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## Office-Bearers for 1965

At the Society's Annual General Meeting, held in the C.W.A. rooms on December 10, 1964, Mr. Otto Schilg was chosen as our President for the current year.

Election of other officers resulted: Vice-Presidents, Captain P. H. Heywood and Mr. A. Mitchell; Secretary, Mr. W. Fielder; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald; Committee, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Messrs. P. D. Burrows, R. Ellis, A. Allan, J. Wright and D. Bryan; Minutes Secretary, Mr. C. Hazelwood; Research Officer, Mr. W. Fielder; Publicity Officer, Mrs. C. Hazelwood; Auditor, Mr. C. E. Bunton. Mr. Bunton and Mr. D. G. Padman were unanimously re-elected as Patrons for the ensuing year.

At the close of business the rest of the night was given up to a social, which included a picture-show of slides brought along by Messrs. C. Hazelwood, A. Mitchell and W. Fielder. A buffet supper set-out by lady members rounded off a most enjoyable evening.

## This Month's Speaker

The Society's first speaker for the year is to be Mrs. R. H. McDonald (member), who will tell of the Australian novelist Rolf Boldrewood and his association with Albury, coupled with some reference to the N.S.W. railway service of that period.

In addition another of our members (Mr. Allan Mitchell) will give a screening of some of his latest colour slides.

## Acquisitions

During recent weeks our Society has received a good many historically valuable items in the way of old photographs and museum pieces. As a result of personal contact made by Mr. J. Henwood (member), quite a range of material has been donated by Mr. J. Storey, of Table Top estate. The photos comprised one of Mr. James Mitchell, two of the Table Top station, five of

race-horses, one of the Centenary Gold Cup race of 1924; also included was a large painting of "Yambla" Estate dated 1887, a coloured print of a young woman, three books of religion, two bronze plaques (show awards for 1877 and 1883), two sets of gold-buyer's scales, and a wooden shovel.

From Miss Olive Crisp (Albury) came ten photographs which were the work of her late brother, Mr. Bert Crisp, a successful exhibitor in former times; and a piece of souvenir china-ware from Blackpool.

Others who made gifts were Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (member)—ten old photos taken about 1900 in the Mohonga area; Mr. Robert Quiggin—extracts from Railway Guide of 1884; Mr. Tom Doran (member)—fragment of rock from the Great Wall of China; Mr. Charles Leseberg—aerial photograph of Albury; Mr. Arthur Roy (member)—additions to his manuscript "Mooching around Albury in the 90s"; Swan Hill Historical Society—further newspaper cutting on the history of that area.

To all the above-named donors the Society expresses its grateful thanks for the generous assistance they have given in this way.

### **Reply to Query**

L.S.D. (Lavington): A Government school was opened at Black Range on Monday, December 11, 1882. The building, which was a wooden structure 20 feet by 18 feet, was four miles from Albury post office, on the Jindera road and bounded by the Bungambrawatha Creek. Mackenzie was the name of the schoolmaster at that time.

### **Australia Day**

At the invitation of Bright (Vic.) Shire Council, our President (Mr. Schilg) visited that town and addressed district residents who had gathered to celebrate Australia Day. As well as a big roll-up of adults there was a gratifying attendance of young people, to all of whom a welcome was given by Councillor MacGill. Proceedings throughout were well conducted, and it is to the credit of the little community that the day was so fittingly celebrated.

It is a matter of regret that, since Australia Day falls within the period of Albury Historical Society's summer recess, there has as yet been no serious effort on its part to celebrate the day in Albury. At its last committee meeting, however, it was decided that on future occasions the Society shall interest itself in arrangements to observe this important day.



### Subscriptions for 1965

Members and intending members are reminded that annual subscriptions became due in January last. Whilst a good number of renewals have already been received, there are still several outstanding. Those wishing to continue their membership are kindly requested to forward 10/- to the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald, 572 Kiewa Street, or to P.O. Box 223; or, easier still, to make payment at an early meeting of the Society.

New members are always welcome, and we should be happy to have applications from residents in any part of the Commonwealth as well as from those within our own city.

### Round-up of History

According to *The Australian* (Canberra), a National Hall of History will be founded at Yanco, the oldest of the Murrumbidgee irrigation towns. An association has been formed to collect historical records and exhibits from the area, including Wagga Wagga, Temora, Hay, Lockhart, Junee, Griffith and Leeton.

### Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, MARCH 9.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Visitors are welcome at all times. (Because of the Floral Festival opening on Monday next, it was decided that our General Meeting be held on the following night.)

MONDAY, MARCH 22.—Committee Meeting to take place in the old Civic Theatre at 8 p.m.

### What Might Have Been

Evidently it is a century or more since Victoria first set covetous eyes on the Riverina. A leading article *The Age* of December, 1864, suggested the purchase of this rich area by the payment to the Government of N.S.W. of one million sterling, which would afterwards be repaid by pastoral licenses and dutiable goods consumed in the territory. The article created great interest in Melbourne, as it was felt certain that some such proposal would be made.

### Two Wanderers Return

Our members Mr. Tom Doran and Mr. Joe Wright have returned from their travels abroad, and each reports having had a pleasant and worthwhile trip. While Mr. Doran and party made theirs a close-up look at old China, Mr. Wright extended his tour through many lands. Both of course made a point of visiting lots of places of historic interest.

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO**

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of March, 1865)

**FREE SELECTION.**—The following selections were made during the month at the Albury Land Office: John Larkins, of Corowa, 40 acres at Tarramia (near Corowa); Richard Taskis, of Mullengandra, 40 a. at Mullengandra; Henry Spiers, of Kilmore (Vic.), 180 a. at Mulwala; Edith Mary Knight, of Collendina, 80 a. at Collendina; William Petts, of Mullengandra, 40 a. at Mullengandra.

**LEGAL.**—We hear that it is probable that Albury is to be favoured with the ability and residence of another attorney in the person of Mr. Hamilton Stephen, now of Melbourne, and also an admitted member of the profession in this colony, and nephew of Sir Alfred Stephen, the Chief Justice.

**N.S.W. MEMS.**—

The cylinders for the piers of the Gundagai bridge have been successfully cast at the Fitzroy Iron Works.

It is intended to plant 100 acres of land in the neighbourhood of Maitland with the sugar-cane, as an experiment.

**ADVERTISEMENTS—**

**To Let or for Sale.**—Those Eligible Premises, situate in Swift Street, Albury, known as the Albury Grammar School, lately in the occupation of the Rev. T. P. Fenner, M.A. For particulars apply to Mr. S. F. Blackmore, Solicitor, Albury.

**National Education.**—Persons desirous of establishing National Schools in this District are requested to apply to the undersigned, who has been empowered to furnish information regarding the Board's Regulations—J. McCredie, Head Master, Albury Model School, Albury.

**Albury Model School.**—A Bazaar in aid of the Establishment of an Infant Branch in connection with the above will be held at the School-House, on the 21st April, to be followed by an Auction Sale on the 22nd. Subscriptions and donations are earnestly requested by the local patrons, and by Mrs. Ballantyne, Mrs. J. Walker Jones, and Mrs. Moffitt.

**Presbyterian Church.**—A Congregational Soiree will be held on the Manse ground on Tuesday afternoon next (March 7) at five o'clock. Tickets: Adults, one shilling and sixpence; Children, one shilling, can be obtained at the stores of Messrs. Alfred Evans, H. and W. Moffitt, and R. Thomson. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Church, at half-past seven o'clock, when addresses will be delivered by the Revds. D. H. Ballantyne, J. McMillan, G. Minty, and J. Greig.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

Guest speaker at the General Meeting on the 12th instant will be Mr. Albert Williams, of Albury. Theme of Mr. Williams's talk will be "The Way of Life in Olden Times".

## **Albury Trade Fair**

At the Albury Trade Fair, to be held on May 5, 6, 7 and 8, the Historical Society will again be represented. As a cultural organisation it has been generously granted free space by the sponsors of the Fair. By way of change this year the Society has decided to stage an Art Exhibition, comprising mainly paintings by Albury and district artists. As those artists already approached have readily agreed to lend some of their pictures, it is anticipated that our display on this occasion will be of extraordinary interest.

## **Rolf Boldrewood**

In her talk last month on Rolf Boldrewood, Mrs. R. H. McDonald (member) brought to light quite a lot of personal detail regarding this renowned author who once dwelt in our town. With information gleaned from old records and by conversation with the few elderly local citizens who have recollections of the writer, our speaker was able to present a paper of considerable interest and of much worth historically.

Boldrewood (or, to call him by his correct name, Thomas Alexander Browne) spent ten years at Albury in the capacity of police magistrate. Though his best-known novel, *Robbery under Arms*, was first published during his residence here, it had been written some time earlier—written mainly in bush hotels where he lodged whilst travelling the circuit of the wide police district in his charge.

