

ALBURY AND DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

President:  
Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary:  
Bro. J P O'Malley  
Treasurer:  
Mrs R McDonald

P O Box 223 ALBURY

List of financial members at 30th June, 1961

BENEFACTORS

The Albury City Council

LIFE MEMBERS

1. Mr W W Fielder, 441 Bellevue st. (vice-president)
2. Mrs B A Geddes, "Yallock" Holbrook
3. Mr I I Geddes, " "
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5. Mr S P P Webb " " " "
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7. Mr Otto A Moll, 714 Macauley st.
8. Mrs C J Moll " "
9. The Commercial Club, Dean st.

ORDINARY MEMBERS

1. Miss G V Acocks, 532 George st
2. Mr K Adams, 3 White st, Wangaratta
3. Mr W Bloomfield, 541 Thurgoona st
4. Mrs W Bloomfield " "
5. Mr D J Bryan, 611 Carrington st
6. Mrs D J Bryan " "
7. Ald G E Bunton, OBE, 501 Paine st
8. Mrs C E Bunton " "
9. Mr P D Burrows, 511 Crisp st
10. Mrs P D Burrows " "
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12. Mrs M A Dolphin, 618 Carrington st
13. Mrs W W Fielder, 441 Bellevue st
14. Mr T Grey, Central school, Culcairn
15. Mr Fred Griffith, Toonallook, via Albury
16. Mr John Henwood, Edmondson ave
17. Mrs E Henwood " "
18. Mrs E H Irvine, 618 Carrington st
19. Mr K J Irons, 33 Milford rd, Miranda, NSW
20. Ald J C King (dec)
21. Miss S Krocber, Regional Library, Albury
22. Miss C Lyford, High school, Wagga Wagga
23. Mrs R H McDonald, 572 Kicwa st
24. Mr Des Martin, "Aherlo" Box 29, PO Wodonga
25. Mr M C Mott, 681 Yambla ave



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26. Mr F T Munro, 253 Peechelba st
27. Mrs F T Munro "
28. Brother J P O'Malley, Christian Brothers Coll. Albury
29. Mrs E Nordsvan, Flat 2. T & G Building.
30. Mr B P Patman, 425 Stephen st
31. Mrs B P Patman "
32. Ald J Roach, Albury Chambers, Dean st.
33. Mr M Ryan, 631 Yambla ave
34. Mrs A Smith, 245 Wantagong st
35. Mr T Synan, 89 Reid st, Wangaratta
36. Mr R M Tulley, transferred to Sydney
37. Miss M Vernon, 731 Wood st
38. Mrs A Vroland, Woodstock Presbyterian Girls' Schl.
39. Mr P Vickers, 262 Wantagong st
40. Mrs A D Watson, 739 Fellowes Cres.
41. Miss P E Watson "
42. Mr J J Wright, 639 Yambla ave
43. Miss J G Sharp, 371 Macauley st.
44. The Albury Chamber of Commerce
45. Miss Sylvia Howard, Wilson st
46. Mr P L Nugent, 233 Mount st
47. Mr W T Delaney, 573 Stanley st
48. Revd. H W R Norwood, The Manse, Olive st.
49. Mr Jos. F Jelbart, Forrest Hill ave
50. Mrs J F Jelbart "
51. Mr A J Williams, Vallambrosa st
52. Mrs A J Buckmaster, 52 Brockley st, Wodonga
53. Mr J B Hicks, MBE, 1011 Corcella st
54. Mr M J Curtis, 734 Peel st
55. The Apex Club of North Albury
56. Mr Tom Moore, "The Observer" Henty.
57. Mr Tom Doran, Wirlinga, Nr Albury.
58. Mrs Beverley Doran, " "
59. Mr Tom Roberts, ABC, Radio 2CO, Dean st.
60. Mr Otto Schilg, 620 Thurgoona st
61. Mr K D Williams, 693 Jones st
62. Mr E A Ried, Tallangatta
63. Mrs Helen Turner, Dight st
64. Mr Frank Strahan, Uni Archivist, Melbourne University.
65. The Quota Club, Miss V Worthington, 374 Bellevue st
66. Mr John Taylor, Barnawatha
67. Mrs John Taylor "
68. Mr J H Anderson, 552 Fitchell st
69. Mr B M Scanlan, 748 Peel st
70. Mr Peter Sutherland. Thologolong, Pte Bag, Via Wodonga
71. The B and F Women's Club, Miss Marion Chambers, CML.
72. Mrs D A Thompson, 612 Kiewa st
73. Mr Allan Bryan, 563 Thurgoona st
74. Mrs I Nation, 456 Bellevue st
75. Mr W E Taylor, 728 Wood st
76. Mrs W E Taylor, "
77. Miss Isobel Robertson, W V Development League, Dean st
78. Mr Kevin Morrison, 688 Jones st
79. The Albury Film Society, c/o Morrison's Shoes, Dean st
80. Mr H Robinson, Cr Wood and North sts
81. Mrs A G Colquhoun, Griffith st
82. Miss Hilary D Patman, 425 Stephen st.
83. Mr. A. Martin, c/o 2 AY.

This is a list of the foundation members of the Society, comprising one benefactor, nine life members and eighty-two ordinary members. (sd) R McDonald Treas.



