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ALBURY AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BULLETIN

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Pres.: Mr. A. J. ALLAN

Treas.: Mrs. R. H. McDONALD

Sec.: Mr. W. FIELDER - P.O. Box 223, Albury

THIS BULLETIN sums up the business of the Society which transpired at four meetings: (a) The First Annual Meeting, December 11, 1961, when the Annual Report was presented; (b) the Executive Meeting, February 5, 1962; (c) the General Meeting, February 12; (d) the Executive Meeting, February 26

You see, this is a "live wire" Society to which you belong, and for executive members listed below there are two meetings a month.

Officers of the Society elected for 1962

The Society is honoured by the acceptance of office as President by Mr. A. J. Allan, until this year Headmaster of the very school he attended and taught in—Albury High School.

As Senior Vice-President and Junior Vice-President we have Ald. John Roach and Mrs. R. A. Smith. Our Secretary is Mr. W. W. Fielder.

The new Committee comprises: Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., Mr. P. D. Burrows, Mr. A. Bryan, Mr. C. Chamberlain, Mrs. E. Henwood, Br. J. P. O'Malley, Mr. A. Roy, Mr. O. Schilg and Mr. J. J. Wright.

Speakers—

FEBRUARY 12, 1962.—His Worship the Mayor of Albury, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., spoke on "The Development of Local Government in Albury". Among the exhibits shown was Albury Council's first Minute Book.

MARCH 12.—Mr. J. J. Wright, his subject being "Pioneering Days". This meeting is to be held in Albury Town Hall at 8 p.m.

Excursion—

Our first excursion is planned for Sunday, April 8, to Beechworth. Mr. Martin's 37-seater 'bus has been chartered to

leave Union Road, Lavington, at 9.30 a.m., travelling along Mate, Young and Dean Streets with the general plan of leaving Mate's Corner at 10 a.m. Wodonga people should arrange where they wish to board the 'bus. Fare, payable in advance, is 10/- per adult, 5/- for school children. As will be understood, the Society is committed to payment for the 'bus, regardless of your possible preference for car travel.

In any case, the friendly social atmosphere of our Society travelling as a unit is quite important. Bring lunch (a tea-pot), and later a stop will be made for afternoon tea. Non-members are most welcome.

Remember, we must have your reservation as early as possible. You may ring the Secretary (2802), Br. O'Malley (288), or the Treasurer (447).

Finance—

The credit balance on 26/2/62 is shown as £106/0/10. A healthy state of affairs, but—and here's the rub—this can be maintained only if our members are prompt in the payment of the Annual Subscription (10/-). This covers merely the postage and printing charges. So contact our Treasurer by letter (Box 223) and enclose a cheque or postal note for 1962.

Gifts to the Society—

- (1) From Albury Rotary Club: An enlarged photograph of the foundation members of Rotary, taken in Albury, 1927.
- (2) From Mrs. B. Macmillan: A photo. of the late Canon Acocks; a photo. of the unveiling of the War Memorial at St. Matthew's Church; and an album of views of Albury, published 1890.
- (3) From Mrs. C. Farrah: A photograph of Captain W. H. Hovell.
- (4) From Mrs. C. Arnold: A card of invitation to attend the dinner to celebrate the union of the N.S.W. and Victorian railway systems, at Albury in 1883.
- (5) (i) From Mr. O. Schilg: A photograph of Albury Town Band of 1924 (Centenary year); and (ii) the Visitors' Book of the old Museum, which had been in the care of Mr. Combridge. (iii) From Miss A. Robertson: "Historical and Pictorial Record of Albury and District" (1938).
- (6) From M.V.D.L.: Files of "The Riverlander", 1946 to 1962.
- (7) Four plans of Albury Court House, dating from 1859.

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In Memoriam—

Prior to commencing the business of our meeting, Ald. Roach referred to the passing of Miss Grace Acocks, a foundation member of our Society and for most of her long life a resident of Albury. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the relatives.

Albury Trade Fair and Motor Exhibition—

For the forthcoming Trade Fair and Motor Exhibition, Mr. J. J. Wright (member) has been appointed to form a sub-committee to arrange an exhibition of the Society on May 3, 4 and 5, 1962.

Besides the items the Society possesses, we are anxious to hear from anyone with objects of historical interest for loan to the Society for exhibition. Please provide some written material describing the object in detail. Volunteers for manning the exhibit are requested.

Projector and Slides—

It is the aim of the Society to have its own projector and a series of coloured slides of local historical landmarks. We would appreciate full advice from technical experts, on the matter of reproducing the photos. we have, on slides. Our lectures have more attraction when they are illustrated.

In General—

Concern was expressed at our last meeting of the continued indifferent health of our erstwhile "Bulletin" Editor, Mr. B. P. Patman. We look forward to his future attendance with Mrs. Patman at our meetings.

The best wishes of all our members follow Mr. and Mrs. Bloomfield to Wagga. We envisage a future excursion as far afield.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following items are gleaned from the pages of "The Albury Banner" of March, 1862, the paper then being in its second year. At that time it comprised but four pages, and was published twice weekly.

March 1st issue reports the colony to be plunged into mourning, for intelligence had just arrived by the mail boat of the death of Prince Albert on December 14, 1861, at Windsor.

S. F. Blackmore advertises he is in practice as a solicitor in Dean Street. (Blackmore was Albury's first town clerk, and was also founder of "The Banner".)

Dr. J. Knight Barnett, surgeon, has his residence in Kiewa Street, where he performs vaccination against small-pox, every Monday.

The Wodonga Steam Flour and Saw Mills, conducted by Pyke and Dumbrell, quotes the price of flour at £12 per ton and sawn timber 20s. per 100 feet.

A new store is advertised for letting in Albury by John Roper (in turn explorer, Albury's first clerk of Petty Sessions, magistrate and mayor).

J. Walker Jones is managing the Bank of N.S.W., where "gold is purchased and advanced upon".

Robert Thompson has his saddlery in Kiewa Street (next Fallon's Store), and has a large stock of hogskin and buckskin saddles, also kangaroo stock-whips.

John Peard begs to inform the inhabitants of Albury that he intends to commence business as blacksmith and horse-shoer.

The extent of vine-growing in the district may be gauged from an advertisement inviting splitters to supply 28,000 stakes deliverable at the Barnawartha Vineyard.

Notification is given of a bank holiday. "Notice—On Monday next, the 17th inst., being St. Patrick's Day, will be observed as a holiday at the Banks."

At the foot of the column a position is vacant. "Wanted, a strong lad, to go messages and to cut chaff. Apply at the office of this paper."

A stir is caused in the little old town by news of a gold-rush to the Lachlan Diggings. J. Montgomery announces that his six-horse waggon will pass through Albury on Saturday, 8th inst., for the Lacklan Diggings, and has room for passengers and swags.

In a report of the Albury Police Court it is stated that Samuel Martin was summoned by Daniel Driscoll, lessee of the Albury Bridge toll bar, for crossing the river with cattle with intent to evade the toll payable on the bridge.

Some news trickles through from the diggings. A correspondent from the Lachlan, writing to a friend says: "We can get gold by the shovelfuls", and there is no doubt whatsoever that, although there is much exaggeration around this, the Lachlan is undoubtedly one of the richest goldfields in N.S.W. Many farmers round Albury have taken their produce to this market and been well repaid for their trouble.

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Speakers :

The Society's speaker for March was Mr. J. J. Wright, who chose for his subject "Pioneering Days". As the descendant of a family of early settlers at Clear Springs, on the Upper Murray, Mr. Wright was able to draw from a storehouse of reminiscences and give a most interesting account of day-to-day life on a pastoral holding nearly a hundred years ago.

Speaker for this month is to be Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A., of Towong Hill, Corryong. The subject of his address will be "The History of Skiing in Australia", and place of meeting is the Albury Town Hall, on Monday, April 9, at 8 p.m.

