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Annual General Meeting

The third Annual General Meeting of the Society, held in the Town Hall on December 9, was chaired by Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., and was attended by a goodly number of members. The Annual Report, read by the President (Mr. A. J. Allan), showed the Society had experienced another year of progress and retained its strong membership. Committee was fortunate in being able to again arrange for a series of excellent talks and slide-shows throughout the past year.

The election of office-bearers for 1964 resulted: Patrons, Mr. D. G. Padman, M.L.A., and Ald. Bunton, O.B.E.; President, Mr. C. E. Chamberlain; Vice-Presidents, Capt. P. H. Heywood and Mr. O. Schilg; Secretary, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Minutes Secretary, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald; Committee, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Messrs. P. D. Burrows, A. J. Allan, R. Ellis, J. J. Wright, D. J. Bryan, A. Bryan and A. L. Mitchell; Hon. Auditor, Ald. C. E. Bunton.

General Meeting

The first General Meeting of this year was held on February 10, and was in the form of a picture-night. By the combined efforts of our members Mrs. O. Schilg and Mr. Alan Mitchell the large attendance, which included a number of visitors, was treated to a colourful travelogue which extended first to Perth, and secondly to Mt. Isa in Queensland. The many pictures of scenic beauty were interspersed by others of much interest from an historical viewpoint.

Animal Park

An important stage was reached in regard to the proposed Animal Park for Albury when a deputation from the Historical Society was recently granted a hearing by the Work Committee of the City Council. The deputation, comprising Mr. A. J. Allan (spokesman), Mrs. R. A. Smith, Messrs. O. Schilg and W. Fielder, with Mrs. Schilg as projectionist, was courteously

received by the Councillors; and in the discussion which followed it seemed that they were impressed by the proposal. A decision on the matter can only be expected after Council has further inquired into costs of establishing and maintaining a park of this nature.

Much praise is due to our two lady members for the parts they had played—Mrs. Smith for the presentation of a round-up of public opinion, and Mrs. Schilg for screening a series of colour slides befitting the subject.

Koalas Return

Of the many brightly-written articles in February issue of *The Riverlander* it is interesting to read that a number of koalas have been set free on Goat Island at Swan Hill and on Lock Island at Mildura. They have been fetched from the Grampians, and two of the females have been observed with young. The experiment of re-introducing these gentle creatures to one of their native haunts will be watched with much interest.

This Month's Speaker

We are pleased to report that arrangements have been made for Mr. Bob Knight to be guest speaker at our next General Meeting. Mr. Knight, well versed in the history and development of aviation, will illustrate his talk with a filming of Albury's first aerial pageant, which to many of us now is but a dim recollection. Meeting will take place in the Town Hall on March 9, beginning at 8 p.m.

Speaker for April

For the April meeting our member Mr. John Henwood is preparing a paper on Thologolong (an old Upper Murray holding), which will be illustrated by appropriate slides.

Gifts Received

The Society accepts with gratitude a number of items recently donated by the following persons: Miss Olive Crisp (Albury), silver glove-buttoner; Miss A. M. Wallace (Albury), series of newspaper articles on early history of the Upper Murray; Mr. A. Pratt (Albury), volume of *The Illustrated London News*; Mr. and Mrs. W. Fielder, books of history—*John Knatchbull* (Colin Roderick) and *No Barrier* (Eleanor Dark); Mrs. Anna Vroland (Box Hill), book—*Report of the 15th International Congress of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom*, with which organisation the giver is associated; Mr. W. E. Colley, two photographs—Albury Council (1933) and peace celebrations at Albury (1919).

Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions, which became due in December, have been coming in steadily, and it is hoped that very shortly all members will have renewed their membership by payment of the modest fee of ten shillings. Next month's journal will contain an up-to-date list of financial members for 1964, and in subsequent issues will appear the names of new members.

New Members

The following new members are welcomed to the Society: Mrs. C. P. Reid, Jindera; Mrs. G. Carter, Mrs. E. Hore, Miss M. Bunyan, Mrs. T. R. Summerfield and Mr. K. C. Whitton, all of Albury.

Kindred Societies

From the Historical Societies of Wagga Wagga, Mildura and the North-eastern District (Wangaratta) have come copies of their current newsletters. It is pleasing to note that without exception all are going steadily forward and are encouraged by the increased interest being shown by the public.

Harrietville Historical Society

At the invitation of Harrietville Historical Society, members of our Society were present at the Raising of the Flag on Australia Day, when Mr. Keith Rash, president of the Australian Natives' Association, was guest speaker. The fervent regard for matters of local history shown by the folk of this little community is a shining example to all other towns.

Invitation to Schools

In an effort to enliven young people's interest in the history of their town it is the intention of Albury Historical to recommend to groups of senior students of Albury that they compile histories of their own schools. It is hoped later to invite each group to come to one of our meetings and give a brief talk on the subject of their research.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Extracted from issues of *The Albury Banner* for March, 1864)

UNSUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.—The recent attempt to introduce alpacas into Victoria has been singularly unfortunate. They are all—or very near all—dead. The alpacas in this country have hitherto failed to be as productive and healthy as could be wished. Those which have survived are to be sold.

FLOUR.—A telegram from Adelaide states that the steamer *Lady Daly* will leave with 90 tons of wheat and 60 tons of flour from Goolwa for the Upper Murray. In Melbourne the present price for best brands of Adelaide flour is now £13 10s. to £14.

BUSHRANGING RIFE.—Rumours are current that the Gilbert gang are meditating an attack on a station near Yass, as the respected proprietor of the said extensive station has, in the opinion of the robber chief, been guilty of the most heinous of crimes—that of harbouring and entertaining the police. However, before making this attack, let them take a retrospective glance at the fate of O'Meally and Burke, as the owner of the threatened station is well known to be a man of determined courage and a crack shot. When recently the mail was stopped and plundered by Gilbert and Hall, two of the servants belonging to the station referred to were among those previously bailed-up and Gilbert sent a verbal message of warning by them to their master.

SETTLEMENT OF THE NORTH.—The first sale of land in the Northern Territory, recently placed under the control of South Australia, has taken place at Adelaide. The number of persons who purchased was 238, and the quantity of land disposed of was 58,000 acres, the deposit upon which was £7,160. Thus the first practical step has been taken towards the formation of the new settlement.

FREE SELECTION.—In recent weeks the following free selections have been made at the Albury Land Office: James Keogh, 120 acres at Yambla; Robert Poulton, 161 a. at Bungowannah; Benjamin Poulton, 189 a. at Bungowannah; Edmund A. Martin, 160 a. at Corowa; John Dight, of Bungowannah, 320 a. at Huon; James Goodwin, jun., 40 a. at Corowa; Michael Keogh, 160 a. at Yambla; James Keogh, 40 a. additional at Yambla; James Peirce, 300 a. at Welaregang; John Ross, 83 a. at Moorwatha; Nicholan Curren, 50 a. at Welaregang.

STUD STOCK.—By the arrival of the ships the *Ben Lomond* and the *True Briton*, from England, a large addition has been made to the blood stock of the colony, the former vessel bringing nine of Mr. Chirside's purchases from the stud of Sir Tatton Sykes, and the latter two other blood horses; this vessel also brings some song birds, and the immortal sparrows.

CAUTION TO FRUIT STEALERS.—Great depredations having been made by boys and others in stealing fruit from Mr. Botterill's farm and garden, the undersigned, who is in charge gives notice that in future anyone caught in the act will be fired upon unless they stand and deliver.—J. Cox.

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Our Next Speaker

Our speaker for this month is to be one of the Society's younger members, Mr. John Henwood, who will tell the story of "Thologolong", an old Upper Murray holding. From such a keen researcher we may expect to hear quite an amount of detail given out for the first time. Some early photographs have been used in the making of a series of slides which will illustrate the talk.

Speaker for May

For the coming month Mr. Les Heath has promised to address our General Meeting. A resident of Albury for many years and a member of the A.I.F. during World War One, Mr. Heath will tell us about the Albury Battery and of its war-time service, including the battle to recapture the French village of Noreuil.

Last Month's Speaker

Guest speaker at our last General Meeting was Mr. Bob Knight, of Albury. Taking Australian aviation of an earlier period as his subject, Mr. Knight opened his talk with a showing of the historic film of Albury's aerial pageant of thirty-odd years ago, when Keith Farmer, Captain G. de Haviland and other prominent airmen of the time attended and took part in the varied programme of point-to-point races, aerobatics, &c. Referring briefly to his own experiences as a trainee in civil life and later as a member of the R.A.A.F., Mr. Knight preferred to tell of the achievements of his mates, whose only machines in the early stages were Wirriways and Tiger Moths.

Holbrook C.W.A.

In response to an invitation from Holbrook branch of the County Women's Association, Mr. and Mrs. Burrows journeyed to that town on a recent date as representatives of Albury Historical Society. By request Mr. Burrows read a paper he

had prepared on the early settlement of Holbrook and district, beginning with Johannes Pabst, the first selector at what was then known as Ten Mile Creek. Mr. Burrows was accorded a most attentive hearing by his audience of womenfolk, some of whom were descendants of the pioneers mentioned by him.

