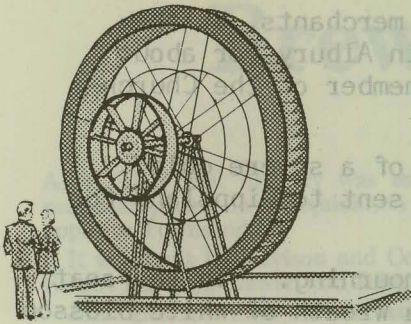


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PLEASE NOTE: The next two meetings, February and March, will be held at St David's Hall, Wilson Street, Albury & not at C W A Hall, Kiewa Street.

Next Meeting 8 pm, Tuesday 10th February at St David's Hall, Wilson Street, Albury.

Speaker: Mr Eddie Batrouney on

### "The Lebanese People in Albury"

Many families emigrated to Albury in the 19th and early 20th century from the Middle East. They contributed to the prosperity of Albury mainly as traders. By their diligence and business acumen many prospered and their contribution to Albury's growth is still evident today. Some names are: Abikhair, Sarroff, Dihood, Nesire, Batrouney, Buckley, Assad, Malouf, Farrah, Azzi, Corban, Bacash, Hammam, Salamy, Nash, Abicare, Davids, Galletti, Shamaly, Bounader, Nader, Haddads, Nassar, Metry, Elias, Wessen and others.

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## Lych-gate..

The Society is most grateful to the Master Painters Association who have painted the Lych-gate.

It is also grateful for cash donations from Mrs J Mawson \$25, Mrs J Macdonald \$5, Mr and Mrs B Moriarty \$10, Mrs J Reed \$8, Rotary Club of Albury-Hume \$250. The Lych-gate Appeal is still open. All contributions will lessen the amount the Society will need to find.

During first term, T A F E students will be working on the Lych-gate putting on the roof, the name "Pioneer Cemetery" and making and hanging the wooden gates.

Plans are going ahead for the Opening Ceremony during Heritage Week. The Mayors of Albury and Wodonga as well as Inter Church Council have been approached.

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## Heritage Week 1987 - 5th to 12th April...

Details in the next Bulletin. Lych-gate Ceremony during Heritage Week.

For the Museum's "A Country History Festival at the Crossing Place" see page 4.

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The Royal Australian Historical Society's Heritage Week Conference ....  
"Exploring Women's History in the Community" 4 April, 9.30 - 4 pm. \$10 including lunch.  
History House, 133 Macquarie Street, Sydney. All enquiries: Gail Griffith (02) 27 6227



WHO WAS ANNIE BULL? Over the years members of the congregation of St Matthew's Anglican Church in Albury have had their curiosity aroused by a plaque erected in memory of Annie Bull who died in Albury on July 7, 1886.

Miss Bull had been an employee of Edmondson and Parker, general merchants, at the south east corner of Townsend and Smollett Streets. She lived in Albury for about six years, was a clever and amiable young lady and a prominent member of the Church of England choir.

Her painful illness of about six weeks duration was "the result of a severe cold". Her father travelled from Sale to be with her, and her body was sent to Gippsland for burial. She was 25 years of age.

On the Sunday following her death the church choir was in deep mourning. "In the seat which the deceased young lady was accustomed to use was placed a wreath of white blossom entwined with crape, and a similar immortal\* took the place of the devotional books on their stand in front". Canon Acocks eulogised the life and character of Miss Bull which visibly affected the congregation.

Helen Livsey.

\*Note. "Immortelles" were dried flowers often used to decorate graves.

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Donations, for which the Society is most grateful, from

Mrs Willa Nolan who has provided us with a typed list of 85 property owners who had more than 500 acres in 1911. The properties are in the areas covered by the Albury and the Hume Pastures Protection Boards. The list is from an Almanac presented to subscribers of the Border Morning Mail. A copy of the list will be put in the Local History Room at the Albury Library.

Mrs G Adams of two postcard-size photographs. One is a memento of a dance held at St Patrick's Hall, Albury on August 17, 1935. The other is of the Brighton-Melbourne-Sydney ten weeks endurance test. Cr. W. Darwin is the wheelbarrow pusher and Mr W. Amiguet the sitter. They left July 20, 1935.

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Last Meeting seems a year away! We enjoyed the Bring and Tell in December, 1986.

Anne Davies: Letter from Sir Joseph Banks, May 1st 1816.

Lucy Staton: Tiny dress made as a sampler by her grandmother on board ship coming to Australia.

Mary Thurling: Very old Cross, nails, dominoes, in bottle; Conrad Gehrig made it.

Shirley Miller: Shakespeare's Works, illustrated, dated 1868, from mother's family.

Thel Musselwhite: Funeral notice of Charles Dickens, June 11th 1870.

from Alice Hayden: Benders Automatic Capito mousetrap made in Germany 1848. The mouse falls into tin of water & the trap re-sets itself.

Holford Lempriere: Grandparents' silver kettle, which he saved from the bushfire by by putting it in the middle of the lawn, jet black. House destroyed.

Kevin Esler: Emu eggs. Mother lays, father hatches and rears.

Howard Jones: Silver 3d bit; Edward VIII coin; Painting of church at Llanbafdarn.

Jean Macdonald: Bottle used for Rum as Currency. Made in wooden mould in 3 parts. Found in river tip near 2nd home of Elizabeth Mitchell, Thurgoona.

Marge Gibson: 1886 photo of her mother aged 16 wearing brooch also shown, & her watch.

Lola Kerr: Dinner Bell from Tara, Tietyens old home.

Clif Mott: "Dead Meat Ticket" i.e. identity disc POW Hofflag 10/C.

from Colin Moreton: 2 examples of his grandfather's patternmaking at Moreton's Foundry, Wooden pattern of Hovell inscription for the plaque & wooden gearwheel.

Gerry Curtis: Drawing of a grandiose Customs House never built in Albury.

from Frank Higgins: 1927 B M M, Special Report on Hume Weir, Sept 10th.

Narda Reid: Old bottles from grounds of Elm Court.

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The article on page 3 on "Breweries and Brewers" was contributed by Howard Jones, set ready for printing. Thank you Howard, - Anne Davies, editor.



# Breweries and brewers

ALBURY'S first brewery was established in 1856, near the present Shoe Liquidation Centre in Dean St, opposite Townsend St.

It was built by Davison and Co., a partnership of Robert Davison, brewer, and John Kaleski, merchant.

John Dickson took over in August, 1860, coming from Woomargama Station, or Dickson's Swamp.

Dickson advertised "first-class xxx ales and porter ... brewed from the finest malt and hops, entirely free from sugar and other substances."

He was certainly a good advertisement for his product, with a red nose and large pot-belly. He died early 1861.

Auctioneer John Solomon described the brewery as: "In Dean St, immediately opposite Mr McLaurin's (Fanny Ceres Mill) and containing one acre upon which is erected the brewery, also a dwelling house, servants' rooms, kitchen, outhouses, store, stabling, etc."

It was sold with all fittings and machinery for carrying on a retail and wholesale brewery.

Solomon also offered an American waggon, four heavy grey horses and one bay mare and said he was confident "the bare announcement of this team being for sale will be a sufficient stimulus, without the aid of any puffing from him".

At this time, Richard Kelly, of the Hume Inn, was advertising wine and spirits at sixpence a glass, ale and porter at two shillings a bottle and Colonial port at one shilling and sixpence a quart.

By the mid-1860's, the brewery (owned by Thomas Bullock) was also selling hay, corn, chaff and vinegar, as well as repairing and selling wine casks. Bullock sold out to James Liddle in 1866.

Bullock took it over again by November, 1870 and Liddle built his own brewery on the side of Western Hill.

A local correspondent wrote: "A good glass of ale is not to be sneezed at, but many a hogshead has been imbibed of Albury brew merely because nothing better in the shape of malt liquor was procurable".

Bullock died in 1871 and soon both breweries closed.

Shops were built on the Dean St site.

Two other breweries had started by 1872: the Hume Brewery in Wilson St and the Colonial Porter Brewery in Wodonga Place, next to the Union Bridge.

Wodonga also had a brewery.

In January, 1873, Kenneth McLennan advertised his "Albury and Wodonga Breweries, in Dean St, Albury and Sydney St, Wodonga."

The Border Post's Albury Almanac of 1878 listed R. O'Keeffe & Co. at the Albury Brewery, near the Union Bridge.

George Billson Jnr took this over in May, 1879.

Billson's parents were early pioneers, migrating to Adelaide before the Californian gold rush, going to California and then to Bendigo in 1852, where they opened a store.

The Billsons settled at Beechworth in 1856, later buying the Ovens Brewery.

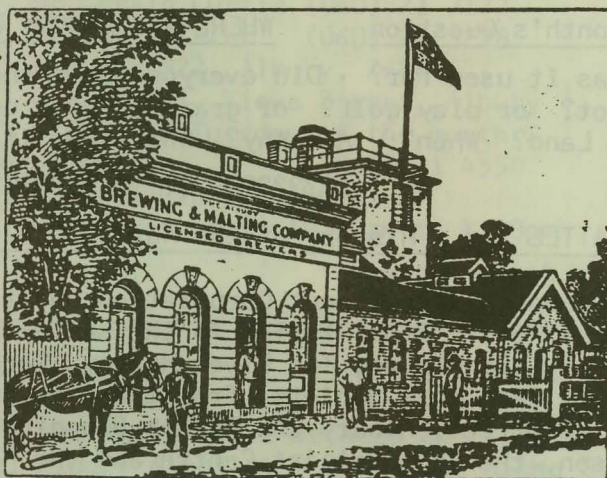
George Billson was Mayor of Beechworth 1869-71 and served in the Victorian Legislative Assembly from 1877 to his death in 1886.

A son, Alfred Arthur Billson, took over the Beechworth brewery in 1882, trading as A. A. Billson and Co and specialising in "Anglo-Australian Ale".

He was a Beechworth councillor for 24 years and the member for Ovens for 23 years.

Another son, George Henry Billson, took over at

## Albury Beer. Albury Beer



## Is The PUREST and BEST

● A Border Morning Mail advertisement of 1904.

Albury in 1879 and spent more than 3000 pounds on improvements.

He built a four-storey brewery, a chimney stack 15 metres high, engine house and boiler.

The brewery had a capacity of 300 quarter-casks of beer and a bottling department for 1000 dozen bottles.

Luke Gulson built a malthouse for Billson in Olive St.

Headley and Langhammer took over the Hume Brewery in 1882.

The former was a rector's son who had come to Australia at 18.

He spent six years in Queensland in jobs ranging from droving to escorting gold, and came to NSW as a mounted trooper — and helped capture the Captain Moonlight bushrangers.

Headley married Alice Eaton, whose father had a brewery at Wagga.

The couple and Langhammer took over the old Hume Brewery (on the site of the old Hume Inn, corner of Townsend and Hume Sts).

In July 1888, the two breweries combined as the Albury Brewing and Malting Company Ltd. G. H. Billson was chairman of the directors, Headley was general manager and Langhammer, brewer.

The third Billson brother, Walter, started his own brewing business in Dean St in March, 1894.

Soon afterwards, G. H. Billson moved to St Kilda and became a noted cordial-maker and St Kilda councillor.

In his history of Albury, Dr Andrews wrote of the Albury Brewing and Malting Company: "For many years a profitable business was carried on, but lately, in common with all small concerns in the same line, troubled times have been experienced and (in 1912) a new company was formed."

A. A. Billson's company amalgamated with the Albury operation, becoming the Border United Co-operative Breweries Ltd. This was sold to Murray Breweries Pty Ltd in 1914.

JOHN LYNCH, Holbrook.



Wendy Moriarty writes to the Society and members:-

I am going to try and compile the History of the Albury Golf Club as they will celebrate 75 years on their present site in 1987. Would it be possible to ask your members in the next Bulletin for any information, be it newspaper cuttings, photos etc that might be of help in this research? All cuttings would be returned. Where was the Albury Common pre 1912? I have heard it was where the Hume Golf Club is now and this is supposed to be where the Albury Golf Club first started in 1899. Any information regarding the Albury Common would be much appreciated.

P.O.Box 288 Albury. 21 5915

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## This Month's Question

## WHERE WAS ALBURY COMMON?

What can you tell us about it?

What was it used for? Did everyone have the right, for instance, to collect firewood? or shoot? or play golf? or graze a house cow? Was it Declared or Gazetted as Common Land? When? And Why? What were its boundaries?

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BEEF CATTLE and a History of the Murray Greys is the latest title in the "Albury's History" series. We are grateful to Albury Wodonga Development Corporation and to Mr & Mrs Frank Boyes for their support for this sheet. Other titles in the series are: The First 25 Years, Street Names, Railways, Gold Mining, The River Murray, Wodonga Place & Vines and Wines. They are available from this Society, from the Hume Permanent Building Society branches in Myer and Olive Street, Albury and Border Shopping Town, Lavington as well as Angus and Robertson, the Regional Art Centre and the Albury Regional Museum. Price 20¢ each.

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MUSEUM NOTES from John Alker-Jones, Chairman, Albury Regional Museum Management Committee.



As members will have seen in the newspaper, our museum director, Ms Connie Kordell has resigned. Connie is taking up a position as the general manager of the Pioneer Village at Swan Hill. I'm sure we would all wish her well in this exciting new job.

This of course means that the museum Committee wants to find a dynamic new director. Albury City Council has in fact placed advertisements in Melbourne and Sydney newspapers and in professional journals.

We will be undertaking interviews in late January and hopefully an appointment will be made so as to start during February.

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Mrs Robyn Till was appointed assistant to the Director in December to replace Mrs Wright who moved to Cairns with her husband in November. Mrs Till was employed at Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery and the Military Museum. She is an accomplished seamstress and also worked at the Pioneer Settlement, Swan Hill on 19th century costumes, both originals and copies. She has formal training in photography and graphics.

STOP PRESS ..... STOP PRESS ..... STOP PRESS

The new printing shop at the Albury Regional Museum is about to open!!

The "Pearl" single person peddle press donated by Wattie Fielder is being re-assembled and if you can help or know something about printing and presses, please come down to the museum or phone (060) 21 4550.

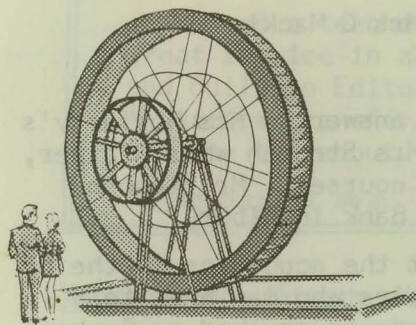
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"A COUNTRY HISTORY FESTIVAL AT THE CROSSING PLACE" will happen at the Museum during Heritage Week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 9th to 12th. There you may find: Craft Stalls.... Machinery Exhibits... Domestic Animal displays ... Petting Zoo ... Fashion Parade (1850 - 1900) ... Costume Making Competition ... Whip Cracking ... Aboriginal Performers ... Folk Music ... Coach Rides ... Paddlesteamer Display ... Refreshments, Colonial Cooking ... Blacksmith's Exhibit ... Printroom. Contact Robyn Till at the Museum for further information and to find out how to enter.



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Next Meeting    8 pm Tuesday 10th March at St DAVID'S HALL, Wilson Street, Albury.

Speaker: Robert Cohen on "HISTORY AS TAUGHT TODAY"

- slides - visual aids -

Rob is Head Teacher of History at Albury North High School. He was on the Society committee in 1981/2 and on the Museum sub-committee for 1981.

Family History Group. We expect Mrs Shanahan to be at the March meeting to suggest forming a Family History Group within our Society.

Last Meeting    Eddie Batrouney spoke of the Lebanese people in Albury. He read a well-researched address and then filled in with many details of the families. An auctioneer's voice is easy to hear. He has given a copy of his speech to the Society for the Local History Room and also a photocopy of Blake's Busy Book Bazaar booklet of illustrations of Albury 1916/17 for which we thank him. Some of his speech is printed on pages 3 and 4 of this Bulletin. The Lebanese in Albury who arrived prior to 1970 are and are law-abiding people - trading people - good Australians. They hardly ever went back to their country of origin. This country became Lebanon but in the 1880's it was part of Syria and under Turkish rule. During W.W.I "Syrians" had to report to the police but were not interned because they were considered good citizens. There is a higher proportion of Lebanese in Albury than anywhere else in Australia.

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## Heritage Week 1987 - 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April...

Sunday 5th April, 2.30 pm. Lychgate Ceremony. The Mayors of Albury & Wodonga and the Clergy have agreed to attend.