Excursion :

Arrangements are being finalised for the excursion to Beechworth on Sunday, April 8. The bus leaves Union Road at 9.30 a.m. and travels via Mate, North, Young and Dean Streets, picking up as required; and to leave from Mate's Corner, Dean Street, at 10 a.m.

Intending passengers are requested to contact the Secretary (2802). The fare is 10/-, school children 5/-, payable in advance.

Please Note : As the Victorian regulations prohibit the entry of fruit into that State, passengers are advised to take no fruit of any kind on this occasion.

As there is also a ban on pig-meats, it would be well to remember this when making sandwiches.

Historical Exhibition :

An area 20 ft. x 14 ft. in the south-west corner of Farmers and Graziers' (No. 5 site) has been allotted our Society for

exhibiting items of historical interest, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 3, 4 and 5.

Are you willing to send your name to the Secretary, Box 223 (or 'phone 2802) as being available for supervising exhibits for, say, two hours any day or each day? The Exhibition is open from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. We intend to encourage members of the public who view our stand to become financial members (10/- per annum).

Equipment

~~Very suitable glass show-cases, 12 ft. x 2 ft., have been made over to the Society by the Albury City Council for exhibition purposes. This ensures the safety of valuable items which do not admit of handling and can be locked away.~~

Life Members :

Two new Life Members were welcomed at our last General Meeting, they being Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Burrows, bringing the number to twelve. Not only are individual life memberships (7 guineas) encouraged, but also those from business firms, clubs and other organisations.

Old Court House :

The National Trust of Australia has shown further interest in the preservation of the century-old Albury Court House. When referring recently to our application to the Trust for a classification which would ensure the preservation of this building, the Trust informed us of communications with the Minister of Justice with a view to the future use of the building. We have every reason to feel we have the likelihood of success in our venture.

New Members :

Our next BULLETIN, coming, as it will, after the Excursion, and Trades Fair Exhibition, will include a list of new members. We ask those who are already listed to notify us promptly of any change of address.

Dates to Remember :

Sunday, April 8 : Excursion by bus to Beechworth.

Monday, April 9 : General Meeting in Town Hall, at 8 p.m., when Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A., will address members and visitors.

Monday, April 23: Meeting of Committee, at 8 p.m.

May 3, 4 and 5: Trades Fair Exhibition.

Correspondence :

F.H.—The cradle commonly used by early gold-diggers was a wooden box about 3 ft. in length and 20 in. in width. It had a movable hopper and slide, and was fixed on two rockers. When in use it was placed on a sloping bank near the water supply.

Mrs. F.D. (Wodonga).—The writer of *The Life of Edward John Eyre* was not Hamilton Hume the explorer, as is generally believed, but by a Londoner of the same name. The book was published in 1867.

J.McK. — Australia's first newspaper was *The Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser*, beginning March 5, 1803. The publisher and printer was George Howe, a convict. Howe was in 1800 sentenced to seven years' transportation to N.S.W., and on arrival in the colony was appointed government printer.

APRIL — 1861

Whilst in April, 1861, the Public Hospital, the Union Bridge, and other important institutions were nearing completion, the townspeople were still awaiting the erection of larger schools, as the following item in *The Banner* indicates—

NATIONAL SCHOOL :

"We were in hopes that ere this some beginning would have been made in the erection of the National School; as it is, however, through the dilatoriness of the Board in Sydney, things remain at a standstill, notwithstanding the repeated appeals of the local patrons. . . . Here are a large number of children cooped up in a small room, and the teachers put to the greatest inconvenience. The land and a large sum of money have been lying idle for some twelve months past; surely, it is time that we reap some benefit from it. The school is in a flourishing condition, the teachers give great satisfaction to the parents and the patrons, and all that is wanted is a little activity on the part of the National Board."

At this time efforts were also being made to establish a proposed National School at Newtown. In this case, prospects were more encouraging, and the opinion was held that if a suitable teacher could be obtained the school would have the patronage of all the residents in the neighbourhood.

Because of the need for national schools locally it appears that private schools were thriving concerns. One advertises—

“Vineyard House, Albury: Academy for Young Ladies, conducted by Mrs. Edwards, assisted by a competent governess.”

As well as the regular course of instruction the following extras were available: French, Piano, Singing, Painting and Drawing, Harp, Washing.

The town's leading auctioneer, John Solomon (also an alderman of the Municipal Council), called readers' attention to a number of forthcoming auctions—

“All that parcel of land at the corner of Townsend and Smollett Streets, having erected thereon a two-storey stone building and now in the occupation of the Commercial Banking Company, and leased for a term of four years to run.”

Richard Swete was then manager. The site of this building is now occupied by the Gloucester Hotel.

Also up for sale was the Albury Brewery, opposite the “Fanny Ceres” Mill, in Dean Street; and “a team of twelve working bullocks, together with draw, bows, yokes”.

The Commercial Hotel, in Swift Street, is offered for sale. “Righ in the heart of Albury 15 rooms, bar, stabling, &c., &c.”

Even then Gerogery had its local industry. Robert Gregson advertises: “Lime! Lime!—Lime at the Gerogery Kilns, 2s. bushel; delivered to Albury, 3s. cash on delivery.”

Mount Pleasant Hotel, Sydney Road, advertises its goods, accommodation and stabling. The proprietor at that time was A. S. Curtis. This house of yester-year is still in use as a residence, and formerly was a changing place for coach-horses.

The most exciting news of the month was the rising of the diggers against the Chinese at Lambing Flat. At a “great monster meeting” 1500 people were present, when the angry miners aired their grievances and demanded legislation to exclude the Celestials from gold-fields.

So serious were the outbreaks of violence that a military detachment of artillery and mounted troopers was hastily sent from Sydney. Barracks were set up and trenches dug, and it was many days before the Government saw reason to withdraw this protective force.

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Speakers :

The Society's speaker for April was Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A., of Towong Hill, Corryong. From the word "go" Mr. Mitchell captured us with his easy eloquence and very evident enthusiasm for a sport, followers of which, we were told, formed the first Ski Club in the world—the Kiandra Snow-shoe Club, in 1870.

The speaker for May will be Mr. A. Laidlaw, who during recent months has exchanged the beauty of Beechworth for residence in Albury. His subject will be "The Chinese Graves in Beechworth Cemetery"; and the place of meeting will be the Albury Town Hall, on Monday, May 14, at 8 p.m.

Historical Exhibition :

Our main concern is making a success of the Society's Historical Exhibition on May 3, 4 and 5. You may help in the following ways—

- (1) Speak about *our* Exhibition to your friends. They will see the sign up and will be made most welcome. Mind, we want new members.
- (2) If willing to help supervise the exhibits, ring the Secretary (tel. 2802) and name the day and time you will be available.
- (3) Assist in the erection and/or arranging of exhibits on May 1 and 2.
- (4) If you wish to send some items for exhibition, include a clearly written or typed description and leave it at the C.B.C. Monastery, in Smollett Street. Make sure you include your own name and address.

Subscriptions :

The subscription for the year ending December 31, 1962, is now due. Ten shillings will be accepted with thanks by our Treasurer, P.O. Box 223, Albury.

Excursion to Beechworth :

Favoured by good weather and an almost embarrassing roll-call, our Coach Captain, Mr. Cunningham, was ready to leave Mate's Corner right on time. Thanks to our President and Mr. Laidlaw, accommodation was made available in their cars for some of our patrons. Only one of our party paid the penalty to the fruit-fly inspector.

Even well before leaving Wodonga, Mr. Laidlaw gave us some facets of local history, which we hope all our members will eventually hear. One item which might surprise readers is that in its heyday—the early 'seventies—Beechworth was the thriving centre from which a branch, say, of the Bank of New South Wales could come to Albury. Beechworth then had nearly twice our present population.

Undulating pastoral properties with sleek fat cattle flanked our route until tapering vistas to our right, the Chiltern Valley, and to our left, sun-splayed Yackandandah, revealed the choice pastures of our sister State.

Rocky outcrops of granite and a change of vegetation, notably the native pines, heralded the approach to Beechworth.

