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Annual General Meeting

On 10th December, 1962, the second Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Mayor's Room, Town Hall.

In his annual report our President, Mr. A. J. Allan, reviewed our year's activities; recorded an increase in membership; noted a healthy credit balance of £119; and indicated a very full 1963 in the matter of lectures, excursions and exhibitions.

The Officers of the Society

Office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows: Patrons, Mr. D. G. Padman, M.L.A., and Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E.; President, Mr. A. J. Allan; Vice-Presidents, Ald. J. Roach and Mr. O. Schilg; Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald; Committee, Mrs. E. Henwood, Mrs. A. Smith, Messrs. P. D. Burrows, D. Bryan, A. Bryan, C. Chamberlain, R. Ellis, J. J. Wright and Br. J. P. O'Malley; Hon. Auditor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E.

First General Meeting

On 11th February, before a further screening of films by Mr. J. J. Wright (member), an appreciative audience expressed gratitude for the following gifts—

1. From T. R. Summerfield & Co., a theatrical licence granted to John Wilkinson to give entertainments in the Federal Theatre (Norman & Heath's wool stores in more recent years), dated 30th March, 1908.
2. From Mr. Geoff Smith, three early sketches by H. Hansen: (i) Greta blacksmith's shop and dwelling; (ii) bush post office at Greta in the eighties; (iii) a miner's house in Newcastle, 1888.
3. From Mr. F. M. Vines, a book prize with local inscription, dated 28/3/69.

4. From Mr. O. Schilg, brochure, *Life Story of Mick Dougherty, Coachdriver for Cobb & Co.*
5. Mrs. W. Fielder, book, *Below these Hills: The Story of a Riverina Farm*, by Ernest G. Moll.
6. Mr. W. Fielder, book, *Early Australia: With Shame Remembered*, by Bill Beatty.
7. From Mrs. E. Quintrell (Sydney), silver-mounted ebony baton, presented to her husband, late Mr. Frederick Quintrell, by Albury Philharmonic and Orchestral Society in August, 1902. (Protagonists for Albury Eisteddfod please note.)
8. Mr. John Henwood (Albury), copy of plan of the old Turk's Head Hotel, in Wodonga Place.

Executive Meeting

Main business transacted at the Executive Meeting of 25th February was—

1. That the Society take part in the Albury Trades Fair on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th May, as last year, by sponsoring an Historical Exhibition.

2. Preparing the presentation to Albury City Council of the Society's views on (a) the preservation of the Turk's Head Hotel, and (b) a local site for displaying native fauna.

Excursion

Late in April an excursion to Tallangatta (old and new) is suggested.

Brevities :

Did you read M. H. Ellis's "The First Fortnight in Australia" in *The Bulletin* (Sydney), 26th January, 1963 ?

"The Mayor, Ald. Bunton, has hinted to the Society that a library and museum will be available in due course in the Civic Square . . ."
—"B.M.M." Leader, 12th Dec., 1962.

Historical Societies within reach of Albury are being apprised of our Trade Fair dates, and are invited to visit us.

R.A.H.S. February "Newsletter"

A question was sent in from Monaro Shire Council asking for information about an old stone mill at Nimmitabel, which it had renovated.

In reply, an extract from *The Town and Country Journal* of 17th February, 1872, refers to an industrious German, Mr. John Geldmacher, who, almost unaided, built the stone tower 40 feet high and of 25 feet diameter at the base.

However, he was informed that because the mill-fans threw a shadow on the road, thereby frightening horses, he would be liable to a penalty of £5 daily for having it in operation.

The spelling "Nimitybelle" is interesting.

Our Speakers

March 11: Professor E. G. Moll (University of Oregon)—
"A Poet and History".

April 8: Mr. J. Wenke (East Malvern, Vic.) — "The
Vine-growing Industry at Walla Walla".

Correspondence

R.A. (Albury): Records show that the Globe Hotel was built for John Roper and was opened sometime late in 1860. The proprietor was Jonathan Boon, who had formerly conducted the Commercial Hotel at Wagga Wagga.

Membership

Members and intending members are reminded that annual fees (10/-) are now due and payable. Subscribers may make payment at any meeting, or post to the Society, P.O. Box 223.

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 11: General Meeting in Town Hall, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Prof. E. G. Moll.

Tuesday, March 26: Executive Meeting at 8 p.m. (Please note change of date.)

Province of History

This is a great fault in a chronologer,
To turn parasite: an absolute history
Should be in fear of none, neither should he
Write anything more than truth, for friendship,
Or also for hate; but keep himself equal
And constant in all his discourses.

—LINGUA.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following news items are extracted from the files of *The Albury Banner* for the early weeks of 1863—

EDUCATIONAL

It is with much satisfaction we learn that our town is to have the advantage of an educational establishment for gentlemen's sons, the head master of which, we learn, was for some years rector of one of the most successful of the Melbourne

institutions; and it so happens that some of his old pupils are now resident in this locality. Mr. Fenner, who is a Cambridge M.A., comes amongst us therefore with very tangible evidences of his efficiency, and we look with interest for the beneficial result of his present undertaking. (3rd Jan., 1863)

Advertisement—

GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Albury. Head Master: The Rev. T. P. Fenner, M.A. (of Queen's College, Cambridge), late Rector of the Collegiate School, Melbourne. The buildings lately known as the Commercial Hotel have been taken, and are in course of alteration. The School opens on the 3rd February. (17th Jan., 1863)

SALE OF STATION

The Walla Walla station, on the Billabong, has changed hands, Messrs. Dalmahoy Campbell & Co. having reported its sale with 25,500 sheep and upwards of 500 head of cattle, and improvements, to Messrs. Stitt Bros., for £28,000. (10th Jan., 1863)

Advertisements—

S. C. V. North, Auctioneer, has received instructions from Mr. George Mott to sell by public auction, at the Globe Hotel on Thursday, February 5, the snug little homestead known as "Morningside", adjoining the property of Mr. P. F. Adams, near the Albury Hospital. The land comprises 10 acres of the best vineyard ground with a substantial fence. An acre and a half is planted with upwards of 3000 vines. The house is a six-roomed brick cottage with a slabbed cellar, and every convenience on the premises for the accommodation of a gentleman's family. (Jan. 31, 1863)

VALUABLE PROPERTY. — Mount Pleasant Hotel and 155 Acres of Land, near Albury. By order of the Mortgagee, S. C. V. North has been instructed to sell by Public Auction at Mr. T. Field's Horse and Jockey Hotel, Albury, on Saturday, 21st March, at 11 o'clock sharp. Lot 1: That well-known Inn, the Mount Pleasant Hotel, situate on Allotment No. 92 on the main Sydney Road, about five miles from Albury, together with 42 acres of first-class land. The improvements consist of the Hotel, garden and outbuildings, also a substantial Cottage. (14th Mar., 1863)

NOTE.—Whilst "Morningside", on the foothills of West Albury, is about to be razed and the holding subdivided, it is pleasing to know that "Mount Pleasant" still stands and is well preserved. This lovely old house is the home of Mr. Fred Heath, one of our members.

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Our Speakers

This month's speaker, Mr. A. J. Wenke, of East Malvern, will tell us of "The Vine-growing Industry at Walla Walla", at the Albury Council Chambers on Monday, 8th April, at 8 p.m.

Excursion

On Sunday, 28th April, an excursion will take place to old and new Tallangatta. Details of time, route, fare, &c., will be discussed at this month's meeting.

Exhibition

At the forthcoming Albury Trade Fair and Motor Show to be held in the Farmers and Graziers' building, Smollett Street, on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th May, the Historical Society has been allotted a generous space.

For this occasion Mr. O. Schilg has arranged with the Commercial Banking Company for the loan of a replica of the "Welcome Nugget" and an enlarged photograph of the discoverers of this mass of precious metal.

Efforts are being made to induce neighbouring towns to include their own display of historical items in our exhibition.

An approach has been made to *The Sydney Morning Herald* to obtain the Historic Homes Exhibition photographs for display at our Trade Fair exhibition.

Supervisors of our Exhibition are requested to give their names to the Secretary not later than Sunday, 28th April. Last year our roster list was drawn up on a two-hourly period—10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Two supervisors are required for each period.

Our Society is pleased to co-operate with the Murray Valley Development League by providing facilities for the distribution of its literature and the special Albury issue of *The Riverlander* prepared for this occasion.

Last Month's Speaker

The Society's guest speaker for March, Professor E. G. Moll (University of Oregon, U.S.A.), held his large audience spell-bound with his address entitled "A Poet and History".

His stimulating opening remarks urged us to search-out and rescue valuable historical material lying hidden in old homes.

His own poetry took us back half a century into the outback scenes of our own district, wandering over our hills, revelling in the sights and sounds of native birds.

Altogether the lecture was a treat only those present could fully appreciate.

Subscriptions

Members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1963 are kindly requested to give this matter their early attention. The fee of 10s. may be handed to the Treasurer at any meeting, or forwarded to P.O. Box 223, Albury.

