index to the local history collection.

The new microfilm reader is a welcome addition to our local history research facilities.

Anne Mathieson.

"Non-Europeans in Albury-Wodonga prior to 1900" Report no 2 on the C E P programme.

Research over the past month concentrated on references to Aborigines, and it has been encouraging to find small but reasonably frequent mention of the Aborigines who once lived in this area. Although there may always remain some unanswered questions, examined together this material should provide a cohesive study of the life and fate of the original inhabitants of this land. Whilst it is too early to commence examination, it has become increasingly evident that life on the Murray River and environs was unique from any other area in Australia.

As a race, Aborigines attained a lifestyle which was in harmony with their environment. This balance was achieved through a conscious control of and adaption to their immediate environment. Consequently, in order to maintain this balance it was necessary for Aboriginal tribes to develop quite diverse and even contradictory patterns of behaviour. It is these differences between groups that baffled the early observers and in some cases escaped close attention.

I would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to share personal letters or diaries that mention the early Aborigines or perhaps "stories" that may have been handed down, no matter how brief. It would help to deepen our understanding of the local blacks and enrich our knowledge of the history of Albury.

Shirley Tucker.

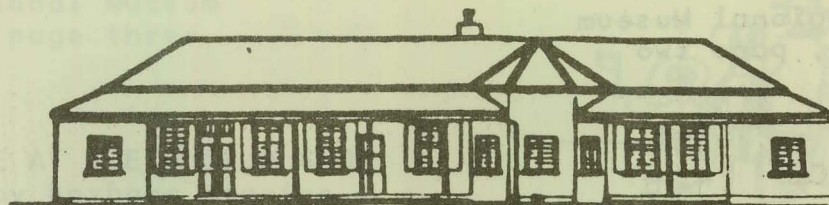
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Oral History. It is disappointing that there were not enough people interested in recording Oral History. The Continuing Education Centre have cancelled the course.

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A SURVEY OF EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT
IN THE ALBURY WODONGA REGION
1824 TO THE PRESENT

November 5 - November 30:
(From Elizabeth Bay House, Sydney)

IN MEMORIAM
(CEMETERIES AND LOCAL HISTORY)

December 5 - January 6:
(Elizabeth Bay House, Sydney
together with the ARM Volunteers)

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLONIES

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IN MEMORIAM:

From November 5th, IN MEMORIAM, an exhibition which examines cemeteries and funerary art of the Victorian era, will be presented in the South Exhibition Room of the Albury Regional Museum. The exhibition will be a comprehensive explanation of the symbolism associated with death and a demonstration of the proliferation of objects that were associated with funeral ritual in the nineteenth century.

Traditionally, cemeteries have been chronicles of taste in terms of design and technological markers of industrial skills and materials. Inscriptions on tombs have recorded social history and served as valuable references for historians.

In Albury's cemetery, there are fine examples of Neo-Classical statuary, stonemasonry and cast-iron work, and many highly individual and colourful expressions of sentiment and prose are inscribed on head stones. It is hoped that IN MEMORIAM will be a starting point for individuals wishing to embark on their own journey of discovery into the "museum" of the cemetery and the social history of Victorian Albury.

CAMA CONFERENCE

The first annual conference of the Council of Australian Museums Associations was hosted by the South Australian History Trust at the University of Adelaide from October 14th through October 19th, 1984. Two hundred and twenty-three members of the museum profession, including museum and art museum directors, curators, education officers, designers, and research officers, and government project officers and elected officials attended the conference.

Key addresses were given by four outstanding speakers from three overseas countries and by nine museologists representing a wide cross-section of the museum profession in Australia. Professor Albert Elsen, Professor of Art History at Stanford University, California presented three papers: In Rodin's Studio: The Artist and the Photographers; Blockbusters: The Global View; and The Myth of the Lonely Artist - The Artist and the Law. Ms. Gunilla Cedrenius from Samdok, a contemporary museum documentation program in Sweden, presented an overview of Samdok entitled Museums Sharing Resources. Mr. Bengt Skoog, from the Riksstallningar in Stockholm, Sweden discussed travelling exhibitions and their problems and solutions, and Margaret Hall, head of design at the British Museum, gave an address on design in museums.

A variety of topics were covered by the Australian museologists including: The Museum of the West (Olwen Ford), Plain English in Museum Communication (Professor Robert Eagleson), Museum Publications and Marketing (Alan Dodge), Blockbusters (Edmund Capon, for and Robin Norling, against), the Port Arthur Educational Programme (Peter Boyer), The Ethics of Transitional Aboriginal Art (Vince Megaw), The Problems of Conflict of Interest in the Museum World (Dr. Hayden Downing), and A Code of Ethics for Australian Museums (Lanier Graham).

The Council of Australian Museums Associations is comprised of the Art Museums Association of Australia, the International Council of Museums, the Museums Association of Australia, Inc., and the Museums Education Association of Australia. The Albury Regional Museum is affiliated with the Museums Association of Australia, Inc.

Federal Council members of the Museums Association were elected during the CAMA conference for 1984/85. They are: Dr. Hayden Downing (Museum of Victoria), President; Bob Edwards (Museum of Victoria), President-elect; Hillary Newton (Museum of Victoria Council), Secretary; Geoffrey McKenzie (The Australian Museum), Treasurer; Lyn Stevenson (West Australian Museum), Chairman of the Editorial Committee; and Margaret Anderson (SA History Trust), Alan Smith (Victorian Ministry for the Arts), and Dr. Wayne Orchiston (Victoria College), General Members.

In addition to the Federal Council of the Museums Association of Australia, Inc., elected MAA Branch Committees are active in each state and two states employ executive officers. In NSW, Perry Howard, Director of the Griffith Pioneer Park, is President and Richard Wesley is employed as Executive Officer. The NSW Branch of the MAA also employs a conservator, Mrs. Donna Midwinter, who visited ARM earlier this year together with Richard Wesley. In Victoria, Peter Hiscock, Director of Sovereign Hill Historical Park, is President and Susan Tonkin is employed by that branch as Executive Officer.



BOOKS AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM SHOP
(Book Reviews by Barbara Wiggins,
Museum Education Officer)

CLOTHES IN AUSTRALIA. A PICTORIAL HISTORY: 1788 - 1980'S.
This is a revised and expanded edition of Cedric Fowler's classic study of Australian clothing, DUCK AND CABBAGE TREE, a social history commentary on the clothes Australians wore and the reasons they dressed as they did from the earliest days of European settlement. This new edition, presented decade by decade, carries the story up to the present depicting settlers and convicts, bush rangers and diggers, bush workers and larrikins.