### Donations

The Society is pleased to acknowledge the following gifts recently received: From Miss Olive Crisp—a Chinese basket made at Black Range and a cow-bell; from Mr. J. Flynn—an album of newspaper cuttings formerly owned by the late Mr. William Mangan, journalist. Members are most grateful to Miss Crisp and Mr. Flynn for these interesting items.

### Subscription Rates

For the information of any reader who might wish to become a member of the Society, rates of subscription are here given: Yearly membership 10s., life membership £7 7s. 0d. Further particulars and Application Forms may be had from the Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 223, Albury.

### Personal

The Society welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whitehead (Albury) and Mr. J. J. Alderson (Havelock, Vic.) as new members, and Mrs. R. A. Siems (Gerogery) as a life member.

On the night of our last General Meeting a surprise visit was made by Mr. Arthur Roy (now of Melbourne), looking fit as ever. This old Albury boy has promised to come and be our speaker on a future date.

Members will be sorry to know that Mrs. E. Henwood has been unwell for some time. Latest reports, however, are more cheering, and sincere wishes for an early return to health go to her from all fellow-members.

Before her departure for overseas Miss Lucy Staton is for a time staying in Sydney.

Congratulations of all members are extended to Mr. John Henwood, who has been appointed a specialist trainee in the rural section of the A.B.C., Melbourne. John, who obtained his B.A. degree at Melbourne University and tutorials at Ormond College, has gained farming experience since leaving the University.

### The 2/23rd Battalion

When the Albury Small-bore Rifle Club brought off its annual contest recently there was keen competition for the "Tom Summerfield 2/23rd Shield". Mr. Summerfield, who served with the famous 2/23rd, is well established in Albury as a furniture manufacturer. The trophy, which was made and donated by him, marks the 25th anniversary of the battalion's formation and is to be a perpetual one. Mr. Summerfield, by the way, is a member of our Society.



**Dates to Remember**

MONDAY, APRIL 12.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, when the guest speaker will be Mr. Albert Williams. Meeting begins at 8 p.m., and visitors will be welcome.

MONDAY, APRIL 26.—Committee Meeting at 8 p.m. in the old Civic Theatre.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY, MAY 5-8.—Albury Trade Fair in the Farmers & Graziers' Wool Store, Smollett Street.

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO**

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of April, 1865)

In April, 1865, there could have been no news more desirable to the inhabitants of the border districts than the report that Dan Morgan was dead. Below is an account of the event as received at Albury by electric telegraph from Wangaratta.

**The End of Morgan**

WANGARATTA, Sunday, April 9. — Morgan, the bushranger, is shot. He went to Mr. Rutherford's "Peechelba" station, near Wangaratta, on Saturday night, at half-past eight o'clock, and bailed up all hands in the house at the head station.

A nurse-girl\* acted with great bravery and coolness. She wanted to get out of the room under the pretence that the children were crying, and that she must attend to them.

Although Morgan tried to hinder her, she managed to get outside the house and, meeting a man† engaged on the station who had just come in, and whom Morgan had not seen, she sent him quietly off to Wangaratta to communicate with and bring the police.

She also cleverly contrived to give the warning to some ten other station hands who were not up at the homestead when Morgan arrived. They all armed themselves and laid about in ambush all night, waiting for Morgan to come out.

Morgan ordered a lamp to be lit and placed outside the house in front, so that he might see anyone approaching it.

Later four of the Beechworth police, who had been on his tracks all day, tracked him to the station, came up and learned from those in ambush that Morgan was inside, and afterwards a party of five others, consisting of two of the Wangaratta police force and three volunteers also came up.

The whole party appears to have acted with great prudence and caution. They entirely surrounded the house where the bushranger stopped all night enjoying himself.

About half-past six next morning, Sunday, he ordered and drove some men he had kept prisoners inside, thinking they were the only hands there, down to a paddock where he had left his horse to saddle up and prepare him for a start. The men in ambush still kept concealed, when at length one of the station hands who had been watching, named Wendlan, and who is a first rate crack shot, saw an opportunity, and when Morgan's back was turned he ran from his hiding place to a tree about a hundred yards from where Morgan was standing. He was followed by Constable Evans and another man named Clarke. Wendlan got Morgan under cover of his rifle, and as he was in the act of turning round, his attention being directed by the man he had with him looking in that direction, Wendlan fired, the ball taking effect in the spine.

Morgan instantly fell, and Constable Evans and the others rushed up and secured him. On his person were found six revolvers and about £100 in notes, the produce of his week's robbing. He remained in great agony for a few hours, and died at two o'clock.

\* Alice Keenan. † James Frazer.

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**FREE SELECTION.**—During April the following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office: Richard Brown, jun. Albury), 80 acres at Jinderra; Samuel Wright (Huon), 50 a. at Huon; Wm. Hamilton Hume Dight (Bungowannah), 160 a. at Moorwatha; Edward Wright (Kilmore, Vic.), 40 a. at Moorwatha; John Brown (Collendina), 320 a. at Collendina; Amy Dight (Bungowannah), 80 a. at Jinderra; Susan Dight, 80a. at Jinderra; Charles Hudson (Mulwala), 60 a. at Mulwala; William Thomson (Moorwatha), 51 a. at Moorwatha; John Hogg (Melbourne), 160 a. at Taramiah.

**THE DROUGHT.**—Not a drop of rain yet. There have been three dances and quadrille nights at the Exchange Theatre, and still no rain! We are losing faith in past experiences and Saint Swithin in particular. It is, however, becoming a serious matter, for not a plough can be got into the ground, and farmers are most anxious to get in their seed. Cattle are suffering severely, for what with bush fires and no rain for many months, there is not a blade of grass to be seen; and what keeps stock alive is a mystery, unless they live on dust and bark. If a heavy downpour should not come soon the prospects of the next harvest are anything but cheery in the Murray district.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

For its meeting on 10th May the Albury Historical Society is to be favoured by a visit from the Reverend Edward C. Rowland, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.A.H.S. The Reverend Rowland, who has engaged in considerable research into the history of North-east Victoria and border districts, has prepared for us an address on "Visitors to Albury".

## **The Trade Fair**

As on former occasions, helpers will be needed to supervise the Society's stand during the Trade Fair. Several members have already agreed to share this duty and doubtless there are others who would find the same pleasure in doing a short shift during this period. The President (tel. 2713) or the Secretary (tel. 2802) would appreciate hearing from any of our members who can spare time to assist in this way; or, if more convenient, they may call at the Fair and make arrangements.

With its combined display of paintings and museum items, our Society's exhibition promises to again be an important feature of the Fair. The Art Section in itself should be a great attraction, for most of the pictures on view have been lent by well-known artists of Albury and district. Included also are some from our own collection, one of which is a remarkable panoramic scene of "Yambla", the Table Top property of the late Mr. James Mitchell.

## **The Society's Constitution**

In the foundation year of our Society every member received a copy of its Constitution. As the supply has long since run out, it is the intention of the Committee to prepare a new issue. Before doing this, however, some alterations and additions are to be considered.

A draft of the Constitution in its revised form will be read at the General Meeting on 14th June, when members present on that occasion will have an opportunity of expressing their views on the proposed amendments and additions.

### **Retirement of Mr. D. G. Padman**

Mr. D. G. Padman, a patron of Albury Historical Society and for so long the Albury representative in State Parliament, has now retired from politics. In tendering our congratulations to Mr. Padman on his splendid record and wishing him an enjoyable retirement, we express the hope that he may now find time to come to some of the Society's meetings.

### **New Members Welcome**

Members are doing much to strengthen our organisation when they induce others to join us and attend the meetings. Any reader who might wish to join the Society is requested to write to the Secretary, P.O. Box 223, or 'phone number 2802. Annual subscription is ten shillings.

### **Dates to Remember**

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY, MAY 5-8. — Albury Trade Fair and Motor Exhibition, held in the Farmers & Graziers' Wool Store, Townsend Street.

MONDAY, MAY 10.—General Meeting in Albury Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be the Reverend E. C. Rowland, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.A.H.S. Visitors are welcome to all General Meetings.

MONDAY, MAY 24.—Committee Meeting in the old Civic Theatre.

### **Last Month's Speaker**

Titling his talk "In My Mother's Day", our guest speaker of last month, Mr. A. J. Williams, M.B.E., told a true-to-life story of a family residing in a small gold-mining town of Victoria a century ago. Whilst Mr. Williams's own memories hark back to the 1880s, his talk was based mainly on tales told him by his mother. It proved to be a fine piece of social history and withal very entertaining throughout.