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Bulletin No. 1.

President : Mr W. Bloomfield  
Secretary : Miss Coral Lyford

P.O. Box 223  
ALBURY

3rd February, 1961.

Although our Society has been in recess during the holiday period an immense amount of work has been done by the committee. Plans have been made to place the Society on a sound working basis; orders have been given for the printing of stationery including receipt books, and as soon as these are to hand every financial member will have an official receipt for his subscription, and lists of members will be distributed.

BULLETIN It is the intention of the Society to send out a monthly bulletin which will give a summary of the proceedings, details of coming meetings and other information. This bulletin should be in the hands of members at least 14 days before the monthly meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER The ordinary monthly meeting is held, circumstances permitting, in the Albury City Council Chambers on the SECOND MONDAY of the month.  
Committee meetings are held on the FOURTH MONDAY of the month.

NEXT MEETING Monday, February 13th in Council Chambers.

VOLUNTEERS At the February meeting the committee hopes to form small sub-committees to deal with projects, programmes, membership, excursions and other activities. Volunteers are required to assist in these undertakings.

TREASURER The Society lost a good friend and enthusiastic worker in the death of Alderman John King who was the Society's first treasurer. Miss Lyford is handling the duties of treasurer until the election of a successor to Alderman King.

FINANCE It is hoped that the City Council will give favourable consideration to an application for a small subsidy to assist the Society's work. A member has suggested that other organizations, such as the Albury Commercial Club, might consider adding our Society to the list of bodies to which annual donations are made.

STORAGE As a result of reorganization and building taking place in the Town Hall the Society hopes to acquire storage space for the articles and documents being presented to it.

SPEAKERS The honour of delivering the first papers to the Society was shared by Mr Milton Mott and Mr Perce Burrows who addressed the December meeting. Mr Mott spoke on the History of Printing, Mr Burrows, on the early days in Albury ("Looking Backward"). Copies of the addresses have been filed in the Society's records to which Mr Mott also added a facsimile copy of the "Albury Banner and Wodonga Express" Vol. 1 - No. 1, July 4th, 1860. At the February meeting the speaker will be Mr W. Fielder, who will talk about Albury writers and about books in his collection of Australiana, one of the best collections outside the capital cities.

THOUGHT FOR FEBRUARY : "There's a history in all men's lives."  
William Shakespeare - "King Henry IV".

That's all for now,

Your Bulletin editor,

Basil P. Patman.



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bulletin No. 2.

President : Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary : Bro. J P O'Malley  
Treasurer : Mrs R McDonald

P.O.Box 223, ALBURY.

16th February, 1961.

BULLETIN Non-members who receive a copy of this Bulletin are invited to become members of the Society. Annual subscription is 10/-; Life Membership, £7.7.0; Benefactor, £15.15.0.

DATES TO Executive committee meeting, MONDAY, 27 Feb.

REMEMBER Ordinary monthly meeting, Town Hall, MONDAY, 13 March.

SECRETARY Brother J O'Malley of the C.B.C. has agreed to take over the duties of secretary. Members are reminded that this is an onerous job. We must help where we can to relieve Bro. O'Malley of routine drudgery, such as addressing envelopes.

TREASURER We welcome Mrs R McDonald as our treasurer. Mrs McDonald is well known for her efficient work in other fields and the committee looks forward to having its finances soon organized on a business-like footing.

GIFTS Four valuable booklets from Mrs R McDonald;  
Four aboriginal artifacts donated by Mr J J Wright.

FINANCE Several new members were enrolled at the February meeting, and the Society now has about £60 in hand. As at least half of this amount will be used for postage and we shall require minute books, receipt books, stationery, account books, record books etc. so that we can expect only a small balance at the end of the year.

SPEAKERS A photo-stat copy of Mr W Fielder's address to the February meeting will be placed in the Regional Library by Miss Vernon. The Society hopes to make copies available to members. Signed by the author they should become sought-after historical documents.

Mr Jos.F Jelbart, a member of a famous Australian family connected with the breeding of Polwarth sheep and Arab horses will be the guest speaker at our next meeting, Monday, March 13th.

PRESERVATION Mr John Henwood presented an exhaustive report on the  
OF RECORDS condition of many volumes of old newspapers formerly exhibited in the Albury Technical College Museum. When ownership of the papers has been determined, their preservation will be considered.

MEMBERSHIP We want more members, and we want all members to take some active part in our work. Soon we will survey our monuments, street, and geographical features. We are ready to receive any rough notes or full accounts of family histories that will throw light on street names and the like.

Invite your friends to our next meeting, and let them judge for themselves whether it is worth while joining this circle.

THOUGHT FOR  
MARCH Henry Ford, giving evidence in his libel suit v. "The Chicago Tribune" in 1919, said: "HISTORY IS BUNK."

BUT William Shakespeare, writing for a larger public, said:  
"WHAT'S PAST IS PROLOGUE." ("The Tempest", 11,1.)

and that's enough for us, and this bulletin.

Your BULLETIN editor, Basil P. Patman.



# THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Bulletin No. 3.

President: Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary: Bro. J.P.O'Malley  
Treasurer: Mrs R McDonald

P.O. Box 223, ALBURY  
14th March, 1961

### BULLETIN

Non-members who receive a copy of this bulletin are invited to become members. Annual subscription is 10/-; life-membership £7.7.0; benefactors £15.15.0.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive committee, Monday, March 27; general monthly meeting Monday, April 10, both at 8 p.m. in the town hall. Excursion to the Hovell Tree, Saturday, March 25, at 5 p.m.

### COMMITTEE

Mr C Chamberlain, whose "Memory Lane" broadcasts have become famous, has been appointed to the committee to replace the late Alderman J King.

### GIFTS

A ream of copy paper and a packet of stencil sheets from Mr W Bloomfield; a cheque for two guineas from Miss Grace Acocks of George street; a postal history of Albury obtained from the Postal Department by Brother O'Malley; eight recordings of songs by Malcolm McEachern from the general manager of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, Mr Charles Moses; and several valuable supplements and cuttings from Mr Gerald Stedman. Members may wish to follow the example of Mr Cliff Chamberlain, who has given the secretary twelve stamped self-addressed envelopes, a time- and labour-saving help. Thank you!

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Jos. F. Jelbart of Forrest Hill avenue, who have joined the society.

### FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The society has decided that the closing date for subscriptions for foundation members will be June 30. A few of the original founders are still unfinancial, but this is excusable because the subscription is so small it could easily be overlooked.

### SPEAKERS

At our last meeting Mr Jos. F. Jelbart gave a most interesting address on the history of the Jelbart family, from the time his people settled in Western Victoria until the time they took over and developed the Stony Point property at Jindera which was at one time part of the Bungowannah Station. It was a story of pioneering, courage, adversity, conquest and mateship. A copy of the address will be made for the Society's records.

The speaker at the next meeting on Monday, April 10, will be Mr Cliff Chamberlain who will talk about Albury's "Old Identities," -- stories of the people who made Albury what it is today. This talk should provoke some lively discussion, and members, young and old, should not miss it.

### INVITATION TO SCHOOLS

Students from secondary schools in the district will be invited to hear Mr Chamberlain's talk about odd, interesting and notable people.

### NEW LOOK

The decision to eliminate formal business at the monthly meeting was welcomed. This is a step towards making our meeting a friendly social gathering. Members were encouraged to make suggestions for consideration by the committee.

### EXCURSION

The Hovell Tree is probably the most notable existing memorial in Albury. Members will meet at the Tree at 5 o'clock on Saturday, March 25 to discuss recommendations for marking the site or to consider suggestions for improving the area.



## SCRAP BOOK

Members are invited to contribute photographs, old theatre programmes, dance programmes, souvenir dinner menu cards and other small memorabilia, such as autograph letters for inclusion in the book. The scrap book may be examined at the monthly meetings.

## THOUGHTS FOR APRIL

"Happy the people whose annals are blank in history-books."

Thomas Carlyle in Frederick the Great

BUT

George Bernard Shaw said:

"A lifetime of happiness: no man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth." Man and Superman.

## MEMBERSHIP AT 14th March, 1961

### Life members

- 1 Mr W W Fielder, 441 Bellevue st
- 2 Mr I I Geddes, Yallock, Holbrook
- 3 Mrs B A Geddes, Yallock, Holbrook.
- 4 Mr S P P Webb, Hawkesview, via Wodonga
- 5 Mrs B C Webb, Hawkesview.
- 6 Mr T W Mitchell MIA, Corryong.

*René - G. G. C. I*

*Comm. Club*

*Off A. H. Webb 1/7/61*  
*Mr C. J. Webb 2/7/61*

ALL ADDRESSES ARE  
ALBURY, UNLESS OTHERWISE  
STATED

### Members

- 1 Mr K J Irons, 33 Milford rd, Miranda
- 2 The Albury Chamber of Commerce
- 3 Miss G V Acocks, 532 George st.
- 4 Mr K Adams, 3 White st, Wangaratta
- 5 Mr and Mrs W Bloomfield, 541 Thurgoona st.
- 7 6 Mr and Mrs D J Bryan, 611 Carrington st.
- 8 Alderman C E Bunton OBE, and Mrs Bunton
- 9.10 Mr and Mrs P D Burrows, 511 Crisp st.
- 11 Mr C Chamberlain, c/o Mate's Limited.
- 12 Mrs M A Dolphin. *618 Carrington St*
- 13 Mrs W W Fielder, 411 Bellevue st.
- 14 Mr T Grey, Central school, Culcairn.
- 15 Mr Fred Griffith, Toonalook, via Albury
- 16-17 Mrs E Henwood and Mr John Henwood of  
621 Edmondson ave.
- 18 Mrs E H Irvine.
- 19 Miss S Kroeber, c/o U M Regional library.
- 20 Miss C Lyford, High school, Wagga.
- 21 Mrs R McDonald, 572 Kiewa st.
- 22 Mr Des Martin, Aherlo, Box 29 Wodonga.
- 23 Mr M C Mott, 681 Yambla ave.
- 24 25 Mr and Mrs F T Munro, 253 Peechelba st.
- 26 Bro J P O'Malley, C B C, Smollett St.
- 27 Sister E Nordvan, 20 T & G Building, Dean st.
- 28-29 Mr and Mrs B P Patman, 425 Stephen st,
- 30 Alderman J Roach, Albury chambers, Kiewa st.
- 31 Mr M Ryan, 631 Yambla ave.
- 32 Mrs A Smith, 245 Wantigong st. N Ay.
- 33 Mr T Synan, 89 Reid st, Wangaratta.
- 34 Mr R M Tully, High school, Albury.
- 35 Miss M Vernon, 731 Wood st.
- 36 Mr P Vickers, 262 Wantigong st, N A.
- 37 Mrs A Vroland, of Woodstock Girls' School.
- 38-39 Mrs A D Watson and Miss P A Watson of  
739 Fellowes cres.
- 40 Miss S Howard of Wilson st
- 41 Mr J J Wright, 639 Yambla ave.
- 42 Miss J G Sharp, 371 Macauley st.
- 43 Mr P L Nugent, 233 Mount st.
- 44 Mr W J Delancy, 573 Stanley st.
- 45-46 Mr and Mrs Jos F Jelbart of Forrest Hill ave.