Tuesday 7th April, Society Meeting, FIRST TUESDAY, 8 pm, C W A Hall. Howard Jones has stories and slides of events in Albury's Pioneer Cemetery.

Sunday 12th April, Visit to Hawksview.

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Next Committee Meeting: Tuesday 17th March. It is a week early to allow the Heritage Week Programme to be finalised and for the Bulletin to reach members before Sunday 5th April.



LYCHGATE. The Appeal is still open. Already given: \$1443.

Many thanks to recent donors: Mr & Mrs R B Davies \$50 and Mr & Mrs G Mackie \$25.

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Last Meeting (continued) Original Site of Albury Golf Club. In answer to Mrs Moriarty's question, members have suggested that she consult Mrs Stedman whose father, Mr James Stephen, is known to have laid out the old and the new courses. Mr Stephen was a native of Banff in Scotland. He was manager of the Union Bank in Albury.

Last month's Question on the Albury Common was in two parts but the acoustics in the Hall were so bad that it was difficult to hear members who may have told us WHERE the Common was, WHAT it was used for and WHEN it was made or revoked as Common Land. So we will hope to hear from members this month. Is there a map which shows the whole Common when it was declared in 1868 or 1863? Was the Common fenced?

Arthur Pearsall, Frank Higgins, Tom Miller and Clif Mott may be able to contribute. Written information to the editor, if possible, please.

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Donation, for which the Society is most grateful, from

Phil Grant of a copy of a tape on which he recorded a 10 minute conversation with our late member, Jim Wells about the Hotels in Wodonga Place and Townsend St.

New members Mr Hore, Mrs Anderson and Mr & Mrs Batrouney.

Can You Help? Mr L A Cass, 29 Spring Myrtle Avenue, Nambour, Queensland, 4560 with information about Edward Hutchinson who married Mary Burry, née Fairhurst in 1884. Four children. Last address, Mitta Mitta, near Albury. Occupation, farmer.

Research Fee The Society has a research charge of \$10 per hour, plus photocopying.

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The Publications sub-committee is working on a guide to the Albury Pioneer Cemetery.

Reminder about the History Room at the Albury City Library.

When looking for books and information do not forget to look at the microfiche catalogue as well as the card catalogue. It has the latest additions to stock.

A copy of "transcriptions on headstones" of the Old Albury Cemetery with index is now available for consultation in the History Room. Anne Holloway.

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Editor's Apology to Colin Laughton and Laughton's Foundry quoted in the last Bulletin as "Moreton". And thank you to members who read the Bulletin and check its accuracy. Anne Davies. Also, there was a query about the spelling of Lich-gate, Lych-gate (Concise Oxford Dictionary), Lichgate and Lychgate. All are correct but we have settled for the Macquarie Dictionary: LYCHGATE which is the spelling on Ken Young's Plan passed by Council.

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School for Seniors, Albury. As an introduction to Heritage Week, School for Seniors has planned four talks on Local History by Historical Society members. They will be held at Wesley Centre, corner of Olive & Swift Streets at 11.30 am on 17th, 24th & 31st March and 7th April. The likely programme, not necessarily in this order, is: Gerry Curtis on Albury between Two World Wars. Mary Thurling and Colin Frauenfelder showing Slides of Old Albury. Bruce Pennay on 1938, what he has found out and what you remember. And hopefully, Gerry Curtis on The Building of the Hume Weir. Non-members of School for Seniors are asked to pay \$1.



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ALBURY REGIONAL MUSEUM'S new Director is Mr Martyn Paxton from South Australia. The Society welcomes him and hopes that his stay in Albury will be rewarding.



Older members will be saddened to hear of the death of our foundation member, Brother J P O'Malley.

He was a teacher at the Christian Brothers College, Albury and "rendered great service in setting up the Society". He had been Secretary, Guest Speaker and Bulletin Editor before being transferred to teach in Goulburn in 1963. A further transfer took him to Tamworth, but he remained a member of our Society for about twenty years.

He passed away in his home country of New Zealand.

Yackandandah Museum Yackandandah & District Historical Society Inc. presents.

"The Local Community in Time of War" and Exhibition.

Bank of Victoria Museum, High Street, Yackandandah

March 1st - April 26th 1987. Open 1 - 4pm Weekdays, 11am - 4pm Sat & Sun

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Research in Melbourne Mrs Betty Horskins, 8 Sandgate Avenue, Glen Waverley, 3150 will undertake limited research. For a fee of \$15 she will look up one specific item at the Public Record Office of Victoria in Little Bourke Street or La Trobe or State Library, Melbourne. She will also do general research. Send stamped addressed envelope for details.

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We print the first part of Mr E D Batrouney's address to the Albury & District Historical Society Meeting on 10th February, 1987.

LEBANESE AND AUSTRALIA - particularly at Albury.

Around the period of 1860-1880 enterprising people of Lebanon found there was no scope for advancement in their country and they looked to the New World of Australia and America for their opportunities.

Some migrants with a little money came to Australia and settled in Sydney and Melbourne. They worked hard and prospered. Their letters back to Lebanon encouraged other people who were anxious to improve their future to come to Australia. In those days all immigrants paid their own passage and had to obtain work quickly so as to live. Families rarely came out together because they could not afford to do so. Usually the breadwinner and perhaps an adult child would come out first and as they could afford to they would send the fares back until all of the family had arrived. Their early settlement was very difficult but as a result of determination and hard work they survived and ultimately prospered.

There were some cases of people leaving Lebanon expecting to travel to America only to arrive in Australia and vice versa. Most of the arrivals to Australia from Lebanon were met in Melbourne and Sydney by some of the 1860 settlers who had established themselves in the clothing business. They staked the newcomers to a waggon, horse and stock and sent them to various parts of Victoria and New South Wales to hawk their goods from farm to farm. In Melbourne it was 2 brothers, Latoof & Callil Fakrey who started the Victorians and in Sydney two families, one Stanton Mellick and other a Mr Aboud served those settling in New South Wales.

Those people venturing out from Melbourne suffered some severe droughts and lost their horses and when they became aware of the Mighty Murray River as a permanent supply of water they found Albury very attractive.

My research shows that the earliest Lebanese migrants to Albury were Messrs Sarroff, B Abicare and S M Abikhair. They arrived during the 1880's. They were followed in turn by the Elias Family, A M Abikhair, Salamy Family, Mary Haddad, Galleti, David and Nadar Families. Later arrivals to the Albury Wodonga area were The Bounaders, George Malouf, The Nesires, The Corbans, Farrah, Buckley, Assad, Joe Malouf, Azzi, Nash, Dihood, Wessen, Beca, Batrouney, Bacash, Nasser, Doble, Sedawie, Mellick, McConnell, Mannering, Jabour, Jabara and Metry.

When the early Lebanese came to Albury the main centre of commerce was Townsend Street. It was later the development of the commercial area started to creep along Dean Street and Olive Street and Townsend Street ceased to be the major commercial area.



Lebanese in the early years were primarily traders and shopkeepers and usually in the clothing field. However it is interesting to note that the Elias Family started the manufacture of ice in Albury. The Salamy Family started white work manufacture in the town and they were closely followed by A M Abikhair establishing a factory for manufacture

As the settlers prospered they sought to invest their moneys in land and buildings. Over the years Betro Abicare built the 'Big Store' on one corner of Dean and David Streets. He subsequently built the magnificent Regent Theatre on another corner and then a service station on the third corner. Saad Abikhair eventually built on the corner of Olive and Swift Streets and extended along both Olive and Swift Streets. George Malouf built what is now the T & G Building which later had the tower erected at the front. Mr Malouf also built the shop on the site of the present Commonwealth Bank at 482 Dean Street. A M Abikhair built his premises in Dean Street and this was followed in the same block bounded by Olive and David Streets with shops with dwellings at rear and above by Dihoods, Corbans, Farrahs, Buckleys, Nesires and Assads.

S M Abikhair built several shops for tenants in the same block. Mr J Dihood who acquired the Malouf shop then built the splendid Ritz building next door. Almost all the Lebanese in Albury to-day are 1st, 2nd & 3rd generation Australian. Nearly all have never visited Lebanon and in most cases the original migrants did not return to Lebanon for visits. With the advent of World War 2 migration from Lebanon came to a standstill for many years. After the 1970's few migrants from Lebanon came to Albury. Up to about the 1970's the Lebanese migrants to Australia and Albury were people of fine character, industrious, family loving and mainly of the Christian Faith. After the 1970's many of the migrants left Lebanon because of war, revolts and dissatisfaction with their country.

Whilst these people still had to pay their passage to Australia they had the advantage of the Government support here such as child-endowment, unemployment benefits etc, and did not have to work as hard as the earlier migrants did to survive. Many of these later migrants have settled in the Capital Cities and are not of the Christian Faith. Undoubtedly some of these new migrants were politically active in their homeland but many of them were not and only seek a life of peace and quiet. Either way they had been caught up with the religious wars in Lebanon which had been going for years through the scheming of the Russians, Americans, French and others who schemed to introduce distrust of one religion against another.

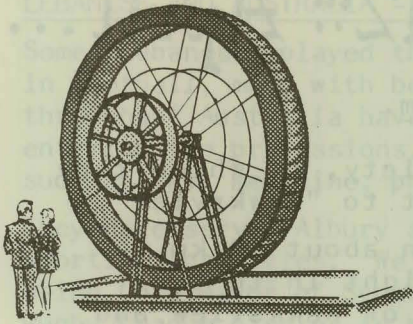
After the early settlers, who had as I previously mentioned, been supplied with goods etc. by Capital City Lebanese in starting their business, Albury became such a popular re-stocking centre that the Sarroff family developed a semi-wholesale situation for re-stocking the supplies to traders and this was followed with people such as Salamys, A M Abikhair and others who through their manufacturing set up became suppliers of goods to hawkers of all nationalities including Lebanese, Indian and Chinese.

After the Great Depression of the 1930's Lebanese people in Albury branched into sever fields. We find Granny Abikhair, who was really Mrs Mary Haddad and mother of Mrs Effie Abikhair and Mrs Jameelie Assad having a fruit and vegetable business in Dean Street. She was very well known to the 'Tramps' of that period who always passed the word to fellow tramps 'Call on Granny Abikhair in Albury she will always buy you a meal'. When Mrs Haddad died in 1940, her daughter Effie Abikhair who always sat on a chair or a box in front of her fruit shop was often mistaken for her mother by people who did not know that the First Granny had died and as Mrs Abikhair remained in business until almost 1970 it seemed that Granny Abikhair had lived for ever. We found that over this period Lebanese moved into many fields of activities. I have already mentioned Elias Family in the ice works, the many drapery firms, the clothing manufacturers and semi-wholesalers but we find Mr Jim Abikhair started his service station in Mate Street, Jim and Vicky Bacash established their pie and hamburger shop in Dean Street and later their very fine development of The Cedar as a reception centre. Batrouneys started with fruit and vegetables and then established Real Estate Agency, Auction Rooms and Furniture Store. The Assad family and members of the Sarroff family into the bookmaking field, George Abikhair and later Joe Malouf with a Billiard Club, Bounaders with a picture theatre in Wodonga, others involved with the food and refreshment business, dry cleaners and laundry by members of the Sarroff family, the jewellery business by Jabara's and Ada Abikhair, shoe repairs and poultry farming by members of the Metry family, and so it goes on.

To be continued.



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The President and Committee invite all members  
and other interested people to attend the

### **LYCHGATE CEREMONY**

at 2.30 pm on Sunday 5th April

at the entrance to Albury Pioneer Cemetery, north end of David Street

Seating supplied by Albury City Council.

Opening Speech by the President, Mr M G Curtis.

Unveiling of the Plaque by the Mayor of Albury, Alderman John Roach.

Blessing of the Lychgate by  
the Venerable Malcolm Crawley, Archdeacon of Albury and  
Father John Frauenfelder of Sacred Heart Parish, North Albury.

There will be half hour guided tours of the four sections of the old cemetery.  
Church of England - Ron Braddy. Catholic - Gerry Curtis.  
Presbyterian & Methodist and Other Denominations & Religions - Graham Stocks and  
Allen Henshaw. How many tours can you take? All four if you & the guides have  
the stamina!

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Next Meeting: FIRST Tuesday, 7th April, 8 pm, C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

"UNUSUAL FUNERALS AND TOMBSTONES in and around Albury"

Speaker: Howard Jones - slides.

Please bring memorial cards of any funereal memorabilia  
to display at the meeting.

The President's Question "When was the old lychgate removed?"

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Sunday 12th April V I S I T T O H A W K S V I E W

see over.....



# Heritage Week 1987 - 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April...

VISIT TO HAWKSVIEW Sunday 12th April, 2 to 5 pm.

Mr and Mrs Phil Webb have kindly allowed the Society, of which they are life members, to arrange a fund-raising visit to "Hawksview".

Take the Airport road from Albury and continue on about 12 km towards Hume Weir. Watch out for signs on the right in to the property. There will be a brief printed history of Hawksview and also guides to answer questions. Entry \$2 each adult or \$4 a car.

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## ALSO IN HERITAGE WEEK

Heritage Week Special Join the Historical Society now - NEW MEMBERS will get next year's subscription at last year's rates.

School for Seniors Final Local History talk, 11.30 am, Wesley Centre, Tuesday 7th April.  
Gerry Curtis on "The Building of the Hume Weir". Non members \$1.

National Trust of Australia (Vic) will be opening "LAKEVIEW", Chiltern, Victoria, the childhood home of author Henry Handel Richardson, for Heritage Week, 5th to 12th April from 10 am to 4 pm each day.

Wodonga Historical Society. Films at the Theatrette, 10.30 am & 2 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Heritage Week, an hour's programme selected from: Our Living Past, Autumn of a Mining Town, Search for Identity, That's Progress and Things that we want to keep together. There will also be a photographic display in the Library on "How Wodonga's High Street can change in Fifty Years".

## A COUNTRY HISTORY FESTIVAL AT THE CROSSING PLACE

April 9th to 12th. Albury Regional Museum grounds, Wodonga Place, Albury.

Special Fashion Parade. HORSE EVENTS. LAZY HARRY. Whip Cracking. etc. etc  
White Elephant Stall - take some, buy some!

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## LYCHGATE DONORS

The Society wishes to thank all those who have given generously of money, materials, skills and labour towards the building of the Lychgate at Albury Pioneer Cemetery:

Mr Ken Young	Mrs Alice Haydon	C A Mott
Albury College of T A F E	Frank Higgins	Mrs Mussellwhite
Albury City Council	Mr & Mrs L Jacobs	Keith Orford
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Mrs M Bishop	Lester & Son	Pascol Heritage Paints
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Mrs M Cutler	Brian & Paul Maginnity	Serina Roche
Mr & Mrs R B Davies	Mr & Mrs G Mackie	Rotary Club of Albury-Hume
Norm Douglas	H D Mair	Sister Helen Shortal
Kevin Esler	Mrs I Male	Miss L Staton
Mr & Mrs W W Fielder	Mrs J Mowson	Mrs E Wightwick
Dick Fielder	Mr & Mrs T Miller	Wighton Hire
Colin Frauenfelder	Mr & Mrs B Moriarty	K D Williams

The Appeal is still open. So far it has raised \$1533. Expected expenditure \$4500. Any further donations will lessen the amount the Society has to find.



Part 2 of Mr E D Batrouney's address to the Society on 10th February 1987 on  
LEBANESE AND AUSTRALIA - particularly in Albury

Some (Lebanese) played their part in the sporting fields like Bob Mannering and others in football, many with bowls, golf and cricket. During the past 40 years many Lebanese throughout Australia have found their children moving away from being retailers and entering the professions. We find they have entered almost all of the professional fields such as law, medicine, pharmacy, motels, politics and education.

They have served Albury and Australia in local government and management of various sporting activities. We find that Sir Nicholas Shehadie received his Knighthood after being Lord Mayor of Sydney and has been for many years and still is the power in Rugby League circles in New South Wales. Many Australians of Lebanese origin have received Australian and English Honors and Awards in many fields. We find that at Laverton in Victoria where Squadron Leader Alex Abikhair, father of Shirley Abikhair, has a Sargeant's Mess named in his honour.

I do not know of any Lebanese migrants to Australia or any members of their families up to 1970 being convicted for any crime. They have been law abiding, respectable and good living Australians. Australia has given them opportunities and challenges, and I believe that in commerce, the professions, sporting groups, Government and Local Government bodies, support to charities and charitable organisations, and the armed services and family responsibilities, they have accepted the challenges and by their activities have shown that they are Good Australian Lebanese.