Attracted by reports of rich gold finds, thousands of immigrants—English, Scots, Irish and Welsh—flocked to the Victorian diggings in the 'fifties, all with high hopes of making a quick fortune and returning to enjoy a life of comfort in their loved homeland. Though Dame Fortune did smile on a few, the majority were content to settle down to life as they found it and, in after years, to gain honour as the pioneers of a new nation.



Hard toil with small reward was generally the lot of these first settlers, and home-making was difficult in this strange new land. Nevertheless there prevailed a neighbourliness throughout the community which helped to make life worth while. There was strict observance of the Sabbath—people attended church regularly, and no one engaged in manual labour or sport on that day. Whatever the distance from church or chapel, no one rode or drove a horse on Sunday, for animals too had to be rested.

Mr. Williams told of the first houses with shingle roofs and earthen floors covered with home-made rag carpets; meals which were cooked in camp-ovens and open fireplaces; when every home had its garden of old-fashioned flowers and small orchard, the surplus apples and pears being stored in large sand-boxes; when the household pig was slaughtered, with all the neighbours sharing in the trimmings and the youngsters getting the bladder for a football.

The menfolk wore woollens next the skin all the year round to guard against pneumonia, nightshirts and sleeping-caps because of the dangerous night air. Dapper men wore bell-toppers; women sported bustle skirts and any number of petticoats; maidens were admonished if their dresses were above ankle-length; and schoolboys wore odd-looking knickerbockers.

Bush race meetings were popular in those times and it was the ambition of most miners to own a hack that could outrun any other. Evidently the conduct of races was not always in the hands of honest men, for the speaker's description of the Quartzmen's Cup at Maldon in 1856 showed it to be a "sell" of such a nature as never before blackened the Australian turf.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of May, 1865)

**A VENERABLE QUADRUPED.**—This week there died in the stables at the Police Barracks, Albury, an old grey horse, the first that brought the Sydney mail into this town. He had for a very long time been in possession of the police, and is known to have been 33 years old, how much more no one can tell.

**GHOST STORY.**—Our contemporary *The Riverina Herald* says: Most people have heard of that haunted spot, the Black Swamp, between Deniliquin and the Murrumbidgee, round which, it is said, at the dead hour of night, a headless trooper rides a grey cob at full speed. We were assured the other day that a party of three men camped there lately for the night, were nearly scared out of their senses by the appearance in full moonlight of this midnight visitant.

**FREE SELECTION.**—The following selections were made during this month at the Land Office, Albury: Robert Murdock (of Beechworth), 40 acres at Mulwala; Denis Conch (Beechworth), 320 a. at Collendina); Edward Wright Waddington (Kilmore), 40 a. at Moorwatha; John Brown (Collendina), 320 a. at Collendina.

**BORDER CUSTOMS.**—Another week has passed in the discussion of the Border Customs, and we confess we do not know where we now are. We have had telegrams from the north and telegrams from the south; we have had the duties on until Wednesday morning; we have had them off until Thursday afternoon; and we have had them on again on Friday morning, and, according to an advertisement by the Customs Officer at Albury, they are off again until further notice. We confess that we cannot say whether we belong to Victoria or N.S.W. or anybody else. We seem to be orphans on a pilgrimage with whom the Colonial powers are playing at battledore and shuttlecock.

**THE MAYOR'S\* DINNER.**—This event in Albury being the first of its kind, but in accordance with ancient usage upon the birthday of the reigning Monarch, is growing into more importance than was at first anticipated. Invitations for more than fifty guests have been sent out, and by the responses it is certain that a large gathering will be made on the occasion at the Rose Inn.

\*Mayor: S. C. V. North.

**BEN HALL SHOT DEAD.**—A telegram received from Forbes on Saturday (6th) states that Ben Hall was shot dead by the police in that district. On Friday morning, at an early hour, Sub-Inspector Davidson and a party of police surprised Hall in the act of catching his horse on a small plain, near the Billabong, about 12 miles from Forbes. On seeing the police he ran away. Davidson followed up closely, and when within range fired, and shot him. As he still ran forward, Sgt. Condell and a black-tracker fired — both shots, it is believed, taking effect. Hall still continued to run in the direction of the scrub, but on reaching it, he was confronted by four or five troopers posted there, who fired simultaneously, almost every shot hitting him. Hall, unable to proceed any further, laid hold of a sapling to support himself, but speedily loosened his hold and fell to the ground, exclaiming: "I'm wounded—shoot me dead!" He died a few seconds afterwards.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

At the forthcoming General Meeting (Monday, 14th inst.) members will have the pleasure of hearing another of Mr. C. C. Hazelwood's talks on Mohonga-Urangeline, including an account of the great drought of 1902.

## **The Trade Fair**

Our Society's effort at this year's Trade Fair may be recorded as another success, which was made possible mainly through the generosity of the Trade Fair Committee in granting us a select site without charge. Much valuable help also came voluntarily from the staff of Farmers & Graziers' Wool Store; and credit must go to our own members who gave of their time before, during and after the exhibition. Throughout the four-day period some thousands of visitors saw the Society's stand and showed keen interest in everything on view, some of them staying around to chat with the attendants.

Especially attractive was the display of art; and little wonder, for each picture was truly exquisite. Local artists to whom we are indebted are Mrs. M. C. Avery, Mrs. D. F. Alford, Mrs. P. D. Burrows, Miss A. Wallace, Mr. Jack Bennett, and Mr. Colin Angus (El Dorado).

Others friends of the Society who contributed towards the success of the show by lending relics or helping in some other way were Mrs. M. T. Ortiz, Mrs. R. A. Fagg, Messrs. A. Chick, Rod Bent, T. Doran, A. J. Williams, Douglas Butt and Arthur Roy.

## **An Old Manuscript**

Quite a stir was caused last month by the discovery in Albury of an old manuscript thought to be the diary of Major Thomas Mitchell. Though a close examination has not so far been able to determine its origin, there are indications that it

could be the daily journal of one of the explorer's sons who travelled overland from Port Phillip at a later date. (Unfortunately the year is nowhere recorded in the day-by-day entries.) In an endeavour to have the writer identified a photostat copy of the frail and faded leaves has been forwarded to the Mitchell Library (Sydney) for examination by its research department.

### **Guest Speaker from Melbourne**

There was little space to spare in the lecture-room of Albury Town Hall on the evening of the Society's last General Meeting, when the Reverend E. C. Rowland, F.R.Hist.S., F.R.A.H.S., was present as guest speaker.

Titling his address "Visitors to Albury", Mr. Rowland spoke of many people of importance who in bygone years came to Albury, some of whom stayed long enough to make interesting observations on the town and its inhabitants.

In the early 1830s, following the trail blazed by the Hume and Hovell exploration party, which had camped on the site of Albury in November 1824, there began a cavalcade of overlanders with their flocks and herds to take up holdings across the Murray River. Prominent amongst these were the Ebdens, the Faithfulls, the Dockers and the Reids, Dr. George Mackay, William Bowman and Mrs. Janet Templeton.

Probably the two most outstanding visitors were Lady Jane Franklin and Dr. John Dunmore Lang.

Lady Franklin, wife of the Governor of Van Diemen's Land, in a journey from Launceston to Sydney, arrived at Albury with her entourage in April of 1839. During her stay of two days she busied herself by seeing everybody and everything, even taking part in a hunt with the aborigines. As a careful diarist Lady Franklin left a most descriptive record of Albury of that early period.

The settlement then comprised only three habitations: Robert Brown's store, a police barracks with walls and roof of bark sheets, and a dwelling belonging to one Lewis who owned a cattle station down-river.

John Dunmore Lang, who arrived in Sydney from Scotland in 1823, was the first permanent Presbyterian minister for the colony. In 1846 he travelled by mail coach from Sydney to Melbourne and arrived at Albury on January 20, for a stay overnight.



In his description of the town he recorded that "Albury is finely situated for a town—plenty of the finest land to grow grain and everything else for a city as large as London, and plenty of water". At that time there was, he says, as yet no police establishment and no place of worship of any denomination. Dr. Lang was sorely disappointed to find that the residents were so given to gambling and drinking, and that there was such scant regard for law and order.

How amazed, we wonder, would be Lady Franklin and Dr. Lang were they to return and see the sprawling city that has grown from the village of their recollections.

### **Wodonga Comes In**

Latest neighbouring town to recognise the importance of its history is Wodonga, where it was resolved at a recent public meeting to form a branch of the North-East Historical Society. Mr. Dudley Shepherd, president of the latter organisation was present, and spoke of the widening interest being taken in local history.

Office-bearers of the Wodonga Society are Mr. W. M. James (president), Mrs. I. Tooley and Mr. G. Gibney (vice-president), with Mrs. W. M. James holding the triple responsibility of secretary, treasurer and publicity officer.