Acquisitions

It is with pleasure the Society acknowledges gifts from the following: A collection of photographs of early-type aircraft which visited Albury on different occasions—from Mr. Bob Knight (Albury); and a new publication, "Union List of Newspapers in Australian Libraries: Supplement No. 3"—from the National Library of Australia, Canberra.

The Trade Fair

As the season of Albury Trade Fair approaches, our thoughts turn to the question of another display of historical interest; and it is encouraging to hear that some members have already arranged for the transport of the large show-cases needed in our set-up. This yearly event is seen as a grand opportunity for Albury Historical Society to present itself to the public and so gain wider recognition, and because of this we have reason to feel very grateful towards the sponsors of the Trade Fair in granting us free space. To prove the Society is worthy of this concession, let us make our exhibit one which will have a refreshing interest to the thousands of visitors who will come to see the 1964 Trade Fair.

How Lucky!

After years of waiting, the Canberra and District Historical Society has acquired a suitable building for its Museum. An old shepherd's dwelling, known as "Blundell's Cottage", has been suitably restored for this purpose. It is located on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin, close to the historic St. John's Church.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, APRIL 13: General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m., when Mr. John Henwood will be the speaker.

MONDAY, APRIL 27: Committee Meeting in the Civic Theatre, at 8 p.m.

MAY 13-16: Albury Trade Fair and Motor Exhibition in the Farmers and Graziers' Building, Smollett Street.

Gone Overseas

The spirit of the wanderlust has again gripped our member Mr. J. J. Wright, who has departed on a tour abroad which will last for several months. As one who takes a wholehearted interest in the work of the Society, Joe's absence is going to be much felt by fellow-members. His travels will take him first by sea

to Japan, followed by a crossing of Siberia by rail, thence to the Near East, and eventually to England.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

SCHOOL CRICKET.—Another cricket match was played on Saturday last (16th) between the boys of the National School and their friends and those of the Grammar School and their friends. The former were, as usual, the conquerors, by nearly two to one, and it is evident that the Grammarians will have to eat some more pudding before they can tackle the others with a chance. We would have given the scores, but learn that the captain of the defeated, in a rage, destroyed the document.

FREE SELECTION.—During this month the following selections were made at the Land Office, Albury: Alexander Ferguson, of Indigo Creek, Vic., 300 acres at Mulwala; James Brown, of Wangaratta, 100 a. at Moorwatha; Henry Huon, of Wodonga, 80 a. at Yambala; James Henshaw, of Tabletop, 80 a. at Yambala; Alexander Murray, of Indigo Creek, 100 a. at Boomanoomanoo; John Crocker, of Ballarat, 114 a. at Bungowannah; John Thomas Crocker, 67½ a. at Bungowannah; Michael Keogh, 160 a. at Yambala.

THE VINTAGE.—Nearly all our winegrowers are now busy at work wine-making, and are giving anxious glances at the clouds, fearing more wet weather. There is no doubt now that the average return per acre will be fully one-third less than last year. At the same time it is expected that the quality will be fully up to the mark, if not superior to anything yet produced. Some few plucked too soon, however, and in some instances the wine made has turned out a failure and will be only good for vinegar. A great deal of experience is needed in this respect, and it is hardly possible to let the grapes remain on the vines too long, notwithstanding that they may appear to be mildewed and even rotten. The best of wine is obtained from such, and some of our growers will let them remain a fortnight later than this unless the wet weather sets in.

ACCIDENT TO DENILIKUIN MAIL.—Mr. W. M. Miller, Mr. Bolton of the Bank of N.S.W., and Mr. G. Milner Stephen had a narrow escape from drowning the other night in the mail from Deniliquin. For several miles near Tocumwal the driver had been pursuing his track through water and had just asked his passengers, who had to walk back to Tocumwal in the middle stump and capsized into a waterhole with 10 feet of water. The driver and Mr. Bolton, being good swimmers, rescued the other passengers, who had to walk back to Tocumwal in the middle of the night for shelter. The horses were drowned and the driver, Brady, had to go 11 miles for others to get the mail out next morning.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Following is an up-to-date list of financial members for this year. As well as being of general interest, the list should serve as a reminder to members who have so far overlooked renewing their subscriptions, the amount of which is ten shillings. (* Indicates a life member.)

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| *Albury City Council | Jacob, Graham (Walla) |
| Allan, A. J. | Kroeber, Miss S. |
| Allan, Mrs. A. J. | Laidlaw, A. T. |
| Anderson, J. H. | Laidlaw, Mrs. A. T. |
| Anderson, Mrs. J. H. | McDonald, Mrs. R. H. |
| Barnes, Miss Ella | *Mitchell, T. W. (M.L.A.) |
| Bird, Mrs. L. (Glen Iris) | Mitchell, A. L. |
| Bryan, D. A. | *Moll, Otto |
| Bryan, D. J. | *Moll, Mrs. O. |
| Bryan, Mrs. D. J. | Moscher, John |
| Bunton, Ald. C. E., O.B.E. | *Nilsson, Miss M. |
| Bunton, Mrs. C. E. | Nugent, P. L. |
| Bunyan, Miss M. | O'Malley, Br. J. P. (Goulburn) |
| *Burrows, P. D. | Padman, D. G. (M.L.A.) |
| *Burrows, Mrs. P. D. | Paech, E. A. |
| Butt, A. T. | Paech, Mrs. E. A. |
| Carter, George | Patman, Mrs. M. |
| Carter, Mrs. G. | Reid, C. P. (Jindera) |
| Chamberlain, Cliff | Roach, Ald. J. L. |
| Charles, Mrs. A. B. | Robinson, Mrs. B. |
| *Commercial Club | Roy, Arthur (W. Preston) |
| Dolphin, Mrs. M. A. | Schilg, Otto |
| Ellis, Ralph | Schilg, Mrs. O. |
| Ellis, Mrs. R. | Seaton, Peter |
| *Fielder, W. W. | Smith, R. A. |
| Fielder, Mrs. W. W. | Smith, Mrs. R. A. |
| Foster, Miss Betty | Smith, W. A. (Tathra) |
| *Geddes, B. A. (Holbrook) | Staton, Miss L. A. |
| *Geddes, Mrs. B. A. (H'brook) | Stelling, Horace |
| Goonan, Mrs. M. (Wod.) | Stelling, Mrs. H. |
| Griffith, F. C. (Toonalook) | Summerfield, T. R. |
| Hayter, Dr. Ross | Thompson, Mrs. D. A. |
| Hayter, Mrs. R. | *Tietyens, Angel & Jackling |
| Hazelwood, C. C. | Watson, Mrs. A. D. |
| Hazelwood, Mrs. C. C. | Watson, Mrs. I. (Wodonga) |
| Henwood, Mrs. E. | Watson, Mrs. K. D. (Wod.) |
| Henwood, John | Watson, Miss P. |
| *Heywood, Capt. P. H. | *Webb, S. P. (Hawksview) |
| (Hawksview) | *Webb, Mrs. S. P. (H'view) |
| *Heywood, Mrs. P. H. (H'view) | Wenke, A. E. (E. Malvern) |
| Hore, Mrs. E. | Whitton, K. C. |
| Irwin, Mrs. G. | Williams, K. D. |
| Irons, K. J. (Sydney) | Wright, J. J. |

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This Month's Speaker

It had been the intention of Mr. Les Heath to come and address our meeting on Monday next, but because of a pressing call to Sydney it is not possible for him to keep to this arrangement. Nevertheless he gives an assurance that he will be with us at a meeting in the near future.

Our President, Mr. Cliff Chamberlain, has obligingly come forward to fill the vacancy. He will tell us the interesting story of "Como", the stately old home in South Yarra which has been secured for preservation by the Victorian branch of the National Trust of Australia.

Trade Fair

Since it is the object of the Historical Society to again stage an attractive exhibit at the Trade Fair an appeal is made to all members to endeavour to arrange for the donation or loan of any articles suitable for this purpose.

As usual, attendants will be required to supervise the Society's stand, and it is confidently expected that there will be no lack of volunteers for this pleasant duty. Each of the three days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) has been divided into two-hour shifts from 10 a.m. till 10 p.m., and several members have already offered their services for two hours or more.

At the close of our meeting on Monday evening it is hoped to have a guarantee of sufficient helpers to complete the roster.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, MAY 11: General Meeting in the Town Hall, with Mr. Cliff Chamberlain as speaker.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13: Opening night of Albury Trade Fair in the Farmers & Graziers' Building, Smollett Street.

MONDAY, MAY 25: Committee Meeting in the Civic Theatre.

New Members

The Society is pleased to record the names of three new members: Mr. Vic Carter (Wodonga), Mr. Ned Griffiths (Lavington) and Mr. Niel Hansen (Elsternwick, Vic.).

Obituary

Much regret is felt by members at the passing of Miss Molly Bunyan, who had recently joined the Society. All members join in extending sincere sympathy to her relatives.

Acquisitions

The Society is most grateful to the following persons who have made gifts to its collection of historical items: Miss O. Crisp, ornamented whisk; Mr. Peter Ferguson, souvenir tumbler of Albury Exhibition (1896) and an old-type pocket watch (key-winding); Mr. A. Mitchell, book — *Harrietville, 1852-1964*.

Upper Murray Settlement

Speaker at our last General Meeting was Mr. John Henwood (member), who gave a detailed account of the "Thologolong" run, one of the earliest settlements of the Upper Murray.