Gifts to the Society

The Society is grateful to Mr. C. D. Day (Albury) for the gift of two photographs of "Morningside", an old Albury residence which was mentioned in last month's *Bulletin*.

Turk's Head Hotel in the News

Mention over the air was made recently of a possible approach to the Albury City Council by an Adelaide firm for permission to establish a cafe in the present Turk's Head Hotel, the restoration of which would provide two rooms for historical purposes.

Native Animal Park

The Albury City Council is to be requested to receive a deputation from the Historical Society with details of several areas suggested as suitable for an Animal Park.

On this occasion there could also be a screening of colour slides taken by Mrs. O. Schilg showing what other towns have accomplished in the way of restoring old buildings and places of interest to tourists.

The Tourist Bureau is invited to join us in this venture.

The Albury Aerodrome

It is proposed to accept Mr. Bob Knight's kind offer to show a film of Albury's first aerial pageant. An appropriate time for its showing would be prior to the opening of Albury's new 'drome, later this year.

Other Societies

Our Secretary has received copies of Bulletins from the Historical Societies at Wagga Wagga, Deniliquin and Wangarratta. The R.A.H.S. (Sydney) made a visit to Camden Park. The Illawarra Historical Society, whose President, Mr. W. A. Bayley, spoke to us last year, has held an exhibition, during which four selections of thirty slides were shown. Bill Beatty is to speak to the Catholic Historical Society (Sydney), on the Northern Territory.

In the R.A.H.S. syllabus, "Hamilton Hume" is the subject of an address by Mr. Frank O'Grady next July.

Dame Mary Gilmore

March issue of *The Education Gazette* has an article on Mary Gilmore when, as Mary Cameron, she was in the Education Department from 1879.

It would seem that in 1880 she taught at Woomargama, and the next year at Yerong Creek. Dr. Colin Roderick quotes her travelling expenses: train from Wagga Wagga to Albury 15s. 3d., and from Albury to Melbourne £1 1s. 1d.

Golden Horseshoes

In the April issue of *Walkabout*, Bill Beatty is taken to task about the famous "Golden Horseshoes"—

"... Mr. Cameron, storekeeper at the Woolshed, New Eldorado, rode into Beechworth on a horse called 'Castor', shod with golden shoes. These were on for three days. Cameron later entered the Victorian Parliament."

Answers to Correspondents

G.R. (Albury): It was the Governor-General, Sir Ronald Munro Ferguson, who "turned the first sod" at the site of the Hume Weir. The ceremony was performed on Friday, 28th November, 1919.

"Fossicker": The first discovery of diamonds in Australia was made by Edward Hargraves, who unearthed the gems near Guyong (N.S.W.) in June, 1851. Within the next ten years several other finds were made along the Macquarie. In Victoria, diamonds of small size have been found in the beds of streams running through the granite country in the Beechworth and Benalla districts; and in 1912 some were discovered in the sluice-boxes of the Great Southern alluvial mine at Rutherglen. The N.S.W. diamonds are remarkable for their hardness.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The reports quoted below appeared in the issues of *The Albury Banner* during the month of April, 1863—

ENGLISH NEWS

The arrival of the *Madras* steamship with the February mails was telegraphed from Adelaide on Monday last. The dates are to the 26th February from England. The following are the chief items:—

The Parliament has voted an allowance of £30,000 a year to the Prince of Wales, in addition to the £60,000 he derives from his revenue as Duke of Cornwall. The Princess Alexandra has been voted £10,000.

Preparations on a grand scale are being made in London for the reception of Princess Alexandra. Twenty thousand volunteers will assemble in Hyde Park, and the day be observed as a public holiday.

An influential meeting was held in London in favor of a renewal of transportation to Western Australia. Four ship loads of convicts are announced to be removed from Bermuda to Western Australia.

ALBURY WINES AT HOME

Perhaps, in connection with all the progress of Australia, there is scarcely anything more surprising than the development of its vinegrowing capabilities. That, in a few years, hardly running over the term of an apprenticeship, she should be able to bring acres by the hundred into cultivation, bearing grapes and producing tolerable wines, would have been something; but, by the end of that period, she should be able to compete with the old vinegrowing countries of Europe is a matter of "special wonder" . . .

GERMAN BALL

We hear that there is to be another German Ball at the Exchange as soon as the vintage is completed, and as everyone concerned will be in high spirits at the result, great will be the rejoicing and numerous the attendance at the next of these popular assemblies.

ADVERTISEMENT

Mr. A. M. Townsend, Surgeon-Dentist, of Camp Street, Beechworth, may be consulted at the Imperial Hotel, Albury, on Wednesday, 6th May.

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Guest Speaker

Our April speaker, Mr. A. J. Wenke, of East Malvern, dealt interestingly with the vine-growing industry of Walla Walla. The family farm at "Date Palm Hill" produced an amazing range of prize exhibits which formed a feature at the Albury Agricultural Shows at the turn of the century.

It would seem that there was no "Farrer" in the wine industry to halt the devastating phylloxera disease, which wiped out so promising a beginning.

Mr. Ralph Ellis and Mr. E. Paech, contemporaries of Mr. Wenke's father, thanked the speaker on behalf of an appreciative audience.

The Exhibition

Thanks to the yeoman service rendered the Society by Mr. O. Schilg and a band of willing assistants, our Historical Exhibition in the Albury 1963 Trades Fair and Motor Show has gone on to new successes.

The display of Historic Homes Competition photographs; the carriage of Mr. Jas. White, of "Stonehurst", Bungowannah (through the good offices of Albury Apex); items from Mr. W. Heppner's waggon-building workshop at Walla Walla; an exact replica of the famous "Welcome Stranger" nugget and a further selection from Mr. L. J. Schneider's historic collection are just some of the objects of interest on view.

"The Riverlander"

Members and friends are reminded that the special issue of *The Riverlander*, the monthly magazine of the Murray Valley Development League, is available at the Society's Exhibition. This edition will be found to contain articles of more than ordinary interest, with special reference to Albury.

A Worthy Project

Our Historical Society members will watch with interest the outcome of the meeting of two Riverina University protagonists, Dr. W. A. Merrylees and Professor E. G. Moll, to take place early in May.

Obituary

With the passing of Mr. E. E. Woodward our Society has lost a valued member. Sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Woodward, who also is a member.

The death was announced recently of Mr. James Jervis, Fellow of the Royal Australian Historical Society, in Sydney. In his capacity of Research Secretary, Mr. Jervis contributed many articles on the history of country towns of N.S.W., including the Riverina.

Corryong Historical Society

Felicitations are extended to the recently formed Corryong Historical Society, one of whose members, Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A., is a life member of our Society.

We are indebted to Mr. Mitchell for information about a find of aboriginal relics on Mt. Wills, in the Mitta Mitta region. Mr. Douglas Bartel, of Eskdale, kindly loaned three stone implements for display at the exhibition.

Membership List

The up-to-date membership list of the Society has been made available by the Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald, for inspection at the Trades Fair Historical Exhibition.

From Cemetery to Park

A recent news item indicates that there is a possibility of St. Thomas's Church of England Cemetery in North Sydney becoming a rest park. The Mayor of North Sydney said the area would be landscaped by a sowing of grass and shrubs.

Among the pioneers there are Owen Stanley (1811-50), an explorer of Papua; Ellis Bent (1783-1832), Judge Advocate of N.S.W.; and William Lithgow (1784-1864), Auditor-General of N.S.W.

Seven such cemeteries had been handed over to councils for conversion into rest parks in the last year.

Animal Park

Letters referring to animal parks in neighbouring towns were read at our Executive Meeting, namely, from Narrandera, Wagga Wagga and Hay. All reports indicated that miniature

zoos were popular with residents and tourists, and were economical to manage.

Our Society intends requesting the Albury City Council to receive a deputation on this matter.

Excursion

On April 28, despite threatening skies, a full bus with Mr. Cunningham at the wheel, left Mate's Corner, via Union Road, to Tallangatta.

Mr. A. J. Allan (President) and Mr. W. W. Fielder (Secretary) favoured us with commentaries on the way. We passed the new aerodrome, Mr. F. Heath's century-old "Mount Pleasant"—a hotel in bygone times and a changing-place for coaches on the old Sydney road, and the series of obelisks marking the crossing place and route of Hume and Hovell in their journey of 1824, on through Yackandandah to Port Phillip.

Mr. E. A. Ried (member) took up the commentary on the Tallangatta Road until we reached the new town of Tallangatta (1100 population).

There we were met and welcomed by Councillor J. Ronan and Mr. J. Lee. An interesting description of the modern appointments of the town was given and an inspection of the Memorial Hall and the churches was made before moving on to the old town, where we lunched on the river bank. The various sites of government and business houses were pointed out as we travelled along the roads of the old town, which earlier this year had eight feet of water over them. An inspection was made of the old hospital, now a study centre for the Presbyterian Church.