Beginning with this strong team under the guidance of the N.E. Historical Society, and with help assured by Mr. Tom Mitchell, M.L.A., Wodonga has made a really promising start. Several of our members were in attendance together with Mr. O. Schilg (president), who stated that the Albury Society would give Wodonga any assistance possible.

### **Acquisitions**

The Society gratefully acknowledges donations made by the following persons: Mr. C. B. Webster (West Wyalong)—a cheque towards the Society's funds, three school-books of the 1850s, an early manual on sheep husbandry, a 90-year-old letter of elegant penmanship (addressed to his father while manager of "Round Hill" Station); Mr. Eli Barker—several items of a pioneer blacksmith's handcraft (pick-heads, pincers, barrow-wheel, rake, &c.); Mr. Percy Phillips (Thurgoona)—antiquated grister and bacon-cutter; Mrs. H. C. Bownds (Bethanga)—candle-mould; Mrs. Green—old post-card views of Albury; Mrs. McIntyre—sketches by the late Tim Bruce; Mrs. P. F. Seymour (Tumut)—"The Boomerangs" programme (1917), photograph of Albury Red Cross workers (1915); Mr. Jim Bell (Thurgoona)—two photographs of Hume Shire Council; Mrs. R. A. Fagg (Lavington)—photostat copy of old diary bearing a Mitchell signature.

### New Members

The Society is pleased to add the following names to its membership list: Miss L. White, Albury; Mr. W. H. Chambers (life member), Bungowannah; Mr. James Gleeson, Tawonga; Mr. L. G. Beard, Albury; Mr. A. J. Williams, M.B.E., Albury.

### Commonwealth Day

On the occasion of Commonwealth Day our Vice-President, Captain P. Heywood, was guest speaker at Lavington Public School. The Captain, who spoke on the significance of the day being celebrated, was given an attentive hearing by the pupils.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JUNE 14. —General Meeting in Albury Town Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. Speaker: Mr. Claud Hazelwood. In conjunction with the foregoing meeting a Special General Meeting will be held for the purpose of dealing with the revision of the Society's Constitution.

MONDAY, JUNE 28.—Committee Meeting in ticket-room of the old Civic Theatre.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of June, 1865)

CHILTERN.—The first brick building that has been erected in Chiltern on private property for business purposes will, in the course of a few days, be completed. The enterprising gentlemen are Messrs. Damman and Racchi, the tobacconists, of Beechworth. The shop is a very handsome one, the design plain but exceptionally neat. It is to be hoped that Mr. Crawford will soon follow suit by erecting a magnificent brick hotel on the site of the old Star.

HORSE OF THE DESERT.—One of the camels that left Melbourne with the Burke and Wills expedition has been brought to Deniliquin, from the Burdekin. He was brought there by Mr. Huxley, of the Barwon, and has travelled down with a mob of store cattle, taking about nine weeks for the trip. He is in very good condition, but almost bare of hair, that having only commenced to grow while on the road, and when nearing the colder south.

### N.S.W. MEMS.

It is stated that 200 Chinamen are to be employed on the work of turning the Lachlan River into the interior waste.

It is thought probable that the Government will introduce *ad valorem* duties to meet the emergency of an empty exchequer.

Mr. Hopwood challenges the vigneron of N.S.W. to produce better wine than obtained from his vineyard at Echuca this year.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

On the night of our next General Meeting, 12th instant, Mr. J. J. Wright (member) will give a showing of colour films brought back from his recent tour abroad. A brief commentary on the historic places he had visited in the Old Country and elsewhere will be given. Visitors are always welcome at these monthly meetings.

## **Acquisitions**

In recent weeks the following various items of historical value have come into possession of the Society: From Mrs. V. Larkey—photostat copies of early records of Van Diemen's Land, comprising thirty sheets of manuscript (on trust); Swan Hill Historical Society—copies of historical articles contributed to *The Guardian* by its members; Brisbane Water Historical Society—booklet on Henry Kendall's stone house and museum at Gosford; Mrs. E. Hodge, of Bexley—five old photographs; Mr. Dick Spiekman—iron door from demolished residence of governor of the Albury Gaol; Mr. Leonard Kuschert, of Corowa—collection of a dozen stones of several kinds, all of which bear signs of native workmanship; Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, Canberra—*Newsletter*, Vol. 2, No. 1. To all the abovementioned donors the Society tenders its grateful thanks.

## **Mohonga and Urangeline in Drought**

At our last General Meeting, members and visitors had the pleasure of hearing another of Mr. Claud Hazelwood's talks on the old Mohonga and Urangeline stations. The story as presented was drawn mainly from the memoirs of the late Mr. H. J. Hazelwood (the speaker's father), who had been manager of the Urangeline holding for a long period.

A previous owner of Mohonga station was the pioneering pastoralist Robert Rand, who purchased it in the early 60s and added Urangeline to it in 1864.

Ordinarily safe properties they were capable of running an immense number of sheep. With the coming of the great drought of 1902, however, the grasslands were almost eaten-out, and it became necessary to seek "fresh fields and pastures new".

It was in his capacity as an overseer that Mr. Hazelwood shared the responsibility of transferring big drafts of sheep to agistment leases, most of which were a great distance away. One of the first moves in this direction was a mob of 12,000 wethers taken to Barber's Creek, near Marulan. Agistment was secured for another 15,000 at Snow Vale at 2s. 6d. per head for six months. Other lots were sent to Manus and Wolseley Park (Tumbarumba), and some by stock train to Bogalara, in the Yass district.

In order to sustain the sheep on their travels it was necessary in most cases to follow up with supplies of baled lucerne, or to cut down scrub to provide them with a pick.

Though this work was generally carried out successfully, serious losses did occur on one occasion when out of a mob of 12,600 there was a total loss of 7,940. Negligence on the part of drovers and wrong reports on the state of stock routes sometimes caused such happenings.

All the while these manœuvres were being carried out, the stock still at the home station needed constant attention. There the weakened sheep were daily bogging around the muddy waterholes while others were dying of thirst, and the skinning of these added greatly to the tasks of the stockmen.

In conclusion it must be mentioned that Mr. Claud Hazelwood himself also successfully carried on as manager of Urangeline station until his retirement in recent years.

### **Subscriptions Overdue**

A half-year has passed and still a number of our good friends have overlooked the importance of renewing their membership. In order to keep the Society at its present strength and ensure that each member receives the monthly Bulletin, it would be appreciated if those in arrears would forward the annual fee of 10s. to the Secretary, P.O. Box 223, Albury.



### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JULY 12.—General Meeting in Albury Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Following the business of the meeting, Mr. J. J. Wright will show colour films.

MONDAY, JULY 26.—Committee Meeting in either the old Civic Theatre or the Town Hall.

### Old Records Destroyed

This is true. Whilst yarnning with an old-timer recently one of our members remarked upon the importance of preserving old photographs and historical records. Quite seriously the ancient one replied that he did at one time have some old records, but they were destroyed—and amongst them were some good ones by Harry Lauder!

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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LIGHTING TOWNS.—It is proposed to partially light the town of Albury by placing lamps at intersections of the principal streets, and certainly this would make a great difference in their appearance at night. They are proposed to be lighted with kerosene, and we understand that Chiltern and Rutherglen are now most efficiently lighted by that means. We do not know why Albury should be left behind, for we see by *The Pastoral Times* that the little township of Deniliquin will shortly be able to light itself with gas. A gasometer erected by Mr. Taylor, in addition to furnishing a supply for his hotel and neighbouring properties, will be sufficiently large for the consumption of the town.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—We observe that another lecture is to be delivered in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association by the Rev. J. K. McMillan in the Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, 17th instant. The subject will be "The Waldenses, or the Church in the Middle ages".

NOTE: The Waldenses (or Vaudois) were a religious sect founded in the 12th century and had survived in the French Alps until wiped out in 1545 by King Francis I.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were made during the month at the Land Office, Albury: Andrew White-man, 80 acres at Moorwatha; William Lester, 59 a. at Howlong; Richard Church, 100 a. at Moorwatha; David Gallagher (of Wahgunyah), 289 a. at Quat Quatta; John Muxlow (of Albury), 93 a. at Moorwatha; Robert Gregson, 100 a. at Yambla; David Pabst, 50 a. at Germantown.

THE WAR IN AMERICA.—News of the surrender of the Confederate general, Robert E. Lee, caused great rejoicings throughout the Federal States. General Butler addressed the mob, arguing that Southern military leaders should be hung, the legislators deprived of their citizenship, and the negroes raised to equality with whites in every respect. The speech was greatly applauded.

#### ENGLISH AND FOREIGN MEMS.

The construction of the great Atlantic Electric Cable, to connect Great Britain with America, has been completed.

The Suez Canal is to be finished in June, 1866, under heavy penalties.