A party of land-seekers led by Joseph Spalding in 1836 are recorded as the first to attempt settlement in that fertile region lying on the left side of the river. The natives, however, displayed such hostility towards the white intruders by slaying two of their number that the remaining members of the party were compelled to withdraw. They shortly afterwards established a holding farther downstream at "Wagra", which they later exchanged with John Waite for "Bungil".

Following closely in the footsteps of Spalding on the site of "Thologolong" there came Luke and James Redhall, who succeeded in forming a run there as well as at "Dora Dora", the first-named comprising 20,000 acres.

By successive changes of ownership down the years, with rise and fall of prosperity, the property in 1898 came into the possession of Peter Sutherland and his cousin, J. G. Sutherland. Upon the death of the former in 1927 the holding was managed by his son Keith until its resumption by the Waters Conservation and Irrigation Commission in 1932.

Principally pastoral country, "Thologolong" first became noted for its Aberdeen-Angus cattle stud in 1887 and later for its flock of pure Lincolns. Horses also were bred—racehorses, Clydesdales and a cavalry type for export to India.

In his day Peter Sutherland gained renown throughout the land as a leading judge of stock, and his services were regularly sought by the Sydney and Melbourne Royal Shows, as well as by many of the larger inland exhibitions.

Turk's Head Hotel Building

The recent report of the City Council's plans to convert the old Turk's Head building into a museum is encouraging indeed. All members look forward to the day when the Society shall have a building set apart for the housing and display of the many items of historical value which are being placed in its trust by district residents.

Correspondence

P.W. (Albury): According to Heaton's *Dictionary of Dates*, two petrified aboriginals were found in the Upper Murray region in 1854. They were in a perfect state of preservation. One was taken to Sydney by a travelling hawker, and thence to England, but the ship was wrecked and the specimen lost.

Next Month's Meeting

As a story of farm-life in bygone years cannot be anything but interesting, members may look forward to the talk that Mr. Claude Hazelwood has prepared for our June meeting. Besides writing from his own recollections of "Mohonga" station, Mr. Hazelwood has drawn from the memoirs of his father, who had taken possession of the property some years earlier.

El Dorado

Several members of our Society were among the large gathering at El Dorado on Sunday, April 12, to make an inspection of the Cock's gold dredge. The huge structure, made in Castlemaine, was in its time the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, and had cost £85,000.

Other attractions were a collection of gem stones and other geological specimens which had been found in the district, antique mining equipment, and an expert demonstration of squaring a log with the broad-axe.

Subscriptions

The Society's membership list shows a number of annual subscriptions still unpaid. It would be much appreciated if those who have so far overlooked this matter would at an early date forward their subscriptions of 10/- to the Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 223, Albury.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of May, 1864)

SEPARATION AND DR. LANG AT ALBURY. — Some ill-advised friends of Dr. G. S. Lang persuaded him to visit Albury and deliver a lecture last night (6th) on the question of a separation of the Murray Portion of the Colony of New South Wales from the parent Government. As a matter of courtesy, the lecturer was listened to with attention and patience. No enthusiasm was exhibited in favour of the arguments adduced beyond the mere

trampling of feet in the back seats . . . We do not know why Dr. Lang should, either on his own account, or as a representative of the Riverine Association, think it necessary to trouble Albury citizens with his rhodomontade upon a subject which the inhabitants know far more than he can tell them . . . and it will take a wiser sage than Dr. Lang to persuade them to join with the movement, of which he appears to be the apostle. In the plainest words we believe we express the opinion of the inhabitants of this portion of the Southern District, in saying that Separation is *not wanted*, and that no argument brought forward by Dr. Lang last night will induce them to ask for it or support it.

THE FLOUR MARKET.—The flour and wheat market still presents a very unsettled appearance, most holders looking anxiously for full news of the Californian markets. Prices are decidedly easier; Tasmanian has been offered at £22, and South Australian at £24. The panic in the flour market creates very little excitement in Beechworth, the storekeepers supplying themselves only from hand to mouth. Nominally the price is about £40, but there is a general impression that the news from California is unreliable, and that the price will go down shortly. At Wangaratta the local mills now quote flour at £35 to £40 per ton and will sell but small parcels at that. Wheat has been purchased at 12s. 6d. per bushel.

ROBBERY AT COPABELLA.—A Chinaman (Ah Geong) stole from his mate, while asleep, one bay mare, branded 2 over JL over JK near shoulder, saddle, bridle, black coat, and trousers, with £10 5s. 6d. in the pocket. The thief is expected to be making tracks to the Victorian diggings. Any information concerning his movements is to be made to the Police Station, or to James Robinson, Copabella.

DISTRICT GROWN TOBACCO.—Twenty-five cwt of tobacco, grown by Mr. H. Gibbs, of Collindina, and by him taken to Melbourne, realised fifteen pence per pound all round, or £130 per ton. One shilling and sixpence per pound was offered for the pick of it, and refused.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.—The Superintendent of the Electric Telegraphic Department of N.S.W., Mr. Cracknell, is on a visit to Victoria for the purpose of an interview with the Superintendent of a similar department in South Australia, Mr. Todd, to confer together with respect to the construction of an independent line of telegraphic communication between South Australia and N.S.W. At present it is necessary that all messages between the two colonies should pass through the head station of the Victorian department, an inconvenience which has long been a subject of complaint as well as the cause of unnecessary delay in the despatch of business.

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This Month's Speaker

On Monday evening next we are to have the pleasure of a talk by fellow-member Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, who will tell us of the way of life on a Riverina farm two generations ago. Although Mr. Hazelwood himself has lived through an interesting period in the history of farming, his address will be based mainly on the recorded reminiscences of his father, who for many years was the holder of part of Mohonga Estate. A screening of slides will add a deal of interest to the talk, which will be given in the Town Hall.

Next Month's Meeting

Members look forward to Monday, 13th July, when it is hoped Mr. Les Heath is able to be with us as guest speaker. The subject of Mr. Heath's address will be the Albury Battery, with which he and other Albury men served in France during World War I, as members of the 13th Battery, Australian Field Artillery.

Acquisitions

Articles of historic value which have recently been placed in the trust of our Society have come from the following persons: Mrs. Eames, sen. (Albury), five old photographs of rural activities; Mrs. A. D. Watson (Albury), launderer's gas iron; Mrs. G. Murphy (Albury), shoe button-hook; Miss Jessie McEachern (Albury), spring scales (old pattern); Mr. Gordon Flavel (Wirlinga), mortising axe; Mr. Percy Phillips (Thurgoona), antique mantel clock; Mr. Les Morrison (Albury), ladies' footwear (1907-8); Mr. Bernard Hore (Bowna), bullock yoke; Mr. Brian Barnes (Albury), certificate presented to member of Albury Fire Brigade (1910); Mr. Vernon Brown (Albury), newspaper article of local history; the Principal, Albury Technical School, photograph of late Dr. Arthur Andrews (founder of Albury's first museum). The Society tenders its sincere thanks of all who have so kindly made these donations.

A National Treasure

Our speaker for last month, Mr. Cliff Chamberlain, was well received in telling the story of "Como", the beautiful old mansion in its garden setting at South Yarra. Completed about 1850, and originally the homestead of a cattle run, the house has now been acquired by the Victorian branch of the National Trust of Australia to be preserved for posterity and made accessible to the people.

So impressed were they by Mr. Chamberlain's first-hand description of "Como" that many of his listeners must now feel they should go and see for themselves this lovely house so rich in associations with the past.

New Members

The following persons have in recent weeks been welcomed as members of the Society: Mrs. M. Perry (Balldale), Mrs. E. S. McDonald (Albury), Mrs. G. Heath (Wirlinga), Mrs. Godfred (Albury), Mr. Peter Sutherland, life member (Thologolong), Mr. J. D. Croke (Gundowring), Mr. Harry Wynack, Mr. Les Ryan, Mr. Arthur Burton, Mr. Vernon Brown (all of Albury), and Mr. Ivan Maddern (Morwell).

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JUNE 8: General Meeting in Albury Town Hall at 8 p.m., with Mr. C. C. Hazelwood as speaker.

MONDAY, JUNE 22: Committee Meeting in the Mechanics' Institute at 8 p.m.

The Trade Fair

In the knowledge that Albury's Trade Fair of 1964 was again most successful, the Historical Society takes pride in the fact that it had helped in entertaining the crowd which attended the grand exhibition.

The larger area of floor space at its disposal enabled the Society to give its display a wider spread and so secure more freedom of movement for the many folk who came to examine the old photographs and other relics.

On the opening night of the Fair we were honoured by a visit from His Excellency the State Governor, Sir Eric Woodward, who complimented the Society on the work it has taken in hand. He showed a keen interest in local history and spent some time examining the collection of aboriginal artifacts which were on display.

Judging by the thousands of people of all ages who found pleasure in viewing everything on show at our stall, it is safe to say that a museum in our city should be a very popular institution.

Other callers included several of the Society's country members who seldom have an opportunity of seeing us at other

times; it was pleasing also to have representatives of other Historical Societies come and talk with us.

The Society wishes to express its thanks to its members and all other people who helped in so many ways on this occasion. Much credit is due to the hard-working little team comprising Messrs. O. Schilg, P. Burrows, J. Buchhorn, A. Allan, R. Ellis, D. Bryan and J. Anderson—before, during and after the show they left not a thing undone. The services rendered by our lady members as supervisors through the show was also greatly appreciated.