KEEP THIS LIST. IT  
WILL NOT BE REPEATED  
THIS YEAR.

Please inform the secretary of any omissions or alterations in the above list. A stamped addressed envelope sent to the secretary would enable us to post a copy of this bulletin to anyone interested. And that's all until we see you at the April meeting. B P Patman.



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Bulletin No. 4

President: Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary: Bro. J P O'Malley  
Treasurer: Mrs R McDonald

P.O. Box 223, ALBURY  
13th April, 1961

DATES TO REMEMBER

Executive committee meeting Monday, April 24. General monthly meeting Monday, May 8. Both at 8 p.m. in the town hall.

GIFTS

City of Albury, £25; Apex Club of North Albury, £2.2.0; A lace-making machine complete with instruction book, 60 bobbins and 22 patterns from Mrs A J Longstaff of Yackandandah; a lace-making machine complete with bobbins and work in progress on the cushion from Mrs Beverley Doran of Wirlinga. Mrs Doran also contributed two pieces, a pillow slip and underwear, exquisite examples of the lace making craft which was introduced to Australia by her great-grandmother.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome no fewer than FOURTEEN new members:

Rev H W R Norwood of The Manse, Albury  
Mr Tom Doran of Wirlinga  
Mrs Beverley Doran of Wirlinga  
Mr Tom Roberts, ABC, 700 Dean st, Albury  
Mr Otto Schilg, 620 Thurgoona st, Albury  
Mr K D Williams, 693 Jones st, Albury  
Mr Tom Moore, The "Observer" office, Henty  
Mrs A J Buckmaster, 52 Brockley st, Wodonga  
Mr J B Hicks, OBE, 1011 Corella st, Albury North  
Mr M J Curtis, 734 Peel st, Albury  
The Apex Club of North Albury  
Mr A J Williams, 318 Vallambrosa st, Albury  
Mr E A Ried, Tallangatta  
Mrs Helen Turner, Dight st, Albury.

We are happy to have you with us, and we hope you will share in all our activities. There are jobs for everyone who may wish to take an active part, and for those who cannot there is the satisfaction of having supported a nation-wide project, -- the preservation of historic material that would otherwise be lost forever.

FOUNDATION MEMBERS

The closing date for subscriptions for foundation members is June 30 this year. The annual subscription is 10/-; life membership £7.7.0; benefactors £15.15.0.

A complete list of all foundation members will be issued in the July bulletin. Do it now if you intend to be enrolled, for as Geoffrey Chaucer said some 600 years ago: "For tyme y-lost may not recovered be."

FINANCE

All debts are paid and we have about £80 in the bank.

SPEAKERS

Your committee is proud to report that more than eighty people attended the April meeting in the town hall to hear Mr C Chamberlain's address on the old days in Albury. Seats had to be found for an overflow of twelve people in the corridor outside the meeting room and in future we may have to look for a larger room.

Mr Chamberlain, well-known for his "Memory Lane" broadcasts, was a brilliant speaker, and his material opened up a wide field for future research.

The speaker at the next meeting will be the president, Mr W Bloomfield, who will outline the aims of a regional historical society, as distinct from the aims of collectors or valuers of historic articles. At present our aims are set out in the society's constitution, but the time has come when they must be defined more particularly if we are to achieve our objective.



## PROMISE

Mr John Henwood reports that Mrs Doris Armour intends to give the society the manuscript of a book written by her husband, the late John Armour, formerly Presbyterian minister in Albury. Mr Armour served with the Australian Inland Mission in Central Australia after the first world war, and he wrote extensively about life and work in the Inland.

## GREETINGS

The society extends greetings to members of the Junee and District Historical Society, which we learn was formed as a result of Albury's interest in regional history.

## BULLETIN

We are pleased to note that our society's bulletin is being filed in the National Library in Canberra. In a letter to Bro. O'Malley the National Librarian, Mr H L White, asks for a copy of our bulletin No. 1. Has any member saved a copy that could be sent to Canberra? Mr White has contributed a copy of an address on business history and archives to our collection that will prove a welcome guide to our researchers.

## SLIDES

We have booked our secretary, Bro. O'Malley for an illustrated talk on historic subjects. This talk will probably be given at the monthly meeting in July. In the meantime we would welcome loans or gifts of slides of local interest.

## THOUGHTS FOR MAY

"There is always something absurd about the past."  
Max Beerbohm in "Diminuendo."