Our driver dexterously gave us further views from a prominence where Mt. Charlie was pointed out, and after promise of renewed acquaintance with our two co-pilots, who intend at a later date to come and give us a talk on these two towns, we concluded a memorable day.

Our journey home was along the left of the Mitta River and over Lockhart's Gap, through Kiewa and Wodonga to Albury. All voted the day most enjoyable and a veritable feast of history.

An Evening of Films

On Monday, May 13, three of our members will combine to make it a "film night". Mr. Alan Mitchell will show colour slides taken recently at the Harrietville commemoration of Mick Doughety, an erstwhile driver for Cobb and Co.; while Mr. Allan Bryan and Mr. J. J. Wright also will screen a selection of their interesting films.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The following items are selected from the issues of *The Albury Banner* for May, 1863—

LOCAL WORKS

At length the Council are going to work in earnest. It will be seen that tenders are called for making the road through the slough and lake by the Mechanics' Institute now building, and the other slough, which many have often found one of Despond, in Kiewa-street, by the present Institute and Messrs. Moffits and others stores. Another important work is also to be at once done—namely, the erection of a substantial bridge in Dean-street by the brewery, which contract will be fully appreciated by everyone having to go out of the town upon the main Adelaide road. Other works are in contemplation, and there is also the sum of £700 to be spent on the main Sydney road within the Municipality.

VICTORIAN MEMS.

The Victorian Government has found it necessary to offer a reward of £25 for the discovery of any person or persons injuring the telegraph wires which now spread like a network over the colony.

The honor of starting the first woollen mill in Victoria belongs to Bacchus Marsh. A few gentlemen residing in that township have formed themselves into a company, subscribed as much of the nominal capital of £10,000 as was necessary to begin with, and the requisite machinery, together with a competent manager, has been written for from Scotland. It is proposed to give employment to nearly one hundred persons in the manufacture of blankets, rugs, tweeds, &c.

CROSSED THE MURRAY.

There has been increased traffic over the Murray this week. Two mobs of store cattle have crossed from Victoria—one lot (Mr. W. Huon's), 170 head, for Gerogery fattening paddock; the other lot (Mr. Bowler's), 500 head, all inoculated, for the Billabong. Since our last issue 700 head of cattle (Round Hill), 200 head from Gerogery fattening paddocks, prime quality, and 130 head from Mr. Bowler's, Billabong, good quality, all for the Melbourne market. A superior lot, 106 head, from Mr. Morris's, Mullingandra, for Mr. Dunphy, Buckland; and a small lot from Mr. Murphy's, Piney Range, for Beechworth market.

ENGLISH ITEM

The London Times, on the morning when it contained the report of the marriage of Princess Alexandra and the Prince of Wales, was completely run upon; 100,000 copies were sold, to print which 40 reams of paper were used, weighing about sixty tons. The issue was completed under two hours, at a rate of 60,000 per hour, or 1000 copies per minute.

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The Trade Fair

Albury Trade Fair was again a pronounced success, and reflected great credit on the two energetic bodies responsible for its organisation—Apex Club and Rotary Club. Our own members felt much satisfaction in the knowledge that Albury Historical Society had helped to entertain the fair's record attendance of 27,500, there being a continuous stream of visitors to its stand to view the many exhibits displayed.

Besides receiving a number of gifts of articles of historic value, many helpful contacts were made with persons who showed keen interest in the work of our Society. Several of them became members.

To the many Albury and district residents who came forward and donated and lent articles for inclusion in its exhibition the Society extends its grateful thanks; and appreciation is expressed to those of its members and friends who helped in various ways throughout the fair. By such splendid co-operation real success was achieved.

Outstanding exhibits on loan for which the Society was particularly grateful were a collection of photographs of fine old buildings—from *The Sydney Morning Herald*; a two-horse buggy—from the Apex Club; and a replica of the "Welcome Stranger" nugget with extra items—from the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney (Albury branch).

Acquisitions

The Society is pleased to acknowledge the following gifts recently received: Six aboriginal stone relics, from Mr. J. H. Walker, Wodonga; lady's side-saddle and early-type tobacco-cutter, from Mr. T. Doran, Wirlinga; old photographs of local interest, from Dr. L. S. Woods; book, "Nelligang" (by W. G.

Henderson), from Mrs. E. Hore, Albury; N.S.W. Elector's Right, dated 1903, from Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A.; photographs of Albury sports groups, from Miss K. Thompson; waggon wheel, from Mr. W. Heppner, Walla Walla; large volume of Yackandandah Mining Warden's Reports (1854), from Mr. Y. A. Permezel, Albury.

General Meeting

Since "picture nights" find so much favour with members, the meeting of Monday, May 13, can be described as having been truly enjoyable for everyone. On this occasion, in the C.W.A. Hall, Mrs. O. Schilg and Mr. Alan Mitchell combined in a screening of colour slides recording the recent unveiling of the memorial erected at Harrietteville (Vic.) in memory of Mick Dougherty and his fellow coach-drivers. By way of variety Mr. Mitchell also gave a showing of a series of scenes taken in Tasmania.

The quality of the photography of these two of our members earned the high praise of all who were fortunate enough to be present.

A special welcome was accorded three visitors from Victoria: Mrs. Hoy, president of Harrietteville Historical Society; Mr. W. D. Sheppard and Mr. J. C. Angus, president and secretary respectively of the North-Eastern District Historical Society, Wangaratta.

An enlightening commentary on the photographs of Harrietteville was given by Mrs. Hoy, whilst Mr. Sheppard delivered a brief address on the life and work of Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, who during his plant-hunting expedition had traversed the north-eastern region of Victoria.

For the benefit of the many who had not attended the Harrietteville gathering, the chairman (Mr. Otto Schilg) read a paper which had been presented by Dr. Kaye Scott at the above-mentioned unveiling. The script contained interesting references to the old coach-driver we all are so pleased to remember.

A vote of thanks to those responsible for the enjoyable programme was moved by Mr. F. C. Griffith, who was supported by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood and Mr. P. D. Burrows. The evening was brought to a happy ending with the serving of supper by lady members of our Society.

A Reminder

A checking of the Society's membership list reveals that several members have so far overlooked renewing their subscriptions for the year. Our Treasurer (P.O. Box 223, Albury)

would be happy to receive a 10s. postal note or cheque for any fees due. Though this must be the last issue of *The Bulletin* we can afford to post to those who fail to observe this final reminder, we should be sorry indeed to lose even one member.

Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, JUNE 11.—Because of the Queen's Birthday holiday, our next General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 11, in the Town Hall, at 8 o'clock, when Mr. F. C. Griffith will entertain us.

MONDAY, JUNE 24.—Executive Meeting in the Civic Theatre, at 8 p.m.

Personal

Our President, Mr. A. J. Allan, who has been in Sydney for some weeks, is likely to be back with us again in the near future.

We are sorry to report the departure of Br. J. P. O'Malley, a foundation member, who has been transferred to St. Patrick's Technical School at Goulburn. As a thoroughgoing historian and much experienced in regard to historical societies, he rendered great service in the setting-up of our own Society. He will be missed too for the position he filled as editor of our journal. The good wishes of our members go to Br. O'Malley in his new field of activity.

Our Next Speaker

For the General Meeting of June (Tuesday, 11th), Mr. F. C. Griffith (member) is to tell us about the introduction of "Aerial Top-Dressing" on the pastoral holding of "Toonalook". His talk will be accompanied by a film bearing on the subject; and this will be followed by another of Mr. Griffith's films showing some of the snowfields of New Zealand.

Sister Societies

During Trade Fair week we were honoured by visits of representatives from country Historical Societies as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Silk (Deniliquin), Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Swan (Wagga Wagga), Mr. A. R. McKenzie (Corryong), Messrs. J. C. Angus and W. D. Sheppard (Wangaratta).

Regional Confederation

According to letters received from several other Historical Societies, it would seem that all view with favour the proposal that all such bodies be linked by the forming of regional groups. A conference to discuss this matter will probably be planned for a later date.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(From issues of *The Albury Banner* for June, 1863)

GOLD AT ALBURY

During the past week a further opening-up of the reef discovered on the Black Range, on ground some four miles from the township of Albury, has given promise of most satisfactory results in the future. . . . There is no doubt that where the gold has been found it is only in a leader to the main reef. . . . On the south-west side of the prospector's shaft gold has been come by at five feet only from the grass; but this, no doubt, is only on a spur, or offshoot of the leader. . . . Some four tons have been raised from the prospector's claim, and are now on their way to Chiltern to be crushed, and, of course, the result will be known in a few days, as every care has been taken by the claim-holders on the south to ensure that this should be a fair and honest trial of the gold-bearing qualities so far as the reef has yet been developed. . . . One pennyweight of gold is not to be discovered without more being at its back, and in this case we would hope that "the greater is behind". At any rate, the matter is now in the fair way of development; old Victorian diggers are taking out their rights for this side, and we believe the auriferous qualities of Albury will now have a fair claim of being tested. Prospectors are now at work in proximity to this reef which, we suppose, we must call the "One Tree Reef", and should not be surprised at others being opened around Albury.