ALBURY MODEL SCHOOL.—The re-opening of the school after the winter recess will take place on Monday next, 3rd inst. In addition to the previous subjects, and under the superintendence of Mr. Meehan, drill and gymnastics are now taught to the boys, and calisthenics to the girls, without extra charge. Parents and guardians of pupils are requested to enter their children immediately to facilitate the formation of classes. The honorary secretary is Mr. James Fallon.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS—

To Free Selectors.—Any quantity of Bark can be had of D. Driscoll, Bridge Inn, Albury.

Shingles.—Wanted 50,000 Shingles and 10,000 Palings. Apply D. Driscoll, Bridge Inn, Albury.

Vine Cuttings.—On Sale at 15s. per 1,000, consisting of Reisling, Shiraz, Malbec, Brown Muscatel, Tokay. At T. Field's Horse and Jockey Hotel, Albury.

COMMERCIAL STORE, Albury.—James T. Fallon, Wine, Spirit & General Merchant, has for sale the following goods, ex "Lady Daly" and "Lady Darling" steamers, and which he is disposing of at the Lowest Remunerative Prices, namely: Wine Cellar Casks, Teas, ex "Berengaria; Sugars, assorted; Martell's Brandy; Hennessy's ditto; Jamaica Rum, 22 O.P.; Sherry, Port and also a large assortment of first-class Albury Wines.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the Albury auxiliary branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society will be held in the Court House, Albury, on Wednesday evening, when a statement of affairs will be submitted and addresses delivered by the clerical representatives of the Protestant denominations of the district, including the Reverends M. B. Brownrigg, Ballantyne, Neale, and also by the Mayor, Mr. Blackmore.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

At the General Meeting on Monday, the 9th instant, Mr. J. J. Wright will again entertain members with a showing of colour films. On this occasion he takes us to the southern region of the United States of America, including Dallas, Texas (showing the scene of President Kennedy's assassination), San Antonio (Texas), and the Alamo, Merced (California)—Albury's sister city, and historical Virginia City (Nevada).

Members are reminded that their friends are always welcome at these monthly meetings.

## **Travelogue**

So much time had to be given up to business matters at the Society's last General Meeting that the speaker of the evening, Mr. J. J. Wright, found it necessary to abridge the film-talk he had prepared. Good use was made of the remaining time, however, and every minute was enjoyed by those in attendance.

In his journeyings Mr. Wright at times prefers to leave the beaten track and explore the byways of the country through which he travels. Thus he comes upon things and places of remarkable interest which otherwise might have been passed by; and, in so doing, he also has an opportunity of observing the way of life of the native inhabitants.

Some of the many places visited by our touring member were Istanbul (formerly Constantinople); the Bosphorus; Athens, with its ancient ruins and noble temples; Haifa, in Palestine; Nazareth, place of pilgrimage; Galilee, the homeland of Christ and centre of His activities; Jerusalem; Naples, with its relics of Pompeii; ancient Rome and Milan.

## Albury Museum

Decisive action is being taken by Albury City Council in the establishment of a Museum for Albury. In commending this worthy venture, the Albury and District Historical Society feels it is going to have many opportunities to help in the formation and building-up of a really fine Museum.

As regards a building, the City Council has prepared plans to remodel that which is known as the old Turk's Head Hotel, located in Wodonga Place and close by the Union Bridge. A great advantage is that it is situated right on the main highway, where it would come under the eyes of all interstate tourists.

Although considerable alterations to the interior of the building will be necessary to render it suitable for a show-place as intended, it is understood that an endeavour will be made to preserve certain of its original features.

Whilst no claim is made for it as a place of architectural beauty, it may nevertheless be classed as typical of the roadside inns which provided refreshment and accommodation to pioneering folk a hundred years since. The land on which it stands is in itself historical, for it is in that locality Albury's first settlement took place.

## A Hume Dam Story

Apart from conducting his store and taking frequent trips abroad, our Wirlinga member, Mr. Tom Doran, also finds time for writing. His most recent success in this direction is to have one of his stories selected for inclusion in *The Tracks We Travel*, a collection of short stories published by the Australasian Book Society. The tale Mr. Doran tells in *The Midnight Shift* is a down-to-earth one, giving a plain account of the tough part experienced by the workers engaged in the building of the great Hume Dam. Since Tom himself is one who took part, he is well qualified to write on the subject; and is named with Katherine Prichard, Frank Hardy and other notable writers who have helped to make this book.

## Acquisitions

The Society expresses its sincere gratitude to the following persons for gifts received in recent weeks: Mrs. L. Martin—early view of the railway bridge spanning the Murray and showing members of the Frew family on the river bank; Mr. Roy Waite—an old letter describing the opening of the Union Bridge, and a water-filter in use many years ago; Mr. F. W. White—passenger ticket for inaugural flight of



T.A.A. from Albury; Mr. W. G. Doubleday—photograph of Captain Robert Scott, Antarctic explorer; Mr. R. A. Smith—film projector of early type; Mrs. A. Post—several back numbers of newspapers and periodicals containing historical information; Mrs. E. Henwood—donation towards Society's funds.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, AUGUST 9.—General Meeting in Albury Town Hall at 8 p.m., Mr. J. J. Wright (member) to be the speaker.

MONDAY, AUGUST 23.—Committee Meeting to take place in either the Town Hall or the Mechanics' Institute, beginning at 8 p.m.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—We find that the committee of the Mechanics', in order to give a little life to this rather dull institution in Albury, have agreed upon a course of lectures for the summer season to be given fortnightly. Mr. G. Mott is to open the campaign with a lecture next Tuesday evening.

CHURCH ON DIGGINGS.—It is proposed, and the proposition is certainly a good one, that steps should be taken to dedicate a piece of ground and a building to be erected thereon for celebration of Divine Worship on the diggings at the Black Range. It is suggested that the building should be available also for the Church of England, Presbyterian, and the Wesleyan denominations.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were made during the past month at the Albury Land Office: Charles Henry Knight, 80 acres at Collendina; Wm. Joseph Wealands, 140 a. at Mulwala; Alfred Ratcliffe, 40 a. at Yambla; Charles Krantz (of Rutherglen), 140 a. at Bungowannah; James Irving (Beechworth), 175 a. at Quat Quatta; Charles Jones (Taramiah), 40 a. at Mulwala; John Dornan, jun., 120 a. at Howlong; Henry Ringwood (Albury), 100 a. at Howlong.

### VICTORIAN MEMS.

A new vessel, the *Beechworth*, is very nearly completed, and is for the Upper Murray Navigation Company.

A man and his wife and family, consisting of two young children, arrived in Castlemaine last week, having tramped all the way from Albury, a distance of 300 miles.

WESLEYAN.—Steps are being taken for the re-erection of the Wesleyan Church in Albury, so as to make it a permanent building and one of the churches of the town. Until the new edifice is ready for religious purposes, under the administration of the Rev. F. Neale, services will be held at the Court House every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

NEWS FROM U.S.A.—*The Tribune* reports that in Washington the greatest ill-will against the negroes exists. They are kicked and beaten on the most trivial pretext. The whole of the Richmond schools opened for the benefit of freed men have been closed, on account of the ill-treatment and intimidation of the black children by the whites.

HOME REMEDY. — Diphtheria is a very troublesome and dangerous disease. An easy remedy has been found for it that will effect a speedy relief. Take a common tobacco-pipe, place a live coal in the bowl, drop a little tar upon the coal, draw the smoke into the mouth, and discharge it through the nostrils.





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## Speaker for October

There would be few of our members who do not know Mr. Arthur Roy and of his capacity for telling stories of bygone times. His "Mooching Round Albury", as recounted the other year is remembered as one of our most enjoyable evenings. Newer members who would not have had the opportunity of hearing those tales told by this boy of old Albury may share this pleasure with all of us at the General Meeting on October 11, when he will come from Preston on a return visit to this city.

## Show of Colour Slides

Since picture-nights have a general appeal for members, it has been decided that, in lieu of a guest speaker, there will be another such exhibition for next meeting, 13th instant. Two of our members, Mrs. Schilg and Mr. Hazelwood, will make a combined showing of colour slides of historical and general interest.

## An Excursion Coming Up

Members will no doubt be gladdened at the suggestion that we should take ourselves on another excursion. It is hoped that a tour through the Rutherglen district can be planned for October and that some discussion can be given to the proposal at next meeting.

## Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.—General Meeting, in Albury Town Hall, commencing at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.—Committee Meeting, in the Town Hall maybe, or else in the old Civic Theatre.

### Personal Pars.

All members will join in wishing a speedy return to health of Mr. E. A. Ried and Mr. A. J. Allan, who have of late been on the sick-list.

It is pleasing to report that Mrs. Henwood is well again and will be attending our meetings.