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#### March Meeting

1. The Speaker was Robert Cohen, a high school history teacher who compared the old and new ways of teaching history. In the old days we learnt facts from a text book and wrote down notes from a blackboard. Nowadays the syllabus is more flexible. It is derived from an enormous number of Guideline books put out by the Department of Education. Interest is stimulated by using such resources as an overhead projector, videos, films and audio-visuals. He finished by giving us a lesson. We had to concentrate hard on an audio-visual to extract the information required by the questionnaire.

2. We were very pleased that Martyn Paxton came to the meeting. He is the new Director of Albury Regional Museum. This is how he describes himself:

*Most of you will probably know about me by now but I will add a short biographical sketch for those who do not. I am, by training, an applied anthropologist. I moved into Museums and have a Graduate Diploma in Museology from Victoria College. I was involved in setting up the Prince Henry's Hospital Historical Collection in Melbourne and was the employed by the History Trust of South Australia. In S.A. I worked mainly on the establishment of the Migration and Settlement Museum but was also involved in curating the State Historical Collection. My main interests and areas of expertise are in collection management and exhibitions.*

*I am looking forward to living and working in Albury/Wodonga and to meeting you all.*

3. Family History sub-committee. Mrs Shanahan also came to the March meeting. She has arranged for this group to meet at St Patrick's Junior School, corner of Olive & Smollett Streets at 7.30 pm Wednesday 8th April. Contact: June Shanahan, 25 1324.

4. Mr C A Mott prepared the following Memories of Albury Common for the March meeting. He then continued investigating and visited Mr Geoffrey Newman whose father was herdsman from 1908 - 1912 and his uncle George Kennedy from 1912 - 1934. Mr Newman's memory was both active and true and Mr Mott gives a lively account which we may publish in the Bulletin later. In any case he has allowed both parts of his research to be placed in the Local History Room in Albury City Library. See page 4 for his article.

Other information on Albury Common, and on Sgt. Major Pat Lee, was contributed by Frank Higgins, Arthur Pearsall, Tom Miller, Gerry Curtis and Anne Davies.



### March meeting, continued

Mr C A Mott answered the question "What do you remember about Albury Common?"

Dr Arthur Andrews recorded that in May, 1868, 1087 acres was reserved as a permanent common, and a few weeks later a temporary common of 7000 acres was also gazetted.

As a boy 70 odd years ago I remember the southern boundary of the common. This was fenced. From a point about the junction of Sackville and Poole Streets one fence ran north and another west. The northbound fence separated the common and Paine's paddock of about 50 acres, owned by J. Hands Paine, a one-time town clerk. The dividing fence ran up to North Street and continued along the western side of the Albury Golf Club links, over the top of the hill and out of sight to me.

The southern boundary fence closed off the end of Sackville Street, passed along the Technical College grounds on the south side, skirted Holmwood, owned by Mr. W.S. Burt, retired manager of the Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney here, passed Morningside, built by my grandfather in the late 1850s, and continued on until a right-angled turn to the left brought it to Pemberton Street at the top of the hill where Forrest Hill sub-division ends. It continued on westward down to the foot of the hill, I think to a farm owned later by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Haydon, Mrs Haydon, who is one of our members, is here tonight. Then the boundary turned north and ran out of sight over the range. It was fenced all along the whole course I have plotted here.

There must have been several gates into the common but I knew only two. One was at the north end of Sackville Street near where Poole Street runs in today. Just inside was the 600 yard mound of the rifle range, the butts being to the west, at the foot of the hill. There were two clubs, the Albury and the 40th Battery Club. The Battery had some good shots in its ranks, one, Sgt. Major Pat Lee, representing Australia at Bisley, the spiritual home of Empire riflemen.

The other gate was at the top of the hill in Pemberton Street, in the saddle between Black Range and Monument Hill.

My father kept two or three cows for family use, and when they went dry, my brothers and I would walk them over to the common in Sackville Street, and turn them in for a well-deserved spell. Father would pay the fee at the town hall, I think £1 for a cow for a year's grazing, 10/- for less. After three months or so the herdsman would advise father that one of his cows, branded J4, was approaching calving, and describe where on the common she was likely to be found. Come Sunday father would lead his sons on a long walk that eventually took us to where our little Jersey was feeding, and we would bring her home.

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Donation, for which the Society is most grateful, from Mr Terry Hodda of Albury of an old photograph of a tug of war team. It is a local picture, probably pre-1890.

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### CAN YOU HELP?

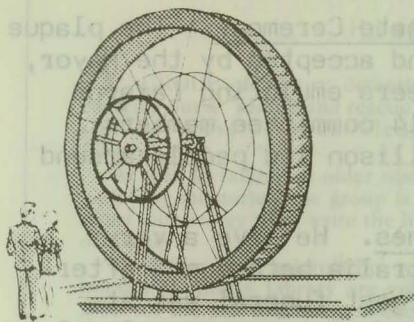
Mr L A Cass, 29 Spring Myrtle Avenue, Nambour, Queensland 4560 with information about Edward Hutchinson who married Mary Burry, née Fairhurst 1844. Four children. Last address, Mitta Mitta, near Albury 1850. Occupation, Farmer.

Mrs J McKern, P O Box 1364, Griffith, N S W, 2680 with the date of death of her great grandmother, Elizabeth Kirkness who was born in 1848.

Mrs Elizabeth Carter, Connamara, Quirindi, N S W, 2343 with information about the first church of England at Mullengandra, and the altar supposedly carved by her great-grandfather, John Morrice. She would also like to know if Elliot Heriot lived at the present "Carabobola" or "Old Carabobola".



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

Speaker: Frank Higgins, Local Historian

"The Reis Family in Albury"

The family arrived in Albury from Germany in 1852. They were in business as transhippers of produce and as store keepers. They built the Model Store opposite Sodens and had interests in C & C Stores & a wine store. Their property was near the present aerodrome.

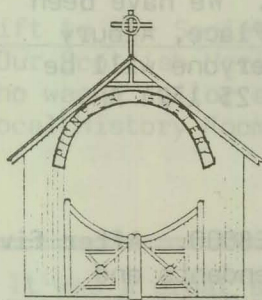
2. Henry Jochheim will report on the Historical Journals and Newsletters which the Society receives. Later they go into the Local History Room at Albury Library.

3. Martyn Paxton will bring us up to date with Museum Happenings - and tell us about "FROM THE LAND OF THE DRAGON THRONE" - the Chinese Exhibition.

This month's Question: When did Australian Rules football start in Albury?

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on 9th June 1987. Nominations for office bearers and committee need to be received before the committee meeting on 19th May. Please take a turn at the business of running the society, and give some present members a chance to concentrate on other aspects of history. Nominations need to be signed by two financial members plus the nominee and to state nominated position.

THE LYCHGATE



The final cost of the lychgate was under \$5,000 for a building tentatively valued by T A F E at \$20,000. Cash donations to date: \$1,568 including recent donations of \$25 from A Pearsall, \$20 from A Savidge, \$10 each from Mrs D Heywood and K Williams and \$5 from Mrs E Smith. The balance of the cost is made up by the Society.

Donations in kind: Pascol Paints in Heritage colours of Manilla, Brunswick Green and Indian Red valued at \$200 from the Paintbox Colour Centre of 5/418 Dean Street, Albury; Albrik for bricks for paving valued at \$350; Wighton Hire for twice lending a generator

at \$40 each time. There were discounts from Stows and Sound & Lighting Hire.

The apprentices at T A F E did much of the work, backed up by voluntary labour by Theo Terhaar and Garry Witteveen of the Master Painters Association, Brian and Raul Maginnity, Gerry Curtis, Col Frauenfelder, Keith Orford, Howard Jones & Dick Fielder.

Without Ken Young's plan and Gerry Curtis' organising drive there would not have been a Lychgate to the Pioneer Cemetery at the north end of David Street, Albury.

Thanks to one and all.



## HERITAGE WEEK

On Sunday 5th April, it was a beautiful afternoon for the Lychgate Ceremony. The plaque was unveiled, the Lychgate handed over to the City of Albury and accepted by the Mayor, the Clergy blessed it and read from the Bible (visions of pioneers emulating Lazarus were quickly suppressed!). And 150 people attended including 14 committee members. Afterwards Ron Braddy, Gerry Curtis, Graham Stocks and John Mollison led people around the four sections of the Cemetery. A good occasion.

Tuesday was when Howard Jones told us about Funerals & Tombstones. He gave a very interesting social history on funeral customs in Wales and Australia before and after motor cars, and in the various churches and religions. The largest funeral was at the Albury War Cemetery for 23 soldiers and a servicewoman killed in a bus on a level crossing in Thomas Mitchell Drive, Wodonga in May 1943. The procession was a mile long. Five services were held at the same time and the 24 coffins lowered simultaneously. Slides from both Mary Thurling and Howard were excellent and varied - of tombstones - of the old lychgate - and of advertisements from newspapers showing undertakers' rates and pictures of hearses. Howard's talk, slides and commentary showed him to be a careful and intelligent researcher.

For the trip to HAWKSVIEW, we again had perfect weather. Excellent preparations had been made for our tour. John Alker-Jones was the Arrivals Officer, Bruce Pennay and Kevin Esler were the guides with Mr Webb's help on specialist answers. A corrected version of the history sheet handed out that day is printed on page 4. The Society is most grateful to Mr and Mrs Webb and family. Members and visitors enjoyed the opportunity of visiting the pioneer property. The Society profited by \$120 and a happy time.

The four Local History talks at School for Seniors were well attended by 40 to 50 people each time, the final talk on Hume Dam was full to bursting. Gerry Curtis, Bruce Pennay and Mary Thurling did a good job for the Historical Society.

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The Publications sub-committee now has on sale its newest leaflet ALBURY PIONEER CEMETERY. The Pioneer Cemetery is divided into four sections, and so is this guide. So you can visit one or all four: Church of England, Catholic, Presbyterian & Methodist and The Others i.e. smaller denominations or religions or overflows. The leaflet is twice the size and twice the price, 40¢ folded. It is available as usual at the Historical Society meetings, Albury Regional Museum, Regional Art Centre and Angus and Robertson. Helen Livsey was indefatigable in her research. Incidentally, we took \$51 for sale of publications during Heritage Week.

Publications s/c have also been checking the spelling and typing in the Constitution and putting the approved amendments into place ready for re-printing once the Society's Incorporation comes through.

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The Family History Sub-Committee held a most successful inaugural meeting on April 8. About thirty five people attended making it necessary to change the Venue for the next meeting on Wednesday May 20. We have been offered the use of the Mormon Church building in Wodonga Place, Albury (next to the Hume Inn). The meeting will be at 8pm and everyone will be welcome. Enquirers can phone the Publicity Officer, Mrs June Shanahan, 25 1324 AH.

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## The Shire of Tallangatta: A History.

James McLaurin built the Fanny Ceres flour mill in Albury in 1855 for £8000. After five years he sold out and settled at Yarra Yarra, near Holbrook. His descendants and relatives have continued to play a large part in the life of the Border District. James McLaurin was 16 when he came with a family group of 25 from Scotland to Sydney in 1837. His brothers were Archibald and Robert, while his sisters married into the families of Paton, McMeekan, Clydsdale, Henderson and Taylor. Their story is told in Keith Swan's fine new book, "The Shire of Tallangatta: A History". This 200 page book and recent ones on Beechworth and Rutherglen add enormously to our stock of knowledge of local history. Tallangattashire includes Bethanga and the Mitta Mitta Valley, where William Wyse was among the first squatters. The book is priced \$15 or can be ordered from Tallangatta Shire Council for \$20, including postage.

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## History Lovers turn to Detective Work

A GROUP of history detectives is carrying out a "search and rescue" mission to preserve a knowledge of Albury's past.

As well as talking to older residents with long memories, the group is using latest technology to re-write the history of Albury.

Microfilm and microfiche records housed in Albury Library are valuable tools for the job, and are well-used.

Old newspapers such as the Border Post and the Albury Daily News are already on microfilm, and go back to 1856.

The Albury Banner — the Cocky's Bible — is also scheduled to be put on microfilm soon.

Use of microfilm means the dusty, fading original bound newspapers will not deteriorate further.

It also allows researchers to make a print-out of any article, such as an obituary or an interesting court case.

This method has allowed the Albury and District Historical Society to compile a list of Albury residents in 1857, a useful document for people tracing family trees.

Albury Library has a growing collection of pre-1900 birth, marriage and deaths records for both NSW and Victoria.

These are on microfiche — plastic sheets about the size of a postcard containing many pages of document that can be magnified with an easily-operated microfiche reader.

There is no fee to use this material.

The library is also acquiring additional microfiche material covering old almanacs and street directories.

These cover Melbourne and many Victorian and Border District towns.

Individuals tracing family trees make regular use of these facilities.

But they are also helping the society build up a more accurate picture of the social make-up of Albury and Wodonga.

The history rooms contains a large "local history" collection.

One of the most valuable recent additions is a handwritten record of all the tombstone inscriptions in the old Albury Cemetery, with names indexed.

Growing interest in family trees led to the formation of an Albury genealogical group this week, as a section of the historical society.

Similar groups exist at Corowa, Wagga and Deniliquin.

Meanwhile, the historical society is continuing to re-write Albury's history by producing factsheets for schoolchildren and others.

It has already come up with sheets on street names, the Murray River, wine industry, murray grey cattle, railways and Wodonga Place.

Instead of repeating mistakes contained in previous publications and articles, the researchers have studied original documents to set the record straight.

A serious attempt has been made to make history simple, tempting to the young, and readily accessible in a cheap form — the factsheets cost only 20c.

The society's latest publication is a 40c folder about the Albury cemetery, showing how to find the most interesting graves.

It was published this week to coincide with the opening of the cemetery lychgate.

The society handed the lychgate to the City of Albury on Sunday.

It monthly bulletin usually contains historical articles.

A recent one gave the history of Albury's breweries.

from the Border Morning Mail during Heritage Week, 1987

### Can You Help?

A history of the Albury Battery — the 13th Battery — which served in World War I, is being researched by members of the 8/13th Victorian Mounted Rifles based in Albury. They have some photographs which they would like help identifying. Any further information or memorabilia would be most welcome. Contact the Honorary Colonel, Mr John Neale, 369 Buckingham Street, Albury, telephone 21 1828.

St Paul's Anglican Church, Holbrook, will celebrate its centenary on Sept 12 & 13, 1987. The Rector, the Rev. Don Francis, is compiling a history and wants photographs particularly. Holbrook was in the vast Albury parish before it was made separate. The Rector of Albury at the time of separation was Canon Alfred Acocks. Does anyone know of a photograph of him? Contact: Rev. D Francis, St Paul's Rectory, Young Street, Holbrook. 36 2048.

Gift to the Society from James W A Low of Toronto, Canada per Lucy Staton of a book "Our Scottish Heritage, The Low Family". Included in the book is William Carr Low who was a tailor at 606 Dean Street early this century. The book will be in the Local History Room at the Albury Library.  
H Livsey.

It was a great shock to family and friends to hear that Arthur Butt had collapsed and died during the ANZAC parade. He was a staunch Australian and loyal royalist. He was a long-time member of this Society and came of a pioneer family. His great grandparents George & Charlotte Butt came to Albury in the early 1840's after working for the MacArthur family for 3 years. George had a grant of land from Eastern Hill to the Murray River & Mungabareena. At a family reunion held at Young in April this year, there were 700 descendants of the brothers George & Stephen Butt. Arthur was rightly proud of his Gourmet Butchery. He was a family man and will be sadly missed by them and by his friends and customers.



HAWKSVIEW TOUR, Heritage Week 1987, in conjunction with Mr & Mrs S P P Webb & family and the Albury & District Historical Society.

This is a corrected copy of the History handed out on 12/4/1987.

Hawksview is a name soaked in history. The Hume and Hovell expedition passed through this terrain in 1824 as they sought a crossing of the river they had called the Hume. Eleven years later William Wyse, stockman-manager for Ebdon, was grazing cattle on these flats. And about 1852 Hawksview had become the third riverside home of the first white family to settle on the Murray. These were the courageous widow, Elizabeth Mitchell, and her ten children.

Elizabeth's Mungabareena run which extended from the present Albury Olympic Pool to beyond the Bethanga Bridge was gradually eroded by the encroaching city of Albury and by the Robertson Land Act subdivision. Under her pre-emptive right she bought as much of the riverside land as was permissible to her and in 1860 gifted the leased upstream portion to her son, John F.H. who named it Hawksview and lost little time in making it freehold. The country was almost denuded of trees, ringbarked and cleared probably by Chinese gangs.