## BUT

bearing in mind today's news about the spaceman who has just circled the earth we revert to Geoffrey Chaucer who said:

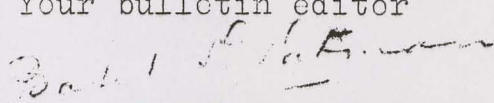
"For out of olde felde, as men seith,  
Cometh all this newe corn free yeer to yeer;  
And out of olde bokes, in good feith,  
Cometh all this newe science that men lere."

From "The Parliament of Foules."

That's all.

See you at the monthly meeting on Monday, May 8.

Your bulletin editor

  
Basil P. Patman



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Bulletin No. 5

President: Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary: Bro. J P O'Malley  
Treasurer: Mrs R McDonald

P.O. Box 223, ALBURY  
24th May, 1961

DATES TO REMEMBER

General monthly meeting Monday, June 12 at the Albury High School;  
Executive committee meeting Monday, June 26, in the town hall. Both  
at 8 p.m.

GIFTS

A history of the Albury and Border P. A. & H. Society written by  
Dr. A Andrews and read at the 50th annual meeting of the society on  
31st January, 1907. From the Show Society.

Five photographs from Mrs E M Smith, including two of the Bonegilla  
Station, the place of the second settlement in Victoria.

The John Armour Papers and Manuscripts, from Mrs Armour. This collecti  
includes "The Spell of the Inland", "Burning Air", "The Road to El Dorado",  
"Esther", and letters written to and by the late Rev. John Armour. The  
copies of the printed books are accompanied by manuscripts, typed copies,  
galley and page proofs.

From Miss M Masters: Material concerning the founder of the Albury  
Grammar School, the Reverend J Masters, M.A., including photographs of  
the original school building, groups of teachers and students, and a  
brief 'profile' on the founder.

Anonymous: Gold scales used at Lambing Flat.

Anonymous: An Edison Bell phonograph with 70 cylindrical records.

NATIONAL TRUST

The society is making enquiries about the possibility of affiliation  
with the National Trust; and it has asked the Trust to make a survey of  
buildings in Albury that might be worthy of preservation as national  
monuments.

EXCURSION

The North Eastern Historical Society (Wangaratta) has invited us to  
take part in an excursion on Sunday, June 18, to an aboriginal shelter  
at Mt Pilot. Meeting place, Chiltern. This proposal will be discussed  
at our meeting in the High School on June 12.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to report that our membership continues to increase.  
This month we welcome seven new members:

Mr and Mrs John Taylor of Barnawatha

Mr J H Anderson, 552 Mitchell st

Mr B M Scanlon, 748 Peel st

The Albury Business and Professional Women's Club

(Sec. Miss Marion Chambers, CML, Dean st.)

The Albury Quota Club. (Sec. Miss V Worthington, 374 Bellevue St

Mr Frank Strahan, University Archivist, University of Melbourne.

It is very pleasing to see that a number of Albury service clubs are  
supporting this society.

May we remind those who have not paid their subscriptions that the  
closing date for foundation members is June 30. We now have 75 financial  
members, including six life members. The annual sub is 10/-.

SPEAKERS

At the May meeting the president, Mr Bloomfield, outlined the aims  
of an historical society. This meeting clashed with a popular A B C concert  
a big counter attraction for our members. However we feel that it is  
important that all members should know our objectives, and we hope to be  
able to persuade Mr Bloomfield to make a precis of his address so that  
we may distribute copies to our members as soon as possible.

At our next meeting in the High School on Monday, June 12, the speaker wi  
be our secretary, Bro. J. O'Malley, whose talk will be illustrated by slides.



Bro. O'Valley has been busy collecting material for this talk, in Canberra and elsewhere, and members can look forward to an enjoyable and thought-provoking evening.

#### FINANCE

The Society has about £90 in hand, and all debts are paid.

#### THOUGHT FOR JUNE

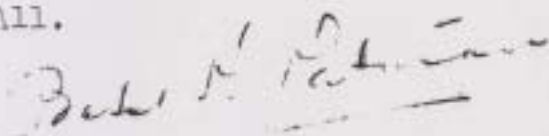
"I am fairly sure of two things. One is that history is, for ordinary people like you and me -- and for ordinary children such as we were -- the most interesting subject in the world, when it is properly treated. My second conclusion is that -- again for ordinary people -- the true approach to history is by way of biography. It is men and women we are interested in....We care for history only when we see history climbing down from the clouds into people's private backyards."

Collected essays of Walter Murdoch; "On Footprints."

We apologize for the delay in getting out this bulletin, but it should be in your hands in good time to give you ample notice about the meeting on June 12 in the High School.

If you would like to give a copy of the bulletin to a friend there should be a few spare copies at the next meeting.

That's All.



Basil P. Patman



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Bulletin No. 6

President: Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary: Bro. J P O'Malley  
Treasurer: Mrs R McDonald

P.O. Box 223, ALBURY  
29th June, 1961

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, July 10. General meeting at the Albury High School.  
Monday, July 24. Committee meeting at Town Hall. Both at 8 p.m.

GIFTS

From Mate's Ltd: Two pictures of early Albury  
From Mr P Burrows: A sketch map showing the position of stumps of the piles at the old wharf in the river, near the Hovell Tree. Mr Burrows took advantage of the low level of the river to wade into the water to make this sketch. Bravo!