CLOTHES IN AUSTRALIA, a hardback publication, has over 250 illustrations in colour and black/white which range from the first drawings made of convicts and settlers to photographs of the official costumes designed for Australia's Olympic team for the Los Angeles Games. The illustrations are drawn from a wide range of public and private collections throughout the Commonwealth and abroad.

As well as meeting the needs of social historians and educational institutions, CLOTHES IN AUSTRALIA makes an attractive and informative book for the general reader. Published by Kangaroo Press in 1984, it is available from the Museum for \$25.00.

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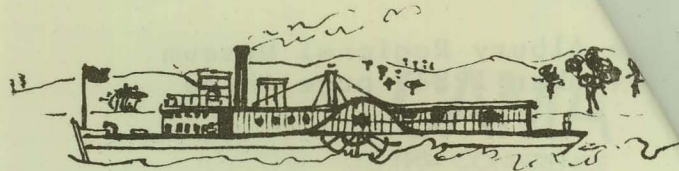
SUN PICTURES OF VICTORIA. THE FAUCHERY-DAINTREE COLLECTION. 1858.
This book deals with the work of Antoine Fauchery, a French artist, writer and adventurer, and Richard Daintree, an English geologist and explorer. The text describes the initial interest of the men in photography and the events that led to them forming a partnership in one of the earliest photographic studios in Melbourne.

Their photographs depicting Australian scenes are probably the first presented for sale to the public as a series. The subject matter that came under the scrutiny of their camera gives an insight into early portraiture, townscape, natural landscape, architecture, shipping, mining and the machinery and diggers of the goldfields.

The series of photos of the Aborigines are particularly interesting. The transposed European concept of the conventional contrived romantic pose (one is reminded in Plate 47 of an Ingre) and the excrescences of white man's clothing on an indigenous population sum up in a few images the plight of a displaced culture in transition.

The text by Dianne Reilly and Jennifer Carew enhances the photographs and provides an insight into the nineteenth century and the evolution of photography, the background of Fauchery and Daintree, and the particular historic context of each photograph.

SUN PICTURES OF VICTORIA, published in 1983, is a hardback with all pictures reproduced in black and white. It is published by Curry O'Neal Ross on behalf of the Library Council of Victoria and can be purchased at the museum for \$35.00.



RIVER REFLECTIONS, PART I (By Lloyd Holmes)

The old river is mostly quiet nowadays apart from summer activity. There are the odd power-boat and skier or the inevitable swimmers sky-larking about. Otherwise, the waterfowl have almost sole possession of the sluggish dark green waters of Old Man Murray.

However, it wasn't always that way, as for more than half a century it was a liquid highway carrying the produce and commerce of a very large portion of a young and fast developing nation.

At the time of Captain Charles Sturt's marathon voyage by whale-boat down the Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers to Encounter Bay in 1830, railways were in their infancy, roads were crude tracks following the line of least resistance, and the plodding Bullock wagons, dependable as they were, were slow and incapable of keeping up with the transport needs of the expanding frontiers.

Sturt's voyage set imaginations stirring as to the possibilities of using the river systems for transport. This method of moving people and goods had been used in Britain and Europe to great benefit, and the Americans were doing likewise on their major waterways.

Two names dominate the earliest attempts to build and operate steam-driven vessels that could navigate the Murray River and the numerous lesser streams in New South Wales and Victoria. They were William Randell and Francis Cadell. The former, a Devon man, had dreamed of putting a boat on the river as he gazed from the Murray cliffs over the broad stream near its mouth in South Australia. Cadell, a Scot and a former officer in the Royal Navy and later master of ships belonging to his wealthy father's company, was influenced by the Adelaide merchant, squatter, and parliamentarian, Younghusband, to use his maritime know-how to set up a line of steamboats capable of navigating up the rivers and capturing the trade for South Australia.

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ARM VOLUNTEERS

A steering committee has been formed to more formally organise the museum's volunteers and plan activities for the latter part of 1984 and for 1985. Members of the committee are Howard Jones, Pam McElroy, Marjorie Cole and Sally Hopper.

The Volunteers will be decorating Christmas Trees representing the periods 1840, 1870, 1900, 1930 and the present. These trees will be on exhibition in the Permanent Collection area, rooms A - E, during the Christmas holidays. They will complement the travelling exhibition, Christmas in the Colonies, which will be on loan to the museum from Elizabeth Bay House, Sydney during the holidays. If you would like to make Christmas decorations for the trees, please contact the museum.

ARM Volunteers and those members of the community wishing to become involved in the various activities at the museum are cordially invited to afternoon tea at the museum on Sunday, November 4th from 4.00 to 5.30 p.m. Afternoon tea on Sunday, December 9th will be a Christmas Party and friends and family will be welcome.

MUSEUM EDUCATION PROGRAM (CEP Report)

Barbara Wiggins joined the museum staff early in October as Education Officer. A fine arts graduate of the Hobart College of Advanced Education, Ms. Wiggins has held several research scholarships and has tutored and lectured in the disciplines of ceramics and fine art drawing at tertiary level.

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The W. Baldwin Spencer Photographic Exhibition presented in the museum during September and October was visited by 281 school children in addition to members of the general public and other groups such as the Women's Auxiliary of the Northeast Chapter of the National Trust.

The Spencer photographs were combined with a display of artifacts of Aborigines of the Upper Murray region and the Northern Territory, and a paper was prepared by Glynis Jones, a museum studies student at the University of Sydney, as a study aid. Altogether, the exhibition was a most successful educational tool, and I was delighted with the response from teachers, supervisors, and students who visited the museum and the exhibition.

Teachers, students and parents are invited to contact me for assistance with regional history projects. Information sheets on each exhibition will be available, and visits can be tailored to the needs of individuals or individual groups.

I am encouraging teachers to contact me prior to group visits so that they may more fully familiarise themselves with the museum's programs and resources. Group visits may be booked by telephoning me at 21-4550 between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. on weekdays.

An education and entertainment program will be run by the museum during the Christmas and Summer holidays. At the moment, some of the projects which are planned are as follows:

- Body Decoration - using materials found in the river
- Mud Pictures - using materials found in or near the river
- Bush Dolls - using materials found along the riverbank
- Billy Cart Derby - Make and Race
- Mosaic Pictures on Historical Themes - using waste materials

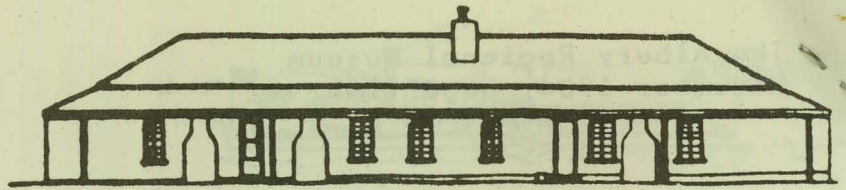
Ideas and contributions from interested people are most welcome. A firm schedule of events and details will appear in the museum's next newsletter.