The tree-lined streets made favourable first impressions as our company from across the Murray, at cruising speed, slipped past the massive turreted walls of the century-old gaol to halt in front of the imposing Shire Hall and Council Chambers.

Here we were welcomed by Mr. R. C. Harvey and his daughter, while we prepared for our feast of history, combined with the pleasant asides of a happy picnic party.

Right away Mr. Harvey introduced us to the basement of what was started as a Town Hall, but because of lack of finance was completed as a Municipal Court House with three lock-up cells with a communicating stairway to the floor above. We filed into the very cell where Ned Kelly, as a lad of 16, awaited his sentence of six months in 1870.

Mr. B. T. Beard became associate guide, philosopher and friend for the afternoon tour, but even lunch was all but

forgotten when the Burke Memorial Museum became our rendezvous. It would be of no use trying to describe the very valuable items of interest in this spacious edifice. There could be at least fifty bound volumes of newspapers, they alone being a veritable mine of history. Period costumes from Europe and the East, gold-miners' licence papers, native weapons, mineral specimens, all, and more, formed the highlight of the day.

Then lunch in the pleasant setting of the Town Hall Gardens, where Sequoias, Atlas Cedars and Bunya Pines took us back to the seventies when Baron von Mueller, of world fame in botany, presented these now stately trees to Beechworth.

The Chinese section of the Beechworth Cemetery, with its twin ceremonial burning towers was next visited, after which the Golden Horseshoes monument claimed our attention. At Ingram's Rock, Mr. Harvey recounted the last free days of Ned Kelly, while we gazed down the wide panorama of Reid's and Woolshed Creeks, whose surrounding hills echoed to blasts from Joe Byrne's shot-gun that killed Aaron Sherritt, his one-time boon companion.

The school (where in his earlier years Sir Isaac Isaacs taught) and the various churches were passed on our way to the old Ovens District Hospital, the facade of which was the cynosure of all eyes.

Lake Sambell, with its amazing tail-race through solid rock, to be followed later by a tunnel half a mile long under the town, was declared to be one of the greatest engineering feats in Australia.

Indeed, in all, a pretty full day! So after thanking our generous guide, our President announced that after a short break for afternoon tea, we would head back through Yackandandah to Albury.

Membership :

Whilst our membership is steadily growing, there are still several foundation members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions. Their early attention to this important matter would be appreciated by our Treasurer (Mrs. McDonald), who wishes to keep her books in order.

Following are the names of new members we have been pleased to enrol in recent weeks:—Miss E. Chenery, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Woodward, Mrs. A. J. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Hamilton, Miss Ella Barnes, Mr. G. S. Jacob (Walla Walla), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Laidlaw, Miss J. Allan, Miss I. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jelbart (Burrumbuttock, Mr. James Jelbart (Burrumbuttock).

To Miss Muriel Miller, a Wodonga member, we bid *bon voyage*, as she leaves for a trip overseas. Miss Miller will be absent for six months.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following items of interest have been gleaned from the pages of *The Albury Banner*, printed May, 1862—

ALBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—At the usual meeting on Wednesday evening there was no quorum, only Aldermen Miller, Mills, Middleton and Solomon being present. No business was therefore transacted and the meeting adjourned.

WANTED IN ALBURY.—A great want exists in Albury which could surely be easily supplied—namely, for a speculative coach-builder to take up his residence amongst us and commence a business which would well and amply repay him. Numerous persons keep buggies and vehicles, and many more would do so if they could, but whenever a trifling or serious matter of repair arises necessity compels it to be sent to Beechworth or Chiltern to the great inconvenience and additional expense of those who plead guilty to the charge of respectability in keeping a gig. Will no one avail himself of the opportunity to make a certain fortune?

PRODUCTS OF ALBURY.—As a specimen of what may be done in horticulture in Albury, we may mention that there is now in the garden of Mr. J. Roper, the Mayor, an orange tree, only four years old, and which now has on it upwards of three hundred oranges.

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Speakers :

The Society's speaker for May was Mr. Alex. Laidlaw (member), whose most interesting address on "The Chinese Graves in the Beechworth Cemetery" was based on authoritative information of Mr. J. Gardiner, for 25 years a missionary in China.

Our programme this month will be a screening of coloured slides of Beechworth, and other places of interest, to be given by Mr. Allan Bryan (member) and Mr. Otto Schilg (member).

This will take place at the Albury Town Hall on Monday, June 11, at 8 p.m.

New Members :

The Society very cordially welcomes the following new members, most of whom learned of our activities either through our excursion or our exhibition at the recent Trade Fair —

Mesdames E. A. Paech, J. Carswell, C. Brouwer (Jindera), H. R. Bodman, Messrs. E. D. Batrouney, Clive Marshall, E. A. Paech, I. J. Keogh (Mullengandra), Peter Seaton, G. Carter, E. S. McDonald, Fred. Heath (Wirlinga), J. Buchhorn, A. L. Clark (Jindera), Kevin Seymour, J. S. Lloyd.

Historical Exhibition :

Our most sanguine expectations were exceeded in the success of the Historical Exhibition at the recent Trade Fair. To the sponsors, supervisors, to those who made articles available for exhibition, saw to the arranging, staging and dismantling of the stall, we say "Thank you".

Readers will be pleased to learn that a motion has been passed to procure suitable portable frames for any future participation in a similar venture.

Obituary :

The Society lost an esteemed foundation member by the death recently of Mr. William Delany, and at the last General Meeting we paid the usual tribute of respect to one who was a recognised authority on the history of Albury.

Gifts :

1. From Mrs. E. J. Wells, a photograph of the staff of the first Hume Shire Council.
2. From Mr. H. A. Black, Melbourne, a book, *An Annotated Bibliography of Thomas Alexander Browne* (Rolf Boldrewood), compiled by Keast Burke.
3. From Mr. A. Roy, enlarged photograph of Federal Football Club members of 1890. Our President's father was the captain of this team.
4. From Mrs. Chas. Griffith, a copy of *The Albury Banner* of 1886.
5. From Mrs. F. Lindner, Burrumbuttock, a candle mould—an interesting relic of bygone years, and still in nice condition.

Extension of the Society

As soon as we have bulk postal facilities assured it is intended that we make a drive to increase membership among the business houses of Albury.

The fact that local business firms engage our attention is exemplified in our being treated, last year, to the history of Mate's Ltd. In the very near future Mrs. McDonald, our Treasurer, has in store for us a similar treat on Younghusbands' contribution to the history of wool-marketing in our district.

It should be also noted that our Society has some hundreds of single-leaf Historical Society handbills, some of which were distributed at the Trade Fair Exhibition. You may wish to pass one of these on to some of your friends who share your interests and would be prospective members. Ask for a Nomination Form at the next meeting you attend.

Your Attention Please ! :

To those whom it may concern: Subscriptions for 1962 are now due—or is it *overdue*?

Other Addresses :

Our President was requested to send a member of our Society to address the Young Liberals at their Monthly Meeting on May 29. Br. O'Malley and Mr. Fielder were welcomed by Mr. Baird, the President of this enthusiastic group, who listened to the address with interest. Mr. Fielder brought some albums of historical photographs, as well as examples of old-time and present-day local histories.

Recent Books :

The Society has acquired two recently published local histories — *Cradle of Australia: A History of Parramatta* and *A History of the Berrima District*, both compiled by James Jervis. You may ask, at the General Meetings, for any of these books for perusal.

Excursions :

To think of forging abroad at this time of the year is out of the question. But members are asked to please give some thought to the matter, so that, when the birds sing again in October, we may have a popular rendezvous of historic interest to beckon us. Walla Walla has been suggested. Mr. Barber, of that district, recently said it would be possible to line-up some interesting homesteads to visit, as well as the very notable Lutheran College.