FREE SELECTION

The following lots were taken up at the Land Office, Albury, on Thursday last (June 18), namely: Richard Leahy, of Broadford, Vic., 330 acres at Moorwatha; Robt. Rixon, of Cumberoona, 107 a. at Bowna; William Lester, of Howlong, 48 a. at Howlong; and John Wm. Brown, of Collendina, 320 a. at Collendina.

OUR MEMBER

Mr. T. H. Mate, member for the Hume, has been amongst his Albury constituents for the last week, and left yesterday. We understand that he took the opportunity of making himself acquainted with several matters of interest to the inhabitants of the Hume district, who we hope will be the gainers by his visit in more than one respect.

CONSUMPTION OF MEAT

During the month of May, the following were slaughtered for consumption in Albury, namely: 83 head of cattle, 5 calves, 134 sheep, and 6 pigs.

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A Model Farm

So seldom have we had the pleasure of the presence of Mr. Fred Griffith at monthly meetings that he was doubly welcome on Tuesday, June 11, when he came from his country residence to be our speaker for the evening. Mr. Griffith presented his programme in two parts, both of which were accompanied by a showing of movie-films in colour.

In his story of pasture improvement on "Toonallook" station the audience saw history in the making. As one of the first district graziers to test the possibilities of aerial top-dressing, Mr. Griffith's initial experiment resulted in 50 tons of fertiliser being spread in a fortnight. Such progress has since been made, however, that last year the whole of the property received a top-dressing of 140 tons in less than two days.

The "Toonallook" of old, with its hungry hills and rabbit problem, has been so greatly improved as to be adjudged the winning property in the 1963 farm planning and soil conservation competition conducted by the Albury and Border Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society.

The second half of the evening's entertainment was given over to the screening of Mr. Griffith's colourful record of snow sports on the slopes of Kosciusko and Falls Creek. This seasonable series of a popular recreation was also received with much applause, as well as praise of the excellent protography.

Speaker for July

Mr. Des Martin, of "Aherlo", Wodonga, well-known equestrian and the author of "*Australia Astride*", is to be our speaker on Monday next, July 8. With "The Horse in History" as his theme, Mr. Martin's address should have much appeal to those of us who have that traditional Australian love for horses.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JULY 8.—General Meeting in Albury Town Hall, at 8 p.m., with Mr. Des Martin as the speaker.

MONDAY, JULY 22.—Executive Meeting in the Civic Theatre at 8 p.m.

Folk Museums

The live interest being taken in folk museums by the inhabitants of several regions of the Murray Valley would indicate that the importance of institutions of this kind is being recognised. *The Riverlander* reports that the noted architect Mr. Roy Grounds is to plan the proposed Folk Museum at Swan Hill, in which the paddle steamer "Gem" will be the main exhibit. The opinion is held that, when established, the museum will draw thousands of visitors to Swan Hill each year.

At Mildura the river boat "Pevensey" is to become a floating museum, in which pioneering relics are to be lodged for exhibition and safe preservation.

Plans are being considered also for a lifting of the "Marion" from her mooring and putting the old craft into permanent use as a dry-land museum on Arnold Park at Mannum.

Our American Friends

Albury Historical Society was well represented at the large gathering in the City Council Chambers which welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Worth Bryars on their goodwill visit from Merced, Albury's sister city in the U.S.A. Mr. Bryars, who showed keen interest in local history, gave an assurance that upon returning home he would arrange for a linking of the Merced Historical Society with our own.

Answer to Correspondent

R.J.N., Lavington: It was at Euroka (near Walgett) in the 80s that Frederick Y. Wolseley made Australia's first successful shearing machine. The earliest use made of the invention was in 1888 at Samuel McCaughey's "Dunlop" (on the Darling), where 40 units were installed. Wolseley machines came to the Riverina shortly after, when some were set-up in the "Tongamain" shed (Murrumbidgee district), at "Yuma" and at "Aratula" (near Balranald).

News of Other Societies

Current issues of their news-sheets are to hand from the Historical Societies of Wagga, Wagga, Wangaratta, Morwell and Deniliquin.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Extracted from issues of *The Albury Banner* for July, 1863)

THE BLACK RANGE REEF

The result of the crushing and testing of the quartz recently got out of the prospectors' claim on the One Tree Hill has proved a disappointment to those who expected it to turn out richly gold-bearing, the proceeds being only at the rate of half a pennyweight to the ton. It is now manifest that the prospectors were guilty of the most unblushing fraud and falsehood with reference to the previous prospect. Instead of taking over the ten buckets of quartz to be crushed at Chiltern, it is found that they took about a ton and a half; and, instead of the return being 1 oz. 7 dwts. 3 grs. to the ten buckets, it was 7 dwts 3 grs. to the larger quantity. . . . These fellows, named Kolp and Wolfe, borrowed two horses to go to Chiltern last Sunday, and as soon as the truth was known, have decamped, and it is supposed Albury will see them no more. . . . It is still very doubtful if the reef has been struck at all, and whether further search might not yet, in proper hands, open up a good field. We hear of several parties who are still at work prospecting in different places, and we learned yesterday that some Chinamen had brought in a nugget and some gold as a result of their search. It is generally thought that a payable reef has yet to be struck, and that further operations will develop it. The subscribers to the fund for the boring machine have no idea of abandoning their original intention of testing for an alluvial diggings.

IMPORTATION OF SHEEP

Last week Messrs. W. Dean & Co. (Sydney), offered by auction 39 pure-bred Negretti rams and 78 ewes. These sheep were imported by Messrs. Haeger & Prell, per "*Macassa*", from Hamburg, from the celebrated flocks belonging to Mr. J. F. Hoffschlaeger, of Weisin, in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg; and being the first importation of these valuable sheep in this colony, attracted a large attendance of merchants, squatters, wool-buyers and others interested in wool-growing. Of the 39 rams offered, ten were sold at prices ranging from £46 to £130 each.

PURE ALPACAS

J. H. Clough & Co., Wool Brokers, Melbourne, announce the arrival of 550 Pure Alpacas, imported by Mr. Duffield direct from South America. They have been shipped for the port of Melbourne, and consist of 450 females and 100 males, of which there are about 25 per cent. pure white. Disposal of this important stock is to take place at an early date.

FREE SELECTION

On Thursday, July 9, the following selections of land were made at the Albury Lands Office: William Hendrie, 48 acres at Howlong; W. West, of Rutherglen, 120 a. at Collendina; Florence Huon Mitchell, 40 a. at Yambla.

DRAMATIC PERFORMERS

The Wodonga Amateur Dramatic Club begs to inform the residents of Albury and surrounding district that they will again appear before them on Friday and Monday evenings, the 17th and 20th instant, at the Exchange Theatre, for the benefit of Albury Hospital, when will be presented J. B. Buckstone's celebrated drama, entitled "The Dream at Sea", to be followed by an interlude, including a duet, and the Highland Fling, by a lady and gentleman amateurs. The whole to conclude with the screaming farce of "More Blunders than One". Prices for admission: Front seats, 3s.; back ditto, 2s. Tickets to be had at Mr. Day's Mill, and all the Hotels in Albury.

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The half-yearly examination of the children of the National School took place last Friday, attended by many parents and friends of the pupils. . . . Great credit was gained by both teacher and the taught, it being evident that the able exertions of the master, Mr. McCredie, are producing the desired result in advancing the education of young Albury. The number of children on the roll for the past quarter was 119—76 boys and 43 girls. The prizes were principally given by Mr. J. T. Fallon, who continues to take a most active part in the promotion of the prosperity of the school.

Following are the main prize-winners according to class:—4th class: Duncan McDonald, Agnes Griffiths, Patrick Fallon, William Conley, James Murphy. 3rd class: John Gregson, Isabella Ogle, Jennie Bousfield, George Plummer, Jessie McCredie, Peter Eberle. Sequence class: Catherine Griffiths, Margaret Gaber, Thomas Bousfield, J. H. Richardson, J. Thomson, Charles Jackson, Marthaline Brumm, Robert McCredie, Emma Carson. 2nd class: William Layton, Henry Eberle, Charles Barkley, Thomas Ringwood. 1st class: Annie Bousfield, George Weidner, Frederick Heileg.

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE

We are glad to find that this most useful adjunct to the institutions of a town is progressing satisfactorily. An engine has been ordered to be sent round from Sydney, adapted for working by 14 men, and on its arrival the Brigade will be in a position to be in good working order. The monthly meeting is to take place next Tuesday, when the volunteers are to attend in their new uniforms.

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This Month's Speaker

In the Town Hall on Monday evening, August 12, commencing at 8 o'clock, we shall have the pleasure of an address by Captain P. H. Heywood, who will tell us about "Hawksview", one of the first pastoral holdings to be selected in this district and which originally included the site of Albury.