- Barbara Wiggins

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MUSEUM SHOP

GROWING UP IN THE GOLDRUSH. John Chandler's family is driven by poverty to migrate to Australia in 1849. Only twelve, John works hard in his father's carting business. This book takes John from Melbourne to the goldfields and back, and gives a vivid picture of the times. Written by Michael Dugan and published by the Kangaroo Press. \$5.95



MUSEUM CATALOGUING PROJECT (CEP Report)

Maria Green joined the museum staff as Cataloguer in August. Before coming to Albury, Mrs. Green was employed as a museum cataloguer in the Herbarium of the Queensland Department of Botany. In addition to her work at ARM, she is a Lieutenant in the A Squadron of the 8/13 Victorian Mounted Rifles

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Blacksmith Collection

The museum has now acquired an extensive and comprehensive blacksmith and wheelwright collection which, at one time, was used by Mr. Dick of Swift Street and by Mr. Dallinger before him. The collection involves over three ton of equipment including a half dozen very large pieces and many smaller pieces, particularly hand tools.

Acquiring, moving and registering the collection has proved to be a challenge to me. It took a front-end loader and eight men to move the forge, rubber tyre machines, tools, etc. from Sackville Street to the museum's new storage area. Once the collection was safely housed, the task of sorting it all and registering it began.

The sorting-out stage was an incredibly dirty job, as most of the equipment had been stored away in grease, dirt and rust for many years. After the majority of the objects had been sorted, i.e. into groups of spanners, chisels, hammers, gouges, etc., they were cleaned and prepared for the registration process. The registration process involves painting a nine-digit registration number and preparing a complete description and condition report on each object. The museum's accession register and catalogue are generated from these report/work sheets. So far, several hundred objects in the Blacksmith/Wheelwright Collection have been registered.

EPUY

I was assisted for one week in October by Marc Coles, a participant in the Educational Programme for Unemployed Youth. Marc has a background in wood work, and his skills in handling tools made for quick and effective progress. I hope that at some stage in the future we will again be able to offer this work experience opportunity to other unemployed youth.

Photographs

Apart from the Blacksmith Collection, I have been registering and cataloguing the museum's large collection of photographs. The contents of the boxes containing the photographs is very mixed. When I have finished cataloguing each photograph, I will sort them into collections and cross-reference them for quick and easy access.

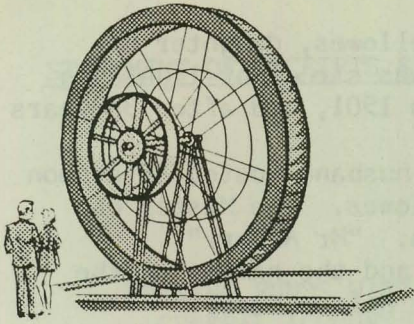
Canoe Tree and Other Large Objects

Lastly, I arranged the removal of the Canoe Tree from in front of the old Railway Institute Building. Once again, I was grateful for the assistance of the Albury City Council who sent a mobile crane, a truck and three men to help me. The Canoe Tree is approximately 4½ metres long and a metre wide, and it weighs over one-half ton. The museum's collection includes other very large objects which are stored around the Albury area. Soon I will organise the removal of these objects to the museum's new storage area which has been provided by the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation.

- Maria Green

ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN



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NEXT MEETING 8 pm Tuesday 11th December, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

MEMBERS NIGHT - Bring your historic treasure and talk about it.

The Community Employment Programme girls will tell about their jobs:
Cataloguing, Education, Research, Photography.

RAFFLE - Last chance to buy tickets before the DRAW.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - Bring Christmas fare.

At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 13th November 1984:

- * The President's Report was accepted.
- * The Treasurer's Report, the audited accounts of the Society and of the Albury Regional Museum were accepted; copies are enclosed with this Bulletin.
- * The alterations to the Society's Constitution were passed. Please alter your Constitution accordingly: Clause 10, delete "December", insert "June".
Clause 21, delete "31st October", insert "31st May".

OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE:

President	Mr John Alker-Jones.
Vice President	Mr Gerry Curtis.
Vice President	Mrs Anne Davies.
Secretary	Mrs Jo Gordon.
Treasurer	URGENTLY NEEDED
Minute Secretary	Mrs Anne Holloway.
Committee	Mr Harry Boyle, Major Dave Chitty, Mr Holford Lempriere, Mrs Helen Livsey, Mr Doug Royal, Mr Alec Savidge, Mrs Mary Thurling.

WHO DOES WHAT?

Museum sub-committee: Chairman, John Alker-Jones, 21 2528. Keith Burnham, Dave Chitty, Richard Leyland, Bruce Pennay, Rob Simmons.

Research and Publications sub-committee: Chairman, Anne Holloway, 21 2173. Marie Aney, Anne Davies, Marg Gibson, Howard Jones, Holford Lempriere, Helen Livsey, Alec Savidge.

Historic Building Preservation sub-committee: Chairman, Dave Chitty, 24 3129.

Tours: Holford Lempriere, 25 6308. Research Officer: Helen Livsey, 21 3671.

Bulletin: Anne Davies, 25 2872 (A.H.) Archives Co-ordinator: Anne Holloway, 21 2173.

Publicity Mary Thurling, 21 6975 Framing Pictures at the Museum: D Royal, 21 1348

Heritage Week Co-ordinator, (14th-21st April 1985) Gerry Curtis, 21 3172

A very pleasant ceremony was held at the Hovell Tree on Friday, November 16 to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the discovery of the (Hume) River by Hume and Hovell.

The Society was delighted to have as its guest Miss Olive Fellowes, daughter of Mr. J. E. R. Fellowes who nursed the Tree back to health after it was struck by lightning in 1912. Mr. Fellowes was curator of the Botanical Gardens from 1901, and after 36 years of service was succeeded by his son Wally.

Mrs. Boyes spoke about Hume, Hovell and team and she and her husband hosted afternoon tea at the Hume Inn. Alderman Jim Paterson spoke about Mr. Fellowes. The Master of ceremonies was Historical Vice President, Mr. G. M. (Gerry) Curtis. "Mr. Albury", Cleaver Bunton, played a large part in organising the ceremony and the naming of the riverside road "Explorers Trail".
Helen Livsey.

The Corowa and Collendina Tour on November 18 was agreeable and interesting.