Even before that, there is no reason why, say, Townsend Street could not be explored by a party of enthusiasts, some Saturday or Sunday afternoon, with one of our members familiar with the locality to be our cicerone for the occasion. The writer had such an experience in Sydney with the well-known late C. H. Bertie as guide, around Macquarie Place, Bridge Street and its environs. Our motto should be "Know your city", and the corollary will be imperative: "Erect tablets".

Postscript :

Thanks to the good offices of our local Postmaster, the P.M.G. Department (Sydney) has approved of transmission of

our *Bulletin* as an educational publication at a reduced postage rate. This makes it possible to reach farther out and so widen the scope of our Society.

Correspondence :

G.H.A. (Wodonga).—The name of the township was changed from Wodonga to Belvoir in 1861 by the Victorian Government, and for a period the town and parish had been so designated in all Government documents. To the unofficial world, however, the place had remained simply "Wodonga" and the name of Belvoir did not become generally known or used. Because of public taste no doubt, the name was again altered, and in 1874 the town once more became Wodonga, the allocation being announced in the *Victorian Government Gazette*.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following interesting advertisements appeared in the columns of *The Albury Banner* of June, 1862—

THE OLD BURYING GROUND

Notice.—Persons having relatives or friends interred in the Old Burying Ground, Albury, are hereby requested to decently remove such remains and re-inter them in the New Cemetery, within two months from this date. By order of the Municipal Corporation.

June 14, 1862.

HENRY BROOKS, Town Clerk.

RICHARD PANKHURST begs to thank his numerous friends for the patronage so liberally bestowed upon him at the Emu Inn, Mullingandra, for a period of five years, and to intimate that he has, regardless of expense, erected new and spacious premises on the main Sydney Road, 17 miles from Albury, which he proposes opening on the first of July under the sign of The Rose and Crown.

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Speakers :

Our June programme was a picture night, when coloured slides were screened by Mrs. O. Schilg and Mr. A. Bryan with a commentary by Mr. Bryan. Beechworth, Mildura, Ballarat and Bendigo were apt subjects for the colour camera

For good measure, Mr. J. J. Wright, with his film shot on his overseas trip, took us through India, Pakistan and Iran. We were pleased to live in the fertile Murray Valley after what we saw and heard described.

Our Home :

The Society looks forward to the day when it will have its own room for the purpose of lectures, meetings and a permanent historical museum.

A communication from the Under-Secretary for Justice, Mr. S. W. Ramsay, expressed regret at his not being able to accede to our request to have the use of the Court House for meetings. We thank Mr. Shaddock, Sheriff's Officer, at Albury Court House, for his courteous assistance.

The Albury City Council has been very generous in allowing us the City Council Chambers for meetings.

We hope that when Albury's Civic Centre is being constructed our needs in this regard will be kept in mind.

In a similar situation in Wollongong, portion of the old administration block became an Historical Library and Archives.

Welcome Publicity :

The Melbourne Age on June 18 printed *The Albury Banner* (June 1862) extract concerning the Old Burial Ground in South Albury, which appeared in our *Bulletin* of last month. *The Age* then went on to say: "The Albury Historical Society, formed only eighteen months ago, already has over a hundred members and is very lively indeed, as its monthly bulletin shows. New life in Historical Societies throughout the country is a happy feature of the times."

August Speaker :

Through the good offices of Mr. P. D. Burrows, the Society will be treated to "The History of the Legal Profession in Albury", when Mr. Charles Nagle will address us at our August meeting. Advance notice gives you the opportunity of telling your friends, especially those who are members of the legal profession.

Excursion :

Your Committee at its June meeting made tentative arrangements for an excursion in late September to Walla Walla. Mr. Graham S. Jacob (member) and Mr. Barber, of that area, have contacted the Society with a view to planning our itinerary.

We would like to hear your views at our next meeting.

Nomenclature :

At the suggestion of Mr. O. Schilg (member) our Secretary asked the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission (Sydney) for the correct name of the water storage upstream from Albury. In reply, it was stated that "The dam itself is named the Hume Dam, and the stored waters the Hume Reservoir."

Albury History :

The Society is endeavouring to secure brochures of history published by Churches, Schools and other organisations within the district. A number of these small but important publications are already in our archives section, and we hope to add to them.

Our Show Society, Albury Ctiy Band, our Hospitals, Sporting Bodies, and Business Firms at some period have probably set down in print their histories.

This request is directed to any of our members, or their friends, who can supply such information.

Gleanings :

It is noted in *The Newsletter* of the Royal Australian Historical Society that Qantas has a coloured film (40 minutes) which features the complete development of Australian civil aviation. Its title is "The Big Boomerang".

In their May and June *Newsletters*, R.A.H.S. dealt with—

- (1) The beginning of pottery-making in Australia.
- (2) Who (or what) was "Smiggin"?

It is of interest to note that our very worthy *Riverlander* of June, 1957, published an answer.

- (3) Has Melbourne, at any time, had a larger population than Sydney?

The answer: "Yes; from the gold-rush days, 1861, till 1911."

Local Queries :

Where was the South Albury Cemetery?

What is the history of the roads in the Albury district?

What is the story of the water-pump at the rear of the Albury Court House?

Sympathy :

The Society offers its sympathy to Mr. A. Roy (member) on the recent death of his wife.

Visiting Lecturer :

In view of the important lecture to be delivered by Dr. Colin Roderick at St. Matthew's Parish Centre, Albury, on Monday, July 9, commencing 8 p.m., the Historical Society has decided to forego its General Meeting to have been held on the same date. Members will thus have an opportunity of hearing this renowned historian's lecture on "The Literature of Convict Life". This free public lecture is one of a series on Australian literature, sponsored by the Commonwealth Literary Fund.

Members are requested to assemble outside the Parish Centre Hall prior to the beginning of the lecture.

Dr. Colin Roderick is the author of some twenty books on various aspects of English Literature and Australian History and Literature. At present he is Education Editor for the Publishing Department of Angus and Robertson Limited. He is a Fellow of the Royal Australian Historical Society and has written many articles and made thousands of broadcasts on subjects related to Australian Literature and History.

Richmond River Historical Society :

A letter from the Richmond River Historical Society Lismore, under date 26/6/62, to our Secretary (Mr. W. Fielder) reads as follows—

“One of the most spectacular developments in rural communities of this State in recent years has been in the establishment of Historical Societies and the collection of local history. From time to time visitors to our Museum have told us of what is being done in other parts of the State, and we have been able to observe the growth of interest on the North Coast, where societies have been established at several centres in the past two or three years. The Royal Australian Historical Society has given me a list of 25 affiliated country societies, and there are others, not yet affiliated.

“Members of the Richmond River Historical Society think that the time is opportune for those who are actively engaged in the work of collecting and preserving records and relics of local history to meet together for the purpose of pooling ideas and resources, and possibly to form some kind of Statewide confederation of societies as a continuing association for mutual aid and interest.

“I should be grateful if you would bring this suggestion to the attention of your members so that we might get some idea of support likely to be accorded a definite move in this direction. The Richmond River Historical Society would be pleased to sponsor a conference in Lismore, to take place over the long week-end, say, that including Monday, 1st October, 1962. We could arrange a series of appropriate business sessions, and give delegates an opportunity to see something of a very interesting part of the country.

“Please let me have your opinion of this project at your earliest convenience. Any suggestions regarding time or agenda would be welcomed—perhaps some member of your group could present a suitable paper. The important thing, of course, is to indicate definitely whether an accredited representative of your society could attend.

“I should appreciate having a reply before the end of July.—Yours faithfully, C. EBERT, President, Richmond River Historical Society.”

Meeting Cancelled :

Members are requested to note that the General Meeting to have been held on Monday, 9th inst., has been cancelled.

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Speakers :

On Monday, 13th August, at the Civic Theatre (note the venue), at 8 p.m., Mr. Charles Nagle, a member of an Albury legal family, will address the Society on the "History of the Legal Profession in Albury". Besides members of our Society, and the public in general, an invitation is hereby extended to all members of legal firms in the district and beyond, to hear a distinguished citizen deal with a subject of widespread interest.