Noreuil Park

The Society has recommended to Albury branch of the R.S.S. and A.I.L.A. that some form of memorial be erected at Noreuil Park in honour of local and district members of the Albury Battery. It was at the village of Noreuil in France that this unit distinguished itself during the critical period of 1917.

Remember !

General Meetings are held in the Town Hall on the second Monday of each month, the next to be on August 12. Captain P. H. Heywood will address us on this occasion.

Executive Meetings take place in the Civic Theatre on the fourth Monday of the month, the next one being on August 26.

Wangaratta Centenary Celebrations

Together with other members of our Society, Mr. Percy Burrows was a guest of the Wangaratta City Council on the occasion of its centenary celebrations. Mr. Burrows's father, the late Mr. John Burrows, a pioneer flour-miller at Wangaratta, was a member of the town's first municipal council, elected on July 15, 1863. In 1892 he came to Albury and established the Hume Flour Mill, which later was conducted by Mr. Percy Burrows for forty years.

The Horse in History

So commonplace are horses that it occurs to few of us that even they have a history. Our speaker for last month, Mr. Des Martin ("Aherlo", Wodonga), told a fascinating story

of how these noble animals have for centuries been the servants of man. Since Mr. Martin is one of Australia's leading horse-men, and has also delved deep into horse-history, he is well qualified to talk upon this subject.

Scientific research, Mr. Martin stated, had traced the evolution of the horse over a vast period of time, and fossilised remains show that originally it was a small creature about the size of a hare and had toed feet.

Central Asia is regarded as the starting-place of the horse, and from that region its numbers became distributed throughout the world in devious days. Wild horses of a stocky type were common in Europe in the stone-ages and were hunted as food by the cavemen. Those found in America are accounted for by the land-bridges which existed at some remote age in the region of Alaska, whilst others were taken to Africa by the shepherd kings who went from Syria to Egypt.

The stage of domestication was reached when wandering herdsmen and warriors recognised the advantage of travelling horseback in droving their flocks and conquering distant lands. From earliest times horses have been used in warfare, and our speaker cited many notable incidents of this in British history from the time of Cæsar's invasion in 55 B.C. up to the recent World War.

During the 16th century, with the increased popularity of equestrianism, special attention was given to horse-breeding, and a number of studs and riding-schools were established on the Continent. Riding to hounds became a favourite pastime of the gentlefolk of England; and Queen Elizabeth, a keen huntress herself, allotted large areas of the countryside for this sport.

Though it has not been possible for historians to fix the period at which horse-racing began in England, it is recorded that Henry VIII was a patron of the sport, and that Charles I is credited with the introduction of the first cup race at Newmarket. English thoroughbreds have always had a high reputation because of their Arabian blood, and down the years many have been imported to Australia for purposes of breeding.

Australia's very first horses came from the Cape of Good Hope, being brought by the First Fleet in 1788. They comprised one stallion, three mares and three colts, of which one mare and the colts belonged to Governor Phillip himself.

Answers to Correspondents

A.H.G.—The first record of horse-racing in Australia is that of a sports meeting held at Parramatta on April 30, 1810. A race between horses named "Parramatta" and "Belfast" was won by the first-named.

G.R.—Nat Gould was not an Australian, but had spent 12 years in this country as a young journalist. He was born in Manchester, England, in 1855 and died in 1919. Most of his 200-odd sporting novels were decidedly Australian in theme.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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SNOW

It is not often that we have the opportunity in Albury of talking about a practical acquaintance with the emblem of winter—snow. It is true that there is a sort of legend amongst two or three of the “oldest inhabitants” that they once made a snowball in Albury, but our experience is confined to the distant prospect of the ranges, some 70 miles away, carrying the genuine article half the year round, and when the wind blows from that quarter it is most decidedly chilly. However, the other morning the early risers, on looking toward the Black Range, were surprised to notice an unusual appearance, and which proved to have arisen from a slight sprinkling of Mother Carey’s white feathers during the night. The occurrence is so infrequent that it deserves a place amongst our Albury curiosities.

THE ORANGE

It would appear as though Albury were likely to become a perfect orange grove in a few years from the number of young trees which are daily being planted. Messrs. Evans are expecting their supply of three-year-olds, whilst both Messrs. Mate and Fallon are now supplying one and two-year-olds, wholesale and retail, causing half Albury to walk about with trees in their hands. We do not suppose, however, we shall for some time be able to feed our pigs upon oranges, although we did so last year with our peaches.

FREE SELECTION

During this month at the Albury Land Office the following lands have been taken up under the Free Selection principles: George Davis, of Ten Mile Creek, 61 acres at Ten Mile Creek; John Horsley, of Albury, 160 a. at Huon; Thomas Waite, of Albury, 320 a. at Cumberoona; James Bruce, of Ten Mile Creek, 20 a. at Germantown; J. Taskis, of Bowna, 120 a. at Mullen-gandra; George Church, of Oxley (Vic.), 60 a. at Moorwatha.

WAR IN NEW ZEALAND

Captain Harrison has arrived in Sydney from Auckland to enlist volunteers for New Zealand, and Major Pitt has gone to

Melbourne for the same purpose. Dillon Bell, of Auckland, is endeavouring to induce the several Australian Governments to despatch all available troops to New Zealand. He requires 2000 volunteers, and proposes that after three years' service allotments of land in the Waikato shall be given to them. He reports the existence of great excitement, and that the residents of Auckland fear an attack upon the town by the Maories. There are only 1000 of the Militia between Auckland and Waikato for protection of the English.

MURRAY STEAMERS

The *Lady Daly*, with goods from Melbourne, is expected at Wahgunyah tonight or tomorrow morning, and it is not improbable that the folks of Albury will see a steamer on the waters of the Murray, of which they would be glad to welcome a fleet. If the *Lady Daly* should come to Albury there will be many ready to say "Welcome, little stranger!"

ADVERTISEMENT

To Builders and Contractors.—Tenders are invited until Saturday, 22nd instant, from persons willing to contract for the Stone-work of a Cellar, according to plans and specifications. Particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.—James T. Fallon.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

A half-acre of land, being allotment 25 of section 12, has been gazetted by the Government as dedicated for the purpose of a Church of England school in Albury.

A PROPOSAL FROM QUEENSLAND

Now and then we read of Gardiner or Gilbert and their men being "seen", as being "hotly pursued"; but what comes of these pursuits? Nothing more than that the bushrangers "ride splendid horses" and escape from the police. Carbines are fired, but with remarkable precision the police always appear to miss their quarry. The whole affair is becoming disgusting. To think that in these days a handful of men, a small band of desperadoes, should set the police force of the colony at defiance. We would recommend the Government of N.S.W. to borrow a few of our black troopers for a time—to place them under good officers, if they have any in that colony—if not, we can accommodate them in that respect also—and at once hunt down Gilbert, Gardiner, and their friends, and put a stop to what is becoming more and more a scandal to a civilized country.—*The Courier* (Q.).

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This Month's Speaker

The nicest message we send to members this month is that Mr. Stuart Hume, President of Goulburn Historical Society, will come to address our meeting on Monday evening next, September 9. His talk, which will deal with Huon de Kerilleau and his connections, should be of particular importance to all who are interested in the early settlement of Albury district. Meeting will be in the Town Hall, and friends of members will be most welcome.

Gifts Received

Our Society gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following members and good friends—

Mr. J. Haberfield (Albury): Series of early photos of Hume Weir depicting progressive stages of its construction. Mr. Ron Reis (Albury): Group photo of committee of Albury Chamber of Commerce from 1904 to 1913. Mrs. F. Seymour (Tumut): (1) Photo of Duke and Duchess of York (later King George V and Queen Mary) at Albury railway station; (2) book, *Constitution and Rules of Highland Society of N.S.W.* (the donor's father, late Mr. Hugh McCutcheon, was at one time vice-president of Albury branch of the society). Mrs. W. Marshall (Wodonga): Panoramic photo of Hume Weir showing the skeletal steelwork in detail. Mr. W. A. Bayley (High School, Bulli): Copies of *Ceres*, Albury Rural School magazine, 1925-26. Mr. Ian Geddes (Holbrook): Box of cartridges as used in early-type pin-fire shot-gun. Mrs. E. Batstone (Albury): Four medals, including pair struck for Albury Centenary Cup meeting, 1924. Mrs. Donald Watson: Flat-iron (gas heated type).

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, with Mr. Stuart Hume as guest speaker.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.—Executive Meeting in the Civic Theatre, at 8 p.m.

New Book

Dr. D. M. Whittaker's *Wangaratta* comes as a worthy companion to the many other local histories which have appeared in recent years. Growing from a tiny and more-or-less isolated settlement, Wangaratta has had an eventful past; and though much painstaking research has apparently been required, the writer has compiled a volume that is a credit to himself and a delight to his readers. Comprising 184 quarto pages and 18 photographic plates, the book (priced 15/-) is obtainable from the Office of the City Council, Wangaratta.