We were welcomed by Mrs Izon and members of the Corowa Historical Society and potted happily round their lofty, large Museum which was crowded with local and agricultural artefacts. There were also tombstones rescued from an old cemetery.

We ate our picnic lunches in a small shady park bright with flowers.

We drove out to Collendina now the property of Mr & Mrs Peter Howard. Mr Howard showed us the woolshed which was started in the 1880s and built in four stages. There once were 40 stands on two sides for up to 30,000 sheep - now they use two stands.

Robert Brown built a slab hut and store at the Crossing Place, Albury in 1838. In 1841, he took up the 42,000 acres at Collendina. The name means "swirling waters"; the Ovens River rushes into the Murray opposite this land. He sold the property off gradually and finally, in 1878, disposed of the remainder to W Hay & Sons. Three generations of Hays lived here. The woolshed & house date from the 1880s. The house is a handsome two storey building with fine iron lace and a lookout from the top of the roof. The property was sold to the Carroll family and then, four years ago, to Mr & Mrs Howard. He runs black Angus cattle, irrigates lucerne and is planting shelter trees.

We are grateful to the Corowa Historical Society, to Mr & Mrs Howard and to Holford Lempriere for this excellent tour.
Anne Davies.

Local Aboriginal History Research.

Report no. 3 by Shirley Tucker.

Part of my research over the past few weeks has brought me into contact with some of the Aboriginal residents of Albury and Wodonga. Considering the numerous physical moves that have been imposed on the Aboriginal population in the past, it is not surprising to learn that many are now endeavouring to trace their own genealogy as well as gain greater knowledge of the land of their ancestors.

In this context the local study of Aboriginal history could help unlock some pieces of the puzzle such as where did certain tribes move after white occupation of their lands? Are there any descendants of these tribes? Where are they? etc.

While none of the people I have spoken to are indigenous to this area there is certainly a sense of "shared" destiny evident in many of their life-stories.

However in order to throw some new light on the fate of the tribes once resident in this area it is necessary to study primary sources not held in Albury or Wodonga. Reading the newspapers of the period has proved helpful on occasions but it takes time.

CAN YOU HELP? Mrs Joan Wattel, "Cooino" 25/10 Kissing Point Road, Turrumurra, 2074 would like to know of any descendants of Mary Ann (Barrett) & James Layton who built Sodens Hotel. Also of Richard Barrett, who lived in Albury in 1856.

Mr Keith Gooley, 32 Horsfield Road, Horsfield Bay, 2256 wants to know the date & place of death of Josephine Joanna (Ellwood) who married Walter C Hyland at Cootamundra in 1906.

Mrs Evelyn D Smith, 11 Tallgums Avenue, West Pennant Hills, 2120 wants details of the families of Roderick and Kenneth Finlayson. Roderick's daughter Christina married Donald McDonald in Albury in 1853. McDonalds had a daughter named Margaret.

DONATIONS ... for which the Society is most grateful

Mrs F Boyes, B E M for \$100.80 from book sales, Mrs B Wilson, Mulgrave, Victoria for \$15 donation for research on the Edgehill family of Mundawadra and Mr W J Kell for the photocopying of this Bulletin.

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 24TH NOVEMBER, 1983 TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1984

	\$	\$
OPENING FUNDS WITH BANK (NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK)		
GENERAL ACCOUNT	561.91	
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	<u>9,500.00</u>	10,061.91
ADD : RECEIPTS		
MEMBERSHIP	1,189.00	
SALE OF BOOKS	452.50	
TOUR - de KERILLEAU	840.90	
RAFFLE	83.00	
MUSEUM - PART LOAN REPAYMENT	400.00	
DONATIONS	112.30	
INTEREST	<u>1,223.30</u>	<u>4,301.00</u>
		14,362.91
LESS : PAYMENTS		
ADVERTISING	236.60	
BULLETIN POSTAGE	183.50	
PRINTING & STATIONERY	237.41	
INSURANCE - PUBLIC LIABILITY	150.00	
TELEPHONE	16.00	
MUSEUM OPENING EXPENSES	121.63	
PHOTOGRAPHS & ALBUM	42.55	
SUBSCRIPTIONS	85.00	
ELM COURT PLAQUE	136.56	
BOOKS	52.00	
POST OFFICE BOX RENTAL	34.00	
POSTAGES	16.73	
PETTY CASH	38.83	
SUPPERS	7.97	
HALL HIRE	330.00	
TYPEWRITER	175.00	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE - TYPEWRITER	164.00	
DONATIONS	75.00	
REFRESHMENTS - de KERILLEAU	26.90	
BANK CHARGES & TAXES	32.11	
ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM (SEE OVERLEAF)	<u>4,995.16</u>	7,156.95
CLOSING FUNDS WITH BANK		
GENERAL ACCOUNT	596.28	
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	<u>6,609.68</u>	<u>7,205.96</u>
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ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS TO AND FOR ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

	\$
DONATION	1,000.00
BOOKS	24.80
LOAN	700.00
DISPLAY BOARD	44.00
GLASS	342.12
TIMBER	209.60
PRINTS & PHOTOGRAPHS	683.89
KETTLE	34.35
RENT - CARETAKERS COTTAGE	450.00
TELEPHONE	269.45
WAGES	1,187.68
GAS	19.26
WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE	30.01
	<u>\$4,995.16</u>
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ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

REPORT

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B.E. DUNKLEY (FCA)

13/11/84

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD 8TH DECEMBER, 1983 TO 31ST OCTOBER, 1984

	\$	\$
RECEIPTS		
GRANTS :		
PREMIERS DEPARTMENT OF NSW		13,750.00
ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY		1,000.00
ALBURY/WODONGA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		360.00
ALBURY CITY COUNCIL		8,000.00
CEP		18,116.00
DONATION - MRS. F. BOYES		200.00
ADMISSIONS		3,203.60
ECHUCA TOUR		576.55
SCHOOL PROGRAM		74.00
MUSEUM SHOP - SALES		1,540.95
DONATIONS - RE: BLACKSMITH COLLECTION		697.00
LOAN - ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY		300.00
INTEREST - BANK		713.65
		<u>48,531.75</u>

PAYMENTS		
ADVERTISING	907.65	
ENTERTAINMENT	215.03	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	198.13	
TELEPHONE	776.96	
TRAVELLING	549.59	
FREIGHT	101.95	
LIGHT & POWER	1,364.40	
POSTAGES	311.89	
CONSERVATION	65.25	
BANK & GOVERNMENT CHARGES	62.93	
MISCELLANEOUS	133.44	
CARPETS - COTTAGE	150.00	
INSURANCE	601.75	
CONFERENCE FEES	35.00	
BLACKSMITH COLLECTION	1,020.00	
SALARIES	22,311.49	
MUSEUM STAFF EXPENSES & SUPPLIES	395.00	
CLEANING	17.15	
MUSEUM SUPPLIES	63.62	
MUSEUM SHOP SUPPLIES	1,681.85	
		<u>30,963.08</u>
NET RECEIPTS		<u>\$17,568.67</u>
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REPRESENTED BY :