One of the original Hawksview buildings still extant is of pit-sawn slabs, home-made bricks, hessian ceiling, with a large cellar and gunslits in the walls as defence against aboriginies. The Mitchells had enjoyed an easy relationship with the Woradgery tribe but they were taking no chances. Actually, by this time the aboriginies had all but gone leaving nothing of their thousands of years of occupancy but the oval scars on the river red gums.

The original 6-stand shearing shed is still in perfect condition and its 1905 Hornsby engine has been restored to working order. The old stables of bush timber have seen both additions and white ant infestation. The present homestead, now occupied by Mr & Mrs Michael Webb and family, was rebuilt in the late 1920's but retains many of the original features. The inner brick walls are on suspended log foundations and there are roof shingles under the iron. In the 1880's Hawksview Range was tunneled for gold without exciting results but the "Pride of the Hume" crushing battery is still visible on the Murray banks when the Weir is low.

With the construction of the Hume Dam the acreage was reduced by inundation but the submerged land still remains with Hawksview, the authorities owning flood easement only. Hawksview Bridge which gave access to Bethanga and the Upper Murray went under and was replaced by Bethanga Bridge. The road from Albury to the Weir sliced through Hawksview.

Herefords, bred and fattened on Hawksview, command top prices while Merinos with imported sires are reared for quality wool. The property was the first in the district to use aerial agriculture. Hawksview has suffered its share of drought, flood, bushfire and pestilence & in the 1950's 200,000 rabbits were destroyed in 3 years at a cost of £6,000.

Hawdons Lagoons (named for the first mail contractor between Sydney and Melbourne) were declared a sanctuary in 1925 and the whole property gazetted a wildlife refuge in the 1940's. Approximately 200 species of birds and many native animals live unmolested on Hawksview.

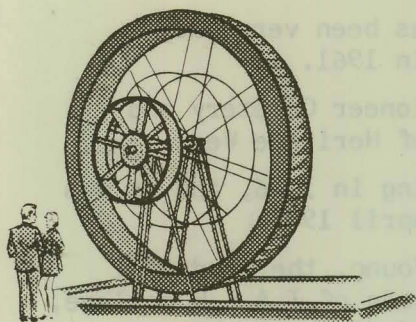
Since John F.H. sold out in 1875, Hawksview has changed hands several times. After World War I, the Hon. William Russell Clarke, M L C, who had subdivided, sold the homestead 4000 plus acres to Mr P T Heywood, well-known as an amateur rider and trainer. By the purchase, Mr Heywood was fulfilling a promise to his son, Captain P Heywood, freshly discharged from the army. The fifth generation of the Heywood-Webb family now live on the property which is administered by a family partnership, "Hawksview Estate".

The principle buildings, in the order visited, are:

Woolshed, middle section built in slab walls in 1870 as an eight stand for blade shearers; later converted to a six stand machine operation in 1909. Machinery Shed, probably 1890's with central driveway for easy access of loaded wagons. Stables, possibly 1860's contains old stalls, hay loft, chaff house & harness room. Blacksmith's Shop with forge, bellows, vice & anvil. Homestead, built about 1851/2 of pit sawn slab timbers, shingle roof and hessian ceilings. North wall contains small square "loop holes" or musket holes for defence purposes. There were many additions; in the late 1920's five of these were united under a single roof to form the present homestead. Shearers Quarters by the lagoon, originally one hut 1870's with tiered bunks but much altered due to the Rural Accommodation Act. 100m west of the quarters is the old dog kennel area which used to shelter the 40-50 dogs for the station.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8 pm Tuesday 9th June 1987 at C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

Reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous A G M, 10th June 1986.

Consideration of the report of the president, Mr Gerald Curtis - see page 2.

Consideration of the treasurer's report and audited accounts - Miss Annette Power.

Election of office bearers, public officer and honorary auditor as nominated:

President	Mr Gerald Curtis
Senior Vice President	Mrs Anne Davies
Junior Vice President	no nomination received
Secretary	Mr Kevin Esler
Minute Secretary	Mr Kevin Esler
Treasurer	Mrs April Padbury
Public Officer	Mrs Helen Livsey
Honorary Auditor	

Election of six committee members: Mrs Mary Thurling, Mr Henry Jochheim, Mr H Lempriere have been nominated. Three nominations will be accepted at the A G M.

Business of which due notice is given: 1. Incorporation. 2. Subscriptions.

1. With reference to the society's imminent Incorporation, our present constitution does not conform closely enough to the suggested government guidelines for constitutions. Mr Graham Ortlipp of Fleming, Henderson & Gardiner, who are the Society's honorary solicitors, has advised us that we need to make further additions and changes to the constitution. Copies of the present and the proposed constitutions will be available for perusal before the meeting or by contacting a committee member.

Incorporation is essential to indemnify the Society, individual office bearers and committee members against legal action.

Moved Mr Bruce Pennay, seconded Mr Henry Jochheim that the Constitution drafted by Mr Ortlipp be adopted.

2. The committee recommends that the annual subscriptions be raised to cover the Society's regular expenses and its expanding role. Adult \$12, Family \$14.

After the A G M has been closed, there will be a Society meeting followed by some Bicentennial videos. Supper.

This month's Question: Do any members know if they have ancestors who came out with the First Fleet?



## President's Report

Another twelve months have passed since my last report and it has been very busy, possibly the busiest period since the formation of the society in 1961.

The reason of course, was the erection of the lychgate at the Pioneer Cemetery and handing it over to the A.C.C. on Sunday April 5, the beginning of Heritage Week.

The motion to build this structure was passed at the April meeting in 1986, and it was a wonderful achievement to have it completed by Heritage Week, April 1987.

This was made possible because of design work by architect Ken Young, the wonderful co-operation by trade teachers and students especially Brian Robson of T A F E college, the generosity of members and non members, the generous gifts and discounts by business houses made it financially viable.

The society can be very proud of the monument now standing to mark the entrance of the Pioneer Cemetery. The monthly meeting in April was one week early to fit into Heritage Week, and Howard Jones delivered an interesting and illustrated talk on cemeteries, headstones and burial practices.

The society conducted tours through the four main sections of the cemetery on April 5 and the publications sub-committee printed an excellent guide for use in such tours. The guide involved many months of work and many hours spent in the cemetery, our thanks to the publications group for this work.

The visit to Hawksview was a highlight of Heritage Week. The preparations by the Webbs and by the committee, as well as the fine day, made for a delightful afternoon.

First meeting of the year in July had Bruce Pennay, who by words, graphs and pictures told the members what Albury was like in 1938. It was a very accurate report requiring many hours of research, was well received and repeated at the School for Seniors, prior to Heritage Week. In August, Des Martin told us about Wodonga, its original history, right up to 1980s. Des is an author of repute and it was an interesting talk. September meeting was addressed by Frank Higgins on the early history of Lavington, again its origin and up to 1980s. Lavington was once a village north of Albury, now it is just another suburb. Dr Alan Hogan addressed the October meeting on the work of Dr Cleaver Wood, a general practitioner who served this area for generations and was also a pioneer in the use of X rays.

The following Sunday members visited the property of Mr & Mrs Montgomery at Doctors' Point to visit the ruins of a cellar thought to be where Dr John Crichton built a house in the 1840s.

In November 1936 the Hume Dam was opened by Lord Gowrie and to commemorate that event, slides showing the construction of that dam were shown at the November meeting. The slides, made from pictures donated to the society by Mr Ron James, were shown to a large gathering that night and are available to any group interested in this project. The slides showed the construction of the dam, Bethanga bridge, and the villages where the men lived. Also in November, some members went on a guided trip to Wymah and Upper Murray.

December was a Bring and Tell and brought forth a large number of interesting and unusual items. In February, we met in St David's Hall where we were addressed by Mr Eddie Batrouney on the part played by the Lebanese people in this part of Australia - where they came from and why they came. In March, again in St David's Hall, Mr Rob Cohen, a history teacher from North Albury High School explained to our members how history is taught in schools today. I have mentioned Howard Jones' Heritage Week talk earlier in this report. In May, Frank Higgins spoke on the Reis family history, where they came from, what they did and where they lived, Frank still has more information to deliver, so perhaps we will hear more at a future date.

It will be seen that speakers have covered a wide range of subjects, they have also been interesting and well received. Monthly meetings have attracted about 40-50 people but with a membership of 200, many members never attend a meeting. The meetings start on time and I would like to think are conducted briefly, speakers have been interesting and fellowship always enjoyed over a cup of tea, the fellowship is the most important part and made enjoyable with the readable name tags written by Anne Davies. Our monthly meetings allow limited time for social chit chat, I have often wondered if a family barbeque at Norieul Park some Sunday would receive any



support, B Y O everything, low cost, no organisation problems. Or perhaps a small dinner party for those who prefer table service instead of burnt sausages. Food for thought.

During the year a group of men have been meeting at various homes on the last Friday of each month to talk a little history in a relaxed fashion. It includes some members who do not like travelling out in the evenings. Henry Jochheim or Holford Lempriere are the people to contact if interested.

The "Questions" each month in the Bulletin have encouraged members to remember and find out the answers.

Prior to Heritage Week, the society conducted four weekly history talks at the School for Seniors. These talks attracted 40 - 50 people and were the biggest classes held at that School.

Our Society is about to become incorporated, a legal process required by law. Graham Ortlipp of Fleming, Henderson and Gardiner, has been working on this frustrating matter and the end is in sight. Our thanks go to Graham for his efforts.

On 20th May at 8 pm our new Family History Group met at the Mormon Church Centre in Wodonga Place. It will hold its meetings on the third Wednesday at that address and promises to be a very active sub committee. Thirty people attended the first meeting at St Patrick's school.

All of these activities have been possible because the Committee comprises many capable and active people who make up a wonderful team. I am supported by this team at all times and I thank them for that support. I do not wish to mention names but I must say that Anne Davies and Helen Livsey with their long experience in the society are a great help to me and I would like to thank members of the committee and members of the society for their many comments of encouragement given to me frequently.  
Gerald Curtis.

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Research and Publications sub committee annual report.

Anne Holloway, Marie Aney, Anne Davies, Sue Gray, Holford Lempriere, Helen Livsey - and joined by John Mollison. We have searched and researched.

We have published three new local history sheets and have re-printed three. The new publications were Vines and Wines, Beef Cattle, and Albury Pioneer Cemetery, the latter was an ambitious folded double sized project to coincide with the Lychgate Presentation in Heritage Week. It was an immense amount of work particularly for Helen Livsey. The reprints were of Street Names, The River Murray and Railways, this means that we have already sold 1000 copies of each of these titles and The First 25 Years reprinted last year.

We are most grateful to our sponsors and advertisers. They were the Hume Permanent Building Society, Albury Wodonga Development Corporation, Mr & Mrs Frank Boyes, the Royal Australian Historical Society, the State Rail Authority NSW and Mr Vic Brosolo.

The History sheets are available from Albury Regional Museum, Regional Art Centre, Angus & Robertson and Hume Permanent Building Society branches at Myer and Olive Street Albury and Border Shopping Town, Lavington. The Cemetery leaflets are also sold at the David Street corner shop just south of the Cemetery.

We have a growing rapport with the Albury Library and, as one result, there are now copies of Council Plans of the Cemetery listing surnames as known for the grave sites in the older sections of the Cemetery.

A group of School Librarians has asked us for help in compiling a local history kit for schools. We have suggested resources and bibliographies for the first two titles.

We also advise the main committee on wording such as for plaques and the constitution.

We are missing Anne Holloway who has taken time off for an operation.

We find research and publication worthwhile, enjoyable and hard work.

Anne Davies.



REIS FAMILY IN ALBURY

Frank Higgins, Meeting May 12, 1987

George Reis married Catherine Dallinger at Kapperthal, Baden, Germany and with three of their children arrived in Sydney October 25, 1852.

Land was selected at Mungabareena on the north east corner of the Aerodrome entrance road and the Riverina Highway in the middle 1850's. Additional land, including some in Victoria on "Reis Island" was also acquired. When George Reis died in 1883, a thriving farm had been established with the help of his wife and children, Conrad, Margaret, Catherine and George.

Conrad married Theresa Godde and around 1876 commenced business as a produce merchant and general storekeeper on the N-E corner Wilson and Macauley Streets. His sons Charles Conrad and George Christopher took over on his death in 1900, and transferred the business to the Model Store site, Wilson and David Streets in 1912. Eventually it was sold in 1927. The produce and transshipping business was now conducted from the N-W corner Wilson and Macauley Streets and the big shed at the Wilson Street Railway siding. The business was sold to the P.D.S. after the death of George Christopher in 1943.

George (11) married Lena Godde and stayed on the farm at Mungabareena. During 1893 land was purchased on the S-W corner Smollett and Kiewa Streets for the "Riverina" wine cellars, office and saloon.

George (11) and Lena both died in 1896 leaving a young family. Will, who married Corrie Jacobs, went on to establish the C & C Stores in Olive Street. Later premises were bought at 488 - 490 Dean Street, with "Nothing over 2/6", with other stores in Corowa and Wangaratta. After the war the Dean Street store was sold and members of the family re-opened the Olive Street store until it was sold to Centrepont.

The Reis family made a significant contribution, in many and various ways to the life and development of Albury.

Thanks to Mrs Jean Thompson (Reis) and Mrs Joan Foo (Reis) and other members of the Reis family who attended on the night also to Helen Livsey and Gerry Curtis.

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MODEL STORE DOME

The dome over the main entrance to the Model Store seems to give the building an eastern flavour. Col Frauenfelder and Arthur Pearsall were able to provide the answer. Mr Reis asked Mr Logan to crown the building with a representation of a wine bottle. Logan's built it and Tom Pearsall (Arthur's father) covered it. So the flavour of the building is from the vineyard not the east. Frank Higgins.

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HE BROUGHT AUSSIE RULES TO ALBURY

Answer to last month's Question.

James Allan came to Albury from Carlton (Melbourne) in 1882 at the age of 22 years. He was a keen footballer (Australian Rules) and a prominent exponent of the game. He was a member of a N S W team selected to tour Victoria when matches were played at Ballarat, Geelong, Williamstown and Melbourne.

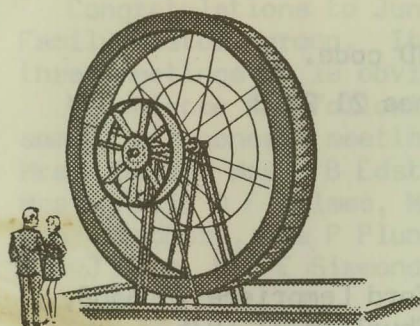
Matt Hanlon, one of the 1885 team wrote to him on 13th February 1892 when James Allan was leaving Albury to join the "New Australia" movement to Paraguay. This is a quotation from that letter: "I always honoured and esteemed you and as a footballer I give you the cake. I can say with confidence that "Snowy" Allan was the first man to introduce real football in our midst. It was you that first sent me following and I have been following ever since. I shall miss you on the football ground more than any other player as I always was close upon you waiting for the bounce. In fact, I almost knew the exact spot where it would touch."

Members were shown the large framed picture of members of the 1885 team which was presented to James Allan in 1892. Matt Hanlon was at that presentation, he was afraid of making a fool of himself by speaking and wrote to "Snowy" Allan instead. The picture was given to the Society by Mrs Ella Allan in 1982 and borrowed from the Museum where the photographic collection is housed.



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Next Meeting     8 pm, Tuesday 14th July at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

The speakers will be the two Conservators from

## "Conservation on the Move"

Mr David Stein on Paintings & Mr Tony Amano on Paper Conservation

The Society's Incorporation has been granted. Mr Graham Ortlipp will come to the July meeting to tell us what it will mean to the Society.

Question of the Month     Who was the Albury doctor who joined the Flying Doctor service?

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Last Meeting     Mrs Shirley Farr showed a video of the Australian Bicentennial Exhibition and then spoke enthusiastically about it. The Exhibition will tour Australia starting in Wodonga from 1st to 5th January 1988, 10 am to 10 pm. Book soon. There will probably be bus services from convenient car parks around Albury. Local groups may mount displays for one or two days. Consult Mrs Farr at her office in Wodonga Council building, phone 24 2000.

Last month's Question asked about ancestors who came in the 1st Fleet. Noelene Reynolds will tell us about her forbears at the July meeting. Gwen McAulay's great great grandparents came out with the 2nd Fleet. She is the great great grand-daughter of Obadiah and Sarah Ikin who arrived in Sydney in 1790:

"On 25.12.1789 Obadiah was promoted to Corporal, this occurring at the time convicts were being embarked on the 2nd Fleet transports. The Muster Books of the N S W Corps state that Obadiah embarked on the convict transport ship 'Surprise' on 13.11.1789 as a member of the guard under Captain Hill. Also Obadiah's family was on board. The Historical Records of N S W state that there were 28 N.C.Os and privates, five women and eight children on board the 'Surprise'."