A Gracious Gesture

For those of us who know our worthy Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald, it was not surprising that, when confronted last month with an unusual clash of dates, Mrs. McDonald postponed her paper on the Wool Industry, with special reference to Younghusband Ltd., to allow our members to hear Dr. Colin Roderick address a public gathering on "The Literature of Convict Life".

This distinguished scholar was delivering a series of lectures on Australian Literature, sponsored by the Commonwealth Literary Fund. A Fellow of the Royal Australian Historical Society, his lecture entailed deep research into source material, and it was a fitting climax at the conclusion of the address to have our President, at the request of the Mayor, pass a vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Our Excursion :

At this August meeting the date most suitable in late September for our Walla Walla excursion will be determined. The fare will be 10/- as previously, but there will be need to procure a ticket as soon as possible, because of the limited number of 'bus seats. You might remember that our departure

to Beechworth was fraught with unnecessary indecision as to the personnel of the party. This time a full bus will be aimed at, and no alternate transport is contemplated. Tickets will be procurable at this August lecture.

Federation :

This might be called an age of Federations, or Unions, among people in all walks of life.

Well, Historical Societies, feeling this same urge, and with the lead expressed in a letter (quoted in our July *Bulletin*) from the President of the Richmond River Historical Society, intend doing something in this matter.

With this in mind, our President, Mr. A. J. Allan, suggested that, while at the present a State-wide Federation of country Historical Societies might be premature, it would be a move in the right direction for the southern societies to form some such bond. In this matter the Murray Valley societies, including Wangaratta, could join with our sister societies of Wagga, Deniliquin and Junee, and draw up, say, a list of alternate centres where annual conferences could be held.

We would like to hear the views of other societies on this matter.

Gifts :

Mrs. R. A. Smith (Vice-President) has on several occasions added materially to our Society's archives. Just recently, through her representation, came the "History of the Country Women's Association, Riverina Group", from Mrs. D. B. Ashcroft, Henty.

From Mr. F. C. Griffith, "Toonallook" Station: A written biography of his father.

From Miss Ella Barnes (member): A number of old photographs of local interest.

Turk's Head Hotel :

Those of our Society who read in *The Border Morning Mail* of 27th July, of the offer made by the Historic Buildings Advisory Panel, to give free architectural advice on buildings erected before 1901, felt that, in the foreseeable future, we could well have an historical museum rivalling any in the State.

Let me quote from our first Annual Report, 11th December, 1961—

"We close the year with a membership of over one hundred and a substantial bank balance. There is a tremendous amount of work still to be done . . . our Folk Museum is still a long way off . . ."

Well, we might have come that "long way" at last. Here is an opportunity for our City Council to go the whole way in aiding tourism very substantially. Even the State could be a partner to this project.

At the very gateway to the premier State of the Commonwealth, what better introduction, or *adieu*, could send the motored millions on their way than this Turk's Head Folk Museum?

Little Beechworth, with its magnificent Bourke Museum, receives Shire and State subsidies.

An appeal could be made to those genuinely interested in this project, to give support to our President's and Secretary's suggestion that the former hotel would be a "most appropriate home for the Society".

"Bank Notes" :

This is the magazine title of the Commonwealth Bank Golden Jubilee brochure.

We congratulate this institution on its valuable fifty years of service to Australia, and recall that its first governor, Sir Denison Miller, K.C.M.G., was a pupil at the Fairy Meadow Public School, just north of Wollongong.

Riverine University :

All cultural bodies will applaud the efforts of the Riverine University League, under the presidency of Dr. W. A. Merrylees, of Carrathool, to promote interest in their project—that of establishing a University in this area.

Our Society's membership of the M.V.D.L. is a practical step in this direction, because of the high priority this League gives this ambition.

Other Societies :

Royal Australian Historical Society: At the Jubilee Congress of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science at Sydney University, August 20-24, Section "E" of the Congress is devoted to History.

Professor R. M. Crawford will speak at History House on "George Arnold Wood", a one-time leading member of the R.A.H.S.

There is mention of an interesting publication entitled "*Historic Sydney : Where to Go and What to See*", produced by the Tourist Bureau of N.S.W.

Riverina : Birthplace of the Modern Australian Novel

The important influence on Australian literature devolving from southern N.S.W. and north-east Victoria was discussed by Dr. Colin Roderick in a talk with "*The Mail*".

Dealing with sources of literature in this part of the world, Dr. Roderick said that the Monaro was the setting of the first important novel in Australian literature—"Geoffrey Hamlyn", written in 1859 by Henry Kingsley, a brother of the famous Charles Kingsley. This was the first time that the Australian scene anywhere fell naturally into place as a setting for an Australian novel. It marked the beginning of the pastoral novel in Australia. The background of that novel came from the high country between Bogong and Omeo.

It was followed soon after by William Howitt's "*Tallangetta*", a rare novel of station life in the border country.

The pastoral novel came to the forefront in 1903 with "*Such is Life*", by Joseph Furphy, one of the Shepparton family, who wrote under the name of Tom Collins. This novel ranges over the Riverina from Echuca to Yass, and is the first important novel of the 20th century in Australia. It smells of the Riverina and makes the Riverina the birthplace of the modern novel in Australia, said Dr. Roderick.

In 1928 came "*Up the Country*", by Miles Franklin, a woman writer belonging to the Franklin-Lampe clan that settled first on Talbingo and Wambrook, and who wrote at this time under the name of Brent of Bin Bin. This story dealt with the settlement and pioneering of the high plains in the 1840s, and succeeding novels brought the story up to our own times.

"All these novels are splendid works that ought to be familiar to all students and their parents in the district", said Dr. Roderick. "But all these novels bear the stamp of mood and tone that was first set by the convict writers of the first sixty years after the foundation of Australia.

"Minor writers of the border country who are important are E. O. Schlunke, with his short stories, like '*The Man in the Silo*'; David Campbell, with his bucolic poems like '*Jack Spring*'. Moreover, the district has provided the subject for one of the best Australian dramas, '*Ned Kelly*', by Douglas Stewart.

"Among factual writers Elyne Mitchell, with her '*Australia's Alps*', has shown modern descriptive writers the way to weave the beauty and the poetry of life into topographical writing," said Dr. Roderick.

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Obituary :

Our Society lost one of the prime movers for its foundation, in the death of Mr. Basil P. Patman, last month. Born in Dublin 72 years ago, Mr. Patman had been in Australia for 38 years.

Trout fishing, field sketching and painting, watching soccer and playing chess were his pastimes.

He was an "A" grade journalist of wide experience, and was news editor at 2CO for several years. Various papers with which he was connected included the old "*Albury Banner*", "*Smith's Weekly*", "*The Bulletin*" and the "*Wodonga Express*".

Mr. Patman, our Senior Vice-President, besides editing our monthly "*Bulletin*", was instrumental in "signing-up" the majority of our membership list.

We shall long remember his very pleasant accent, his gentlemanly approach, and the wide experience which he brought to bear on the various problems of our Society.

Our Society, at its last General Meeting, paid tribute to his memory, and extend to Mrs. Patman and her daughter the kindly sympathy of our members.

Speakers :

On Monday, 10th September, at the Albury Town Hall, at 8 p.m., Mrs. R. H. McDonald, our Treasurer, will deal with the subject: "Wool-growing in our District, with reference to Stud Breeds, Wool Marketing and the Development of Younghusband Limited.

Our August speaker, Mr. Charles R. Nagle, traced the history of the Legal Profession from the time of the first resident

lawyer in 1864, Mr. George Toucher Fleming. The present firm of Fleming, Henderson and Stedman has the oldest continuous practice in Albury.

Our President, Mr. A. J. Allan, asked Mr. P. D. Burrows, a school-mate of our distinguished speaker, to introduce Mr. Nagle.

Police Inspector B. J. Catt expressed the thanks of the gathering for a most informative address.

The Excursion :

Sunday, 7th October, is the date decided for the excursion to Walla Walla.