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Saggars, who recently became united in marriage. Mrs. Saggars will be remembered as Miss Betty Foster.

This month we extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Stedman and to Mrs. Talbot, who have enrolled as members.

### Acquisitions

The Society is pleased to acknowledge the following lengthy list of gifts received from members and good friends: From Mrs. L. Martin—five early views of the Hume Weir site and a framed photo of the Rev. Canon Bevan; Mrs. G. M. Stedman—painting of "Table Top" homestead; Mr. A. Sutcliffe (Geelong)—six song-and-music books of the early 90s and at one time belonging to Mabel Mitchell (Table Top); Mr. I. T. Maddern (member and headmaster of Morwell High School)—special issue of *The Australian Student*, containing account of first Cobb and Co. coach run from Sale to Melbourne in 1865 (compiled by the donor); Mr. E. S. Quinn—souvenir issue of *The Albury Daily News* (1919); Ald. T. Pearsall—bronze plaque in memory of a fallen serviceman of World War I; Mr. P. D. Burrows (member) Ontario newspaper editorial titled "Preserving Our Past"; Miss Ella Barnes (member)—Elector's Right issued at Gerogery in 1897; Mrs. R. H. McDonald (member)—book containing a biography of Sir John Monash; Mrs. H. Shipard (Bungowannah)—photos of Turk's Head Hotel, Mr. W. J. Green (owner of the old hotel in the 80s), ditto (half-length), Mrs. Green and son, Watson's brickyard, Hayes's flourmill, three views of Dean Street, Hovell Tree (in folder) for reunion of Albury pioneers (1926), two silk tags of Albury Pioneers (Nov. 1924-26), pamphlet "Greetings to Our Kinsfolk Overseas", Albury centenary programme (1924) and an early photo of the Green family and servants at the Turk's Head Hotel.

NOTE.—Our Society is happy to present to the two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Stedman (Albury) two old song-books from the collection which at one time belonged to their grandmother (formerly Miss Mabel Mitchell, of Table Top).



## A Lasting Gift

With the approval of Albury City Council's Engineer, our President and Mr. J. J. Wright assisted Council employees in loading and transporting blocks of granite and sandstone from the site of the recently demolished goal-keeper's residence. These huge blocks are now in the keeping of the Historical Society, which has plans to set them up as an example of stonemasons' craft of former times, and also as a reminder that at one time there was a prison at Albury.

To Mr. Spiekman, the contracting wrecker, the Society owes an appreciative *thank you* for donating the above-mentioned granite blocks for our Folk Museum. Other historically valuable relics received from him include a steel door, grills and half-round bricks—all of which had been used in the safety zone where extra protection was provided for the gaol-governor's home in case of a prison riot.

## Seeing America

As is well known, the main highways in the U.S.A. are built for fast and safe motoring, and our member Mr. J. J. Wright used this form of travel during his recent tour of that country. Working to a tight schedule, he sped through a wide stretch of some of America's most interesting territory, and at our last meeting members had the pleasure of going the same journey with him again.

Beginning at Jackson (Mississippi), his long trail led through the States of Tennessee and Arkansas to Dallas, the largest city in Texas. Dallas, the scene of President Kennedy's assassination, was visited by Mr. Wright on the anniversary of the tragic event, and the showing of colour pictures of the floral tributes of the people was indeed impressive. Dallas is a beautiful city and its citizens are greatly saddened that it was there that the President had lost his life. Also shown was the first dwelling in Dallas, a log cabin built by the earliest settler in 1841; of sharp contrast was a view of the Capitol of Texas, in the city of Austin.

As a true historian, Mr. Wright is ever on the look-out for relics and buildings associated with the pioneering era. One such place which he came upon was that known as The Alamo, in San Antonio, South Texas.

This historic building had originally been a Spanish mission station, but later abandoned. Afterwards becoming a fort, it was the scene of an heroic defence in the war between the Texans and Mexicans. It was in 1836 that its few defenders were overcome by a superior force of Mexicans and slaughtered in the garrison. Amongst these were Colonel Wm. Travitt, James Bowie and Davy Crockett.

In 1883 the Alamo building was acquired by the State for preservation as a public memorial. It now houses a remarkable collection of historical relics and is classed as one of America's finest museums.

In his journeyings through the States and south of the border, Mr. Wright saw other places of great interest and scenic beauty, including El Paso on the Rio Grande, El Juarez (Mexico), Arizona and California. At Merced (Cal.), Albury's sister city, he received a cordial welcome, and was taken on a 'plane trip over the city and the famous Yosemite Valley. Aerial views of these places were shown, as also were pictures of Sutter's Fort (erected 1838), in Sacramento, this now being a State memorial containing all original furniture and equipment. A visit was also made to the golden city of Virginia, where the precious metal was first discovered in 1850.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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**ALBURY HOSPITAL.**—The choice of a new Superintendent and Matron of the Hospital and Benevolent Asylum was made by the Committee on Monday, in place of Mr. and Mrs. Byleveld, resigned. There were eight applicants, and the election by ballot fell almost unanimously on Mr. and Mrs. Peard. Mr. Peard has acted for some time as hall-keeper at the Mechanic's Institute.

**FREE SELECTION.**—During this month the following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office: James Smith (of Moorwatha), 40 acres at Moorwatha, county of Hume; Lawrence Michael O'Bryan (of Mulwala), 51¼ acres at Mulwala.





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## **This Month's Speaker**

Mr. Arthur Roy, well known as a former resident of this city and now of Melbourne, will be guest speaker at the meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, October 12. (*Members, please note alteration of date.*)

In his talk, titled "Mooching Round Albury in the Eighties", Mr. Roy will take his listeners back to the scenes of his boyhood days in old Albury. He will make particular reference to Townsend Street, which in its day was the town's business centre. Members are requested to invite friends to this meeting.

## **✕ Important Notice — Change of Date**

By reason of another important event on Monday evening, 11th instant, it has been decided to hold the meeting of the Historical Society on the following night, Tuesday, October 12.

So many of our members have bookings for the A.B.C. Celebrity Concert that there would be disappointment for those who wish to attend both fixtures. It is hoped that there will be all-round satisfaction by the above re-arrangement.

## **Enjoyable Picture Night**

At the showing of colour slides jointly presented by Mrs. O. Schilg and Mr. C. Hazelwood at last month's meeting, members and visitors saw a programme of extraordinary interest.

Together with a nice commentary by his wife, Mr. Hazelwood exhibited a series of photographs which he brought back from their recent trip to Wilcania and White Cliffs. Most enlightening were the views of the opal fields in the sun-scorched area of White Cliffs.

The selection of pictures screened and described by Mrs. Schilg were of a varied nature, and included views of Mildura, Bathurst, Hartley, Gulgong and other inland places. By the many photographs of museums, old homes, old-time relics and memorials members must have been heartened to see that so much is being done to preserve our national history.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Schilg and Mr. Hazelwood for a very enjoyable evening was moved by Mr. Alan Mitchell, supported by Mrs. R. H. McDonald.

### Acquisitons

The Society gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following: Miss Olive Crisp, cane basket made by Chinese on Black Range (Lavington) goldfield; Miss Stella Kroeber, several copies of *The Sphere*, and other publications dating from the time of Queen Victoria, and a pair of urns which once adorned the entrance of Albury's first Public Hospital; Mrs. Alice Farmer ("Alice Laphthorne"), of Mildura, 3rd edition of her book *Mildura Calling*; Mr. E. D. Batrouney, blacksmith's bellows; Southern Mills Ltd. (Bunge (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.), Imperial bushel measure made of bronze and dated 1827; the Reverend Appelt, aboriginal kun-di kun-di (large curved wooden sword), bamboo spears and a juvenile throwing-stick.

### Obituary

It is with regret we record the death of one of our foundation members, Mr. Ernest A. Ried, who had been ailing for some months past. Formerly Mr. Ried had resided at Tallangatta, and members have pleasant memories of their excursion to that town when he acted as guide to the many points of historic interest.

### Wodonga Historical Society

Guest speaker at the September meeting of the Wodonga Historical Society was Mr. Colin Angus, Hon. Secretary of the North-Eastern Historical Society (Wangaratta).

Mr. Angus's address centred mainly on the establishment and development of historical societies and, by way of example, gave an outline of the growth of the N.E.H.S. This organisation, he stated, had a rather unpromising beginning, and after the first twelve months it was found necessary to make a complete overhaul and adopt a really earnest approach to the task undertaken. With its members working enthusiastically to a plan, an interest of the public was aroused which eventually brought a wider appreciation of the work of their society, the Wodonga branch being the latest to benefit by its guidance.

Members of the Albury and District Society who had the pleasure of attending this meeting were Messrs. O. Schilg (President), P. Burrows and W. Fielder.