Sarah Ikin's Will made in 1813 when she was sick and weak of body but sound of mind left her house and garden to "my dearly beloved son Thomas Ikin" and "my Ear Rings and the Ring on my finger" to Mrs Mary Ikin.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS are now due. Adult \$12, Family \$14. A form is attached to this Bulletin for renewal. Your new membership card will be a RED one.

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We hope to include a leaflet on the Australian Bicentennial HISTORY RECORDS Search. Our local N.S.W. adviser is Wendy Hucker. (069) 21 7288 (BH) or (060) 36 8135 (AH).

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Last Meeting Annual General Meeting

The new committee, restricted to 12 by our new constitution, is:

President Gerald Curtis 21 3172 Note: all (060) STD code.  
 Vice Presidents Anne Davies 25 2872 (AH) and John Alker-Jones 21 2528  
 Secretary & Minute Secretary Kevin Esler 20 5278  
 Treasurer April Padbury 26 4537 (AH)  
 Public Officer Helen Livsey 21 3671

Committee Henry Jochheim 25 1597, Howard Jones 21 6589, Holford Lempriere 25 6308, Bruce Pennay 24 7333 (BH), Martyn Paxton 21 4550 (BH), Mary Thurling 21 6975.

We are sorry to lose Marie Aney, Keith Burnham, David Chitty, Anne Holloway, Annette Power and Alec Savidge from the committee; we thank them for their work and hope that any of them will re-join the committee another year. We thank Annette Power for taking a turn as treasurer for two years. Marie Aney and Anne Holloway hope to remain on the publications sub-committee.

We are delighted to welcome April Padbury both as treasurer and as a representative from the Family History Group. Liaison with the Museum will be all the easier now that Martyn Paxton, the Director, has joined the committee.

Next committee meeting: 28th July, 8 pm in the Staff Room of Xavier College, Fallon St.

WHO DOES WHAT? Some committee, some members - more members welcome!

Research and Can You Help? Helen Livsey. Publicity Mary Thurling.

Archives co-ordinator and Library Liaison Anne Holloway

Bulletin Anne Davies and members of the publications sub-committee.

Supper Hostess Mary Thurling with Molly Lambert and Myrtle Hodda.

Newsletter reader and reporter Henry Jochheim.

Heritage Week and Bi-centennial co-ordinator John Alker-Jones.

Membership of the Research and Publications sub-committee is variable depending on the topic. This sub-committee usually meets on alternate Mondays at 4 pm. New members and ideas welcome, talk to Anne Holloway, Helen Livsey, Marie Aney, Anne Davies, John Mollison Sue Gray or Holford Lempriere.

Family History Group sub-committee. April Padbury, Diana Hawksworth, June Shanahan. This is a new and enthusiastic group which meets on 3rd Wednesdays at the Mormon Church building in Wodonga Place, Albury next to the Hume Inn. Please come along.

Society committee members on external committees

Albury Regional Museum management. John Alker-Jones and Bruce Pennay.

Riverside Parks. Gerry Curtis. Street Names Howard Jones.

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A NEW SERVICE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY

The white caravan next to the old Town Hall, or Regional Art Centre, is a mobile laboratory for Regional Galleries. It will be here in Albury until July 25th & then continue on around country NSW.

Two Conservators, David Stein and Tony Amanero, are travelling with it. They work mostly with paintings and paper including photographs.

Their duties are to arrest deterioration of paintings etc, to repair very carefully if need be and to advise gallery and library staff. There is also a service to the public on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 6pm. Book at the Art Centre 21 4384 for 15 minutes advice on how to care for a treasured painting, document or photograph. Mr Stein and Mr Amanero will be talking to the Society at our meeting on July 14th. Their talk should be both interesting and instructive.



### FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Congratulations to June Shanahan who had the foresight to suggest the formation of a family history group. It is now part of our Society. From the attendances at the first three meetings it is obviously much needed in this district.

We welcome the following members who have joined the Society and hope to see them at some of our general meetings too: Mrs J Cadell, Ms B J Cooper, Miss M Crichton, Mrs M Doyle, Mrs U B Edstrom, Mrs J Forrest, Mrs J R Grant, Mrs D Hawksworth, Miss D J Hext, Mrs S Hill, D F Holmes, Mrs K Hruz, Mrs M Kaitler, Mrs J Miller, P Morris, P Naylor, Mrs A Padbury, Mrs P Plunkett, Miss M Powell, Mrs J Raper, Mrs J Seymour, Mrs J Shanahan, Mrs J Rose, Mrs E Simmonds, Mr & Mrs W Townsend, Mr & Mrs Wangman, Mrs C Wilson and Mrs K Woolford.

At our last meeting on 17th June 1987, we had received two replies to our letters. The Albury City Council stated that the cemetery records are being indexed at present, once they are complete we will be able to have access to them. The Genealogical Society of Victoria may put us on their mailing list on an exchange basis but they need to see our Bulletin first.

Our Guest Speaker was Anne Burnett from the Upper Murray Regional Library. Anne brought some literature along with her as an example of what the Library has and how it can be of use to us in our research. She also explained the resources of the Library and location of many popular research items e.g. Victorian Birth and Marriages on microfiche. Members then kept Anne very busy for three quarters of an hour answering questions.

Before closing the meeting, we had a couple of members put their problems before us. I hope we helped!

Our next meeting will be July the 15th at 7 pm with Dr Calvin Quayle as our guest speaker on 'Research and Recording'. Dr Quayle is a genealogist and professor on leave from the University of Wisconsin, U S A.

Happy Hunting! April Padbury.



FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM The Board of Management has asked the Director, Martyn Paxton, to form a "Friends of the Museum" to encourage community involvement in the Museum. Martyn will be calling a meeting and hopes that you will hurry along with ideas and enthusiasm.

Urgent request for old sheets, blankets and even plastic sheeting to use as dust sheets in the Reserve Collection i.e. those objects not on display. Please take to the Museum, 10.30 to 4.30, or ring if transport is difficult.

### MEMBERS NEWS

Two of our Honorary Life members, Mr Claude Hazelwood and Mr Jack Anderson have retired to Borella House, Albury where they are reported to be settled in happily.

Eddie Batrouney was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. We congratulate him on this well earned award.

We were sorry to hear of the death of one of our members, Mrs Nea Morley. She was an accomplished craftswoman with a wide range of skills and well-known as a show judge throughout the Border district.

We congratulate Mr John Dallinger on being nominated by at least six companies to become Dealer of the Year in the Australian Camera Craft magazine for professional excellence in photo retailing and product expertise.

A recent visitor to Albury was Mrs Vonnie Wharton of Tonswille, Queensland. Vonnie is a great grand-daughter of Albury's first settler, Robert Brown. She was reared at Mulwala by Robert's daughter Fanny and Louie (Frances Jane and Louisa), and remembers a lot of family stories as told to her by them. Vonnie has been most helpful in passing on information about the Brown family gained in the course of researching her family.

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Miss Kitty Thompson, grand-daughter of T. H. Mate, passed away in Albury on June 18. Miss Thompson, who was 95 years old, was the daughter of T. H. Mate's daughter Sophia and George Arthur Thompson. Former Thompson homes were "Caerleon" (later Ranelagh") at the corner Wodonga Place/Hume Street and the home at the corner Kiewa/Wilson Streets, now known as "Bethany". T H Mate's retail store opened in 1850 on the corner Townsend/Hume Streets where the Gas Co. is now. The shop at "Mate's Corner" Dean/Kiewa Streets came after 1861. Deliveries were sent far & wide. G. A. Thompson was the manager for many years.



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st May 1987

	\$	\$
OPENING FUNDS WITH NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK AND HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY		8,471.77
ADD RECEIPTS		
MEMBERSHIP	1,476.86	
DONATIONS	76.00	
SALE OF BOOKS	10.00	
PUBLICATION COMMITTEE SALES	571.29	
PUBLICATIONS SPONSORSHIP (SEE LIST)	955.00	
INTEREST RECEIVED	921.70	
RESEARCH	84.00	
SUNDRY	22.08	
GATE TAKINGS	<u>136.20</u>	<u>4,253.13</u>
		12,724.90
LESS PAYMENTS		
BULLETIN - PRINTING AND POSTAGES	1,012.33	
POSTAGES AND TELEPHONE	88.82	
STATIONERY	236.40	
PUBLICATIONS	1,337.80	
INSURANCE	399.55	
MEMBERSHIP	65.00	
RESEARCH	8.00	
FREIGHT - PLAQUE	68.52	
DONATIONS	50.00	
HAWKSVIEW COSTS	16.86	
HALL HIRE	300.00	
LAVINGTON SLIDES	22.72	
MILK AND BISCUITS	37.45	
BANK FEES AND DUTIES	31.58	
LOCAL SPEAKER HIRE	20.00	
PHOTOGRAPH	21.00	
LYCHGATE COSTS (LESS DONATIONS \$1,598.00)	<u>3,011.42</u>	<u>6,727.45</u>
		5,997.45
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CLOSING FUNDS - NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK		
GENERAL ACCOUNT		375.70
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT		35.55
TERM DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		5,000.00
CLOSING FUNDS - HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY		
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		<u>586.20</u>
		5,997.45
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LIST OF PUBLICATIONS SPONSORSHIPS		
HUME PERMANENT BUILDING SOCIETY	300.00	
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY	100.00	
R. BOYES	100.00	
MR. BATSON	5.00	
B. PENNAY	150.00	
A.W.D.C.	<u>300.00</u>	
	955.00	
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THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE ALBURY & HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS BEEN PREPARED FROM THE BOOKS AND RECORDS OF THE SOCIETY.

IN MY OPINION THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st May 1987 EXHIBITS A TRUE AND FAIR SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR STATED.

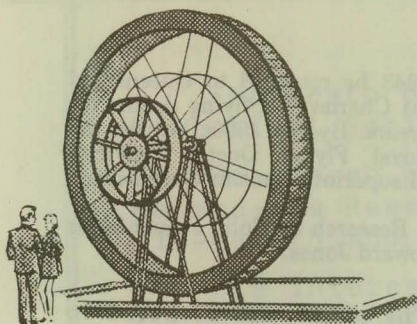
B.E. DUNKLEY, F.C.A.

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Next Meeting    8 pm, 11th August at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Speaker: Martyn Paxton, Director of the Albury Regional Museum

"The Museum in the Modern World"    -    slides

Question of the Month    The Railway Bell was displayed in the old Turks Head Folk Museum and is now in the Albury Regional Museum collection.

Do you remember where it was on Albury Railway Station and when it was rung?  
When were the Refreshment Rooms and Dining Room last used?

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Last Meeting    Members stood in silence as a mark of respect for Mr W W Fielder who passed away on 30th June.

The Guest Speakers were David Stein and Tony Amareiro who showed slides portraying their work as Conservators. They underlined Reversibility i.e. in conservation you need to be sure that whatever you do, you can UNDO or REVERSE should anything go wrong in the near or distant future. And never use sticky tape or Aquadhere. Tony's slides were a series on renovation of a watercolour of a ship and seascape. Questions came quickly, mainly from artists wanting to know what paints and canvas or boards would last best - Winsor and Newtons Artists oil paints and stretched canvas.

Last month's Question was on Albury's Flying Doctor. See page 2.

Noelene Reynolds read clearly and slowly an account of her ancestors. Her great great grandparents came out with the First Fleet. She said "My mother would not have spoken of it. It doesn't seem to matter now, and I'm proud of them." Page 2.

The Society's Incorporation has been granted. Thanks were tendered to Mr Graham Ortlipp for his persistent and honorary work on our behalf. He spoke about the incorporation, that there was limited liability for committee and members, that the society was now a continuing body not a succession of individuals and that we must take care at our A.G.M. to abide by the rules and fill in the appropriate forms afterwards.

The Publications sub-committee are looking into the possibility of reprinting Dr Arthur Andrews' History of Albury, 1824 to 1895. Marie Aney suggested that we purchase copies of the Dr Andrews' documents which are in the Mitchell Library quickly before they close down for their move in August. The society voted the money and Albury Librarian, Anne Burnett has now sent for copies on our behalf.



# Albury's Flying Doctor

ALLAN Vickers was one of Australia's earliest "flying doctors". He joined the Rev John Flynn's Flying Doctor Service at Cloncurry in 1931 only three years after it was formed. Dr Vickers played a major part in the expansion of the service into one admired all over the world.

Allan Vickers was born at Caniambo, Victoria, in 1901, eldest of seven sons of Robert Vickers. His father ran the Lavington store and post office from about 1910-14. Allan attended the Albury High School. His low-income family made a great sacrifice to send Allan to the University of Sydney to study medicine.

After graduating in 1927, Dr Vickers returned to Albury to be resident medical officer at the hospital, later moving to Queanbeyan. He had applied to be Flynn's first flying doctor, but had been unable to leave Queanbeyan. In 1931 he intended to study surgery in London, but Flynn offered him the job of Cloncurry's flying doctor, which he accepted. Faced with the possible

closure of the service soon afterwards, Dr Vickers accompanied Flynn on a nationwide fund-raising tour, as well as a later one in 1933 that included Albury. The two men addressed also Federal Parliament.

In 1932, Dr Vickers' pilot, Eric Donaldson, flew their plane, "Victory", 1300 miles from the Gulf of Carpentaria to Brisbane with a dying patient, a feat that made international headlines and Dr Vickers a national hero.

Dr Vickers moved to Broome in 1934, and the next year to Port Headland. Not only was he the flying doctor for the Pilbara, but he was also Port Hedland's magistrate, mining warden, quarantine officer, harbormaster, chief protector of Aborigines and medical officer to three hospitals.

During World War II Dr Vickers was a lieutenant-colonel in the Australian Army Medical Corps in Western Australia, organising flying ambulances for Australian and US troops.

In 1943 he returned to Queensland and was Charleville's flying doctor for many years. By the 1960s he was the the Royal Flying Doctor Service's medical superintendent in Queensland.

— Research by Colin Frauenfelder and Howard Jones.

● The above was prepared in response to last month's question of the month.

Mr Fred Griffith writes that another Albury flying doctor was Jack Woods, fifth son of Dr Cleaver Woods. Jack was educated at Miss Smith's private school and the Albury Grammar School, and was an outstanding pianist. "I knew him well when I was a jackeroo with Roy McCaughey at Coonong Station, Urana, in 1930-34. Jack Woods was then the Urana doctor."

Mr Griffith believes Dr Woods was a flying doctor at Broken Hill in the 1930s.

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Noelene Reynolds has written part of her family history for us:

John Small and Mary Parker came on separate ships with the First Fleet, but both convicted for stealing and with a seven year sentence. John, 24, an ex-Marine, was listed on the "Charlotte" where he made himself useful and Mary was one of 104 women convicts on the "Lady Penrhyn".

On arrival at Botany Bay, John and Mary were both eventually put to work in the hospital tents and there, their friendship grew. They were married on 12th October 1788 by the Rev. Johnson, out in the open and about this time Mary went into service at Government House. Here her first child, Rebekah, was born, who became the first Australian born girl or Currency lass to marry in the colony.

Early in 1793 John and Mary, with no falls from grace, were freed from Servitude and in 1794 given one of the initial land grants of 30 acres at Ryde, just above Kissing Point on the Parramatta River. Here they cleared and planted and prospered and their family grew to seven. According to muster records, John Small eventually became a District Constable and employed one man (free) and one convict.

John and Mary Small's story was chosen as that of a typical convict couple and written up at Portsmouth, marking the re-enactment of the sailing of the First Fleet.

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DONATIONS, for which the Society is most grateful, from

Mrs A D Heywood of a reel to reel recording by Des Martin of Captain Heywood's talk to the Society on the History of Hawksview, 12th August 1963 and Stuart Hume's talk on the Hume and Huon families, September 1963. For Society files.

Miss Staton of 2 postcards: Thurgoona Public School from her aunt Ellen Maxwell (Mrs Fielder said that it still looked like this when she was at school 70 years ago though the p.c. was earlier) and the Carlton Hotel from Mrs Haydon senior. These go to the collection at the Museum. Also given was a resumé of 1960's negotiations with Albury City Council about use of the Turk's Head as a Folk Museum, probably compiled by Mr Hazelwood - for Society files, copy to the Museum.

Mrs Dorothy Mulqueeny, Belvoir Special School, Bowman Court, Wodonga of a framed photograph of "ALBURY 8 HOURS PROCESSION 1923. TEAM OF 10 TRAINED SHEEP DRAWING A MINIATURE WOOL WAGON". To the Museum.