The Society's thanks are extended also to the organisers of the Trade Fair for their grant of free space; to the floor staff of Farmers & Graziers' Pty. Ltd. for their assistance in various ways; to the Albury Gas Co. for the free use of a Porta-gas heater; and to Permewan Wright for the loan of fittings.

Apart from the Society's own material there were many other items of historical interest lent or given by members and friends. Full details are not at hand, but the following names are mentioned with the hope that none has been overlooked: Mesdames R. H. McDonald, A. D. Watson, R. A. Smith, R. Ellis, J. Anderson, Miss L. Staton, Messrs. E. Paech, C. Chamberlain, Alva Smith, A. Mitchell, Ralph Ellis, A. Chick, D. Reiff, C. C. Hazelwood, W. J. Bunker, J. Henwood, George Carter, Tom Doran and Les Morrison.

A pleasant diversion on the final night of the Fair was the celebration of the birthday of Mr. Percy Burrows, one of the Society's keenest members. Together with the good wishes of fellow-members, Mr. Cliff Chamberlain (President) presented Mr. Burrows with a birthday cake, which was cut and shared by all present.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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THE MAORI WAR—The *Constance* brings news from Auckland, dated 1st June. Hostilities are suspended and the troops are going into winter quarters. It is thought the war is lulled merely, for there are no signs of peace. The natives will probably maintain a guerilla warfare. Colonel Nixon has died of wounds received at Rangawahia. No further fighting has occurred at Wanganui. The decisive defeat of the rebels by the friendly natives had a wholesome effect. The rebels intended killing all the whites, and had marked out the native magistrate for special vengeance. They intended to open his veins and drink his blood as a pledge of brotherhood. A large number of Maoris have surrendered, they being chiefly of the Waikato tribe now located at Kihī Kihī.

MR. FALLON'S BALL.—The ball to be given on the completion of Mr. J. T. Fallon's large new store* is likely to be one of the most popular events Albany has yet witnessed. Invitations have been sent out to upwards of seven hundred persons, and if only half that number are present it will be a ball of magnitude exceeding everything hitherto accomplished in the Border City. The purveying of the refreshments has been given to Mr. Lewis Jones, of the Exchange Hotel, and rumour hints that all the arrangements made by Mr. Fallon being of the most extensive character.

*This building still stands and adjoins the Globe Hotel in Kiewa Street.

THE BUSHRANGERS.—Ben Hall and his two mates a few days ago stuck-up Roberts's coach on the road from Young to Yass. They bailed-up the passengers, taking a purse from Mr. Cohen, exchanged ponchos with another passenger and took the driver's meerschaum pipe. They stated it was their intention to rob the Binalong mail. The mail was fortunately escorted by two troopers, who, seeing a fire in the bush, went towards it. The bushrangers stood their ground and fired at the police, who fired in return. The troopers continued in their escort of the mail towards Bowning and it arrived safely at Yass.

PRISON COSTS.—We find from a Victorian Parliamentary paper just published that the expense of building gaols between 1862 and April 1864 amounted to £390,788. At Beechworth the amount thus expended was £46,375.

THE BEECHWORTH BREWERY.—On Saturday afternoon last (28th May) the interesting ceremony of starting the powerful engine which has lately been fitted up at Mr. Edwards's Ovens Brewery, Last Street, was gone through. A number of gentlemen were present on the occasion, who congratulated the spirited proprietor, and drank success to him and the brewery generally in flowing bumpers. The engine was originally constructed for the proprietors of the *Melbourne Herald*, where it did duty a few years in working the printing machine. It will now, therefore, in place of being an assistant in the dissemination of knowledge, become a means of helping to circulate the generous product of malt and hops.

FREE SELECTION.—In recent weeks the following selections were made at the Land Office, Albany: James Wells, of Wangarratta, 50 acres at Moorwatha; James White, of Ballarat, 99 a. at Bungowannah; Richard Guest, of Deep Creek (V.), 320 a. at Jinderra; Bertin Martin Bertelson, of Bendigo, 97½ a. at Bungowannah; William Kelton, of Barnawartha, 150 a. at Moorwatha; Alexander Gallagher, of Wahgunyah, 320 a. at Boomanoomanoo.

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Our Speakers

Since Mr. Claude Hazelwood's fund of information surrounding the "Urangeline" area is by no means exhausted, he has agreed to entertain members with a second instalment on Monday evening next in the Town Hall. Members are reminded that they may invite their friends to these monthly meetings, which begin at 8 o'clock.

Due to his temporary absence from Albury, Mr. Les Heath has found it necessary to defer the date of his talk to our Society.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JULY 13: General Meeting in the Town hall, with Mr. C. C. Hazelwood as speaker.

THURSDAY, JULY 20: Commemoration of 50th anniversary of Australia's first air-mail flight by Maurice Guillaux.

MONDAY, JULY 27: Committee Meeting in the Mechanics' Institute.

Mohonga Station

As speaker at last General Meeting of our Society, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (member) presented a vividly descriptive story of the work-a-day life of the Billabong pastoral area during an era long since past. His talk was prefaced by an historial sketch of Mohonga Station, which, it was shown, really comprised three holdings.

The brothers Charles and Aimee A. Huon are believed to have been the first to take up the Mohonga Forest holding, establishing themselves on that fertile tract of 32,000 acres in the early 1840s. This area expanded still further by the addi-

tion of Triangle (13,000 acres) and Mohonga Forest South (32,000 acres)—an overall area of 77,000 acres.

In 1859 the lease passed into the possession of Robert Rand, formerly a farmer at Kilmore (Vic.), where he also held the position of poundkeeper. When Mohonga was offered by auction in Melbourne, Robert Rand outbid all others and, to their amazement, he bought for cash. Mr. Hazelwood was of the opinion that the Mohonga purchased by Rand was Mohonga Forest on the Billabong, and possibly included the Triangle run. It was some time later that Mohonga Forest South was annexed.

In 1864, by the purchase of Urangeline from Henry and James Osborne (who also held Brookong), the area was increased by some 100,000 acres, this making the vast total of 177,000 acres. Urangeline was worked as an outstation in conjunction with Mohonga.

Following the death of Robert Rand in 1894, his relatives formed the Mohonga Company. A subdivision of the property in 1906 resulted in the formation of Urangeline Company, which took 103,000 acres, whilst the Mohonga Company retained the remaining 74,000 acres.

Manager of the Urangeline Company was one of its partners, G. R. Jackson, who granted Mohonga Company first choice of the land to be divided; and, to his satisfaction, they selected the Mohonga section.

Foreseeing this split-up of the property, Mr. Jackson offered the speaker's father (Mr. H. J. Hazelwood) the position of manager. This responsibility he accepted and held till Urangeline was resumed by the Government for soldier settlement after World War One, and he was then chosen as adviser to the Repatriation Department in the cutting-up of blocks for grazing and mixed farming.

In the telling this story Mr. Hazelwood drew largely from the recollections recorded by his father, whose true-to-life descriptions gave listeners a clear insight into the way of life as well as into the characters of men of the times. It would appear that Robert Rand, besides being an astute and enterprising person, was also a keen judge of men and never failed to recognise the good qualities of those in his employ.

As well as a display of maps, Mr. Hazelwood also made good use of his projector by screening some splendid old-time and present-day photographs to illustrate his talk.

It is with real pleasure that we all look forward to hearing

the second part of this address, even though it might not be accompanied by a showing of slides.

Widening Interest in Local History

Talks of an historical nature are becoming a popular feature in circles outside our own group, and the services of two of our Society's ablest speakers have been in some demand. A request from Albury branch of the Y.W.C.A. was recently fulfilled by Mr. P. D. Burrows, whose story of Albury's beginning and early settlement was of great interest and proved most enlightening to many who were present.

Our President, Mr. Cliff Chamberlain, on Monday evening gave much enjoyment to members of the Albury Professional and Business Women's Association in an address on women whose names shine brightly in our history, and of others whose good work deserves to be better known.

This increasing appreciation in history in general is most encouraging to the many historical societies which have come into being in recent years.

Acquisitions

For gifts recently received the Society expresses its sincere thanks to the following people: Mr. George Carter, photograph of Albury Federals football team (1908); Mr. Harry Godson (Rosewater, S.A.), two early photos of the river-boat *Waradgery* (one time on the run between Echuca and Albury) and two of the *Marion* (still in use); Mr. Charles Matuschka (Urangeline East), three shearing handpieces and a buggy lamp; Mrs. W. Fielder, old-time coffee grinder, "Cherry" butter churn and a cow-bell; Mr. Donald L. Young, record of proceedings leading to erection of Albury War Memorial; Mr. L. Leake (Howlong), hay-stack saw and various farm implements; Mrs. R. Alldridge, four publications of historical interest.

Question-Box

M.P.: The Mount Ochertyre you have met with in your researches is located in Victoria, and is approximately three miles south-west of Howlong (N.S.W.).