### Rutherglen Excursion

Judging by arrangements made for the Society's tour of the Rutherglen district on Sunday, October 17, the outing should be successful in every way.

Mr. R. Martin's bus chartered for the occasion will accommodate most of the excursionists; and the time and place of its departure has been set for 10.30 o'clock from Mate's corner. Any overflow of passengers are assured of seats in cars of members following on.

Arrangements for lunch will be as usual—members taking their own sandwiches, thermos of tea, &c. As our party will be crossing into Victoria, it is important to remember that no fruit of any kind (not even tomatoes) may be taken into that State. There will be an inspection by officers at the fruit-fly block on the road to Wodonga.

It would facilitate matters if intending passengers could make bookings at the coming meeting or with the Secretary by phoning 21-2802. Fares are 10s. for adults and 5s. for children.

After leaving Wodonga it is planned to make a short stop at Chiltern to enable members to view the Henry Handel Richardson home; then on to meet our good friends at Rutherglen.

After partaking of lunch picnic style, our party is to be conducted on a short tour of places of historical significance, including the old gold-fields and the famous "All Saints" winery at Wahgunyah.

### Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Arthur Roy (member), of Melbourne.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17.—Society's excursion to Rutherglen, departing at 10.30 a.m. from Mate's corner.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25.—Committee Meeting in Town Hall, at 8 p.m.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of October, 1865)  
VICTORIAN MEMS.

Eleven bags of quartz, from the private property of the ex-mayor of Collingwood, Mr. Greenwood, of Boroondara, within six miles of Melbourne, weighing 19 cwt., have produced an ounce of coarse gold. The reef is said to be four feet thick.

Important new discoveries are being made in the Omeo district. New leases to work for metals other than gold have been applied for. Bismuth and iron-pyrites, containing gold and other metals, have been found in the locality.

The Castlemaine paper reports that the last up-train through that town on a recent evening from Melbourne, contained about 25 black troopers in uniform. It is thought they are from the vicinity of Echuca, where probably they have been drilled for duty in Queensland.

BEECHWORTH GALLOWS.—We understand that workmen are busily engaged fitting the wood-work for this "institution", the iron portion of the work having already arrived from Melbourne. We hope that it will be a long time before this "sign of civilisation" will be put to the use for which it is intended.

PRESBYTERIAN.—For quite a long time the Reverend D. H. Ballantyne has held monthly services at the Ten Mile Creek (Bowna), which have hitherto been performed in the National School room there. The growing importance of the place is so advancing as to warrant the calling for tenders for a building to belong to the Presbyterian body, and to be erected on the site allotted for the purpose. Tenders are to be received on Monday, 30th October.

OUR MURRAY FLEET.—The *Beechworth*, from Albury to Echuca, reached Wahgunyah at 12.30 p.m. on Saturday (21st instant), after a run of seven hours, bringing 17 bales of wool. She took in from Lowe's Wool Stores 117 bales of wool, and left for Echuca at 4.30 p.m. At Hay's, Boomoonoomana, she takes in wool, also from McPherson's, Peechelba, and from Brown and Rutherford's, Ulupna. She will carry down altogether somewhere about 550 bales.

Captain Barber's new steamer, *The Queen*, was lately launched at Goolwa. She is a stern-wheel boat of nearly 70 tons burthen, and is described as a very pretty model. She is intended for the Murray trade.

#### ADVERTISEMENT—

*Soap and Candle Manufactory.*—Thomas McGovern begs to inform the inhabitants of Albury and surrounding district that he is prepared to supply his patrons with first-class Soap and Candles. Fat taken in exchange.—Thomas McGovern, Townsend St., Albury.

THE RACER "RIVERINA".—This mare is training at Deniliquin for the Melbourne Cup. She is in fine condition, and with 7 st. 7 lb. on her back, will, it is believed, barring accidents, make the race no easy victory to the winner.

COLONIAL WINE.—Mr. Field, of the Horse and Jockey Hotel, has made a move in the right direction by announcing his intention to sell colonial wines in future at sixpence a tumbler or half-a-crown the bottle. We give Mr. Field the credit for being the first to make this move, and no doubt we shall hear of others of our Albury publicans following the good example.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

At the coming General Meeting we are to be entertained by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, who will describe his recent tour of the South Island of New Zealand, and at the same time give an exhibition of colour slides. Visitors and friends of members are cordially invited to attend.

## **Acquisitions**

For gifts recently received the Society extends thanks to Mr. George Lester (Albury) for a "Report of the Royal Commission on the Sites for the Seat of Government of the Commonwealth, together with reasons why Albury should be the Federal Capital"; Mr. Lou Schneider (Lavington)—copies of booklets of the History of Lavington; Swan Hill Historical Society—tear-sheets from *The Guardian* containing articles on the history of that region, contributed by the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. L. Daniell).

Work recently carried out by Mr. John Henwood in the interests of the Society is deserving of special notice. The acquisition of early photographs and others items of historical importance, kindly donated by Mrs. H. Shipard, are the result of personal visits to "Warrawee", Bungowannah, during his week-ends at home in Albury. He has also (at no small expense to himself) arranged for special copies to be made of the old photographs, including one of the Turk's Head Hotel in the 70s. Though his vocation as a T-V writer keeps him from home a good deal, this young member always has the interests of the Society at heart, and between times manages to do some useful research into matters of local history.

## **Notice of Motion**

A suggestion that members of all Historical Societies wear distinguishing badges was discussed at last meeting of the Society, when members of Committee were in favour of a recommendation by Capt. P. Heywood (Vice-President), that Albury

Historical Society and all other such societies in the North-East of Victoria jointly purchase badges with space provided for insertion of the name of each society. A Notice of Motion to this effect will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting of our Society to be held in December.

### Tour of Rutherglen

The excursion through Rutherglen and district recently undertaken by members and friends of our Society was successful beyond expectations, since it resulted in bringing together representatives of kindred societies in the North-East area.

Travelling by bus and cars, the party which left Albury totalled more than fifty, which number was increased as the tourists moved towards historic old Rutherglen.

First stop *en route* was Chiltern, where everyone inspected "Lake View", one time the home of Henry Handel Richardson. With its "B" classification by the National Trust and the united efforts of historical societies in the North-East, there is a likelihood that this old-world building will be restored and preserved for posterity.

On reaching Rutherglen, our party was welcomed by Mr. Brian Jasper (president of Rutherglen Historical Society), who later gave a brief account of the district's early settlement and of the gold-rush in those parts. In the fine hall of the R.S.L., where lunch was taken, there was a happy congregation of folk from Rutherglen, Wangaratta, Wodonga and Albury.

Throughout the afternoon, with Mr. Jasper as cicerone, the big party was taken on a tour which was quite enlightening to those not acquainted with the locality. Starting point was the obelisk within the town marking the site of the first discovery of the precious metal. There followed inspections of the Lilliput, the Great Southern and other old mines so famous in their day.

Two remarkable places included in the itinerary were the old homesteads "Olive Hills" and "Fairfield", some miles from the township. Though both are now unoccupied and in a state of disrepair, they were in their heyday two of the finest homes in that district. Sad it is to think that these deserted mansions must now remain as memorials to a bank-crash which many years ago reduced so many people to bankruptcy.

A pleasing feature of this run-round was that at each point of interest a speaker conversant with the subject had been selected by the organisers.



Last place of call was "All Saints" winery at Wahgunyah, which house has also been graded "B" class by the National Trust. Here the visitors were hospitably entertained by Messrs. Smith brothers, descendants of the pioneering George Sutherland Smith who founded the business in the seventies. Area of the vineyard is 350 acres and the winery itself is probably the largest in Australia. An inspection of the cellars with their numerous huge oak-wood vats, and the up-to-date plant was arranged by the owners, who meanwhile explained to their guests the interesting process of wine-making.

At the day's ending, our Vice-President, Capt. P. Heywood, spoke words of sincere thanks to the many good people of Rutherglen who had done so much to give us a day we shall always be pleased to remember.

### **Dates to Remember**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8.—General Meeting in Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Following the business session, a showing of colour slides will be given by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19.—Gathering at the Hovell Tree, timed to commence at 3 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22.—Committee Meeting in Town Hall.

### **Hovell Tree Gathering**

As in recent years, the Albury Historical Society will again arrange a gathering at the Hovell Tree to commemorate the founding of Albury.

Sixth class children of all Albury and Lavington primary schools will be invited to participate; and Friday, November 19, has been chosen as the date likely to be convenient to most children. Two school captains will as usual read a short account of the Hume and Hovell expedition of 1824.

Time of assembly at the historic spot will be 3 o'clock, when it is expected that the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., will be present to address the gathering.