### In Memory of Wattie Fielder

The death of Wattie Fielder has deprived Albury and the Historical Society of a valuable and honored researcher.

He was an original member of the Historical Society and became its Research Officer which position he held until ill-health and failing eyesight forced him to retire.

His interest never waned and he was always available with facts and figures. He was a kind and unassuming man for all of his life.

The gifts of his memorabilia to Albury - Library, Museum and this Society - were very valuable and important to all those interested in the history of Albury.

L.M.S.

### FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Dr Calvin Quayle from the University of Wisconsin was guest speaker at our last meeting. Dr Quayle who is a lecturer in Public Speaking, Drama and Literature, took to lecturing in Genealogy. The course was popular and is now a permanent one.

Dr Quayle spoke on the importance of recording and numbering of researched material. With the help of handouts and some "Watch outs" and "Do & don'ts", all would agree that genealogy is not as hard as we first thought. Mrs Quayle spoke on Diary or Journal writing. Journal writings in ten year's time can be very rewarding for the family as well as for the researcher centuries later. Then Dr Quayle spoke on Wills and Probates and their uses to the family historian.

Next Meeting 8 pm, Wednesday 19th August at the Mormon church building, Wodonga Place, Albury, south of the Hume Inn. If the front entrance is blocked by roadworks, access is off Hovell Street, past the back of the church and left into the church carpark. This is our "Problem Night" so bring along all your bits and pieces. There will be Beginners groups (Australia, U.K., Ireland) so if anyone is willing to help here, please come early and have a chat to April Padbury. And get your members' interest sheets in - extracts may be published in the Bulletin later. The Historical Society sends the Bulletin out to members not only locally but as far away as Queensland and Tasmania.

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### Society News

The Border Morning Mail has printed excellent articles on two distinguished Society members, Mr W W Fielder (July 11) and Mr C C Hazelwood (July 25).

Howard Jones wrote an appreciation of "Wattie Fielder, Albury's lover of history" and added Albury photographs from the collection at the Museum.

Terry McGoverne reported on his talk with Claud Hazelwood and wrote "Urangeline: the early days", illustrating it with historic photographs of men and the station.

Subscriptions due and coming in well, thank you. \$12 Adult, \$14 Family. New card is RED.

Next committee meeting, 8 pm, 25th August in the Staff Room of Xavier College, Fallon Street, Albury. This is also the deadline for the Bulletin copy.

At the last committee meeting ...

- \* We considered with alarm the destruction of Albury's historic buildings and planned how to try and protect them.
- \* We considered the reprinting of Dr Andrews' History of Albury & decided not to hurry it.
- \* We decided to shift our accounts to Hume Permanent Building Society because they give better interest and help us with the local history sheets.

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Albury Common Mr C A Mott told the March 1987 society meeting of his memories of the Common. They were printed in Bulletin 248. A continuation may be found on page 4 and an account of his talk with Mr Geoffrey Newman.



"What do you remember about Albury Common?" Mr C A Mott continued his investigations.

There was, in those far off days, a two-storey brick house in the locality where the crematorium cemetery has been set out, and I got the idea that a herdsman named Kennedy lived there. Years later my father told me that Thomas Affleck built the house. He had bought the Border Post from my grandfather, George Mott, in 1869. Father said that as a hobby Affleck grew mulberry trees to feed silkworms, and did get something of a silk enterprise started. He called the place Glenmorus, made up from glen (and the country thereabouts is something of a glen), and morus, the latter deriving from the Latin for mulberry. The old home is gone many years now. Affleck closed down the Border Post in 1902, and diligent seekers in the parties who search the cemetery in Heritage Week may come across a tombstone bearing the obituaries of man and wife. I have noticed a tendency lately to mutilate the word Glenmorus, but Helen Livsey confirms it as the early spelling.

After our meeting Mr. Colin Frauenfelder expressed a doubt that a herdsman had lived in the brick house. On his advice I sought out Mr. Geoffrey Newman at Lavington. I found him at his home, 562 Hague Street, a short run up from Lavington School. Aged 78 he was quick and active in his movements and kept flourishing a big vegetable garden. His memory was both active and true, and he had all the information I wanted.

Mr Newman told me that with his father, mother and two brothers he moved into a cottage in the Glenmorus locality in 1908. His father as herdsman and Geoff was aged eight. The timber home was about the site of Hume Golf Clubhouse of today, and the two-storey brick Glenmorus was about three-quarters of a mile away on the site of the present-day crematorium cemetery. A farm nearby was named Lavington, and in 1909 this name replaced the title Black Range. In 1912 the father died, and Mr. Geoff Newman's uncle, George Kennedy, took over the post. He was there until his death in 1934.

Thomas Affleck had gone before the Newman family arrived, and an Albury barber, Harry Johnson (later to become a livestock dealer), was in Glenmorus. Across Black Springs creek lived James Box, who in 1881 selected a farm site and established an orchard of nuts and oranges. (This point is taken from a 1952 history of Lavington.) Mr. Newman's recollection was that Box grew mulberries, not Affleck or his successor, Johnson.

There is a minor conflict here, as Albury Historical Society's history sheet, Street Names, describes Affleck as "an entrepreneur who manufactured silk in Albury". But the main point, that mulberry trees were grown and silk woven in the area, is not in doubt.

Mr. Newman was able to give some idea of the size of the common in its early years. Its eastern boundary was Urana Road and at Union Road the fence turned westward and took in the land where Woodstock Girl's School was later to be built (now a health care complex). The boundary ran west along Union Road, linked up with Old Howlong Road (now Pemberton Street), and continued on to take in what later became a privately-owned property, Waterview, a mile or so beyond the Horseshoe lagoon. When walking home from work in that part of the country Mr. Newman would break off from the road at the lagoon, and turn into the common where he would follow a woodcarters' track that took him across the hills to his home. The wood-carters were levied a royalty on firewood of one shilling a load, the shilling being paid to the herdsman. After World War I large areas of the common were opened up for soldier settlement, including the good land along Bungambrawatha where it runs through present-day Lavington. One way and another the western end of the common was shorn off and turned into private ownership.

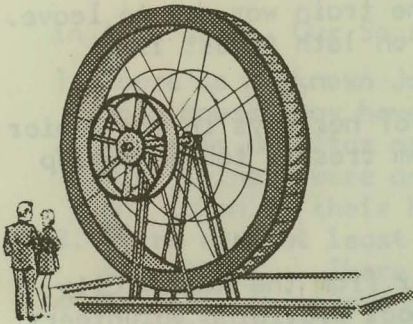
Mr. Newman recalled that early landholders on the common had the right to run a few cows -- about half-a-dozen. In 1921 he left the family home and worked on several of the famous old district stations. He married Miss Daisy Anderson, a Hay girl, and they had a family of eleven children. Husband and wife have lived 50 years at the Lavington address, but have with them now only one son.

Despite the long separation from the common, Mr. Newman can still remember the Mott cows, with the J4 brand on the off-side rump, that ran on the common as far back as the days before World War I.



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Next Meeting 8pm, 8th September at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

SEE ALBURY AS IT USED TO BE

in a rare collection of slides gathered over many years  
by Mary Thurling.

Included in the presentation will be Albury's first hospital, the bowling green and lake in the Botanical Gardens, Benstead's Barber Shop, Nathan's store, Glenmorus homestead, Waterstreet's Hotel, and many others.

The recent Albury City Centre Study has shown us the possibilities for the future. This display will illustrate how the area was used in the past.

Question for This Month When was the Wodonga water tower built?  
Why was it built and who worked on it?

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Last Meeting Martyn Paxton, the Director of the Albury Regional Museum spoke on "The Museum in the Modern World".

Today's museums are bright and imaginative with something directed to every age group. This became obvious from the slides Martyn used to illustrate his talk. They were taken when he was employed in the establishment of the Migration and Settlement Museum in South Australia. This museum is in Kintore Ave, Adelaide and opened in September 1986.

The Albury Regional Museum now operates Museum on the Move whereby artifacts from the museum collection are taken to schools to illustrate a specific topic. This service was provided by some members of the Society many years ago.

Dial a Display is another new programme. Given two weeks notice, the Museum staff will provide a special display at the Turk's Head for community groups, schools, etc.

Martyn makes the point that the museum is for the people and should display what the people want, rather than what the Director wants. He welcomes ideas and suggestions as to which exhibits would interest the most people. People in Albury have access to all items in the museum, whether they are on display or not.

"Trains of Treasure" is now on display in the South Exhibition Room of the museum. It is an audio-visual history of railway work in Australia and was produced by the Combined Rail Unions, State Rail and the Australia Council. The display opened on 26th August and is here for only one month.



Last Month's Question Dick Fielder told us that the railway bell was on the wall on the left hand side of the main door as you went on to the platform. It was rung three minutes before the train was due to leave. Mr Fielder also said the Railway Refreshment Room closed on 16th August 1975. The bar closed at the end of 1971.

Anne Davies remembered Beth Klinge talking of her days in the Junior Red Cross when she helped feed the World War I troops from trestle tables set up on the platform.



The Society has noted the reminder from the Albury City Council Arts and Education sub-committee about providing volunteers to man the museum at weekends. So many former helpers have withdrawn their services due to advancing age or other commitments.

Volunteers are urgently needed to sit at the museum's front desk 10.30am to 1.30pm, and 1.30pm to 4.30pm Saturdays and Sundays. Some are unable to give of their time because of lack of transport. Perhaps it may suit some people to provide transport only. If you think you may be able to help phone Martyn, Robin or Cathy at the Museum 21 4550 and discuss it with them.

Assistance can also be given in other ways. Sometimes a person is needed to do some research at the Local History Room in the Albury Library on a subject for a forthcoming exhibition, or to answer the questions which are directed to the museum from time to time.

#### FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The August meeting was well attended by members and visitors. Our President, April Padbury, chaired the meeting and, as always, did a good job. We would like to welcome three new members to the group: Mrs Lee Howard, David Moon and the Marsden family. Keep those subscriptions coming in as we are planning to organise some members' activities soon.

During our meeting Henry Jochheim reported on the Bulletins and Newsletters received from other societies. Henry reads these between meetings and reports on the interesting articles that they contain. This will be a regular feature of our meetings in the future. The publications will then be placed in the Local History Room at the Albury Library where members can read the articles at their leisure.

Mrs Jo Grant reported on the Members' Interest Register and its progress. As a service to members, we want a comprehensive list of names being researched, so keep bringing the forms in.

April Padbury told us about the Riverina Archives at Wagga. If you are researching in NSW, and in particular the Riverina area, this is the place to start.

Discussion took place on the idea of hiring a mini bus for interested members to travel to the Wagga Family History Group's October meeting when their guest speaker will be Mr Keith Johnson, editor of the Genealogical Research Directory. Unfortunately this falls on the same night as our meeting and a decision will be made at our September meeting whether to cancel or postpone our October meeting or continue as usual. Please have your ideas ready.

Our next meeting will be 16th September at 8pm at the Mormon Church building, Wodonga Place, Albury. (Enter from Hovell Street if the main entrance is closed off). Martyn Paxton, the Director of the Albury Regional Museum will speak on "Caring for photographs and documents". Bring along any material you would like Martyn to inspect and comment on.

June Shanahan, Publicity Officer, F.H.G.



CHINESE HISTORY

Mark Singer recently wrote to the Society requesting information about existing evidence of Chinese occupation in this area. Our Secretary, Kevin Esler, sent him the following information:

1. There is no known Joss House. There are a couple of areas where reputedly Joss Houses may have been located.
2. There is an altar or structure in the old Albury Cemetery of Chinese origin. Many Chinese were once buried there, but their bones were retrieved, washed, and taken to their homeland at an earlier date.
3. There were at least two major camps of Chinese market gardeners as late as the 1930's. There were also a few individuals.
4. There is the grave of a single Chinese located on a travelling stock reserve some 31 miles north-east of Albury. It is marked by a white marble slab, standing upright. It has the single English word "Chinaman" at the top then a number of Chinese characters, which await interpretation.

Many Chinese migrated to the area from Kiandra goldfield, where they pursued gold production long after white miners had left. They constructed the present Three Mile Dam near Kiandra. Descendants of some are still present around Adaminaby and Tumut (Yans) and at Cabramurra (Mrs Tim O'Halloran). The 1880's and 90's saw many drift west. They were employed in gangs ringbarking and cleaning up country. Tooma still has its Chow Gully and China Walls. The residue plus others set up market gardens in the Albury area and were all old men when I recall them in the 1930's.

Cliff Mott added the information that the Joss House was in Townsend Street just south of Mate's store (now the Gas and Fuel Corporation) at the corner of Hume Street. The Chinese gardens were between the Turk's Head Hotel and the Union Bridge in Wodonga Place. The Chinamen travelled in hooded spring carts to deliver vegetables door-to-door. They trotted into the houses, balancing baskets on a rod over their shoulder.

DONATIONS for which the Society is most grateful:

Mrs J O Reed, Double Bay arranged for us to receive an Australia Post map tracing the Voyage of the First Fleet, and postage stamps to be attached thereto.

Fred Thorman copies of the Albury Herald for 1898, 12th and 14th May and one for July and an Albury Banner of 17th November 1899.

Sister Therese has passed on to us Sylvie Graeber's collection of 14 band photos. They range from the Albury Band of 1910 to a 4-piece band at a Church of England dance in 1922, Theatre Royal Orchestra of 1925 and the Forest Hill Airforce Band and Concert Group of 1944. Mr Graeber is now a resident of Borella House.

We have also received a copy of The Wheel of Time (ninety-six years work of the Sisters of Mercy in Victoria to 1953).

CONDOLENCES

The sympathy of Society members has been conveyed to Howard Jones following the death of his Mother in Wales, and to Holford Lempriere whose brother, Dr William Lempriere, passed away recently.

COMMITTEE

The next committee meeting will be at 8pm, 22nd September in the Staff Room at Xavier High School, Fallon Street, Albury.

This is also the deadline for the Bulletin copy.

HUME WEIR

Since the Society viewed the Hume Weir slides in November last year Gerry Curtis has taken the programme to other community groups including the Hume Building Society, Albury School for Seniors, Albury-Wodonga Camera Club, Wodonga Historical Society, Albury TAFE college Clerk of Works students and Xavier High School North Campus.



## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those members and family members listed below who have paid their subscriptions for 1987/88.

The October Bulletin will be sent to the names on the list and those whose subscriptions are received by Tuesday 15th September. A membership form was attached to the July Bulletin.

Early receipt of subscriptions is appreciated due to the amount of work involved in typing names and addresses of all members, in alphabetical order, and photocopying the labels in time for posting the next Bulletin.

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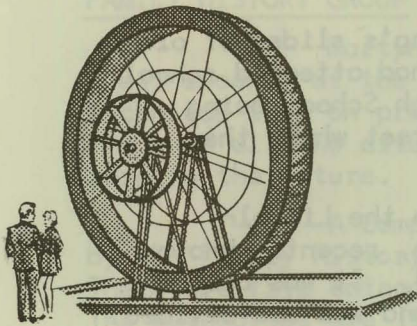
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Next Meeting     8pm, 13th October at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury

Speaker: Ken Young, Architect

"Conservation Guidelines". Altering and adding-to old buildings.

Ken will explain and illustrate how to retain old buildings and renovate them to a comfortable standard.

Question for this Month

Where was the Raceclub Hotel?

Why was it so named?

## Future Events

Sunday, 1st November Wagga Wagga Cars to leave Albury about 10am to arrive in Wagga by noon. Meet for a picnic lunch at the Botanical Gardens in Baden Powell Drive. During the afternoon a visit can be made to the Historical Society's Museum which is within walking distance of the Gardens. Another attraction is the model railway which operates in the Gardens on the first Sunday of each month.

Tuesday, 10th November The Society's Monthly Meeting will be held at the Albury Library. The evening will include a "Discovery Tour" of the Local History Room.

Sunday, 29th November St Patrick's Catholic Church, Smollett Street, Albury.

Join a conducted tour of the church which was opened in 1872 and hear about the earlier church/school which stood between the church and the present school building. Hear the story of St Patrick's Hall, the Presbyterian connection, and walk through the Presbytery which was blessed and opened in 1905.

## Back to the Past

At the September meeting Mr Geoff Colquhoun of Arthur G Colquhoun & Co invited people to view "The Frauenfelder house" at 791 David Street, Albury prior to it being auctioned on 19th September.

About sixty people attended the auction and wandered through the cottage which was built in 1857 for John Peter Frauenfelder, one of Albury's first vignerons. The first vine planted on leased land in 1851 was later transferred to the David Street house. It lived for more than ninety years and was against the verandah at the northern side of the building.