From Mrs A Smith: A rabbit trap. This gift shows that Mrs Smith is aware of the historical value of a commonplace article that may soon become a rarity.

From Mr Allan Bryan: Two colour slides of local interest.

FILM GROUP

The committee has decided to form a film group within the society. Members believe the society should hold special film evenings for "Leaving Certificate" students in secondary schools to illustrate subjects of social, industrial and literary importance; and that films of historic interest should be shown at ordinary meetings. Mr Kevin Morrison, president of the Albury Film Society, has promised to help; and the committee will enquire about borrowing films from various sources.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Your society has affiliated with the R. A. H. S. and we will receive periodical reports of its activities.

BOOKS

The committee has approved the purchase of a copy of the newly-issued History of Goulburn.

It was suggested by a member that our society should prepare a History of Albury, each chapter to be written by a local man or woman on a special theme, on the lines of the History of Phillip Island, a copy of which is available at the M V Regional Library.

NEW MEMBERS

This month we welcome three new life members, and ten ordinary members. A complete list of all foundation members will be issued in a few days' time.

Life Members

Mr Otto A Moll, 714 Macauley st.  
Mrs C J Moll, 714 Macauley st.  
The Albury Commercial Club, Dean st.

Ordinary members

Mrs D A Thompson, 612 Kicwa st.  
Mr Allan Bryan, 563 Thurgoona st.  
Mrs I Nation, 456 Bellevue st.  
Mr W F (Bill) Taylor, 728 Wood st.  
Mrs W E Taylor, 728 Wood st.  
Miss I Robertson, M V Devt League, Kicwa st.  
Mr Peter Sutherland, Thologolong.  
Mr Kevin Morrison, c/o Morrison's Shoes, or 688 Jones st.  
The Albury Film Society, c/o Morrison's Shoes, Dean st.  
Mr A A B Martin, Radio 2AY, Dean st.



### FINANCE

All debts are paid, and we have more than £100 in the bank.

### SPEAKERS

At the June meeting our secretary, Bro. O'Malley, gave an excellent talk on the explorers, the first cattlemen, and the mailmen who first ventured into the Murray Valley. His address was illustrated by well-chosen slides, and, to quote one of our oldest members, Miss Grace Acocks, "It was all too short."

As James Joyce would say: "Tip."

The next meeting will be held at the Albury High School on Monday, July 10, (in case it didn't sink in the first time) when Melbourne University Archivist, Mr Frank Strahan, will outline a programme and give advice that could be adopted in Albury.

Mr Strahan will be returning to his "home town" and all members are invited to make a point of attending this meeting.

### THOUGHTS FOR JULY

"There is properly no history, only biography."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson, "Essays"

### BUT

"A well written life is almost as rare as a well spent one"

-- Thomas Carlyle, "Critical and  
Miscellaneous Essays"

That's all now, but what do you think?

Yours bulletin editor

*B. Patman*

Basil P. Patman



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY

Bulletin No. 7

President: Mr W Bloomfield  
Secretary: Bro. J P O'Malley  
Treasurer: Mrs R McDonald

PO Box 223, ALBURY  
27th July, 1961

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, August 8. Mr Keast Burke of Sydney will show a picture at the High School, "Gold and Silver" -- a story of goldmining in the Gulgong district.

Monday, August 14. Mr D G Padman, MLA for Albury and foundation chairman of the Murray Valley Development League, will be the guest speaker.

Monday, August 28. Monthly committee meeting. All at 8 p.m.

NEW MEMBER

We welcome Miss M Ia Reux of Union rd North Albury this month, and we hope she will find interest and enjoyment in our activities.

GIFTS

From Mrs Kernon, 512 Ebdon st, a Pictorial Atlas of Australia (2 vols.)

From The Numismatical Society of Australia (Mr K Irons): A set of 35 coins and tokens minted in Australia, and two booklets issued by the society.

From Mr W W Fielder: A set of sixteen books and pamphlets that were issued to commemorate centenaries in various nearby towns and villages.

From the Australian National Library, Canberra (Bro. J O'Malley) a portfolio of photographs, copies of early pictures of early Murray river scenes and events.

From Mr Eric Black of Albury, formerly of Yackandandah: a boot jack that was brought to Australia 107 years ago by Mr J Cunningham of Yackandandah, a museum piece that had been in the family for at least six generations.

PURCHASES

A steel filing cabinet for £5/10/0 in which our more valuable possessions will be kept.

FINANCE

The Society still has about £105 in hand, and all debts are paid.

STORE

The committee has inspected a brick building at the city council's works depot, and it has approved it as a suitable temporary store room for the society's records and materials. The committee appreciates the interest of our Patron, Ald C F Bunton, and the Town Clerk, Mr F J Carter, in the work the society is doing.

SPEAKERS

At the July meeting the Melbourne University Archivist, Mr Frank Strahan, gave an interesting talk on the work of an archivist. He raised a controversial point on the fitness of regional historical societies as caretakers of documents of national importance. At question time some members of the audience claimed that local societies should be the custodians of local historical material. Your Bulletin Editor suggests that this subject should be debated by this society and the results of the debate published in the Press to let business firms and other holders of historical material know how we stand in relation to the various metropolitan collections.