CLOSING BALANCES		
TAKINGS ON HAND		4.00
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT	Ø	1,180.94
CHEQUE ACCOUNT	Ø	491.04
WAGES ACCOUNT	Ø	8,550.72
CEP ACCOUNT	Ø	7,841.89
PETTY CASH		8.79
DEBTORS		<u>63.99</u>
		18,141.37
LESS: SUNDRY CREDITORS		<u>572.70</u>
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ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

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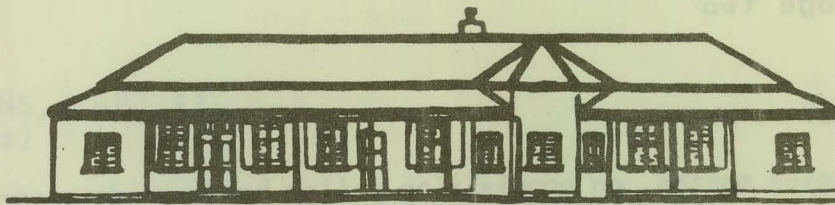
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DECEMBER 1984



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10.30 - 4.30

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MUSEUM CATALOGUING PROJECT (CEP REPORT)



Storage

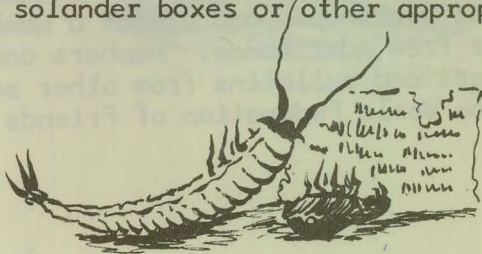
The round-up has begun! The last few weeks have seen me busy, both out on the road and on the telephone in the museum, confirming the location of both large and small objects in the collection in preparation for the smooth execution of their removal to the new storage area near the museum. In the course of my search, I have spoken to many Albury and District Historical Society members on the telephone, and I thank all of you for your assistance. Anyone having further information regarding objects that require removal to storage may contact me at the museum.

Work Experience

On November 14th and 15th, Karin Brunken from Beechworth came to work with me for work experience. Karin is a Year 10 student who hopes to pursue a career in archaeology. During her short time in the museum, we worked together on the registration and cataloguing of some of the aboriginal artifacts in the collection.

Costume Collection

The costume collection has received my special attention and I have gone through it all checking for vermin damage. The collection is now boxed and moth-balled and stored together in one section of the museum. In future, I will sew cloth registration tapes on all of the items in the collection, pad them with acid-free tissue, and pack them in solander boxes or other appropriate acid-free storage containers.



- Maria Green,
Museum Cataloguer

ACQUISITION POLICY

Over the past seven months, an acquisition policy has been developed for the museum by the museum director together with members of the museum's management committee. This policy is one of several policies, e.g. research, education, publications, etc., which will be developed and implemented in the museum during the next two to five years.

As the primary purpose of a museum is to collect and preserve objects, an acquisition policy was developed first. This policy sets out the aims of the museum, defines how and generally what objects will be acquired, how those objects will be used, and how they will be disposed of, if necessary, but particularly, if the museum is dissolved. The policy also deals with the ethics of collecting objects, and reference is made to the Code of Ethics of the Museums Association of Australia.

The policy takes account of both the Albury and District Historical Society's Constitution and the requirements of a new and developing regional museum, and it is designed to insure the highest possible standard of collections management.

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DONATIONS

The museum has received several donations during the last three months and we are grateful for these. Of particular interest are the Toonallook ledgers and a detailed family history donated by Mr. Fred Griffith and photographs of construction of the Hume Dam at a period later than in other photographs in the museum's collection.

Certificates of Gift have been sent to the donors for their signatures and return to the museum. The objects have been temporarily registered so that they may be readily located. Documentation files and catalogues cards will be raised for them at a later date when the necessary forms have been signed and returned to the museum.

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ARM VOLUNTEERS

ARM Volunteers and those members of the community wishing to become involved in the various activities at the museum are cordially invited to a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th beginning at 4.00 p.m. Friends and family are welcome, too.

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FRIENDS OF AUSTRALIAN ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS (AFFGM)

The ARM Volunteers may become members of the AFFGM, forming a local chapter. The aims of the AFFGM are to further national and international co-operation between friends of galleries and museums and to stimulate and sustain public interest in the galleries and museums of Australia.

In Australia, Friends Societies supporting a public, non-profit making art gallery, museum, library, zoo or herbarium are eligible to join. This would provide their members with reciprocal membership to other societies the benefits of which include attendance at functions at members' prices, members' discount at bookshops, and use of a members' lounge or reading room. Some regional museums offer free admittance. Members can also participate in AFFGM workshops and receive newsletters and bulletins from other societies. Members of the AFFGM are automatically members of the World Federation of Friends of Museums.

RIVER REFLECTIONS, PART II (By Lloyd Holmes)

In 1852, the South Australian Government offered a bonus of 2,000 pounds for the first iron steamer of over forty horsepower and with a draught of not more than two feet that travelled from Goolwa to the Darling Junction. With this incentive, the wealthy and worldly Scot, Francis Cadell, ordered a steamship to be built at Pyrmont in Sydney.

Cadell's steamship, named the "Lady Augusta" after the Governor's wife, measured one hundred and five feet long and had a beam of twenty feet, six inches. The "Lady Augusta" sailed from Sydney and arrived in Goolwa in mid 1853. Strangely, her hull was of wood not iron as the South Australian Government reward had stipulated. She was fitted with twin engines and funnels, weighed about twenty-one tons, and had a laden draught of three feet.

William Randell, a Devon man of limited means, began building a little steamer on the river bank near Mannum in 1852 with the help of two brothers. The "Mary Ann", named after Randell's mother, was fifty-five feet long and had a beam of nine feet and a hull of red gum. This semi-open boat displaced twenty tons and was fitted with an eight horsepower engine and a curious homemade boiler that allegedly breathed like a concertina. Unfortunately, no known photographs exist of this pioneer craft.

Randell's little homemade craft stole a march on Cadell and the "Lady Augusta", and in the third month of 1853, the "Mary Ann" wheezed and paddled her way into Murray history as the first steamboat to navigate up our largest and most revered waterway.