Prior to 1925 the property was named "Grafton Grange" when it was owned by Charles Gabel, a grandson of John Peter Frauenfelder.



Last Meeting

More than seventy people enjoyed Mary Thurling's slides of old pictures of Albury. Some of those present had attended school in the old hospital building prior to the present Albury High School being opened in 1928. Many remembered the old baths in Creek Street where the Gertrude Colquhoun Park is now.

Other photos were of the Seymour residence on the Lincoln Causeway, Abe Nathan's store, and his house in Nathan Avenue, recently known as "Karoola". The house was built for Mr H.A. Allen in 1874. It was called "Penebont" and was in Crisp Street before the surrounding land was sub-divided.

Scenes in Dean Street included the Council Chambers, Mechanics' Institute, Dean Square, fire station and band rotunda, and Blasbalk's Jewellers where M. Spence & Co is now.

In Townsend Street we saw the building of W.H. Ashby, tailor, next to the Beehive Chambers, the Imperial Hotel, Kia Ora, and an 1870's picture showing Mitchell's Bakery.

Hotels shown included Soden's, the first section of which was built by James Layton in 1857. It was in the scrub then but was on the main Sydney Road. Waterstreet's Hotel appeared much the same as it does today, though it bore the name of Cass. Mrs Sarah Cass took over the business in 1892 following the death of Mrs Pool. The Railway Hotel at the corner of Smollett and Macauley Streets was photographed during 1885-86 when Ellen Cottrell held the licence.

Other scenes included Delany's Furniture Warehouse and the Federal Theatre in Kiewa Street and, in Olive Street, the building which was damaged by a cyclone in 1923. It was known as the old biscuit factory when Elsie Spargo died as a result of the cyclone damage and Patsy Treloar was badly injured. McEwan's hardware store opened on the site recently.

Some photographs were lent to Mary Thurling for the purpose of making slides, and some were from the Wattie Fielder collection.

Last Month's Question

The Wodonga Water Tower is one hundred feet high and was built in 1923 by Tom Bartleson. He also built the Monument in Albury and the Wangaratta water tower.

In 1898 an attempt had been made to supply Wodonga with water from a dam on House Creek but the quality of the water was poor, to say the least.

Membership

Since the last Bulletin subscriptions have been received from Albury C W A, A.G. Batson, Mrs T. Cottrell, Mrs M.H. Cracknell, Mrs H. Endacott, F.W. Heath, J. Higgins, Mrs J. Hogan, Mrs A. Holloway, S.W.R. Jackling, Mrs H. Kahwati, J. Love, K. Monty, Mrs M. Patman, A.H. Pearsall, H.A. Simpendorfer, D. Thiele, Miss P.L. Wilson and the FAMILIES of R. Braddy, C.E. Bunton, C. Chambers, D.R. Chitty, J. Dallinger, T.W. Miller, P. Nugent, K.A. Orford, N. Reid, D. Rhodes, A.G. Scott and R.W. Simmons.



Museum Director, Martyn Paxton would be pleased to hear from Society members willing to act as sources of information in the documentation of objects and photographs. Martyn can be contacted at the Museum on 21 4550.

Committee

The next committee meeting will be at 8pm, 27th October in the Staff Room at Xavier High School, Fallon Street, Albury. This is also the deadline for Bulletin copy.



## FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Martyn Paxton, Director of the Albury Regional Museum, was the guest speaker at the September meeting. He gave a most informative and technical talk on preserving old photographs and documents. Thank you, Martyn. I'm sure all who attended learnt to treat their photographs with a little more care in the future.

A competition relating to our members' family trees was launched by the Family History Group and is open to all members of the Historical Society. There are five categories with the cost of \$1 per entry per category. The categories are 1. Largest number of children from one set of parents. 2. The relative who lived to the greatest age. 3. Earliest Australian-born relative. 4. Earliest arrival of a relative in Australia. 5. The family tree/pedigree chart that goes back to the earliest year.

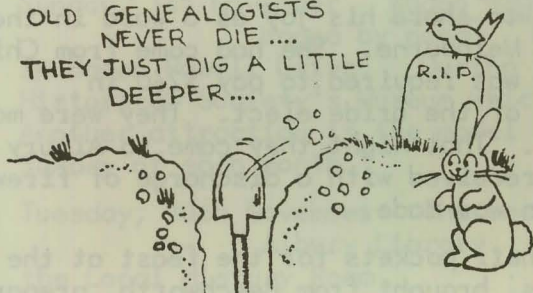
Documented proof MUST be supplied at the time of entering the competition. If entries are lodged at meetings the documentation will be sighted and returned immediately.

Entry forms are available from the Family History Group Secretary, Diana Hawksworth, and from Historical Society Treasurer, April Padbury. The competition closes in December with a final date and drawing date undecided at the moment. Prizes will be given for each category.

## Wagga Family History Night

Final arrangements will be made at our next meeting with regard to the trip to Wagga on 21st October. At this stage only thirteen people are interested and with such a small number the cost of hiring a mini bus would be approximately \$12 per person as compared with about \$7 per person if we go by car. If twenty people were interested in going by bus it would be more feasible, otherwise it will be by car. Contact June Shanahan on 21 3444 BH, April Padbury, 26 4537 AH, or Diana Hawksworth 25 7030.

OLD GENEALOGISTS  
NEVER DIE ....  
THEY JUST DIG A LITTLE  
DEEPER....



Our next monthly meeting will be held a week earlier owing to the trip to Wagga. It will be on 14th October, 8pm, at the Mormon Church building, Wodonga Place, Albury. There will be no guest speaker, only a discussion/problem night.

Before signing off I would like to welcome David Thiele and Mr H. Simpendorfer as new members of the Historical Society and, in particular, this group.

June Shanahan and April Padbury.

## CAN YOU HELP?

The Society is receiving a lot of requests for information from people who are researching their family history. Due to the number and length of the letters they are no longer read at meetings.

The Honorary Research Officer, Helen Livsey, presently has letters enquiring about the families of Costello/Duprez, King/Waite, Graham (Chiltern), Hibberson, Calder, Kaye/Mitchell, Mearns/Macklin/Keen, Wright/Sawyer, Brooker/Warby/Fowler. If anyone has an interest in any of these names more information and addresses can be obtained by phoning 21 3671.

At least an hour's work has to be done before any of these letters can be answered. The Society charges \$10 per hour for any further research, which usually involves locating newspaper reports on microfilm. It is true to say that most people require no follow-up work with a price tag.



CHINESE JOSS HOUSE

Information supplied by Stan Jackling

"Clif Mott is correct in his statement of location of the Joss House. I was never in the Joss House - I think that was forbidden except to Chinese - but I recall standing at the door, seeing the lighted candles and being in doubt whether I liked or disliked the aroma of the burning incense.

Alongside - or rather obliquely opposite - the Joss House was the gambling den - as I recall it a dirty, noisy room but well patronised at any rate on Sundays.

A small number of Chinese men - it may have been only one - lived on the site. The one whom I remember quite clearly was severely handicapped with arthritis. He got around with great difficulty on crutches and got no help from his countrymen. My father used to take him a jug of cocoa most Sunday afternoons for which he was grateful. I usually went with father.

My parents' house was just around the corner in Hume Street. I cannot be sure of dates but would think the 'settlement' came to an end in the early twentieth century.

MORE CHINESE HISTORY

Mr Sid Thurling, now of Prune Street, Lavington worked at the Chinese gardens down Howlong Road near where the sewerage treatment works are now. Some Sunday evenings he would go to where the Chinese were playing cards and they would give him opium to take to Ah Suey to smoke.

After Ah Suey had a heart attack in his hut Mr Thurling took him to hospital but he died as they were passing the quarry on Howlong Road. In appreciation of his efforts to help Ah Suey the Chinese often visited the Thurling family taking gifts of fruit and vegetables, and sweets for the children.

CHINESE WEDDING

## A Curious Ceremony

Portion of a marriage ceremony was enacted at the Chinese camp in Albury in 1892. The Border Post reported the affair in more detail than our space will allow.

Louy Choon had worked in the Chinese gardens in Albury. By dint of hard work he quickly acquired ownership of a large garden and tobacco plantation at Mungabareena. He found the woman that was to share his joy as a ward in the household of Ah Moy, a well-known merchant in Melbourne. She had come from China six years before and was 17 years old. Louy was required to pay \$260 in connection with the education and maintenance of the bride elect. They were made man and wife at South Melbourne on a Thursday. That night they came to Albury and were driven to Mungabareena, where they were received with a discharge of fireworks. But it was on Sunday that the formal reception was made.

Louy's brothers dipped deep into their pockets for the feast at the Chinese camp. For three days and nights cooks, brought from Beechworth, prepared dishes to be set before the hundred or more guests. Every habitable house in the camp had been engaged for the ceremony, in accordance with the conditions under which the marriage was celebrated. In Louy's case it was specified that not more than eight persons should sit down at one table, so throughout the camp numerous groups worked with great diligence on the toothsome edibles.

When all the guests were seated, the bride was led around to the different tables by two of the head men. To each guest she presented a cigar and in return received a present. Presents in money and kind to the value of \$200 were given to the diminutive bride. During the afternoon she was led to the Joss House where she had to have her fortune determined. This was done by the use of two globes, one containing figures and another cards or emblematic signs. Dipping her tiny hand in the jar she took out her "fate" and it was compared with another from the second jar, and construed to mean good or evil. The fates in Mrs Choon's case were propitious.

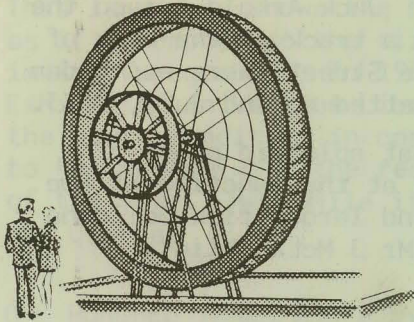
The entire cost of Louy Choon's wedding amounted to \$920.



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The Next Meeting at 8 pm, Tuesday 10th November is NOT AT THE C.W.A. Hall but at

ALBURY LIBRARY, Civic Square, Albury.

Parking in Swift Street near the Civic Theatre or in the Council Car Park off Olive or Wilson Street.

After the business meeting, Mrs Andrea Sauerbiet has been invited to tell us briefly about Howlong Bicentennial Programme on Saturday and Sunday, 9th and 10th January 1988. And then we will have

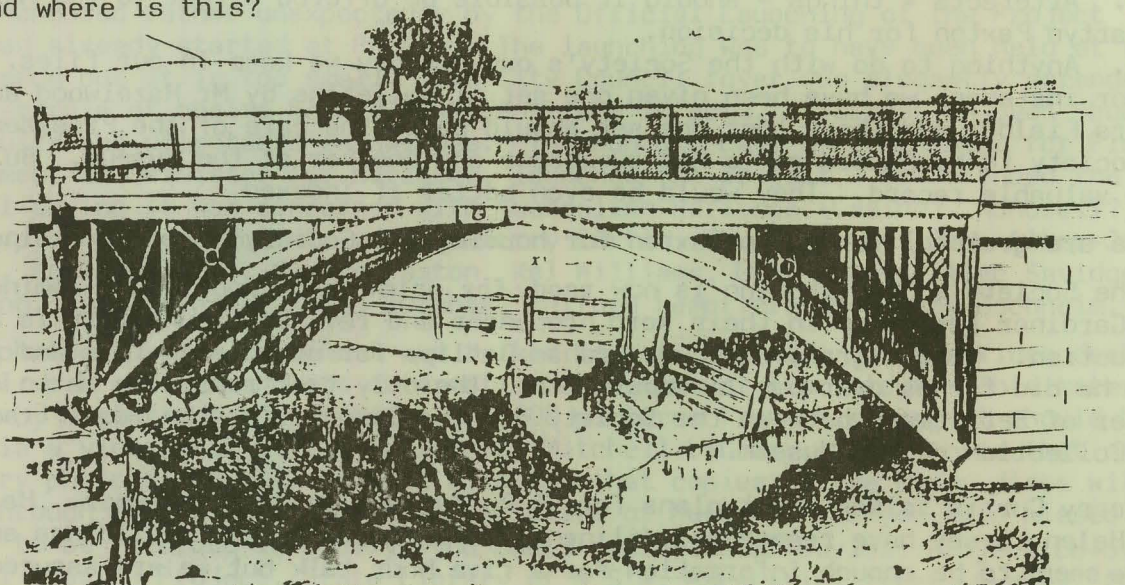
AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY ROOM AT THE LIBRARY and supper.

Next Tour    Sunday 29th November. St Patrick's Church, Smollett Street, Albury.

2.15 pm, Assemble at the Moreton Bay fig tree west of the Hall - to visit the Hall, Presbytery and Church. The guides Gerry Curtis and Frank Higgins will tell us about earlier Catholic and Presbyterian buildings as well as the present ones. There will be a musical interlude by Graham Stocks at the organ.

President's Question?

What and where is this?





Answer to last month's question

THE RACECLUB HOTEL was situated at 1055 Mate Street, Albury. Jack Arnold turned the building into two houses which still stand today. There was a track at the back of the hotel where ponies were raced. On the other side of Mate Street there was a dam where teamsters used to stop. The present racecourse was gazetted on 2nd July, 1863.

At the end of 1885, Ten Brink and Thatcher auctioned "all that splendid piece of freehold property containing about 10 acres of land, situated at the junction of the Jindera and Gerogery Roads, and whereupon is erected a new and large brick building known as the Racing Club Hotel and now in the occupation of Mr J McLaughlin".

Last Meeting Ken Young, architect, spoke on the Central Area Heritage Study commissioned by Albury City Council. He showed slides of Albury houses to help members recognise architecture of different periods. He suggested ways of restoring and renovating such homes which would not destroy their original proportions and yet would make them more useful and habitable for nowadays. A Conservation Guidelines booklet is in draft form and will be available for home owners and builders; Ken has drawn on National Trust and Heritage publications for these Guidelines.

Other written results of the Study - hopefully also to be published by Albury City Council - are:

- A Thematic History of Albury by Bruce Pennay.
- A Written Review of the Physical Evidence by historian archaeologist Jon Gregson.
- A Myriad of Reference Proformas on buildings, places and landscape including photographs - Ken Young, Jon Gregson and Alan Grant.
- An Implementation Text (tool) by Jocelyn Colleran and Peter O'Dwyer to control the use and re-use of Albury Heritage stock within the heritage precincts.

The Study is with Peter O'Dwyer, Strategic Planner, for assembling before being presented to Albury City Council.

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The Committee considered a number of matters at its meeting on 27th October .....

- \* We decided to write and congratulate Alderman Howard Alcott on his appointment as Chairman of the Arts, Education and Community Services sub-committee of Albury City Council.
- \* We confirmed guidelines for accepting and sorting out items kindly offered to the Society bearing in mind that the first objective in our Constitution is "to encourage the study of history of the Albury district and of Australia". The guidelines are:
  1. Photographs to go to the Collection in the Museum.
  2. Documents and printed matter to go to the Society's Archives in the Library. They wait until Mrs Wendy Moriarity lists them and then are filed by a librarian in the Local History Room.
  3. Artefacts - things - should if possible be offered direct to the Museum Director, Martyn Paxton for his decision.
  4. Anything to do with the Society's own history we keep in our files.

For instance, we have been given one set of Bulletins by Mr Hazelwood and two by Mrs Fielder and think that one set should be in the care of the President of the Society to be passed on to his successor and another at the Museum. Bulletins are a valuable record. They would be even better if indexed.
- \* We are grateful to Martyn Paxton for housing the Society's second filing cabinet.
- \* The Society's Constitution is now ready for printing or copying. Fleming, Henderson and Gardiner set it up in their word processor and revised it until it is an accurate production. We are grateful to Mr Graham Ortlipp for organising this and for all the work he did for us over our Incorporation. The only task remaining is to draft the Letter of Settlement between the Society and the Council for the legal transfer of the Collection at the Museum.
- \* Gerry Curtis talked about plans for St Pat's tour on 29th November. He, Frank Higgin and Helen Livsey have researched diligently, finding out about buildings and people. There seems to be enough information for a five hour talk but we are assured that they will restrict it to two hours!



"TABLE TOP, YAMBLA, property of James Mitchell, Esqr., 1887" is the title of the painting by William Tibbetts.

This landscape shows the homestead, stables and shearing shed all painted rather small as if to emphasise the size of the surrounding property. There is an artist sketching in the foreground. In 1983/4, the picture was lent by the Society to a Tibbetts Exhibition in Latrobe Library in Melbourne where unfortunately it was the painting in the worst condition in comparison with others. It has since been restored and returned to the Museum with the recommendation that it only be shown in the light for 3 months of the year. Meanwhile it is housed in the controlled atmosphere of Albury Regional Art Centre.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - Events in Albury in November 1887.