R.G.L.: The novelist Henry Handel Richardson (Mrs. J. G. Robertson) was born in Melbourne, and was educated at the Presbyterian Ladies' College (Melb.) and in Leipzig (Germany). The first of her novels, *Maurice Guest*, appeared in 1908. It is in *The Getting of Wisdom* (1910) that she refers to Chiltern as the scenes of her childhood. With a passionate love for music she also composed many songs.

Overdue Subscriptions

At this late date we must again remind some members that subscriptions for 1964 became due last January. Regretfully do we find that several have so far overlooked this obligation.

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STEAMERS ON THE MURRAY.—The Castlemaine *Daily News* says: A screw-steamer—machinery and all complete—passed through Castlemaine, en route to some place on the Murray. *The Fly*, for such was the name of this interesting stranger, was completely out of its element, being humiliatingly hoisted on to four strong wheels, and drawn by four staunch horses. She will be launched at Echuca about the end of the month.

MINER MISSING.—We regret to state that a well-known miner on the Ovens River, Mr. Neil Lang, has been missing from the Dargo (where he has been working for some months) during the last fortnight. It is feared that he has been lost in the snow when endeavouring to reach Harrietville. A number of the residents on the Dargo instituted a search last week, but unfortunately without success. A rumour is prevalent that some Chinese have also been lost.

THEATRICAL PERFORMANCES.—After a long interval the Albury and Belvoir Dramatic Clubs are about to give two representations at the Exchange Theatre next Friday and Saturday, 15th and 16th July, and as many will be in town to attend the Court, no doubt there will be a good attendance. The pieces selected are *The Chimney Corner*, a domestic drama, of which we hear so much, and shall be glad to see, and the well-known farce of *The Irish Tutor*, with our local Power in the part of Dr. O'Toole.

GOLD DISCOVERY AWARD.—The Victorian Government has awarded to Mr. J. H. Conness, who is well-known in Albury, the sum of £500 as a reward for the discovery of the Indigo gold-field. We wish that so practical a man as Mr. Conness could be induced to come to try his hand at Albury.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN RABBITS.—In the early history of the colony the domesticated rabbit was almost as great a rarity as the phoenix. Now they have increased to such an extent in some parts of the colony that we have heard complaints of their committing all sorts of depredation in the gardens of the settlers.

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Speaker for August Meeting

Members will be glad to know that our speaker for this month is Mr. Les Heath, whose subject will be the Albury Battery. As Mr. Heath himself and a good many other of Albury's young men of the time saw service with that unit during the First World War, this talk should hold special interest for many residents of Albury and district. Members may bring friends to this meeting.

Local History for School-boys

In response to an invitation, our popular member Mr. P. D. Burrows recently had the pleasure of addressing the students of Aquinas College, Albury North. Taking "The Founding of Albury" as his theme, it is evident that Mr. Burrows's talk was fully appreciated by his young listeners. At its conclusion, it is said, he was fairly bombarded with their many questions.

Mohonga Station

Our speaker for last month was again Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, whose talk was based on his father's written recollections of life and work on old Mohonga. It was a wet night, but members and visitors who attended heard a story that was enthralling from beginning to end.

These recollections, recorded in the form of a day-to-day journal, show Harry Hazelwood to have been a most methodical and observant person. His descriptive details give such a clear picture of the varied activities and events of a past period, that we in this age should feel grateful for what he has placed on record. Such jobs as drafting boxed-up sheep, fighting bush-fires, fording rivers, tracking lost stock, hunting dingoes, and so on, all added variety to the farmer's life and were taken as part of his daily lot.

It was a period when the horse was king, and those of his tribe were still the principal means of travel and transport. Every large station had its full complement of carriage horses, hacks and draughts. In order to maintain its supply of horsepower, "Urangeline" had its own thoroughbred stallions and some sixty mares for breeding.

An interesting account is given of the method of capturing the brumbies which freely roamed through the bush. With their natural liking for salt they were easily lured into trap-yards, where they were rounded-up and caught. When broken-in they generally became useful saddle horses.

Some idea of the productivity of Mohonga may be gained from facts and figures quoted by the speaker. Mohonga's record year of shearing was 5020 bales of greasy wool and 500 bales of scoured wool. In round figures the number of sheep shorn was 260,000. During 1893 at least 70,000 lambs were marked. In 1898, 25,000 sheep were sent to Currangorambla and the adjoining property of Paton's Creek for agistment. In disposing of broken-mouthed ewes a temporary yard would be erected, the ewes driven in and knocked on the head; in one year 500 were so treated. Mohonga's biggest deal in sheep was the selling of 30,000 old and foot-rotty ewes to a boiling-down works at a shilling a head.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, AUGUST 10.—General Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m., Mr. L. A. Heath being the guest speaker.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24.—Committee Meeting in the Mechanics' Institute.

THUR., FRI., SAT., SEPT. 10, 11, 12.—Albury Spring Show.

A. and D.H.S. at Albury Show

The Historical Society is preparing to stage an exhibition for three days at the coming Spring Show. The decision to do so follows a suggestion by the Albury Show Society, which has generously offered free space on a select site for this purpose.

The set-up will follow the same lines as our display at the recent Trade Fair, when we had the pleasure of an almost endless stream of visitors.

Even though the Society will be displaying quite a number of items not previously put on view, members are requested to assist by lending or arranging for the loan of any items suitable for a display of this kind.

Acquisitions

The Society acknowledges with gratitude the following donations: From Mrs. A. B. Charles (member)—pewter coffee-pot and preserving-pan, family album containing old photos; from the Charles children—three-volume set of *The Picturesque Atlas of Australasia* (1886); from National Library of Australia (Canberra)—*Union List of Newspapers in Australian Libraries*.

Personal

Two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, sailed for America last month. Their trip will be mainly spent in touring the United States.

Our other member Mr. Joe Wright, who began his globe-trotting some months since, continues to make good progress, his latest letter coming from the Holy Land.

Question Box

G.M.: The tombstone of which you inquire is that of James Ruse, Australia's first agriculturist. He died on September 5, 1837, and was buried in St. John's churchyard at Campbelltown. The epitaph reads—

My mother Reread Me Tenderley
With Me She Took Much Paines,
And when I Arivd In This Coelney
I sewed The Forst Grain, And Now
With My Heavenley Father I Hope
For Ever to Remain.

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FREE SELECTION.—During the month the following free selections were made at the Land Office, Albury: John Ferguson (of Indigo), 60 acres at Boomanoomanoo; Charles H. Knight (Collendina), 80 a. at Collendina; Samuel Blakely (Moorwatha), 89 a. at Moorwatha; John Irving (Chiltern), 100 a. at Boomanoomanoo.

BORDER QUADRILLE CLUB.—The above Club was formed on Wednesday last, and arrangements made for holding a monthly Quadrille Assembly at the Mechanics' Institute, Albury, from 8 to 12 o'clock. It is proposed to have the first assembly on Thursday evening, 8th September. Mr. Ruxton is the pianist. No tickets will be sold, and none but members admitted. Mr. Henry Brooks is the hon. secretary, *pro tem*.

OVENS DIAMONDS.—According to *The Ovens Advertiser*, two diamonds were found recently by a man named McGill, in Finn's claim on the Woolshed. One of these is said to be worth £8 in its present state. These make seven diamonds found in the same claim. There has never yet been any systematic search in the district for precious stones, and still they have become one of our own peculiar products.

ADVERTISEMENT.—Dr. Wilkinson, member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, licensed medical practitioner, formerly Staff Surgeon in Spain, and surgeon to the West Maitland and Young Hospitals, having entered into partnership with Dr. Barnett, begs to announce that he may be consulted at his residence in Kiewa Street, Albury.

ADVERTISEMENT.—Tenders are required for the erection of a Stable and Coach-house at the Catholic Presbytery. Plans and specifications can be seen at the Fanny Ceres Mill, where tenders will be received until Saturday, 27th August.—George Day, Secretary.

RIVER NAVIGATION.—Mr. Leonard of Hay has removed one of his lare punts to Wentworth, from Hay, a distance of 1,000 miles over the Murrumbidgee. The punt is 100 feet long and, despite the snags, sandbanks and other inconveniences, this punt was got down in six weeks. She was floated across the country near the junction over enclosed paddocks, the fences being submerged, and it would seem questionable whether Cadell's first journey in his steamer up these rivers was a greater feat than was performed by Leonard in taking this unwieldy though excellent punt such a distance.

COPPER DISCOVERY.—Once again has our attention been called to the existence of copper in this district, by being shown a beautiful specimen of malachite that was picked up near the lagoon in Deniliquin. As it is well known that several pieces of ore have been found during recent years in and near the town, and that several wells sunk at Deniliquin have, for a long time, been useless from the coppery taste of the water, we believe that copper ore will yet be one of the articles for which Riverina will be famous.—*Pastoral Times*.

NATIVE'S GRAVE.—While road-making at North Deniliquin, the skull and bones of a blackfellow were dug up, which an aboriginal standing by declared to be the remains of old Deniliquin, the grandfather of the present "Deniliquin", the town being named after him.

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Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. — General Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m., when Mr. C. C. Hazelwood will be the speaker.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. — Official Opening of Albury Airport by Mr. David Fairbairn, D.F.C.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28. — Committee Meeting in the Mechanics' Institute.

Speaker for September

This month we return to "Mohonga" with Mr. Claud Hazelwood, who will resume his reading and commentary on the historical narrative written by his pioneering father. Those of our members who have already heard the first two instalments are assured of finding the same enjoyment in that to be given on Monday evening next.