The Society is grateful to Messrs. G. S. Jacob (member), Barber and Kotzur for offering to acquaint our party with information about this interesting district.

Our plan at the moment will be to move from Mate's at 10 a.m., along Dean, Young and Mate Streets to Union Road, thence to Walla Walla.

The fare of 10/- is payable in advance, and firm bookings are requested as early as possible.

It is suggested that the party have lunch at Morgan's Look-out, a short distance beyond the town.

Our endeavour will be to make a round trip, and thus add to the interest of the day.

Gifs to the Society :

- (1) From Mr. L. Porter (Melbourne): Three photographs of Albury's first aeroplane; one photograph of Messrs. Robbin and Porter's motor garage.
- (2) From Mr. C. Lillyman: Four photographs of the Albury Choir (c. 1906).
- (3) From Mrs. C. E. Bunton: A photograph of Albury citizens in the Botanic Gardens.
- (4) From Mr. E. Paech: Copy of "*Kerr's Melbourne Almanac*" (1842).
- (5) From Mr. C. R. Nagle: Business Records, Precedents No. 2.
- (6) From Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, Old Urangeline: An early type American repeating rifle used on "Mahonga".

For all the above we extend to the donors, and to those through whose good offices they were made, the grateful thanks of the Society.

Sister Societies :

The North-Eastern Historical Society, Wangaratta, extended a gracious invitation to any of our members who might wish to join them, on Sunday, 9th September, at "Bontharambo", the site of the old home built by George Faithful in 1838, where a plaque will be unveiled.

Our President or Mr. P. Burrows could give you more information about this trip.

It will be remembered that Mr. K. M. Adams, President of North-Eastern Historical Society, together with Mr. J. T. Synan (now of Morwell), were at our inaugural meeting and are foundation members of our Society.

Grant from Council :

Once again the Albury City Council has been practical in its acknowledgment of the important work the Society performs in this district.

We have received notification of a grant of £25 to the Society.

This added to our present credit balance of £125 provides running expenses for the year, without undue embarrassment.

We are grateful to the Council for this advance.

An Interesting Brochure :

It will be the endeavour of our Society to procure copies of "*Historic Sydney*", which will be made available to all our members.

This interesting brochure has been produced by the National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.) in conjunction with the N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau.

Forthcoming Meetings :

Members are requested to remember that, unless notified otherwise, General Meetings are held on the *second* Monday of each month, and Executive Meetings on the *fourth* Monday.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following items have been gleaned from the issues of "*The Albury Banner*" of September, 1862—

OUR POPULATION

By the census returns it appears that the number of inhabitants in "the town of Albury" was 981 last year against 645 in 1856; showing an increase of 336 in the past five years, or, at the rate of rather more than 52 per cent. during that period.

BOARDING SCHOOL

Mrs. Edwards, in returning thanks to her friends for their kind and liberal support, begs to inform them and the public she has removed to the handsome house lately in the occupation of Mr. Wise, Kiewa Street, where she will be happy to receive pupils. Terms can be obtained by application to Mrs. Edwards, who has vacancies for boarders.

ADVERTISEMENTS

War in America.—Notwithstanding the great scarcity of Tobacco and Cigars, in consequence of the Civil War in America, the undersigned has just received a large assortment of all the best brands.—BENNETT, Townsend Street.

Notice.—Thomas Allan begs to inform all persons having Relatives or Friends interred in the Old Burying Ground at Albury, that he is prepared to Re-inter the same in the new Cemetery at charges very moderate.—THOMAS ALLAN, Undertaker, Albury.

N.S.W. MEMS

The Acclimatisation Society are about taking steps for the introduction of salmon and other European fish into the rivers of this colony.

The disease known as diphtheria, or maglignant quinsy, has prevailed very much of late at Araluen, carrying off numbers of young children.

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Speakers

On 8th October, at the Albury Town Hall, at 8 p.m., Mr. E. A. Paech (member) will address the Society on "The First Settlement of Walla Walla and District".

Our September meeting was addressed by Mrs. R. H. McDonald (Treasurer), whose family association with stud sheep and wool marketing in Albury, made her well qualified to speak on those subjects.

Judging by the spate of questions and observations following this notable address, the audience regarded the presentation of this vast subject as unique.

Valedictory

The Border Morning Mail of 28th September pictured Mr. Arthur Roy (member) tonsorially attending to an old customer for the last time.

Mr. Roy, a personal friend of our President (Mr. A. J. Allan), has been part and parcel of Albury for over eighty years.

His association with the Albury Swimming Club, Commercial Bowling Club, Friendly Societies and Noreuil Park Improvement Committee speak volumes for his value as a very active citizen.

Our Society, last year, was favoured with a very fine address on his various sporting and fishing activities over the past half-century.

Our *au revoir* is combined with the wish that his retirement in Melbourne will admit of an occasional visit to the home of the trout and the Murray cod.

North-Eastern Historical Society

We congratulate the executive and members of our southern sister-society on the success of its unveiling ceremony at "Bontharambo", near Wangaratta, the site of the home of George Faithfull (March 1838), the first in north-eastern Victoria.

Our Society was represented by Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Burrows, Mr. W. Fielder, Mr. John Taylor and daughters, and Br. O'Malley.

Lovely weather, a goodly gathering (800), a delightful setting, a feast of history, rounded off by the welcome thermos, made the memory of the present stately 1858 Docker home, and its more humble origins, a lasting pleasure.

Excursion

Arrangements are well in hand for the Walla Walla excursion on Sunday, 7th October, leaving Mate's Corner at 10 a.m.

Would intending patrons procure tickets (10/-) from our President, Secretary, or Br. O'Malley, and indicate their point of boarding the 'bus, on its way along Dean, Young, North and Mate Streets.

Mr. R. Kotzur has intimated that the Walla Walla Progress Association has very kindly planned an itinerary, presuming our arrival at Walla Walla at 11.30 o'clock.

The outward journey, via Jindera, admits of our visiting historic "Brae Springs", while the round trip home will be through Gerogery.

Bendigo Historical Society

Thanks to our very active members, Mr. and Mrs. O. Schilg, very fruitful contacts with neighbouring Historical Societies were made on a recent holiday trip.

Members of the Bendigo Historical Society expressed the hope that their Society would, at some future date, visit Albury and see our places of interest.

Our Committee, as a suggestion, mentioned the possibility of holding a General Meeting during next year's Trades Fair, when so many visitors are in the district.

Gifts to The Society

From Mr. J. T. Knight (Wodonga): Miscellaneous documents, including some relating to gold-mining operations in Beechworth; also a large map of Victoria, dated 1857, showing population distribution and census districts of that period.

From Mr. T. L. Shepard (Albury): Set of 24 volumes of *The Times History of the War*, published 1917, together with other books of military history.

From Mr. Arthur Roy (member): Six old photographs of Albury, including some interesting groups of staff members of Albury breweries of the day.

From Mrs. Ita Betheras (member), Clematis, Victoria: Reprinted newspaper article, giving particulars of T. J. and C. A. Gibson, members of a pioneering family of this district.

Inter Alia

In October issue of *Walkabout*, Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A. (member), draws attention to an article on the Kelly gang, in the June number.

Mr. Mitchell concludes: . . . "They once cut through our property in the Upper Murray, when they were eluding the police after the attack on Jerilderie. My father met and talked to them on that occasion."

Albury Show Supplement of "Border Morning Mail"

In its Show Supplement (September 11), *The Border Morning Mail* printed an interesting article dealing with Robert Brown, who built the first slab hut at Albury in 1838. Brown is described as the founder of Albury and as a pioneer of the Albury and Murray River Agricultural and Horticultural Show Society, founded on March 3, 1857.