Mungabareena

Following reports from our members Mr. Tom Doran (Wirlinga) and Mr. Dave Bryan that the finger-post indicating Mungabareena Reserve had been displaced by one worded "Camping Ground", the Society has resolved to forward a request to Albury City Council that the sign be replaced in its aboriginal form.

The First Settlement

In his presentation of the story of "Hawkview" our speaker of last month, Captain P. H. Heywood, brought to light some history of special interest concerning the old pastoral holding.

Originally its area was 36,000 acres and, by the aid of a large map, the audience was shown the wide expanse of its boundary. It was noted that the farthest point westward reached Bungambrawatha Creek and took in the site of Albury village. It was some eleven years after the Hume and Hovell party had explored this region that any settlement took place on the Murray River.

In the spring of 1835 Charles Hotson Ebdon arrived and staked a claim on both sides of the stream, his selection including Bonegilla and Mungabareena. A mob of 200 cattle was brought by his head stockman, William Wyse, and a homestead set up at Bonegilla.

The date of Wyse's arrival is not known, but upon reaching the river he established his camp on a clearing at Mungabareena. That he was a capable and industrious servant is shown by the fact that in a short time he had prepared a plot of land and sown what was the first crop of wheat on the Murray. The operations of Wyse and his men were somewhat hindered because of the constant danger of attack by hostile natives. Spearings of the cattle were common events.

Near the end of 1836 Paul Huon (who had established himself at Wodonga) bought the Mungabareena holding from Ebden and presented it to his widowed sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell. Accepting control of the property, her son Thomas stocked it with cattle and in 1837 built a homestead, the location of which was where Albury waterworks now stand.

Two years later a second homestead was erected some distance upstream, close to the site of Thurgoona. The third and existing homestead was built about 1852, and it is in this substantial old home that Captain and Mrs. Heywood are now residing, they being the eighth successive holders of the property.

Our speaker told of some remarkable features of architecture showing in several of the station's buildings. It has been found that, in part, huge gum-tree logs—manually squared with axe and adze—have been used as foundations, and to this day are still in sound condition. Much of the timber required had been laboriously produced in a nearby saw-pit. Whilst originally some of the out-buildings were covered with hand-split shingles, others were thatched with straw which had weathered many years. Still to be seen are the loopholes in walls through which firearms could be used in case of raids by blacks or bushrangers.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION

During September the following selections were made at the Albury Land Office: Daniel Petts, of Bowna, 40 acres at Bowna; James Sawtell, of Albury, 40 a. at Bungowannah; A. Brown, of Geelong, 100 a. at Bungowannah; Henry George Sheather, Upper Murray, 200 a. at Greg Greg; Edgar Sheather, Upper Murray, 320 a. at Greg Greg. On September 3 a further free selection was made by Florence Huon Mitchell of 240 a. at Yambla.

MURRAY STEAMERS

The *Lady Daly*, with Melbourne loading, arrived on Sunday morning last (Sept. 6), and notwithstanding that the day was a regular soaker, numbers of townsfolk went down to the river to meet her. Her cargo was landed on Monday and placed in Mr. North's Australian Bazaar, where numerous purchases have been made by town and country residents.

Advertisement—

"LADY DALY" STEAMER.—This Steamer will arrive at Albury this day, Saturday (5th Sept.). The unsold portion of cargo will be for sale by the undersigned. Wheat will be taken in pay-

ment for goods at 7s. per bushel, and Oats at 5s. 9s., delivered alongside up to noon Tuesday, 8th instant. Freight to Wahgunyah will be taken at 25s. per ton weight. Passengers, £1 each.—W. H. Easterly, for Smith & Harris.

PUBLIC VACCINATOR

Dr. J. K. Barnett has been recommended by the Albury bench of Magistrates for appointment by the Colonial Secretary as public vaccinator for the district of Albury.

MILKING MACHINE

There is at present to be seen at the establishment of Wolfe & Goreick, a machine for milking cows which is regarded as a very ingenious invention—being, we believe, the first of its kind ever seen in this colony. The machine consists of a tin pail capable of holding about two gallons, and partially covered with a tin lid at the mouth. Attached to this lid is a gutta percha apparatus, with four perpendicular tubes of the same material, for the reception of the teats. Underneath these tubes is a contrivance somewhat resembling a pair of bellows and by operating with two handles attached to it sufficient suction is produced to draw the milk from the four teats of the cow simultaneously. With this machine one man can milk as many cows as four or five could do in the same quantity of time.—*Maitland Ensign*.

DECEASED

We have this week lost by death one of our oldest inhabitants, Mr. John Waite, who died on Wednesday at the residence of Mr. John Hore, of Cumbeeroona, at the very advanced age of 91 years. Several members of Mr. Waite's family are settled in Albury; he was generally much respected and had been in the colony half a century.

POLICE ACCOMMODATION

When, we again ask, are the police barracks, so long talked about, to be commenced in Albury? At present the men and officers are located in a wretched place(so far from the Police Court that it takes half an hour for a constable to come up when he is wanted. The place is so wretched and damp that the men have never been well since they have been quartered there, while the Government is only paying upwards of £100 a year for the accommodation (?), being interest at 5 per cent. on £2000, one half of which would build commodious and suitable barracks on a site appropriated for the same, and save men being condemned to perpetual colds and rheumatism. Is the Colonial Architect still in existence?

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Speaker for October

Our guest speaker for this month, we are happy to announce, is to be Dr. D. M. Whittaker, Wangaratta, a member of the North-Eastern Historical Society. His address, entitled "Wangaratta, 1866", will be given in the Town Hall on Monday evening, October 14, and will be accompanied by a screening of photographs of that early period. Dr. Whittaker has already achieved considerable success by his researches into the history of his district, substantial evidence of which is to be found in the pages of the recently published *Wangaratta*.

Meetings to Come

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14.—General Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m., when Dr. Whittaker will present his address.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28.—Executive Meeting in the Civic Theatre at 8 p.m.

An Old Name Lives On

Our members and other townfolk must have been pleased at the report that the sign-board bearing the name "Mungabareena" is soon to be restored. This pleasant-sounding aboriginal name could not be permitted to fall into disuse—especially also that Mungabareena is the site of Albury's first settlement, and the area has always been renowned for its natural beauty.

Acquisitions

It is with pleasure we record gifts of historical value from the following persons—

Mr. Stuart Hume (Goulburn): Script of his address, "From Brittany to the Murray"; five photographs, "Cooma Cottage", Mrs. Hamilton Hume, Thomas Boyd, Captain H. Hovell's memorial, and "Brisbane Meadows". Mr. Arthur Roy (member, West Preston): Plan (undated) of subdivision of Englehardt Estate (extending from the streets now named Stanley to Engle-

hardt and Mitchell). Mrs. E. Bird (Wirlinga): Shoe button-hook of silver (c. 1813). Mr. O. Schilg (member): Book, *The History of Port Macquarie*.

Question Box

E.S. (Albury): The servants assigned to Hamilton Hume and Captain H. Hovell were six in number, they being Claude Bosswa, Henry Angel, James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Boyd, William Bollard and Thomas Smith.

The Beginning

As its guest speaker last month our Society was honoured by the presence of Mr. Stuart Hume, who is a member of the Goulburn Historical Society and a great-grand-nephew of the explorer Hamilton Hume.

In view of the Hume family's connection with several other of Australia's pioneering families, it is little wonder that our speaker felt the urge to make some study of genealogy and early Australian history. The result of his wide researches may be regarded as a valuable contribution to Australia's historical records.

In his talk, titled "The Story of the Huons—from Brittany to the Murray", Mr. Hume gave, so far as his investigations enabled him, an account of the life and work of Huon de Kerrilleau, whose name must always find a place in the first chapter of Albury's story.

Gabriel Marie Louis Huon de Kerrilleau de Bourbon, son of a French nobleman, was the first of the name in Australia. Fearing for his life during the Revolution, he escaped to England, where under the name of Gabriel Lewis he enlisted in the N.S.W. Corps and came to this colony in 1794.

Shortly afterwards there arrived from England a young French woman named Louisa LeSage, who had been convicted and sentenced to seven years' transportation to Botany Bay. Claiming he had married Louisa before he had left England, Louis and she lived as man and wife until they were persuaded by Lieutenant John McArthur to go through a second ceremony to conform with the conventions.

The marriage was performed by Rev. Samuel Marsden at Parramatta in February, 1800.

Elizabeth, their only daughter of a family of five, at an early age married Capt. William Mitchell, who had set-up a holding at Bungonia. In after years Louis and Lousia joined them. It was whilst here that Louis mysteriously disappeared in 1829 when travelling alone through the wild bushlands of

Shoalhaven.

Following the death of her husband in 1837, Louisa cared for the large family until her death in 1842.