Next Month's Speaker

At the October General Meeting, Mr. A. C. Sellars is to be the Society's guest speaker. Headmaster of Albury Grammar School for many years, Mr. Sellars will tell the story of this long-established place of learning.

Tape Recordings

Although the Albury Historical Society does not as yet possess a tape-recorder, it has nevertheless begun to form a collection of records. The latest addition is that of the official opening of the new Civic Theatre.

Practically all the speeches and concert items were taped, and for this fine service we are indebted to Mr. Tom Roberts of 2CO.

Acquisitions

The Society is pleased to record the following gifts recently received:—From Mr. Arthur Roy (member, Preston): "Mooch-

ing Round Albury in the Eighties" (the donor's personal recollections, and specially compiled for our archives). From Dr. L. S. Woods: Book, *Fifty Years of the Albury and Border Pastoral, Agricultural and Horticultural Society*, by Dr. Arthur Andrews (1907); chips of granite from the 12th century church in Albury (Surrey); various coins and tokens, including some fine pieces of silver currency of Great Britain. From Mrs. A. Smith (member): Booklet, *Notes on the History of the Business and Professional Women's Club*. From the Swan Hill Historical Society: Tear-sheets from *The Guardian* containing historical data on down-river towns and holdings.

To all the above-named persons our Society expresses its sincere thanks for this helpful co-operation.

An Old Diary

An item of extraordinary interest has just been received by our Society. By the generosity of Mr. Hubert Black of Melbourne, we now possess a photostatic copy of the 1885 diary of his grandfather, Thomas Alexander Brown ("Rolf Boldrewood"), the celebrated novelist, who came to Albury as police magistrate in that year. Rich in references to prominent residents of the town and district, and of the ways of life in the eighties, the diary is indeed a splendid piece of local history of that period.

President's Resignation

Because of increasing commitments, our President, Mr. C. Chamberlain, has found it necessary to resign from this office. As one of his main concerns has always been the welfare of the Society, it is to be regretted that he has been compelled to make this decision. We can, however, expect to see him on occasions at General Meetings.

Sister Societies

By all accounts, interest in local history continues to grow, even many of the smaller towns now showing a keen desire to collect and preserve records of their past; and in some places old buildings are being restored and turned into folk museums. Newsletters recently to hand contain encouraging reports of activity in the following areas: Wagga Wagga, North-eastern (Wangaratta), Morwell, Hamilton, Swan Hill, Echuca and Deniliquin.

The Albury Battery

The guest speaker at the last General Meeting of the Society, Mr. Les Heath, stirred the memories of his listeners in relating experiences of the Albury Battery during World War One

A brief history of the unit showed that it is a good many years since the people of Albury first realised a need for military training. As early as 1885, following the war in Sudan, a volunteer infantry corps fifty strong was formed in Albury under the leadership of Foster Cooper, a part-owner of *The Albury Banner*, assisted by a man named Abercrombie. In the years that followed the town had never been without a military group in some form or other.

In 1888, John Wilkinson, a young solicitor, became interested in the movement, and rose by successive promotions to reach the rank of colonel. This interest in soldiering was retained throughout his long life.

When at a later period the infantry company was abandoned, a half-battery of two field artillery guns was formed at Albury, the other half being made up by one gun each at Wagga Wagga and Young. This was known as No. 3 Battery A.F.A., and its guns were 14-pounder muzzle-loaders. Later the Albury unit became the No. 4 Battery A.F.A. and had a full six guns; and was the first to have its own horses. As the horses were young and unbroken, they were taken in hand by the Schultz brothers, of Wodonga, who had the department contract for this work.

Each year Albury artillerymen, together with those from Wagga Wagga and Young, journeyed by special train to either Liverpool or Holdsworth camp for a period of training. The local men usually returned with honours gained in gunnery competitions.

When Col. John Wilkinson retired in 1911 he was succeeded by Capt. Curran. Later came Capt. Maynard Wilkinson (son of the colonel), with Lt. C. H. Burt. Names of other officers connected with the Albury Battery were Maj. J. L. Shellshear, Capt. Les Colquhoun, Capt. Roy Collings and Sgt.-Maj. Hammond.

After the outbreak of war and the call came for volunteers, members of the 13th Albury Battery were quick to respond.

Mr. Heath described the rousing send-off that was tendered in the Town Hall on the night of September 10, 1915, to some fifty members of the battery (in charge of Maj. Shellshear). The Mayor (Ald. Logan) occupied the chair, others present being Col. Wilkinson, the Rev. Canon Bevan and Ald. H. G. Davies. Following the official function, the men, attended by the Town Band, formed up in front of the Town Hall. At least 2000 people gathered in the street and marched with the volunteers to the railway station to say farewell and cheer as the train moved out.

Upon arrival at National Park, their place of training, the men found they had to set-up their own camp, as well as have it in readiness for other incoming trainees. There was little glamour

in their issue of clothing, which consisted of dungarees and white cloth hats.

After a short training, and still under the command of Maj. Shellshear, they sailed for Egypt. During their encampment there they did desert training in preparation for an expected attack on the Suez Canal by the Turks.

Next move was to France where they landed at Marseilles and moved north to the battle front near the Channel. Severe fighting fell to the lot of the Australians in that area in 1917, when they played an important part in the great offensive against the Hindenburg line. During the capture of Bapaume and the severe fighting around Ypres, the Australians lived up to the reputation they had won at Gallipoli and on the Somme.

Mr. Heath described the Somme in winter, when everything and everybody just "bogged down". He recalled with pleasure the arrival of parcels from Albury group known as the "Billjim Sisters". Included were pairs of gum-boots, which were regarded as one of the most welcome comforts they had received while on active service.

The Australians were set the task of attacking Bullecourt, where there was heavy fighting and terrific losses on both sides. The bitter struggle for Noreuil was described by Mr. Heath. The eventual capture of this important enemy position by the Australians was probably one of the most memorable for Albury artillerymen, who played a very important part in this engagement and in doing so lost several of their comrades.

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RIVER TRADERS.—The master of one of the Riverine steamers took 20 tons of rocksalt up the Darling recently. The salt was taken from one of the dry lakes near the Murray. On the N.S.W. side, the salt fetched £400, or £20 per ton, and this article is coming into general use. There is a lake near Swan Hill, on the Victorian side, where large quantities of rocksalt are processed, which threatens to supersede the salt from Europe. Messrs. Barclay and King made a safe venture in spirits, and cleared a good sum, it is reported. Indeed, had it not been for the steamers during the flood, the position of the inhabitants of the Darling would have been most precarious from want of food.

CONVICTISM.—*The European Times* of June 27 says: The ship *Merchantman* is now at Portsmouth, taking aboard convicts for Australia. Amongst the number is the notorious William Roupnell, the forger and ex-M.P.

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Next Month's Speaker

For the November General Meeting, Mr. Alan Mitchell (member), with a dual interest in horticulture and history, has prepared a paper on "The Historical Path of the Modern Rose".

Acquisitions

The Society acknowledges with gratitude the receipt of gifts from the following: Messrs. Wilkinson, Twomey and Kell (per Mr. Roberts)—book of press cuttings of local interest and dating from the 1890s; Mr. James Bell, "Spring Park", Thurgoona—sets of cutters to complete old-style Lister handpieces (as used by shearers); from Mr. R. Brown (Postal Inspector)—an obsolete pillar-box.

Rambling Through the Old Country

Our touring member, Mr. Joe Wright, in a recent letter writes descriptively of his travels in England and Scotland, where he has been for several months. Since Mr. Wright is never without his camera and has an eye for things scenic and historic, we all may look forward to having another of his entertaining picture-nights after his return. The next stage of his tour takes him to America, and he promises to be back with us next February.

The Late Mr. W. B. Richardson

It is with much regret we learn of the death of Mr. W. B. Richardson, M.B.E., of Wangaratta. As vice-president of the North-Eastern Historical Society, and a most earnest worker for the many other organisations with which he was associated, he will be greatly missed throughout the district.

We Go to the Show

At the invitation of the Albury Show Society, our Society staged an exhibition during the three show-days. A spacious area in a select position enabled us to set-up a large and varied display of relics, all of which were viewed by a constant flow of visitors.

The aboriginal implements and weapons excited much curiosity, especially amongst students and our friends from overseas. Mr. Ralph Ellis's extensive collection of native relics was a special attraction. Old photographs were as usual a real draw, and the Historical Society is particularly fortunate in having such a representative collection to place on view. The Albury Show Society itself co-operated by lending a number of photographs of local historic interest.

Although the staging of such exhibitions always means a good deal of work for a few of our willing members, they are thought to be worth while because of new contacts made and for the pleasure given to those who attend them.

The Historical Society takes this opportunity of expressing its thanks to those of its members who gave up so much of their time for the project, and also to Albury Show Society for making it possible to hold this exhibition.

"Mohonga"

At last General Meeting, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood treated us to a further reading from the old "Mohonga" diary, and this fourth instalment still held a real interest for all who were present. In recording the old ways of life and closely describing the hundred-and-one jobs of a pastoralist, the diarist provided a great deal of entertainment and information.

Though perhaps men in those early times had to work harder, they did occasionally take time off for sport, when there would be keen rivalry amongst the proud owners of hacks and sheep-dogs.