Low water, that bane of the riverboats, stopped the "Mary Ann" at a point one hundred and twenty-five miles from Goolwa. Then she returned for necessary adjustments to reduce her draught - Randell now knew that this measurement must be kept to the absolute minimum for successful navigation of the rivers. (Continued next issue)

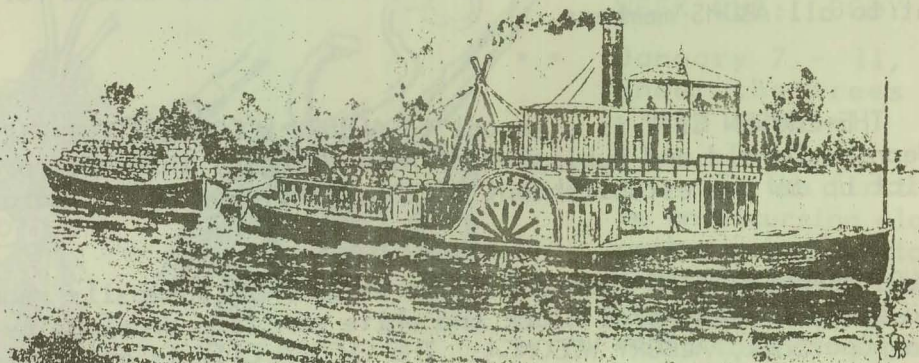
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AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM

KNOCKING ABOUT

Being Some Adventures of Augustus Baker Peirce in Australia,
1859-1892

AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN ON THE MURRAY



AVAILABLE AT THE MUSEUM SHOP

KNOCKING ABOUT, AN AMERICAN CAPTAIN ON THE MURRAY. Gus Peirce, American born riverboat captain, artist, actor, humorist, and keen observer of life, wrote a book of his 33 years in Australia.

It is a rare treat to read of life on the goldfields, on Murray River boats and in travelling road shows, as seen and illustrated by this remarkable man. Among his achievements was the preparation in 1864 of a detailed chart for the navigation of the Murray River from Albury to Goolwa. He then commanded the famous "Lady Daly" and the "Jane Eliza", and later the "Victoria" and the "Riverina".

KNOCKING ABOUT is a fine facsimile edition printed from an original lent by Mr. Peter Smith, whose Great-grandfather owned the "Jane Eliza". It is published by Shoe-string Press and is available at the museum for \$22.95. - 10% discount to A&DHS members.

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IN MEMORIAM: THE VICTORIAN WAY OF DEATH, is an excellent publication which sets out in a concise style the history of the development of cemeteries in New South Wales.

IN MEMORIAM was published by the Historic Houses Trust of NSW in 1981 in conjunction with the travelling exhibition from Elizabeth Bay House which was presented at the Albury Regional Museum during November. This publication may be purchased at the museum for \$1.20. - 10% discount to all A&DHS members.

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BORDER POST ALMANAC 1878. This little hardback gives an insight into the styles of lettering, language, layout and imagery employed by the press in 1878. It is scattered with little gems of information such as:

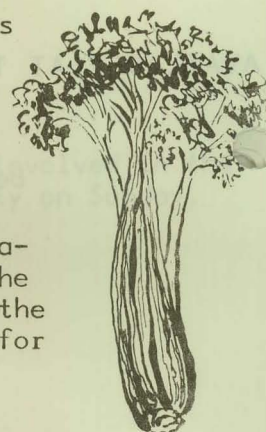
"Celery is highly recommended for nervousness. The time to take it is when you please, and the dose as much as you want. All affected with nervousness in any form are encouraged to hope for an effectual cure by the daily use of celery."

The **BORDER POST ALMANAC 1878** is also a comprehensive source of information on life in Albury and the surrounding regions in the second half of the nineteenth century. First published by Affleck and Gray and reprinted by the Library of Australian History, the almanac can be purchased at the museum for \$11.00 - 10% discount to all A&DHS members.

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ALBURY WODONGA: THE CHOSEN CITY is a sequel to **ALBURY WODONGA: THE FIRST NINETY YEARS**. Written by Jean MacDonald and published by A.L. Quiggin, this book presents the history of the district up to the establishment of the Albury Wodonga Corporation in 1972.

The text of **ALBURY WODONGA: THE CHOSEN CITY** is written in an easily readable style and it is illustrated by some delightful black and white pen line drawings by Beth Klinge. Published in paperback, **ALBURY WODONGA: THE CHOSEN CITY** is available at the museum for \$5.00 - 10% discount to all A&DHS members.



SUMMER PROGRAM

FOR CHILDREN

ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM

7 January - 1 February, 1985

The Albury Regional Museum will run a summer holidays program for children between the ages of 6 and 14 from the 7th of January through the 1st of February, 1985 on weekdays between 10.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Activities have been planned to entertain whilst at the same time sharpen childrens' awareness of the way our early settlers made the most of the natural resources in their environment.

Special guests will appear at odd intervals during each of the four weeks of the program and completed work will be on display in the museum during February.

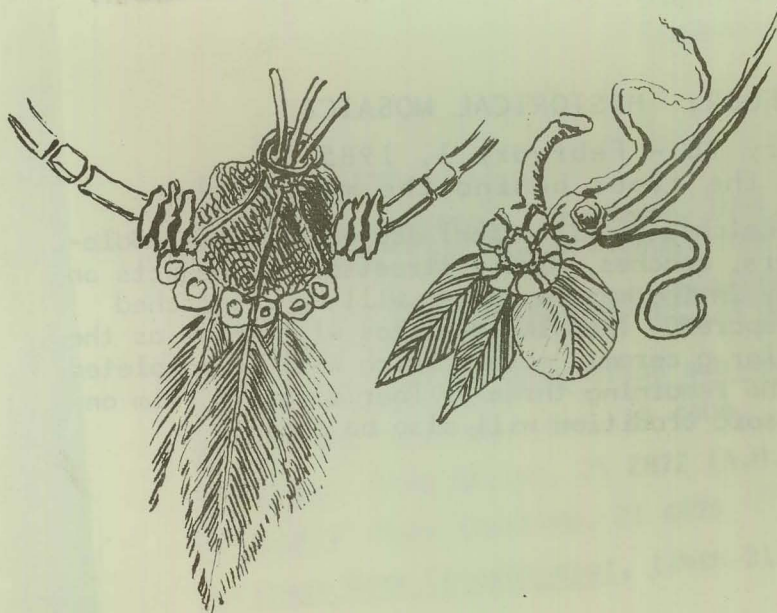
Children may book for the activities which appeal to them the most by telephoning the museum's education officer, Mrs. Barbara Wiggins, on weekdays between 10.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. at 21-4550.