It was shortly after this that the members of the family removed their interests to the Murray River, coming under the protection of the elder sons, Paul and Charles, who in 1836 had established their run at Wodonga.

A Yearly Gathering

As a means of perpetuating the memory of Hamilton Hume and Captain H. Hovell, the Society has adopted the suggestion of Mr. J. J. Wright that in mid-November each year there be a gathering at the Hovell Tree. Part of the proceedings would be a telling of the story of discovery of the Murray River, and it is hoped to arrange for the presence of all school boys and girls of 6th grade, as well as members of the public who wish to attend. Any move made in matter will depend on the degree of interest shown in the proposal.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION

On Thursday (Oct. 29) the following selections were made at the Land Office, Albury: Bernard Brady, Rutherglen, 320 acres at Mungabareena; John Brodrick, Rutherglen, 320 acres at Mungabareena; Henry Green, Rutherglen, 40 acres at Mungabareena.

SALE OF STATION

The Talmalmo Station, lately the property of Mr. George Mole, was put up to auction on Wednesday by Mr. S. C. V. North, at the instance of the Curator of Intestate Estates. The run was bought by Messrs. George and James Day, for the sum of £335. Messrs. Huon and Chapman purchased the stock on the station for £540.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCH

In the Legislative Assembly there has been a debate on the state of the South-western district as regards bushranging. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Cowper, announced that he had informed the Inspector-general, Captain McLerie, that unless Gilbert were apprehended, and his gang broken up within a month, he should recall him and entirely remodel the police force.

LAND SALE

At the Government Land Sale at the Court House, Albury, on Wednesday, the following purchases were made: R. D. Reid,

three lots, of 100 acres each, at Moorwatha, at £1 acre; James Bruce, 1 rood 30 perches, at Ten Mile Creek, at £3 10s.; Mary Ann McCrae, 3 roods 30 perches, at Mulwala, at £7 10s.

NATIONAL SCHOOL

We are glad to announce that, after much correspondence and trouble, the Government in Sydney has sanctioned the conversion of the National School at Albury into a Model School for the district. The result is mainly owing to the energy and perseverance of Mr. J. T. Fallon, who has for years been labouring to gain this advantage.

RIVER TRAFFIC

The Argus of Tuesday (Oct 20) has the following telegram from Echuca, dated Monday: The *Lady Daly* arrived on Saturday night, and the new steamer *Riverine* today. The former has 402 bales of wool and some hides; 306 bales are for Messrs. Goldsbrough, and the balance for Messrs. Clough. The *Riverine* has 70 bales for Messrs. Cunningham and Meredith.

POLICEMAN TAKEN BY BUSHRANGER

It is reported that Gilbert's gang held up the town of Canowindra last week for three days, bailing up and detaining everybody that passed during that time, till at length they had about forty prisoners. The bushrangers made themselves agreeable by treating everyone. Ben Hall, at one time, went to look after a trooper stationed near the town, and came back driving him before his horse at the point of his carbine, and told the trooper to go into the public-house, and remain there until he received further orders.

Advertisement—

ALBURY MECHANICS' INSTITUTE. — The Opening Ball will take place at the Institute on 18th November. Dancing to commence at nine o'clock. Ladies by invitation. Gentlemen's tickets £1 1s. each, including refreshments, to be had from any of the undermentioned members of the Committee: David Reid (President), J. T. Fallon, H. S. Elliott, Norman P. Lockhart, J. C. Middleton, W. J. Jones, G. Adams.—J. T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

LEGAL

Albury just now is becoming very strong in its legal advisers, and, from having had for some time past but two of that profession in the town, the number now is about to be doubled. Mr. Fleming has commenced business opposite the Court House, and Mr. Thorold is to offer himself for admission in Sydney today and purposes, we understand, being in Albury in time for the ensuing District Court.

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Speaker for November

At the General Meeting on Monday, 11th November, in the Town Hall, we will be honoured by the presence of Mrs. A. R. Paton, of "St. Hilaire", Thurgoona, as our guest speaker. The subject of Mrs. Paton's talk will be "A Brief History of Ournie". To complete the evening there will be a showing of slides brought along by some of our members.

Annual Meeting

As the date of our Annual Meeting draws near, members are reminded that this is the occasion on which office-bearers are elected for the forthcoming year. It is confidently expected that there will be a full attendance and that each member will give serious thought to the business of the night and the future welfare of the Society.

As some of our members have held office since the beginning of the organisation, it is realised that there are others who are able and ready to assist in some way.

The President and the Secretary will be pleased to receive nominations from those willing to take any of the following positions: President, Vice-Presidents (two), Treasurer, General Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Committee (six, with power to add), Research Secretary, Editor of the Bulletin, Assistant Editor, Publicity Officer, and Recorder.

Hovell Tree Gathering

The proposal that a gathering be held at the Hovell Tree each year to commemorate the arrival of the explorers Hamilton Hume and Captain W. Hovell has met with all-round acceptance by the schools of Albury. The date decided upon for the 1963 gathering is Thursday, 14th November, when proceedings will begin at 3 o'clock. The Mayor, Ald. C. E.

Bunton, O.B.E., has accepted an invitation to be present and will address the assemblage. Though the attendance will comprise mainly school children of 6th grade, there is an open invitation to all who are interested in this celebration.

A Peep into the Past

As speaker for its October meeting the Society had the pleasure of a visit by Dr. D. M. Whittaker, member of the North-Eastern Historical Society (Wangaratta).

Dr. Whittaker's address was based on a collection of century-old photographs which had recently been recovered, and which originally had been used in Butler and Brookes's *Ovens Directory* in describing the township and district of Wangaratta.

By a masterly piece of photography, transparencies were successfully copied from the old pictures, and these slides were used by the speaker to illustrate his talk, titled "Wangaratta, 1866". On this his favourite subject Dr. Whittaker made full use of his experience as a researcher into local history, and whisked his audience back to the pioneering period of dauntless businessmen.

Even in those early times the township of Wangaratta showed signs of stability, and some of the buildings then erected are to-day the cornerstones of Wangaratta the city.

In step with our guide, we trod the muddy streets of old Wangaratta, loitering here and there to gaze at old-fashioned shops and stores which supplied the settlers with their food, clothing and other primary needs—and all the while we were being told little stories concerning the shopkeepers and other men of the times. At every turn some place of interest showed itself—not forgetting the butcher's shop with the joints of beef on display outside; the delivery-boy, basket on arm and mounted on his piebald pony; the Commercial Hotel, and the fine two-storied building of C. A. Rundle, the chemist and druggist.

Whilst Wangaratta folk must feel grateful to those who laid the foundations of their fair city, we of Albury Historical Society in turn feel grateful to Dr. Whittaker for coming so far to provide us with an evening of real enjoyment.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11.—General Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m., when Mrs. Paton will be the guest speaker.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14.—Gathering at the Hovell Tree.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.—Meeting of Committee in the Civic Theatre at 8 p.m.

100 YEARS AGO

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RIVER BOATS

The latest accounts state that both the Murray and the Darling to be still rising, threatening the flooding-out of the residents in some of the districts, and causing the temporary stoppage of the mails. *The Lady Augusta* is reported to be somewhere on her way up with a superior cargo. *The Lady Daly* discharged her cargo at Echuca on the 17th, and *The Riverina* on the 19th, the former 462 bales of wool from the Darling, and the latter 70 bales from Swan Hill. They have both gone down the river. *The Gundagai* was reported at Wentworth last week with the large cargo of 968 bales of wool for Echuca.

BRIDGE TOLLS

In these times of which so many complain, the new Government appear to think that those who cross the Murray at Albury are not sufficiently taxed in the way of toll and, therefore, have determined to double the charges. After the 1st January next they will be charged as follows: For every foot passenger, 2d.; for every gig, dray, cart, or other vehicle, 1s.; for every horse, mare, gelding, ass or mule, drawing or not drawing, 6d.; for every ox or head of neat cattle, drawing or not drawing, 4d.; for every sheep, lamb, pig, or goat, 1d. One charge to include passing and repassing once a day. Persons riding or travelling in vehicles not to be charged toll as foot passengers.

THE ALBURY DIGGINGS

We have nothing particular to report of the Nailcan rush except that persons are continually reporting good prospects and are confident that the stuff is there. Nichols's party washed last Saturday by the lagoon. They got down 11 loads of wash-dirt, but through the state of the ground the loads were small, and it was calculated they were not more than eight average ordinary loads. This turned out 10 oz. 1 dwt. 17 grs., which has been bought by the Commercial Bank.

FREE SELECTION

A large area of land was taken up at the Albury Land Office this week under Free Selection principles, and mainly by persons from Victoria, namely: Wm. Brewer, of Ballarat, 320 acres at Bungowannah; Jas. Lucas, of Ballarat, 320 a. at Bungowannah; Henry Grover, of King River, 320 a. at Collendina; Angus McDonald, of Wickliffe, Vic., 80 a. at Mullengandra; James Wealand, of Mulwala, 100 a. at Mulwala; Wm. McLeod, 100 a. at Huon; Thos. Anderson, 73 a. at Bungowannah; Timothy Hynes, 188 a. at Jindera and 52 a. at Yambla.