All present appreciated Mr. Hazelwood's splendid presentation of his subject, the interest of which was heightened by another screening of rare old photographs.

The Turk's Head Hotel

Latest reports regarding the future of the old Turk's Head Hotel are most promising. As Albury City Council is assured of a substantial grant for the development of the whole of that riverside area, an overall plan is being prepared which will provide for the restoration of the old building and its conversion to a museum.

Proposed Memorial at Noreuil Park

At its recent meeting our committee had the pleasure of receiving Mr. Bob Comans and Mr. Mack Greene as delegates from the Albury sub-branch of the Returned Soldiers' League.

The question of erecting a memorial at Noreuil Park to commemorate the Albury Battery was a matter of general discussion. The proposal met with all-round favour, and the several suggestions which were brought forward are to be fully considered.

Commonwealth Bank Celebrates

The public's liking for local history was recognised by Albury branch of the Commonwealth Bank on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary. Together with many items of historic significance exhibited by the Bank, our Society also had on show a number of old-time pictures and photographs of Albury.

The Bank, which has shown considerable expansion in the half-century, opened its doors for business in Albury for the first time on September 21, 1914.

Question-Box

G.R.: Robert Rand, who at one time held Mohonga Station, died on July 12, 1894. Burial took place at the Albury cemetery.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12.—General Meeting in the Town Hall,, when Mr. A. C. Sellars will be the guest speaker.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26.—Committee Meeting in the old Civic Theatre.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of October, 1864)

GOLD IN ALBURY.—The prospectors about Nailcan Gully have not been idle. The return of 16 dwts. to the ton (crushed at Chiltern),, and the visible appearance of gold on the face of every blast, have excited fresh interest, and the expression of the wish that really practical men would be inclined to develop that which, it is well known, has yet to be developed. . . . From the Black Range a prospecting party brought 2½ ounces taken from 76 feet sinking into the drive.

VICTORIAN BORDER CUSTOMS.—A *Gazette* appoints Cowana, Narung, Swan Hill, Echuca, Wahgunyah, and Belvoir (Wodonga) ports of entry and clearance, and defines the boundaries of such ports. It also intimates that goods for Victoria,

via the Murray, must be landed at one of the places named. Duties will be commenced to be levied on 4th of October.

It is reported that the South Australian Government will no longer collect any duties for Victoria, and that she will enter all goods going up the Murray in future for N.S.W., which will thus pass without payment of duty to the N.S.W. bonded warehouses on the river.

A telegram from Echuca announces that Mr. Hopwood, thinking his punt in jeopardy of seizure, has directed the collector's attention thereto, but the collector has declined to search.

The Sydney Herald states: "Now is the time for the Colonial Governments, if they are wise, and for the British ministers, if they are provident, to put an end of these wretched differences, and to remove by law all the causes of alienation which now exist. . . . Has not the time arrived when the Parliament of England should say definitely and finally in what way these border feuds may be averted."

MURRAY STEAMERS.—*The Kelpie*, whilst recently trying to steam up the Edward River, took the wrong channel, and after proceeding some distance, got among the gum-trees, smashed her deck-house, and sustained other injuries.

TENDER ACCEPTED.—The tender of Mr. H. McIlree for supplying forage to the police at Wodonga has been accepted at the following rates: Oats, 6s. per bushel; hay, £7 per ton; straw, £3 10s. per ton.

VICTORIAN MEMS.—As evidence of the importance of Echuca, we may mention that the local paper — *The Riverine Herald* — is now published twice a week, and that a crinoline depot has been established in the township.

The Murray Gazette notices as proof of increasing civilisation, the projected erection of a gallows at Beechworth.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were made during the month at the Albury Land Office: John Day (of South Yarra), 70 acres at Thurgoona; Wm. Darley, 51 a. at Bungowannah; Geo. Cutler (Albury), 51 a. at Bungowannah; John Britton, 40 a. at Howlong; Victor Hertzog (Albury), 71 a. at Thurgoona; Elizabeth Mitchell (Thurgoona), 244 a. at Thurgoona; Louisa Maud Mitchell (Thurgoona), 274 a. at Thurgoona; Jas. Weekes, 44 a. at Howlong; Wm. Ross (Wodonga), 67 a. at Mullengandra; Henry R. Smith (Yarra Yarra), 72 a. at Thurgoona; Elizabeth Williams (Wangaratta), 200 a. at Boomanoomanoo.

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Speaker for November

Fellow-member and keen horticulturist, Mr. Alan Mitchell, who is to be our speaker for this month, has struck a new note by preparing a history of the rose. Admired by man throughout the centuries and so tied in with his own way of life, there is probably no flower with a more interesting story than the rose. Much of Albury's beauty is due to its roses, as will be illustrated by Mr. Mitchell with a selection of fine colour slides.

Animal Park Not for Albury

A letter has been received from the City Council in reply to our Society's recommendation that an Animal Park be established in Albury. Although such parks featuring native fauna seem to be generally popular in other inland cities and large towns, the Albury City Council found the recommendation could not be adopted. The Society is assured that this decision was reached only after Council had fully considered the proposal and examined it from every angle, as well as having discussed the problem with an officer of the Chief Secretary's Department.

Acquisitions

Our Society is pleased to record gifts from the following good friends: Mr. John Flynn—framed photograph of his grandfather, the late James Flynn, an erstwhile proprietor of the Turk's Head Hotel; Mr. R. Brown (Postal Inspector)—another old-type pillar-box; Mr. Alf Post—copies of *The Sydney Mail* and several numbers of the *Picturesque Atlas of Australasia* (1888); Miss L. Staton—three early photos of the Hume Weir and a sheet of war-time food ration coupons; Mr. Otto Schilg—*The Victorian Historical Magazine* (135th issue).

Hovell Tree Gathering

For this year's gathering at the Hovell Tree, Friday, 20th November, has been decided upon as the date most suitable

to school-children. Proceedings are timed to begin at 3 o'clock, when it is hoped the Mayor (Ald. Bunton) will again be present to address the assemblage.

Albury Court House

Such sweeping changes are being made within the Civic Centre that there now remain few old buildings to be demolished. The future of the Court House, however, has yet to be decided. Speaking at the opening of the recent Art Exhibition in Albury, the Mayor (Ald. Bunton), stated that the City had received assurance from the Minister for Justice that Council's proposal to take-over the building for the purpose of an Art Gallery would be given every consideration when the time came to vacate the building.

Next Month's Meeting

All members are asked to remember that the Society's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday evening, December 10, and is to take place in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street (near the Fire Station). Following the business session, there will be a social and a showing of slides of general interest.

Albury Grammar School

At its last General Meeting the Society was honoured by the presence of Mr. Alex. Sellars, who, as principal of Albury Grammar School, gave a most interesting and enlightening address on the history of that institution. Though another important function held on the same evening had drawn largely on our own regular attendants, there was a welcome roll-up of teachers and students from other of Albury's schools.

Mr. Sellars told of the school beginning in 1866 as a classroom conducted by the Church of England, and of its eventual merging with the Grammar School, then situated in Young Street. At this time it was being run in partnership by Messrs. G. B. Wilson and Smith.

Some time later the Wood Street property was acquired, and this provided wider scope for progress. Although the school showed slow advancement in its earlier years, it had always held solidly as a private school. After the accidental death of his partner, Mr. Wilson carried on until his retirement in the late 1920s, when the school came under the control of the Presbyterian Church, with Mr. Sellars as headmaster.

Its new board of directors envisaged a bright future for the school, but it was only after persistent endeavour that finance was released which enabled them to put into effect their plans for expansion. Following the purchase of that large area which formerly had been the old show-ground, there was

such rapid progress that soon the school was able to accommodate more than three hundred boys. Fine new buildings have risen up and wide spaces made available for sports and military training.

So popular has the Grammar School always been as a place of education that in several cases three generations of a family have received tuition there. It was recalled that, in former times, girls also were taught at the school.

It was fitting that Mr. Percy Burrows, an old Grammarian, should move a vote of thanks to Mr. Sellars, and to be supported by another old boy of the school, Mr. Otto Schilg.

Pleasing news is that Mr. Sellars is compiling a history of the Grammar School, which will be published on the occasion of its centenary in 1966.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, with Mr. Alan Mitchell as speaker. Members' friends are welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.—Annual Gathering at the Hovell Tree, beginning at 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23.—Committee Meeting in the old Civic Theatre.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10.—Annual General Meeting, to be held in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street (near Fire Station).

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of November, 1864)

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections of land were made on Tuesday at the Land Office, Albury: Archibald Moffat, of Geelong, 320 acres at Huon; Joseph Keens, of Albury, farmer, 140 acres at Bungowannah.

NAILCAN GULLY.—A further crushing at Chiltern has taken place of quartz raised from Kay and Denny's claim. Twenty-three tons, of which three at least it is stated were taken over by mistake, have been crushed at the Magenta machine, and according to the certificate of the manager the result is 28 ozs. 19 dwt., or, as nearly as possible an ounce and a quarter to the ton.

MURRAY STEAMERS.—The *Lady Daly* arrived at Albury on Wednesday (2nd), and at once discharged her cargo, chiefly consisting of wheat, malt, spirits, beers, &c. She took in return loading about 1,000 bushels of oats, and steamed back next day.