100 Years Ago

The following items of interest have been extracted from the columns of *The Albury Banner* of October, 1862—

YOUNG AUSTRALIA

We would give a hint to the police to give a look-out for certain fast young "nuggets" who congregate nightly, after dark, by Babbington's corner in Kiewa-street. We have received more than one complaint from neighbours and passers-by of the sayings and doings of the young rascals who meet there, and, with most offensive conversation and larking, annoy respectable folk. A night in the "black-hole" and a lecture next morning might prove of salutary effect by way of suppressing the growing nuisance.

CRICKET

We remind our readers and friends of the old game that a meeting is to be held this afternoon at the Rose Inn, to further advance the popularity and well-being of the "Border Club".

We hope to see it established on a basis which shall do honour to the district, be a means of turning out some good cricketers, and provide a most healthy and most interesting amusement.

MORE BUGGY ACCIDENTS

Our list of killed and wounded under the above heading this week amount to two. On Sunday the dog-cart of the Mayor, Mr. Roper, was run away with by its equine appendage, which took a sudden flit homewards, and, on making his way to the stable, brought the vehicle into contact with the posts and snapped the shafts. On Wednesday afternoon the Police Inspector, Mr. Blight, went out in all the respectability of a gig, but soon returned with all the mortification of a thorough break-down. Such is the buggy experience of every-day life.

FLOUR FOR THE LACHLAN

Twenty bullock teams laden with flour, principally from Messrs. Dale and Co., millers, Wangaratta, crossed at Albury this week for the Lachlan diggings.

THE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

The tenders for the building of the Institute, under the amended plans and specifications, reduced to meet the circumstances of the Institute and the funds at the disposal of the committee, were opened on Wednesday evening.

NEW POSTMASTER

Mr. G. L. Coleman, who has been appointed to relieve Mr. Edmondson as local postmaster, has arrived and commenced his duties this week. We do not hear anything yet of the post-office which was promised to be built.

DISTRESS IN IRELAND

To the late appeal on behalf of the Lancashire operatives Albury responded at once and liberally, and now, we observe that another claim for sympathy comes forward in favour of the distress known to be existing in the west and south of Ireland. There are many among us from Erin's isle, and the warm-heartedness of her sons will never allow them to forget old Ireland when the voice of distress comes from her shores. A meeting is called for Monday week, when we are sure all who do homage to the Shamrock will be there.

Dates to Remember

Monday, October 8: General Meeting in the Town Hall.

Monday, October 22: Executive Meeting in Civic Theatre.

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Speakers

On Monday, 12th November, at the Albury Town Hall, at 8 p.m., Mr. E. A. Paech (member) will conclude his most interesting address on "The First Settlement of Walla Walla and District".

Members who missed the October address by Mr. Paech will be pleased to learn that the whole discourse has been taped by Mr. D. Klemke and, we presume, will be filed for future use.

Speakers for 1963

Our Tallangatta member, Mr. A. E. Ried, has received an assurance from Messrs. Ronan and Lee that we can look forward to an address on the history of Tallangatta early next year.

Mr. D. M. Whittaker, who is at present compiling a history of Wangaratta, is mentioned in a similar capacity.

The Turk's Head Hotel

At next General Meeting (12th Nov.) our President, Mr. A. J. Allan, will submit a report on an inspection of the old Turk's Head Hotel, on the west of the Hume Highway, approaching the new bridge over the Murray. An interesting discussion is sure to ensue.

The Court House Pump

Correspondence from the Sheriff's Officer of Albury, Mr. M. A. Shaddock, will add considerably to the history of Albury's early water supply. We hope, eventually, to be able to piece together the definite place the Court House well had in this regard.

Wagga Wagga Historical Society

The Secretary of the newly formed Wagga Wagga Historical Society graciously invited representatives from our Society to their first General Meeting. A copy of their *Newsletter* gave proof of the fact that our nearest northern city has launched a strong Historical Society, with which we can envisage joint and reciprocal excursions. Our past-President, Mr. W. Bloomfield, is an active member.

A Suggestion

At our last Executive Meeting, Mr. O. Schilg, whose voice is often raised in the interest of preserving our flora and fauna, invited discussion on the possibility of requesting the Civic Authorities to establish a miniature Zoological Park in Albury for Australian native animals. Your opinion is canvassed in this matter.

Royal Australian Historical Society Newsletter

In its October issue interesting questions and answers discuss: "How and when was the Nepean River named?"; "Old Government Houses in Sydney and Parramatta"; and "The 'Admiral' of Osborne College".

It would appear that a Miss V. Gibbins took over, in 1923, a large disused last-century building in the Blue Mountains, near Blackheath.

It was unique in that, as the Osborne Ladies' College, it had the atmosphere and practice of a naval college. The girls, from six to sixteen, wore navy blue uniforms with gold-plated buttons. Seniors were lieutenant and lieut.-commanders, while juniors were simply "middles". Miss Gibbins was the "Admiral" with her next in line—"Commander". Saluting was formal practice.

The various rooms were named Sirius, Sydney, Sussex, Revenge, and, for good measure, the huge St. Bernard dog was "Nelson". Flags, bells and room inspection completed the facsimile.

Rural University

Various cities, towns and rural areas of Northern Victoria and Southern N.S.W. are urging their respective Governments in their efforts, through the Riverine University League, to have established a Rural University. At the present juncture it would appear that it will be a far cry until some crusader of the cause convinces a landholder, of substance and magnanimity, to bequeath to posterity a suitable site for such a venture. That is the story of the New England University at Armidale.

Thurgoona Public School Centenary

Our Society, through our President, received an invitation to be represented at the Thurgoona Public School celebrations, at the present school, on Saturday, 27th October. Our President and Mrs. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fielder (the latter being an ex-pupil of the school), Mr. and Mrs. P. Burrows, and Br. O'Malley attended this pleasant function.

Mr. Fred Heath, who was chairman of the Organising Executive, was ably assisted by his brother, Mr. Harry Heath, a member of the N.S.W. Public Service Board. Both these gentlemen are ex-scholars of Thurgoona.

Mr. Simon Kaitler, 90, and Mrs. Ellen Maxwell, 84 (formerly Miss Ellen Hill), were the oldest ex-pupils present among the four hundred at the gathering.

Mr. A. Fitzpatrick, the present teacher, received the commemorative plaque and a clock, presented, on behalf of the pupils, by Graham Knobel, a fourth-generation pupil.

A dance and social in the adjacent School of Arts Hall concluded a memorable day.

Walla Walla Excursion

Favoured by fine weather, our 'bus left Mate's corner as scheduled with somewhat fewer than a full complement.

Proceeding through Lavington, we were reminded that its original name, Black Range, came from its surrounding range of hills, where settlement began with the discovery of gold in the late 1850s.

Our party were soon made aware of improved grading and straightening of the road through the Jindera Gap and, with Mr. E. A. Paech as official guide, we sensed the glint of eyes, not unlike that of the 56 Lutherans who in November, 1868, first glimpsed their "Promised Land" as did Moses of old.

Some hundred yards off the Walla Road we halted at the oldest existing house still used as a dwelling, the near century old home of Johann Gottfried Scholz.

Next "Brae Springs" welcomed us, originally the homestead of Thomas Hodges Mate (founder of Mate's Ltd.), who was an early selector. We are very appreciative of the kindly reception of our party by Mr. and Mrs. R. Bethune, who pointed out a Morgan hide-out in the honeycombed outcrop north of the homestead. An inspection of the grounds and original site made us conscious of the fact that its present occupants are well aware of its historic associations.

The township of Walla Walla loomed up, after traversing some mile of delightfully lush pastures in spring growth. The

well-cared-for homes, with their array of flower-beds, first attracted our attention, and before long Messrs. R. Kotzur, L. Wenke, D. Klemke, G. Barber and K. Jacob joined Mr. Paech in a big welcome to a thriving and most homely township.

Our itinerary arranged that we proceed to Morgan's Look-out, one of the many hideouts of Dan Morgan—the Riverina's only bushranger.

But we were to be favoured with a short visit to St. Paul's Lutheran College (opened 1948), where the Headmaster, Mr. Schultz, outlined the history of the College.