THERE ARE NO ENROLLMENT FEES AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN EACH GROUP IS NOT LIMITED. However, signed consent forms will be required for each child.

Each child will need to bring a boxed lunch and a drink every day. For the first day of weeks one and three, children will need to wear long trousers and sneakers and to bring a sun hat.

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PROGRAM



WEEK ONE: BODY DECORATION

January 7 - 11, 1985
Under the trees behind
the museum

On the first day, there will be an excursion along the river to gather materials to use over the next four days, and a film will be screened on how to assemble multimedia into "fun" personal ornaments & body decorations. The remaining four days will be used to construct personal ornaments and to learn about 19th century ornaments and decorations

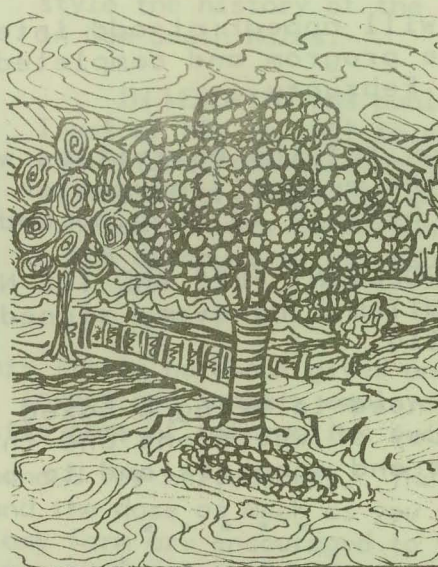


WEEK TWO: BUSH DOLLS

January 14 - 18, 1985

Under the trees behind the museum

This week will begin with a film on dolls and a talk on their history and development. There will also be a discussion on the materials from which dolls may be made. The rest of the week will be spent making dolls of all shapes, sizes, and materials. The week will end with a dolls party and a sing-along.

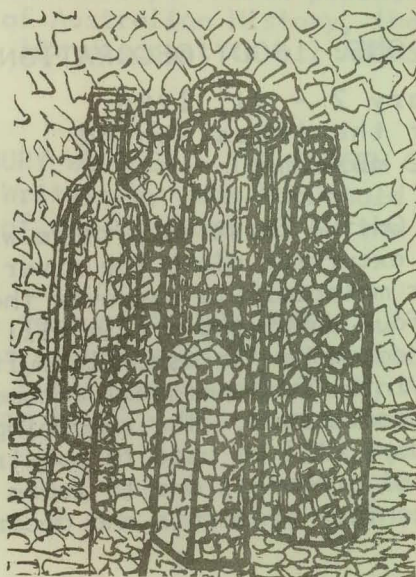


WEEK THREE: MUD PICTURES

January 21 - 25, 1985

Under the trees behind the museum

There will be a story on how paint pigments were discovered, and a film on making images. This will be followed by a walk along the river bank and in the parks adjacent to the museum to collect materials. Mud pictures produced over the remainder of the week will be based on historical themes and use patterns and textures common to the region.



WEEK FOUR: HISTORICAL MOSAICS

January 28 - February 1, 1985

Under the trees behind the museum

Sketches of historical subjects, i.e. paddle-steamers, coaches, Albury streetscapes, objects on display in the museum, etc., will be researched and prepared. Then the sketches will serve as the basis for a ceramic mosaic which will be completed over the remaining three or four days. A film on the mosaic tradition will also be shown.

1. Introduction

The presentation of this report at the Annual General Meeting in November will be my last official duty as President of the Albury and District Historical Society.

It is with some satisfaction that I am able to report that the Society now has over 200 members, currently employs 6 people and publishes an excellent monthly bulletin. Also through the efforts of the Society, the Albury-Wodonga community can look forward to Albury City Council developing the Albury Regional Museum into one of the major regional museums in Australia.

Such achievements are the culmination of many years of effort by many Society members and in particular those that have served on the Society's Committee and Museum Sub-committee.

The new President will be assuming responsibility for a strong, active Society that has the financial resources to continue developing in forthcoming years in whatever ways the Society members wish.

2. Membership

Membership of the Society currently stands at 224 which comprises 191 Ordinary Members, 22 Life Members, 6 Honorary Life Members, 1 Corporate Member and 4 Junior Members.

This is an increase over the previous year and no doubt is a reflection on the increased activity of the Society as well as the growing community interest in local history.

3. Committee

During 1984 the Committee met 11 times. The Committee comprised:- Mr. Keith Burnham - President (11); Mr. John Alker-Jones - Vice President and Chairman of Museum Sub-Committee (9); Mrs. Jo Gordon - Secretary (11); Mrs. Ann Holloway - Minute Secretary (10); Mrs. Helen Livsey - Treasurer and Membership Secretary (11); Mrs. Maree Aney - Publicity (8); Mr. Holford Lempriere - Tours Officer (10); Mrs. Gwen Brown - Bulletin Distributor (8); Mrs. Anne Davies - Bulletin Editor/Typing/Printing (11); Mrs. Mary Thurling - Museum Volunteers Roster [to 28 April, 1984] (8); Mr. Gerry Curtis - Heritage Week Co-ordinator (9); Mr. Doug Royal - Picture Framing etc. (6). Figures in brackets indicate actual number of attendances out of possible 11. In August 1984 the Committee commenced meeting at the Albury Regional Museum due to the closure of Darjon House following fire damage.

I should like to record my thanks to all the members of the Committee as their enthusiasm and contributions have made my job as President considerably easier.

4. Museum Sub-Committee

The Museum Sub-Committee continued to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Museum. Membership of the Sub-Committee comprised:- Mr. John Alker-Jones (Chairman); Mr. Robert Simmons (Secretary); Mrs. Jo Gordon; Mrs. Helen Livsey (to April 1984); Mr. Keith Burnham; Mr. Bruce Pennay; Mr. Richard Leyland (from April 1984). Aldermen David Nicholson and John Emmerly attended the meetings on an observer basis. The Museum Director was also in attendance.

Mrs. Narelle Pampa tendered her resignation as Museum Director effective from 4 January, 1984. Accordingly advertisements for the full-time position were placed in the national press and an interviewing committee was convened, comprising:- Mr. Keith Burnham; Mr. John Alker-Jones; Mrs. Jo Gordon; Mr. Ray Stubbs (Deputy Town Clerk); Mr. Harlan Hall (representing N.S.W Premier's Department). It was the unanimous decision of the interviewing committee to offer the position to Ms. Constance Cordell who subsequently commenced duties on 9 April, 1984.

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4. Museum Sub-Committee (Cont'd)

Mrs. Michelle Bush resigned her position as Museum Attendant effective from 25 February, 1984. Mr. Keith Johnson was appointed to the vacant position and he in turn resigned effective from 13 October, 1984.