CORPORATION BATHS. The announcement that the Council has accepted a tender for the construction of swimming baths will be received by the ratepayers with expressions of very great pleasure. At the meeting on Wednesday evening, four tenders were received, and that of Mr Joseph Matthews, of £592, was accepted. The site selected by the Council for the baths is adjacent to Dean Street and on the bank of the Bungambrawatha Creek. It is to be hoped that the work will be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible, so that the baths will be completed before the summer has passed. A great deal of credit is due to the Mayor for the ultimate attainment of this boon, for since his election he has persistently agitated for the construction of corporation baths.

(The Mayor was T H Griffiths.)

ST PATRICK'S HALL. On Sunday this edifice will be opened with much religious ceremony, at which Bishop Lanigan, of Goulburn, Bishop Reville, the co-adjutor Bishop of Sandhurst, Prior Butler, the head of the Carmelite Order in Victoria, and other church dignitaries will take part. Prior to the opening ceremony, Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, when Prior Butler, who has the reputation of being an eloquent theologian, and a divine of rare educational attainments, will deliver an appropriate sermon. The choir will perform a Mass specially selected for the occasion. The members of the Hibernian Society are requested to meet at their rooms at ten o'clock to take part in the procession, which is to form part of the ceremony preceding the opening of the Hall.

(This Hall is the building on the south east corner of Olive and Smollett Streets, now the Senior Department of St Patrick's Primary School. It is not the present hall which was opened in 1927.)

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AT WORK AND PLAY Our Past in Pictures

This N S W Bicentennial Project is an exciting attempt to record photographs of people at work and play. They are looking not for studio portraits but for original photos and snapshots of people and places prior to 1939, especially where names and dates are known.

Albury was honoured rather unexpectedly by the Official Launching of the Project though it had already started at Parkes. The launching was to have been held at the Regional Museum but it is too small. The City Council foyer was elegantly arranged with a semi-circle of chairs backed by green trees in pots. Visitors enjoyed "bubbly" or orange juice and delectable sandwiches. The Hon R J Carr M P, Minister for Planning and Environment and Minister for Heritage, launched the project. He defended the Bicentennial saying it was concerned with Australian Heritage (Casino? Monorail?). Among those present were Society members Gerry Curtis, Bruce Pennay, John Alker-Jones, Anne Davies, Anne Holloway, Martyn Paxton, Kel Williams, Lucy Staton, Alec Savidge, Mary Thurling, Mary Furness, Keith Burnham, Holford Lempriere and Henry Jochheim.

We saw the photographer's equipment and talked to her. We also saw the video desk where you can call up a picture and its information and even get a printout. This material may be used by historians and authors. 20,000 pictures from this project should be available via a video desk at the (enlarged) Mitchell Library. It is said that a list of the Albury photographs will be sent here and that copies of the laser discs will be available through Historical Societies, Libraries or Museums. If you have missed taking your photos to be recorded in Albury, you could contact Alan Davies, Project Co-ordinator Bicentennial Copying Project, State Library of N S W, Macquarie Street, Sydney, 2000.



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Members are especially invited to the Society's next general meeting at the Albury Library. It will be a familiarization tour of the History Room. The Library is continually building on its collection which covers local, national and international research sources.

Illness prevented some members attending the Wagga Group's meeting as planned. Those who went enjoyed a tour of the archives as well as the address by Keith Johnson.

The next Family History meeting will be at 8 pm 18th November at the Mormon Church building, Wodonga Place, Albury. Doug Holmes will speak about Irish research. Anyone who is not interested in Ireland can join a discussion group in another room of the complex. The committee meeting will be held at 7 pm and anyone is welcome to attend.

Helen Livsey.

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Donations from Mr C C Hazelwood, Honorary Life Member, some of which are given by him and some which have been in his care. The Society is most grateful to him.

A Gramophone.

Two watercolours by Hunter Rogers.

Museum Visitors' Book 1972-78.

One copy each of reprinted editions of Border Post Almanac 1878, and Dr Andrews' First Settlement of the Upper Murray. (Gifts from Mrs Frank Boyes B E M to the Society.)

Working drawings of the Waterwheel.

Turks Head floorplan.

Book of Museum Acquisitions, March 1963 to November 1978.

Book of general Historical Society information.

Photo of Eastern Hill Presbyterian Sunday School building and pupils. (From Miss Lucy Staton's aunt, E Hill.)

Six colour photos of Hovell Tree gathering.

Two prints of sketches by J Macfarlane, one of Sturt's party and the other of Major Mitchell and Edward Henty at Portland.

Four volumes of A D H S Bulletins

1. March 1962 - December 1969
2. March 1970 - September 1976
3. November 1976 - August 1983
4. September 1983 - June 1986

Tapes:

1. Albury's Churches. Jim Wells. June 11, 1974.
2. Two copies of Hon T W Mitchell Testimonial Luncheon, Fifty Years of Skiing. February 19, 1981.
3. Mrs Cotterill Davies, "Turk's Head" Inn signs. Jim Wells, Hotels.
4. (Provincial Motel) 21 Years of the A D H S.
5. Centenary of the Death of Robert Brown. Dedication of the Band Rotunda, Botanical Gardens.
6. Hume and Hovell sesquicentenary celebrations.

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HUME DAM The Hume Permanent Building Society is sponsoring a video of the construction of the Hume Dam which is being compiled by John Dallinger and Gerry Curtis. It will consist of 80 slides and a commentary lasting 20 minutes.

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The December Society meeting will be on 8th December and will be a "Bring and Tell".

The next committee meeting will be on 24th November at 8 pm in the Staff Room at Xavier High School, Fallon Street, Albury. This is also deadline for Bulletin copy.

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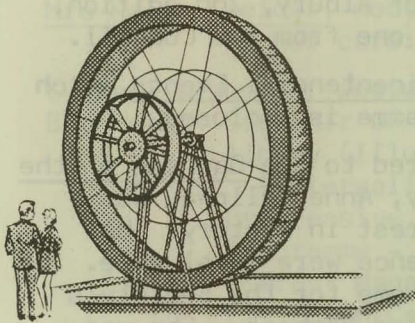
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Next Meeting 8 pm Tuesday 8th December at the C W A Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

## ~ ~ ~ Bring and Tell ~ ~ ~

Also Alec Savidge will be recruiting volunteers for the  
AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION - Free entry if you help  
on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th of January 1988. See page 3.

The Last Meeting was held in the Albury Library. Louise Evans, Albury Branch Librarian, was an excellent hostess who helped us set up - and later showed us some important books and documents such as William Bayley's research for "Border City, History of Albury", a booklet on "The Parish Map in Family History" and "Pioneer Families of Australia". She also demonstrated the computer catalogue and the microfiche and microfilm reader. For those of us unaccustomed to this type of research, it was an eyeopener. Fifty five members and visitors attended.

The Business Meeting which preceded it was also full of interest.

\* John Craig made an important donation of part of the International Genealogical Index of Baptisms and Marriages. He had sent for over 1600 microfiche films. There seem to be complete sets from Scotland, Ireland and Wales - and from England: London and the counties of Lancashire, Surrey, Sussex, Wiltshire, Essex and Oxford. Having used these himself, he has given them to the Society for reference in the Library. It is a most generous gift.

\* Brian McDonald, a Councillor of the Royal Australian Historical Society in Sydney brought greetings. Wearing another hat, he tours schools - leaping into classes as a Bushranger to grab the children's attention, he then spreads his infectious enthusiasm for history.

\* Henry Jochheim read extracts from Newsletters sent to the Society, opportunely this time from the R A H S Journal. \* Holford Lempriere reported on the visit to Wagga Wagga Museum. \* Keith Burnham spoke about the Museum Management Committee due to be re-appointed by Albury City Council and suggested a nomination from the Society, perhaps the President. The meeting nominated a Vice President, Anne Davies. \* Kevin Esler enthused about collecting farm implements.



November Meeting - continued

\* Last month's Question was a picture of the Smollett Street bridge over Bungambrawatha Creek, Albury. Kevin Esler read from William Bayley's History of Albury, 2nd edition, pages 102-103. If you haven't a copy, try the Library! Or buy one from the Council.

\* Andrea Sauerbier gave an exciting description of Howlong's Bicentennial Events which are planned for the 9th and 10th of January, 1988. Their programme is enclosed.

\* Finally, Anne Davies, before introducing Louise Evans, referred to the Opening of the Historical Room in 1981. Three factors were important. Firstly, Anne Holloway was then Chief Librarian of U.M.R.L. and had a strong personal interest in history. Her positive encouragement, professional guidance and infinite patience were invaluable. Secondly, Lois Humphreys as President was determined to find a home for the Society's archives which were being stored at various locations by dedicated members. She was strongly backed by Jean Macdonald and others who were frustrated by the lack of access to primary research material. The third factor was space. Suddenly the Art Gallery Society was able to move Albury's pictures from the upper floor of the Library to the Old Town Hall in Dean Street. The Children's Library was moved swiftly upstairs leaving space downstairs for the History Collection of the Library and the Archives of the Society. Lois Humphreys negotiated a legal agreement for Council to accept the Archives. The Society is most grateful to Louise Evans for a hospitable and informative evening.

Society News

The Society's Constitution, as approved for Incorporation, has now been photocopied.

Committee members will have a copy each, and some homework! There will be a reference copy at meetings and in the Library. Members may order copies for the cost of reproduction plus postage, if applicable, (10 A4 pages, weight 50g). A noticeable change is the provision for proxy votes, see rules 12A and 12B. A proxy form will be sent out with the notice of the A G M, which is due "in June or at such other time as the Committee shall decide."

Membership List continued from Bulletins 253 and 254.

Albury Regional Museum, E D Batrouney, A G Batson, Mrs J Burgess, Mrs M Cutler, C W A, Mrs S Gray, Mrs H Kahwati, Mrs M Lambert, G A Rosborough, Miss P L Wilson. Families of Mrs F Barton, Mrs C Chambers, J Craig, B Scanlon.

The Committee decided that the Secretary should write letters of thanks to:

1. Louise Evans, Albury Branch Librarian, for arranging for the Society to meet at the Library for its November meeting and for showing historical resources.
2. Brother Tony Chappell, who has been Co-ordinator at the North Campus of Xavier High School and who has allowed the Committee to meet in the Staff Room.

Hume Weir slides were shown to Albury Rotary Club by Gerry Curtis with a commentary.

We hope you all enjoyed the Historic Tour of St Patrick's Hall, Presbytery and Church.

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William Tibbetts' picture of Table Top Station, 1887.

Ms Audray Banfield has suggested showing the picture in the Art Centre for a month in December as this is its centenary year. Mr Martyn Paxton is willing to arrange the loan from the Albury Regional Museum.

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"ALBURY yesterday and today - 1912 to 1972" by Ella McDonald.

We have been fortunate enough to discover some unsold copies of Mrs McDonald's illuminating and personal account of these years in and near Albury. The book was sponsored by Albury and District Historical Society and printed by Wilkinsons. We hope to have some copies to sell at meetings thanks to Dr McDonald.



DONATIONS - for which the Society is most grateful - from

Mrs Helen Fielder, mostly from the Fielder collection but some which have been in  
in her care:

6 small albums of postcard size photos of Albury people and buildings.

Booklets: Souvenir of Albury published by C.C.Potts, Albury.

Albury (Illustrated). Published by Blakes (Printed by Renwick-Pride-Nuttall,  
Tattersall Place, Melbourne.)

Progressive Albury. Published 1919.

Programme - Albury Repertory Company, "The Brides of March", 1965.

"Ceres" Magazine of Albury Rural District School, May 1925 & June 1926.

Lavington Centenary Celebrations Programme. 1957

Lavington Water Celebrations Souvenir Review, 1952.

The Triangle - Magazine of St Paul's College, Walla, 1965.

The Progress of Albury & District. Published by J Edward Robertson.

Official Souvenir, Hume & Hovell Centenary Celebrations, Albury.

"Proposed Capital of Australian Commonwealth", 20 pictures of Albury  
about 1900 - 1905. Given by Mrs R H McDonald.

Photographs: Hayes Mill after explosion.

Engraving: Passing the Customs Officers at Wodonga.

William A Bayley, 1961.

Nellie Melba.

Albury High School pupils.

Customs House at Jingellic Bridge.

High School.

3 of Hume Weir Machinery.

2 unidentified.

Mrs M S Shaw of Albury. Photo of Springfield College, Albury,

Pupils dressed for concert item. 1912 or 1913.

Mr John Craig 1602 Microfiche films - see front page.

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AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL EXHIBITION, Wodonga Showgrounds, commencing  
Friday, January 1st 1988, for 5 days.

Albury-Wodonga has been privileged to be chosen as the first site for the travelling  
Australian Bicentennial Exhibition, before it starts its round-Australia tour,  
lasting throughout 1988.

The Society has been invited to provide volunteers as Exhibition Display Guides;  
Bicentennial Theatre Ushers and, to those with the skills, volunteers to assist  
with make-up, hair and wardrobe for the Sound Shell Stage; also for the Information  
Desk. Since so many of us have been volunteers at the Museum, thus practised in  
the art of public attendance, we ought to be well represented at the Exhibition.

Volunteers will be needed to attend for one, or any number of shifts on the five days.  
The shift times are: 9 am to 1 pm; 1 pm to 5.30 pm; 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Volunteers  
will be required to attend one training session, these will be held at 9 am, 1 pm  
and 6 pm on Tuesday, December 29th and at 9 am and 1 pm on Wednesday 30th December.  
At these training sessions instructions on the duties will be given; Display Guides  
will be given a booklet detailing the displays under their care.

All volunteers will have free entry to the site and will be covered by insurance  
during travel to and from the site and whilst on the site. Details of car parking  
for volunteers will be given at the training sessions.

Those wishing to volunteer should contact Mrs Shirley Farr on 24 2000 during business  
hours and 24 3773 after hours, or Alec Savidge on 24 7130, if more convenient.

Alec Savidge.



FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

Report by April Padbury.

Between the last Bulletin and our meeting, I received a letter from Janet Reakes stating that she was holding a seminar on Family Research in Albury in early November. I went along to represent the Family History Group. The seminar was mainly aimed at beginners but she did give me some time to promote the Albury & District Historical Society Family History Group. Three people who were at that seminar came to our meeting the following week along with a few other new faces. Mrs Frances Barton joined the Society at the end of the evening so we would like to welcome her to the Group.

Our November speaker was Mr Doug Holmes. He spoke on the History of Ireland. Unfortunately the overhead projector blew a globe so Doug had to rely on his notes.

December Meeting Christmas Party - 6.30 pm on 16th December at the Hovell Tree Reserve. B Y O everything. Families and friends welcome and a special invitation to all A.D.H.S. members.

January Meeting 8 pm, 20th January at the Mormon Church building. SHOW AND TELL, SO BRING YOUR FAMILY HEIRLOOMS. Committee Meeting at 7 pm.

The Members Interests Directory is now in the Historical Room at the Library.

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Church of England Archives.

The Albury parish was part of the diocese of Goulburn which later became Canberra and Goulburn. The Diocesan archives are on microfiche at the National Library, Canberra. For information on documents after 1920, written permission from the Diocesan Registrar is required. Judy Kocho will conduct a search, a fee of \$10 was mentioned. Address: The Registrar, Anglican Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn, G P O Box 1981, Canberra, A C T.

A copy of R T Wyatt's "History of the Diocese of Goulburn" is in the Historical Room of the Albury Library.

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Albury Botanic Gardens.

Albury City Council has been notified by the National Trust of Australia (N S W) that the Gardens have been Classified because they contain a diverse range of plantings, some of which date back to 1877. The Gardens also contain a variety of structures which reflect the history of the development of Albury and the surrounding district. The Gardens are a popular area of open space, close to the Albury business district. The Trust referred to Mr van der Weyde's excellent leaflet "Welcome to Albury's Botanic Gardens" published in 1986 but not to our Society's history sheet on Wodonga Place, Albury which gives additional information about the monuments.

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Next committee meeting 26th January 1988, 8 pm in the Staff Room of Xavier High School, Fallon Street, North Albury.

January recess. There will be no Bulletin or Society meeting in January.

February Meeting We are fortunate that Alec Savidge will give us the benefit of his research into "Sydney in Governor Macquarie's Time".

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the President and Committee to all members .... and especially to those who are unable to come to meetings ..... whether they be members in Townsville or Tasmania .... or elsewhere .... or in Albury and district.

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