Lunch was enjoyed amid surroundings which provided the young, and not-so-young, with the setting to emulate New Zealand's Hillary. I'm certain Morgan would have thought twice before negotiating the rickety ladder and handrail up to his look-out.

After doing justice to our hampers, and having enjoyed the superb panorama, we got underway, our next stop being the huge "Walla Park" wool-shed. This was the original Walla Walla sheep station on the Billabong owned by Dr. Stitt. This station gave the pioneers' Ebenezer, the present name of Walla Walla (plenty water).

We next inspected the second Lutheran Church (built 1889), and then the very capacious present church (1924), where we signed the Visitors' Book.

The early school buildings proved interesting, then the first country power-house in N.S.W. (1915), a chaff-milling plant, at its peak in 1945, and then, what to us was the most interesting of all, Edward Heppner's waggon factory, whose forerunner, C. J. Wiesner, a blacksmith, built the first stripper in Australia at Walla Walla.

Well, it was a delight to roam around this spacious foundry and waggon factory. If a siren sounded, the men would be able to man the forges—the tongs and quenching-drums were ready. The rims lay at hand to be applied, red hot, to the sprays of spokes so firmly fixed in the solid hubs. Anvils could resound again, if weighty hammers could be wielded. It was all so Rip-Van-Winkle-ish.

And now, finally to "Sunnyside", on the Wenke estate, near the gum-tree, where the pioneers spent their first night, we gathered. On this spot now, a slab, rough-hewn, carries the plaque: *"The first Lutherans to settle in this District arrived at this site, January, 1869."*

Photographs in the lengthening shadows of the sentinel gums, followed words of farewell, and our happy party turned, via Gerogery, our heads for home.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place in the Council Chambers on Monday, 10th December. Meeting will commence at 8 p.m., and the agenda be as follows—

1. Minutes of First Annual General Meeting, held 11th December, 1961.
2. The President's Report and Financial Statements.
3. Election of the following Officers for the year 1963 :
Patron, President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary,
Honorary Treasurer, Hon. Research Officer, Hon. Curator
Librarian, Councillors.
4. General Business.

We hope to include in the night's programme a selection of films from Mr. J. J. Wright's trip overseas, a sample of which we saw early in the year.

A goodly attendance of members would be appreciated because the Mayor of Albury, it is anticipated, will be asked to address us. Visitors are welcome.

If any member is desirous of nominating for office and is unable to attend, would he or she kindly notify the Secretary (phone 2802).

Kindred Cultural Societies

The Bulletin (monthly) of Albury Horticultural Society (Pres. Mr. J. J. Dallinger, Sec. Mrs. R. James) is a revelation of all that one could expect in this virile organisation. A Chrysanthemum Show in May and their Spring Show in October are well known to the Albury public.

Guide to Albury

As yet the A. and D. Historical Society has not achieved a place of honour in the *Guide to Albury*—an Albury Tourist Bureau publication. I would suggest a sub-committee to collaborate with Mr. Willson White, a good friend of the Society, when the *Guide to Albury* is being reprinted.

Programme for 1963

Names have been recorded of several persons who are likely to be our monthly speakers in the coming year.

Our President has intimated that the Society's recommendation on the old Turk's Head Hotel would be made to the City Council, say, in February. This would be an opportunity for Mr. Schilg's suggestion regarding a Zoological Park to be also heard.

Mr. P. D. Burrows has proposed to the incoming Executive that a certain field of research be allotted to each of our members so that the important work of compiling items of historical interest be further stimulated.

Biographies (including family histories), our schools, churches, neighbouring townships, could be on this list. Properties, hotels, business houses, streets—all have stories waiting to be told.

Cemeteries, newspapers, a possible selection of documents from the old police station, letter-books from the Pastures Protection Board would await those with an urge to carry out worthwhile research.

It will be noted that members unable to attend the Society's monthly meetings would still feel that they were performing an important function in this way.

Regional Conference

The earliest opportunity should be taken to acquaint sister Historical Societies in the Riverina and Northern Victoria of a suitable date in 1963 to invite delegates to a convenient centre for a Regional Historical Society Conference. If our Society sponsored such a meeting the programme would have to be clear in the matter of showing off our city and its environs to best advantage.

The occasion of Albury's Trade Fair, to take place during the first week of May next year, would be a suitable time. Members are probably aware of our intention during that period to present a very worthwhile Historical Exhibition at the Trade Fair.

Obituary

It is with regret we record the passing of one of our foundation members, in the person of Mrs. A. G. Colquhoun. The Society extends its sincere sympathy to Mr. Colquhoun and relatives in their bereavement.

A Museum Piece

Mrs. Gertrude Murray, an old resident, has kindly presented the Society with an old-time Tennis Racquet of a most interesting type. It is in splendid condition and, as the donor used it in her girlhood days, it could be quite seventy years old.

On Aboriginal Affairs

Booklets and brochures from "Aboriginal Affairs", c/o Post Office, Parkville, N2, Victoria, containing a wealth of bibliography, etc., are now in the care of our Secretary.

A carefully compiled and authoritative paper by Professor Geddes, of Sydney, on "Maori and Aborigine", is printed in full, and is available to our members.

A schools' edition on "Aboriginal Affairs", under a tactful heading, "Terms to Avoid", proposes Aborigines (with a capital "A") which can be respectfully used alongside Maoris, Papuans, Eskimos and so on.

Christmas Wishes

We take this opportunity to wish all our members the peace and joy of the Christ Child during this holy season.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

In the gold-rush years, when reports of rich strikes were an almost daily occurrence, Albury found its population diminishing at a most alarming rate. In order to stem the drift the fathers of the "border city" established a fund which guaranteed a handsome reward to the first fossicker who discovered payable gold in this locality. In his leading article of 6th December, 1862, the editor of the *Albury Banner* wrote encouragingly—

"ANOTHER ATTEMPT

"Albury, not to be beaten, is about to make another essay, having for its object the development of a payable Gold Field within its boundaries, or, in its immediate neighbourhood. As time passes by, so experiences gained in other places still

points, like a finger-post, to the ranges about the Border City and the flats in the township, as quartz-bearing, and auriferous. Not a single practical miner looks at the bearings and the indications without at once expressing the most favourable opinions as to results, if only properly looked after and tested. At other places energy is shown, money is spent, trouble is taken to develop far less likely indications, and yet Albury is satisfied with leaving all to fortune or to fate. No one will say but that a Gold Field would be the making of Albury, and yet we talk about it and leave it to the next generation to bring it to light . . .

"It is not enough that we can just rub on, pay our way, talk of nothing but vines, and sheep and fat cattle, wool and boiling-down. We know that there is gold in the ground at our feet, and we must have it out. . . . Who would not throw up his hat into the air if Albury Diggings were a fact, rejoicing in a Koh-i-Noor Flat at Mungabareena, or a Golden Valley at Thurgoona? . . . and so we call attention to the meeting to be held on Monday evening. Let Albury then make a new start; and, let us find our own field. . . . What should be done is, for a fund to be raised, which need not be a large one, to purchase the necessary apparatus. Give us this, with proper scientific knowledge and experience of the manual working, which is easily obtainable, and then a small weekly outlay cannot fail, before a very short time to produce the desired result."

NOTE.—In this year of 1962 it is interesting to reflect that while Albury safely survived the "golden plague", many of the boom towns of a century ago are to-day rated as places of slight importance.

A GOOD CRUSHING

We learn that 76 tons of stone have lately been raised at the Rose Reef, at Madman's Gully, close to Beechworth, and produced 97 oz. 10 dwts. 12 grs. This is something like a show, but there is no reason why some of the ranges around Albury should not produce quite as good results.

MORE OF BORING

By the *Lachland Observer* we see it stated that "over the river, two boring machines are engaged sinking on the supposed line of the lead". Add this to the others on "this side of the river", and we cannot fail to conclude that the Lachlanites are more ready to adopt means which Albury is only just beginning to think about, and to bring into operation. However, better late than never.