In September the Albury City Council advised the Society that it has resolved to take a greater financial responsibility in the operation of the museum and subject to ratification of the 1985 estimates will assume responsibility for the employment of the Museum Director and establish a Board of Trustees under the provisions of the N.S.W. Local Government Act.

Negotiations are continuing with Albury City Council on the terms and conditions of the handover, particularly with regard to such aspects as the ownership of the Society's collection and the future involvement of the Society on the Board of Trustees.

Under the professional management of Ms. Constance Cordell, the museum has developed a high community profile and administrative procedures have been established which will ensure a smooth transition to Council control.

5. Publications and Research Sub-Committee

As foreshadowed in my 1983 Report, the Society established a new Sub-Committee in 1984 to concentrate on research and publications. This Sub-Committee is chaired by Mrs. Ann Holloway and is currently working on producing local history broadsheets for use in the Museum as well as the possible reprint of Dr. Arthur Andrews' "History of Albury".

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

February: Mr. Colin Frauenfelder - 'Albury's Historic Buildings' (slides)

March: Mr. Bruce Pennay - 'Preparing for the Bicentenary'

April: Rev. Merrick Webb - 'History of Table Top'

May: Bev Gelgard and Prue Paton - 'The Success & Failures of Recording Oral History in Albury'

June: Mr. Doug Royal - 'Tracing Burke & Wills' (slides)

July: Mrs. Jean Read - 'Researching Family History'

August: Mr. Justice Nagle - 'David Collins - First Judge Advocate of Australia'

September: Mrs. Peg Boyes, Mr. D. Royal, Mr. C. Nolan - 'Explorers Evening'

October: Mr. Clifton Mott - 'Mr. George Mott and the Border Post'

Attendances at general meetings ranged from c 25-50 persons. This shows a gradual improvement, reflecting the increased interest in the Society's activities.

It is disappointing to note that Mr. Geoffrey Blainey had to cancel his arrangement to speak at the August meeting and Mr. Harold Mair was unable to speak at the June meeting as he was called to Parliament at short notice. It is hoped that both speakers will be able to address the Society in 1985.

7. Community Employment Program

In June 1984 the N.S.W. Minister for Employment advised the Society that all four projects nominated by the Society had been approved under the Commonwealth State Community Employment Program.

The grants received were:-

- (a) \$7,512.00 to employ one person for 26 weeks on Local and Aboriginal Historical Research.
- (b) \$11,175.00 to employ one person for 39 weeks as a Museum Education Officer.

7. Community Employment Program (Cont'd)

(c) \$17,592.00 to employ two persons for 30 weeks, one to catalogue the museum collection and the other to catalogue the Local History Room collection

(d) \$ 8,548.00 to employ one person for 26 weeks for photographic recording.

At the time of writing all the projects except for the photographic recording are successfully under way. It is anticipated that the latter project will commence on 5th November 1984.

8. Heritage Week

In conjunction with Mr. Cliff Chamberlain, Community Affairs Officer, Albury City Council the Society organised the following programme of events to mark Heritage Week 1984:

Sat 7th April - Albury Cemetery guided walk
Sun 8th April - Albury Riverbank guided walks
Tue 10th April - Society General Meeting - Rev M. Webb
Sun 14th April - Townsend Street walk and unveiling of plaque at Elm Court
Sun 15th - De Kairilleau Homestead opening.

All the activities were very well attended and much of the credit should go to Committee member Mr. Gerry Curtis who co-ordinated the Society's Heritage Week activities.

Over 200 cars entered the De Kairilleau property and I would like to record my appreciation to Mrs. Watson who kindly allowed the Society to hold an Open Day.

9. Liaison with other organisations etc

During 1984 Society members assisted in the following projects:-

- a) Mrs. Ann Davies and Mrs. Maree Aney - 2 REM Oral History Project
- b) Mr. Holford Lempriere - Table Top Centenary Committee
- c) Mr. Keith Burnham - Albury City Council Riverside Parks Committee

Mrs. Jo Gordon and Mrs. Helen Linsey addressed a meeting of the Bethanga Heritage Group and I addressed a meeting of Albury Rotoract.

I also provided assistance to the Border Morning Mail in its preparation of supplements on Heritage Week and Californian Bungalows.

10. Bulletin

The Society continued to publish its Bulletin on a monthly basis and I would like to thank the Bulletin Editor, Mrs. Ann Davies for her outstanding contribution in writing, editing, typing and printing the Bulletin. Approximately 250 copies are printed each month and special thanks should go to the members of the Albury Law Society who have made their photocopying facilities available on a rostered basis.

The services of Mrs. Gwen Brown are also gratefully acknowledged for her contribution in distributing the Bulletin, with many being hand delivered to save postal costs.

11. Tours

During the past year, two tours were organised by the Society's Tours Officer Mr. Holford Lempriere:-

1. Woomargama Homestead - 18th March - courtesy Mr. & Mrs. G. Darling
2. Home of Mr. Andrew Gilmour - Chiltern - 12th October 1984.

Both tours were well attended and the fine weather assured a pleasant afternoon on both occasions.

12. Bi-Centennial Projects

In October 1984 the Society submitted a number of proposed projects for endorsement and grant allocation from the N.S.W. Bicentennial Committee.

13. Donations

A major donation to the Society during the year was made by Mr. & Mrs. W. Fielder who donated a painting by A.W. Eustace titled "First Glimpse of Albury" (1857). This painting shows the arrival of the paddlesteamer P.S. Albury and is a most welcome addition to the collection, particularly at this time of renewed interest in paddlesteamers on the river Murray at Albury.

14. Conclusion

The above range of subjects indicate the level and variety of activities undertaken by the Society in 1984.

The Society has developed into a large community organisation with employer responsibilities and a financial turnover of over \$50,000 p.a. Although it is anticipated that a large proportion of the responsibility regarding the Museum will be transferred to Albury City Council, in considering the future direction of the Society, I foreshadow that in 1985 the Society will consider becoming an incorporated body once the Associations and Incorporations Bill has been passed by the N.S.W. Parliament.

The transfer of the museum to Council will also enable the Society to concentrate on other projects, some of which have been neglected during recent years. The Publications and Research Sub-Committee has already commenced activities and I would hope that the Society creates a similar Historic Buildings and Conservation Sub-Committee in 1985.

The past two years as President have been most enjoyable and if I were asked to select the most memorable occasions, I would have to say the opening of the Museum and the visit of Professor Manning Clark.

I wish the Society well in the forthcoming years. I am confident it will go from strength to strength.

J. Burnham

23/10/84