EXPLORATION

A narrative is announced to be given by Mr. John Roper at the Mechanics' Institute on Saturday evening, of exploration to Port Essington some time since, in which Mr. Roper took a distinguished part. Recent explorers have had a world-wide fame accorded to them, while the early pioneers and the companions of Leichhardt are now nearly forgotten. We do not know a more interesting subject, and particularly from one of the party.

THE FIRE BRIGADE

The "Faugh-au-Ballagh", the engine of the Albury Fire Brigade, has arrived from Sydney, and looks capable of doing all that it is expected to perform in the way of assisting to arrest any outbreak which may occur. We notice that a special meeting of the brigade is convened for Monday evening. Captain is Mr. H. A. Brooks.

CROSSING BREEDS

The advantages to be derived from the careful crossing of sheep with imported animals of the best breeds are well exemplified by the following report in *The Pastoral Times*: "We understand that Messrs. Peppin & Co., rams have been disposed of privately, at prices varying from £5 to £10. Some, when shorn lately, yielded 13 lb. of washed wool. These sheep are the progeny of picked merino ewes, by Napoleon and Negretti sires."

DRAMATIC CLUB

The performances at the Exchange Theatre on the race nights were well attended, and, we have no doubt, will do something to enable the Albury amateurs to clear off some of their liabilities. The Wodonga histrionics came out in full force, and fairly surprised their best friends by their general ability, and their perfectness in their parts, a point on which we cannot certainly compliment members of the Albury Club, who taxed the promptor to a more than comfortable degree.

CHEAP MEAT

At last an attempt is to be made to sell meat in Albury at something like the prices paid in other districts. Mr. Williams of the Billybong is about to open a retail and wholesale butchery* next to the Rose Inn and proposes to sell at from 25 to 40 per cent. under present prices. He also states that this is no temporary spurt, but that he will continue to sell at figures he advertises, and he believes he can do well if the public support him. Our other butchers will have to look about them.

*This shop, on the corner of Volt Lane and Kiewa Street, is still in business.

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Annual General Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting will take place in the Town Hall on Monday, December 9, beginning at 8 p.m.

To satisfactorily carry out the evening's programme of work it is expected that every member who can possibly do so will be in attendance. The agenda will be—

1. Reading of Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting, held December 19, 1962.
2. Presentation of the President's Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1963.
3. Election of Office-bearers for the year 1964, as follows: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Committee of six (with power to add), Research Secretary, Librarian, Bulletin Editor, Publicity Officer, Recorder, Auditor.
4. General Business.

Our Next Speaker

It is anticipated that the Society's first guest speaker in the coming year will be Mr. Bob Knight, Albury's well-known authority on aviation. As Mr. Knight's talk is to be accompanied by a filming of the first aerial pageant held at Albury, this should be a very fitting way to celebrate the opening of Albury's new aerodrome.

Annual Subscriptions

With the arrival of December, yearly subscriptions to the Society become due. All members (other than life members) are kindly requested to renew their subscriptions by the payment of 10/-. It would be appreciated by our Hon. Treasurer if members would give this small matter their early attention.

New members are always welcome, and now is an opportune time to enrol. Forms of application for membership will be made available.

Upper Murray Settlement

Members and visitors who attended last month's General Meeting were delighted to have the story of old Ournie told them by a descendant of one of the pioneering families of the Upper Murray.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. R. A. Paton, of "St. Hilaire", Thurgoona, explained that Ournie was located seventy miles upstream from Albury, on the N.S.W. side of the Murray River. The name is derived from the aboriginal word "ornee", meaning platypus.

Charles Scott is recorded as being the first selector of the holding, though old-time employees on the station always claimed that he was preceded by a settler named Collins, who also held Kimo, on the Murrumbidgee. At that early period little development had taken place at Ournie and the run, comprising 30,300 acres, was only lightly stocked.

During the 1840s the holding was purchased from Scott by an enterprising young Scotsman, John Hay, who already owned Khancoban. Hay had such a fondness for Ournie that he had it more fully stocked and built his homestead there, and shortly afterwards disposed of Khancoban. About 1848, while still at Ournie, he wed Miss Jane Robinson, of Coppabella, and in 1852 he sold the station to the Shelley brothers, of Tumut.

Four years later Ournie passed into the hands of Elmslie and Strachan, who bought it together with 2000 head of cattle and 100 horses for £12,000. With Elmslie as manager and occupying the old homestead, the property had become increasingly productive. A second residence, "The Glen", was erected farther upstream for Strachan, who had married Miss Kate Armstrong, of Yarrara.

In 1875 Elmslie and Strachan sold to Alfred Chenery, who had a holding also in Victoria. Ournie's rich grasslands were then running some 3000 head of cattle and 200 horses, all of which went to the new owner. After six years of management by the Chenerys the ownership again changed, and two of the sons, John and Edward, established a stock agency at Albury. The new owners, who took over in 1881, were Cobb and Co, of coaching renown.

In 1888 Ournie was purchased by the McMeekin brothers, who later divided it into two, P. J. McMeekin keeping the upper half, which he named "Karara", and J. McMeekin the lower portion. It was during their possession of Ournie that sheep

were first taken on to the property. In those early times provisions for the station were brought from Albury by bullock waggon, and in season back-loading always comprised the station's wool.

The homestead blocks of each estate taken up by the McMeekin brothers are still in possession of members of the two families after seventy-five years.

The discovery of gold on Ournie in the 60s resulted in a big rush to what the miners called the "Horney Diggings". Two reefs—the "Peep o' Day" and "Isabella"—were worked for some years with considerable success. The gold was taken from there by pack-horses and escorted to Beechworth.

Lest It Be Forgotten

It is pleasant to learn of Horsham (Vic.) as another town with its own Historical Society. A piece of good work recently carried out by its members in co-operation with Wimmera Shire Council was the erection of a memorial on the site of the old police station at Troopers' Creek, in the Grampians. One of the purposes of this outpost was to check the unlawful entry of Chinese, many of whom, after coming ashore at Guichen (S.A.), walked overland to the diggings to avoid payment of the Victorian poll tax of £10.

Gifts to the Society

Our Society gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following members and good friends: Mrs. R. Williams (Albury)—seven old photographs of Ournie people and places. Mrs. Ita Betheras (Clematis, Vic.)—written history of the properties Burrumbuttock and Bulgandra. Mr. J. Haberfield (Albury)—four photos of Hume Dam and Bethanga Bridge. Mr. Tom Chubb (Albury)—three interesting photos of Albury half a century ago.

The Old Gum-tree

The recent gathering at the Hovell Tree to do honour to the explorers Hume and Hovell drew a gratifying attendance of schoolchildren, their teachers and other persons interested. The Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., addressed the gathering and read the story of the discovery of the Murray. A telegram with an inspiring message to the children came from Mr. Stuart Hume (Goulburn) and Mr. Ross Hovell, descendants of the explorers.

Seasonal Wishes

To all members and friends of our Society we extend sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year—and to all other Historical Societies we say: *happy hunting in nineteen sixty-four!*

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THE MURRAY BRIDGE

The tolls upon this bridge were put up for auction at the Court House on Tuesday last, the upset price being £600 in consequence of a proclamation doubling the tolls in future. The present lessee, Mr. D. Driscoll, made a bid of the upset price, when an increase of £1 was made by a stranger. The competition was very languid for a quarter of an hour, when it was knocked down to Mr. Driscoll for £609.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE

We find that the new building of the Institute is likely to come into use in several ways, and that advantage will be taken of its accommodation for several good purposes. Amongst these we hear of a soiree in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and also a series of lectures on behalf of the building fund of the Church of England.

LADY NICOTINE

As the special chroniclers of the world of fashion are bound to record all events that occur in high life, we must refer to a custom which has lately been introduced into this country, and which, we venture to predict, will ere long become very prevalent—we allude to the smoking of cigarettes by ladies. We could mention the names of many of England's aristocratic daughters who openly indulge in mild Latakia. A clever contemporary has alluded to "fast matrons"—let us hope that unmarried ladies will be slow to follow the example of those who would introduce the noxious weed into female society.—*Court Journal* (London).

FREE SELECTION

During December the following land was taken up at the Albury Land Office: Joshua Roe, of Wahgunyah (Vic.), 80 acres at Corowa; G. W. James, of Ballarat, 254 a. at Bungowannah; A. J. James, of Ballarat, 113 a. at Bungowannah; John Ferguson, of Beechworth, 63 a. at Bungowannah; Johanna Leahy, Moorwatha, 105 a. at Moorwatha.

MURRAY STEAMERS

The Lady Daly, on her upward trip, passed Swan Hill on Wednesday (Dec. 2 and was at Echuca today (Sat.). She will load cargo at Wahgunyah on Monday next.