We understand that the *Lady Darling* steamer may be confidently expected to arrive at Albury next Friday (18th). This will be the first trip of this vessel, which has been built expressly for the trade of the Upper Murray, and as she only draws some 16 inches of water she will be able to steam up and down when other vessels like the *Lady Daly* cannot do so.

The *Lady Darling* set off on her downward trip on Saturday afternoon, having taken in a quantity of Mr. Keith Petrie's wool for transport to Melbourne by rail *via* Echuca, some bricks of Albury make, and a few oats.

ALBURY MODEL SCHOOL.—On Monday and yesterday an examination took place by Mr. Dwyer, Government Inspector, of the Albury National and Model Schools. The school, under the mastership of Mr. McCredie, has evidently made progress, and one thing is pleasingly manifest—namely, that master and pupils are perfectly *en accord* and on the best of terms of friendship with each other, instead of, as is too often the case, the Magister being looked upon as a thorough ogre by all the little Jacks and Jills. We find that the number on the roll is now 157, of which 142 were present on Monday, the average attendance for the quarter being about 130.

ACCIDENT AT THE RIVER.—On Tuesday, Mr. E. Foster, of Albury, went to the river near the Hume Monument to fill casks of water in a dray. The river is now within a foot or so of the bank, and by some means the horse backed too near the edge and was dragged over the bank by the weight of the dray. With the help of Mr. Waite's foreman, the horse was released from the cart and saved, but the dray and harness are now lying in 15 feet of water. The horse was Mr. Foster's, and the dray had been lent by Mr. H. Rau.

ST. MATTHEW'S, ALBURY.—Tenders are called for in our paper today for work to complete the Church, the whole of the old building debts having been wiped off. We shall hope in a few months to see the English Church in Albury present a very different appearance to that which it has been for some years past.

ADVERTISEMENTS—

Singer & Co.'s Family Sewing Machine with all the new improvements, is the best and cheapest Family Sewing Machine in the world. H. & W. Moffit, Agents, Albury.

Tobacco Growers.—£112 per ton given for good and well-sweated Leaf. Heard, Owen & Dudgeon, 159 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.

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Annual General Meeting

A change of both venue and date has been made by the Society for its forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The meeting will take place in the C.W.A. building (Kiewa Street) on the evening of December 10, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Since there is a good deal of business to transact, a full attendance of members would be of much help towards this end. The night's programme will include—

1. Reading of Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting, held on December 9, 1963.
2. Presentation of the Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1964, by the senior Vice-President.
3. Election of Office-bearers for the year 1965, as follows: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer, Committee of six (with power to add), Research Officer, Bulletin Editor, Publicity Officer and Auditor.
4. General Business.

Social Evening

Following the closing of the General Meeting on Thursday evening, a social will be held at which there will be an exhibition of colour slides of historical interest, and a serving of light refreshments. Tea, milk and sugar will be provided, but ladies are kindly requested to bring a plate.

Acquisitions

The Society acknowledges with grateful thanks the receipt of gifts from the following persons: Mrs. A. Bennet—camera (used by her late husband as one of Albury's professional photographers in former years), lace-making machine and a charcoal-fed flat-iron; Mr. Doug Butt—two photographs of Harry Hawker (airman), candle mould; Mr. Rupert Johnston—photograph of Gallipoli landing (1915); Mr. B. R. Ferguson—

photograph of Albury township viewed from Western Hill (about 1900); Mrs. Read—volume of *The Illustrated London News* (1886); Mr. John Crooks—cartridge-loading outfit and gunpowder flask; Mrs. C. Bowring—copy of *The Coolgardie Miner* of 1895, printed on calico.

Annual Subscriptions

Members are reminded that December is the month in which annual subscriptions (10/-) become due for renewal. Our Treasurer would be pleased to receive any such payments at next meeting.

Tribute to Explorers

In glorious sunshine, the 140th anniversary of Hume and Hovell's arrival at the site of Albury was observed with honour and reverence by a gathering of about four hundred, at the Hovell Tree on November 20.

The attendance was largely made up of pupils of Albury's several Primary Schools who came in response to an invitation by the Historical Society. The gathering was addressed by the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E.

An account of the explorers' epic journey, compiled by pupils of Albury Public School, was read to the assemblage by Ross Beatty, Gail Beasley, Fleur Milham and Ian Causer.

Present also were two former Mayors of Albury: Mr. P. D. Burrows and Mr. D. G. Padman, M.L.A.

This second annual pilgrimage to the historic spot proved to be of such interest that the Historical Society plans to widen its scope and in future years include a still larger number of district school children.

Much of the success of the ceremony may be attributed to the efforts of a few of our Society's members and the ready co-operation of members of the Albury City Council garden staff.

Television camera-men also were in attendance, and a delightful review of the afternoon's proceedings was presented the same evening by station AMV4 (Albury).

The Historical Path of the Modern Rose

Under the above title, and with Albury gardens then in all their glory, Mr. Alan Mitchell's talk last month was right in season. As well as being a member of our Society, Mr. Mitchell is connected with Albury Horticultural Society and others of a like nature. A summary of his address is given below.

As man's first favourite flower since the dawn of history, the rose has been widely distributed and brought to a high degree of perfection throughout the temperate and cold parts of

the Northern Hemisphere. Fossilised forms indicate that the rose has been growing on this earth for millions of years, and the earliest illustrations of the flower are found in the House of Frescoes in Crete, dated 1600 B.C.

All the modern roses of the world, Mr. Mitchell stated, are the result of crossing and re-crossing of the few species of wild single roses found in various countries of the cooler climates.

The species known as *Rosa gallica* is the originator of the present-day dark red roses, and was known to the Persians in the 12th century B.C. The old variety known as the autumn damask was the result of a cross between *Rosa gallica* and *Rosa moschata* (native of Western China).

Two others of the wilderness used in the development of modern roses were a straggly bush type of Syria (bearing single white blooms), and a native dog-rose (pink) commonly used as a hedge rose in England and Australia. From the only four species known in the 4th century the Greeks and Romans created other varieties by their methods of crossing.

The most important influence in the spread of the rose was due to the advance of Islam. With their conquest of Persia, the Arabs had come to a land where flowers were highly regarded; and as their empire extended from Spain in the west to India in the east, flowers including the rose followed them.

One of the most famous rosariums was that of Josephine, Empress of France. Divorced in 1809 by Napoleon, the homely empress established her beautiful rose garden at the Palace of Malmaison, near Paris. Representative varieties from all parts of the world were assembled, and by the time of her death Josephine Bonaparte's plantation extended for 4500 acres.

Tea roses, named because of their tea-like smell, were first raised in France by crossing a blush Chinese variety with Bourbone. Successive crossings produced the exquisite family of the tea rose, noted for their sweet perfume and delicate colouring. The Mamon Cochet and Gloire de Dijon were created a century ago, and it is likely that both these are to be found in some Albury gardens of today. La France, the popular pink variety was first recognised in 1884.

Our Vice-President at Wangaratta

Guest speaker at a recent meeting of the N.E. Historical Society (Wangaratta) was our Vice-President, Mr. Otto Schilg, who described the many folk museums and other places of historical importance he and his wife had visited in their travels through four States. Mrs. Schilg, also present at the meeting, added much interest to the talk by a showing of appropriate colour slides.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER, 1964

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Balance brought fwd. ..	£121 15 9	Printing of Bulletin	£57 0 0
Membership:		Stationery	8 0 3
One Life		Petty Cash	5 0 0
Member ..	£7 7 0	Trade Fair Expenses	3 12 6
119 Ordinary Mem-		J. R. Day (filming) ..	2 6 0
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Credit Balance at 30th November, 1964 — £135/6/4.

Certified as correct.

ELLA McDONALD,
Hon. Treasurer.

C. E. BUNTON, A.A.S.A.

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FREE SELECTIONS.—During the weeks the following selections have been made at the Land Office, Albury: John Cross (late of Manchester, Eng.), 100 acres at Jinderra; Wm. Kervin (Quat Quatta), 100 a. at Quat Quatta; Hiram Howard (Howlong), 60 a. at Howlong; Patrick Costigan, sen. (Geelong), 50 a. at Huon; Hy. Cosgreave Robt. Smith (Albury), 195 a. at Thurgoona; Wm. Tynan (Albury), 40 a. at Jinderra; Hy. Quatcher (Forbes), 158 a. at Thurgoona; Daniel McNamara (Geelong), 50 a. at Huon; John Redmond (Geelong), 320 a. at Huon.

CATHOLIC DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOL.—The annual examination of children attending this school took place on Thursday, 22nd inst., in the presence of Rev. Fr. Twomey, the local patrons, and a number of ladies and gentlemen. The undermentioned girls and boys particularly distinguished themselves, and were awarded first-class prizes: Mary Arkins, Jane Bousfield, James Arkins, John Layton, Charles Frauenfelder, Edward Carroll and L. Everitt. Prizes for good conduct were also awarded to Mary Arkins, Jane Bousfield and James Arkins.

CROSSED THE MURRAY.—Some 3,500 sheep have been purchased from Messrs. McPherson & Co., Peechelba, Owens River, by Mr. Hay, of Boomanoomana, Murray River, and allowed to cross at Mulwala.