Mr K Irons of Miranda visited Albury during the month to give an address on coins and tokens. He was able to answer many questions on the value of old coins. Our members owe a debt to Mr Strahan



and Mr Irons for the trouble they have taken in the preparation of their material, and for travelling so far to give us the benefit of their experience.

#### SCHOOL CENTENARY

The society will lend a number of photographs and maps to the Albury Primary Schools Centenary Council for a display at the school.

#### INVITATION

Members who visit Sydney are invited to attend meetings of the Parramatta Historical Society in St John's Church Hall, Church st, Parramatta, on the second Thursday in each month.

#### PROGRAMME FOR 1962.

Suggestions will be welcomed by the committee for a tentative programme for 1962.

The committee will consider these suggestions at the September meeting and it will draw up a programme for submission to the incoming committee.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

The Society may determine to hold the annual meeting in December to elect new officers and appoint a strong committee.

Some of the people elected to the committee at the inaugural meeting have not been active for various reasons, and most of the decisions have been taken by seven or eight who attend regularly.

The committee feels that more members should take an active part in the conduct of affairs, and that some small special committees should be appointed to deal with special subjects such as programmes, records, membership, excursions and picture nights.

It is desirable that all nominations for office-bearers and the committee should be in the hands of the committee before the annual meeting. Let us have the names soon please.

(Note) The annual meeting will be a critical point in the life of this new society. If we have the nominations in hand members may attend without fear that they will be forced to take office against their desire or inclination. We want every member at that meeting.

#### THOUGHT FOR AUGUST

"Most historians nowadays write for other historians, and with promotion prospects in mind...The modern historian everywhere is necessarily learning that he must write history that people will read."

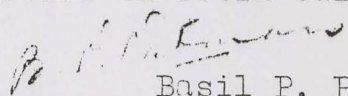
"The Historian's Task" by Trevor Reese in "Meanjin" 3/1960.

And that's the kind of history of Albury and district that should commend itself to our business and civic leaders now.

Or should it?

Apologies for being so long-winded this month, but we want to keep you "in the picture."

Yours bulletin editor

  
Basil P. Patman



Bulletin No. 8

P O Box 223 ALBURY  
31st August, 1961

WHAT DO YOU THINK? Yr Bulletin Ed. Basil P Patman (1262)



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bulletin No. 9

Patrons: The Mayor, Alderman C E Bunton, OBE; Mr D G Padman MLA.  
President, Mr W Bloomfield; Secretary, Bro. J P O'Malley; Treasurer,  
Mrs R McDonald.

P O Box 223 ALBURY  
28th September, 1961

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 9, monthly meeting at which the speaker will be Mr H Gray, managing director of Mate's Ltd, who will talk about the history of his firm and the development of commerce in Albury. Monday, October 23, committee meeting. Both at the Albury high school.

New Members

Welcome to Mr R A Roy, 604 Griffith st, Albury; and to Miss M Miller, 1 Mitchell st, Wodonga.

Gifts

Mr D G Padman, MLA, One guinea.  
Capt W I Taylor, Bandiana, three volumes of the "Picturesque Atlas of Australasia." (B. P. Patman.)

Proposed History

The committee has adopted a suggestion by Mrs R McDonald that the society should start work on a history of Albury. A sub-committee formed to draw up the framework for such a history comprises Messrs Bloomfield, Patman, Fielder, Bryan, Burrows, Bro O'Malley, Mesd. McDonald and A Smith, with power to add. More about this later.

Annual Meeting

The committee discussed a suggestion that the annual meeting should be held in December. It was objected that this could not be done under the constitution of the society. If members wish to change the rule in this matter Rule 22 of the Constitution says notice of such a repeal and amendment must be given to every member at least ten days before a special general meeting is called for the purpose. As time is running out, and to save postage I now give notice of motion to be placed before the October or November monthly meetings that either of these meetings should be a general meeting to discuss the motion, "That the next annual meeting shall be held on Monday, December 11, 1961

Meetings

The committee hopes to see a big attendance of members and their friends at the meeting on Monday, October 9. Friends of members will be welcomed at all our general meetings, and no pressure will be put on them to join the society, but we want as many people as possible to know what the society is doing.

Thought for October

"It's a poor sort of memory that only works backwards."

"Alice Through The Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll.

Mad, perhaps, but we have a history to write!

Your Bulletin Editor

Basil P. Patman



THE ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bulletin No. 10

President : Mr W. Bloomfield  
Secretary : Bro. J.P.O'Malley  
Treasurer : Mrs R. McDonald

P.O. Box 228, ALBURY  
6th November, 1961.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Next MONDAY, 13th November, Monthly Meeting at HIGH SCHOOL, Kiowa St.  
Next Monday, 13th November, SPECIAL MEETING to discuss Notice of  
Motion re holding Annual Meeting in December instead of  
next February. (See Bulletin No 9 ).  
This Special Meeting will precede the ordinary monthly  
meeting and will begin at 8 p.m. The only business of  
the Special Meeting will be the notice of motion.

Business of the General Meeting :

- (i) "The History of Bathurst" (just received) will be  
discussed , Mrs McDonald and Mr Burrows leading the  
discussion.
- (ii) A historical film will be screened.

CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) Resignation of Mr B.P.Patman , Senior Vice-President.  
In a letter to the Committee, Mr Patman tendered his resignation  
from the Committee because of the state of his health.  
The Committee accepted Mr Patman's resignation with regret and  
expressed the hope that with improved health he will again be able  
to rejoin the Committee.

The Committee placed on record its appreciation of the  
invaluable service given to the Society since its foundation.

For the information of members the following resume of Mr Patman's  
contribution to the success of Society is given :-

- (a) The organising committee which prepared for the setting up  
of the society met at the home of Mr Patman who was also  
largely responsible for its ever being summoned.
  - (b) Mr Patman's experience as a newspaperman and a radio news  
editor as well as his personal contacts in Albury and district  
gave the Society unrivalled publicity during its formative  
stages and since.
  - (c) The effective membership drive conducted largely by Mr Patman  
was responsible for our healthy position now.
  - (d) This Bulletin was Mr Patman's brain-child and it was he who  
produced,unaided, the first nine issues.
- (ii) Mr O. Schilg has accepted an invitation to join the Committee.
  - (iii ) The President, Mr W. Bloomfield, informed the Committee that  
he had received notice of transfer from Albury at the beginning  
of 1962.
  - (iv) Secretary of the Society, Bro. J.P.O'Malley, is not sure  
of returning to Albury in 1962.

GIFTS

- (a) Mrs A. Smith has presented to the Society the following :
  - (i) "Life of the Duke of Wellington", Soane, Vols 1 & 11,
  - (ii) "A History of Port Macquarie",
  - (iii) Photograph of "Thumbs Up" winning High Jump at Albury Show  
in 1918. (Group of Show officials in background).
- (b) From Mr Ken Irons, Miranda,  
" Australian Numismatic Society's Report, 1961.
- (c) From Mr W.W. Fielder, Albury,  
"Australasian Tokens and Coins"(Dr Arthur Andrews , 1921).



REPORTS FROM HONORARY RESEARCH OFFICER (Mr W.W.Fielder)

1. Mr Fielder sent the following information to Mrs D.L.Browne of Yerong Creek, a grand-niece of Dr Crichton. He also included a photograph of the grave stone in the old Church of England cemetery.

(a) Inscription on Headstone :-

" Sacred to the memory of JOHN CRICHTON ESQR., Surgeon.

in the Royal Navy for 15 years, who died at Albury, August 22nd, 1847, aged 41 years.

" He was a judicious surgeon, and an excellent man and for several years practised his profession in Albury with honour and distinction. He was kind and humane to the poor in their sickness and distress, and left behind the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He is justly entitled to that high rank amongst men which our Lord has accorded to the Good Samaritan, who after the priest and the Levite had passed the wounded man the Good Samaritan saw him and had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

" Reader ! Go thou and do likewise."

(b) From Dr Arthur Andrew's "The History of Albury, 1824-1895" (published 1912):-

"Dr Creighton (sic) settled at what is now called Doctor's Point in 1841. He was very friendly with Mrs Mitchell, and allowed by her to occupy some land there, and hence the name. He was universally respected by the residents of the Murray, for many miles, and when he died in August, 1847, it was felt to be a public calamity. He was buried at "The Sandhill", and when the present cemetery was opened transferred thither. His black boy, Jimmy, nicknamed "The Doctor", is still well remembered by our older residents."

2. The first bridge across the Murray at Albury. (Sept 2, 1861)

Mr Roger Christie, Headmaster North Albury Public School, drew our attention to an error in the 'Universal' Desk Calendar which stated, under date OCTOBER 2nd, that the first bridge across the Murray was opened on that date in 1861.

The following extract is from Bayley's "Border City" (Pages 49-50):-

"The bridge was named the "Union Bridge" and was 256 feet long and thirty feet wide, being built of timber .....The opening ceremony took place on Monday, September 2, 1861 when a procession headed by the Oddfellows left the court house at 12.30 p.m. and crossed the bridge, 1200 people witnessing the "cavalcade". On the bridge was set a banquet chaired by Thomas H. Mate, M.L.A., Member for Hume, and attended by a large number of guests. The Mayor of Albury, Ald. J.T.Fallon, introduced Miss Chauncey who opened the bridge with a bottle of champagne, naming it "Union Bridge". During the ceremony the first mail coach to cross - the Beechworth Mail - was driven over the bridge."

3. Mr D.O'Connell of Harbord seeks information about date of presentation and value of a gold watch

"Presented to Mr C. Murphy, Chief Engineer of the Steamer, "ALBURY", by the inhabitants of the Hume on his 1st trip to Albury."

Note : "ALBURY" reached Albury on October 2, 1855 at 4 p.m.

#### THE LATE MR M.C. MOTT

The Committee and Members of the Albury and District Historical Society offer their sincere sympathy to Mrs Mott and the family of the late Mr M.C.Mott of whose sudden death news has just reached us.

Mr Milton Mott was a foundation member of our Society and one of the first to be nominated to the Committee. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the idea of a historical society from the time it was first mooted and through the columns of "The Border Morning Mail" gave the project wide publicity and generous support. Mr Mott was the first Guest Speaker of the Society when at the first general meeting he and Mr P Burrows presented the first papers read to our members.