### **Looking Backward**

There was a stirring of memories within the minds of many of our elder members on the occasion of the Society's last General Meeting, when Mr. Arthur Roy (Melbourne) related his reminiscences of Albury in the 1890s. With his extraordinary power of recollection, our guest located early business houses and detailed events of those far-off times as though it all had been an experience of yesterday.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Roy for this entertaining and enlightening talk on our home-town, proposed by Mr. Burrows, was supported by Mr. Hazelwood.

## The Museum

Work on the Museum-to-be has gone on apace, and outwardly it would appear that the carpenters are near finished and the painters ready to begin. Considerable alterations have been made, but there still remain some original features of the old building to associate it with a bygone era.

As the day of its opening draws near, the Historical Society gives thought to a system of rostering in order to relieve the resident caretaker on his day-off periods. Those of our members who are prepared to be on call as attendants in this way are requested to register their names at the Society's next meeting.

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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**ALBURY BRIDGE TOLLS.**—On Monday the right to the tolls at the Murray Bridge for 1866 was put up at auction at the Court-House, Albury. There was no competition, and Mr. D. Driscoll continued to lease it at the upset price of £600.

**COACHING CHANGE.**—We hear the old firm of Cobb & Co. has lost the contract for conveying the mail from Moama to Hay. Ralph Powell & Co. is mentioned as the successful tenderer for the whole or portion of the work after the 1st of January next.

**OUR RIVER FLEET.**—The *Lady Darling* came up again to Albury on Thursday afternoon with about thirty tons of loading for our storekeepers, according to manifest reported. She discharged and returned yesterday (4th) at noon, expecting to make Wahgunyah last night.

## Advertisements—

**NOTICE.**—The Fanny Ceres Mill will be Closed for certain on the 11th November, and no more Grist will be received after the above date until next season.—GEORGE DAY.

**BIRTH.**—At Hawksview, on the 11th instant, the wife of J. F. H. Mitchell, Esq., of a daughter.

**OUR DAILY BREAD.**—We have unfortunately to record that a rise has taken place in bread this week, the bakers on Monday last having made the price 1s. 6d. the four-pound loaf, in consequence of the advance in flour. With bread at this price, mutton at 7d. per pound, the oat crop a failure, and the probability of only half a wheat crop owing to the drought, and with the Border Customs still on, things do not look very cheering for Albury. It is too soon to report anything of the vines as yet.



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## Annual General Meeting

The Society's fifth Annual General Meeting is to be held on Monday evening, 13th December, and will again take place in the C.W.A. Hall (beside the Fire Station), beginning at 8 o'clock. As this is the wind-up meeting for the year, there will be the usual important business to be dealt with; and it is expected of our members that all who can do so will be in attendance. Principal items on the agenda are—

1. Reading of Minutes of Fourth Annual General Meeting, held 10th December, 1964.
2. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statement for 1965.
3. Election of Office-bearers for 1966, as follows : President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Committee of six (with power to add), Auditor, Publicity Officer, Research Officer, Bulletin Editor.
4. Motions of which notice has been given—

- (i) Moved by Mr. J. J. Wright : "That Rule 22 of the Amended Regulations be deleted".

Rule 22.—Notwithstanding Rule 21, the Committee shall have power to make such additional rules as shall be found necessary for the governing of the Society, but such additional rules shall be submitted for confirmation at the next annual general meeting of members, or a special meeting called for that purpose.

- (ii) Moved by Captain P. Heywood : "That members of Historical Societies wear a distinguishing badge, with bar denoting the branch to which they belong".

5. General Business.

## Trip to New Zealand

At our November General Meeting members and visitors had the pleasure of seeing another slide-show by Mr. C. C.

Hazelwood (member), the scene of his rambles this time being the South Island of New Zealand.

Considering the difficulties under which photographers work when on a tour such as this, it was agreed by all that Mr. Hazelwood had great success with his colour pictures. Scenes of the alps, the farm lands, towns and cities were shown and described by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood, the sheep country of course coming in for special mention. Throughout the exhibition of this very interesting collection of photographs it was plainly evident that in the older buildings of the Dominion the style of architecture closely followed that of the Old Country.

### **Social**

A social has been arranged to immediately follow the closure of the General Meeting, and refreshments will be served. Whilst the tea-milk-sugar problem has been solved, we still must look to the lady members to supply the other fare, and so it is requested that, if convenient, each one bring a plate of sandwiches or cake.

As an added interest it is hoped to conduct a small exhibition of objects of a historical nature. Members and visitors are invited to bring along their oldest and most interesting card, photo, book, ornament or cooking utensil associated with the Christmas season.

### **Hume and Hovell Commemoration**

The annual pilgrimage to the Hovell Tree organised by the Society continues to hold its interest for local residents, the attendance this year numbering about 300. As the main purposes of the gathering is to perpetuate the memory of Hamilton Hume and Captain W. Hovell, it was gratifying to observe that most of Albury's primary schools were represented. The assembly of adults and pupils was addressed by the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the presentation of an account of the famous expedition which had been compiled and read by Paul Rothe and Roger Phillip (pupils of the Christian Brothers' College), and Jennifer McDonald and Margaret Scanlan (St. Brigid's School).

### **Wodonga Historical Society**

In response to an invitation by the Wodonga Historical Society, our popular committeeman, Mr. P. D. Burrows, addressed members of that body at their recent meeting.

Beginning his story with an outline of the period of depression in England previous to Captain Cook's voyage of discovery in 1770, Mr. Burrows instanced a chain of events leading up to the pioneering era and early settlement of Wodonga and Albury



district. His factual account of the Hume and Hovell expedition and also of the development of the flour-milling industry added much to the value of a paper which was regarded as one of the most interesting yet delivered to the historians of Wodonga.

### Gifts Received

It pleases the Society to acknowledge gifts recently received from the following kind persons: Mrs. A. Post—a further lot of old periodicals of historic value; Mr. A. Mitchell (member)—brochure, "Centenary of Education at Lavington"; Mr. A. C. Buss—window-pane with diamond-scored signature from the Albury house once occupied by T. A. Browne ("Rolf Boldrewood"); Mrs. A. Z. Clark (member)—cash donation towards excursion fund.

### Harvest-time

With the advent of December, our Society begins to reap the reward of its labours in the shape of Annual Subscriptions. Yearly fees of 10s. will be received by the Treasurer at the forthcoming meeting, when applications by new members also will be welcome.

### Seasonal Wishes

As the Society goes into its summer recess following the Annual Meeting, the President and Committee take this opportunity of wishing all members a merry Christmas and a full measure of health and happiness throughout nineteen-sixty-six.

### Balance Sheet for Year Ended 30th November, 1965

<i>Receipts</i>				<i>Expenditure</i>			
Credit Balance carried				Chas. Wilkinson & Co.:			
fwd from 1964 .. ..	£135	6	4	Stationery .. .. .	£4	7	3
Memberships:				Chas. Wilkinson & Co.:			
2 Life .. ..	£14	14	0	Printing of Bulletin	45	0	0
109 Ord. .. ..	54	10	0	"B.M. Mail": Advertis-			
			69 4 0	ing) .. .. .	4	7	9
Donations:				Blake's: Treasurer's Case	2	0	0
Albury City				Rev. Rowland: Travel-			
Council .. ..	15	0	0	ling Expenses .. ..	5	0	0
Sundry .. ..	2	3	6	M.V.D.L.: Membership	2	2	0
			17 3 6	R. Martin: Hire of Bus	18	16	0
Excursion Fares .. ..	18	0	0	Petty Cash .. .. .	5	0	0
Bank Interest .. ..	5	4	11	Credit Bal. 30/11/65	158	5	9
	£244	18	9		£244	18	9

Credit Balance at Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.,  
Albury Branch, at 30th November, 1965 — £158 5s. 9d.

Certified as correct.

ELLA McDONALD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

C. E. BUNTON, A.A.S.A.  
30/11/65.

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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**NEW STEAMER.**—We learn that before long Albury will have a local steamer of its own on the Murray, as Mr. J. T. Fallon is now procuring estimates, &c., for the building of a vessel for the direct transmission of goods to this port. Independently of its commercial importance, we expect a little pleasure, and anticipate many a pleasant trip and pic-nic up and down the river.

**BELVOIR SCHOOL.**—The examination of the Common School at Belvoir took place recently by Mr. G. H. Brown, Esq., Organising Inspector. The number of children present was 51, and the result of the examination highly satisfactory. According to the Victorian Common School Act, which provides payment by results, the Master of the Belvoir School receives the sum of £14 3s. 8d., being about a hundred per cent. advance in comparison with the previous examination.

**CATHOLIC.**—The new church at Bowna was formally opened by Father Twomey on Sunday last (3rd Dec.) by the celebration of mass. About seventy persons were present, a large number going out from Albury to assist and to be present on the occasion. Mr. Alpen officiated at the harmonium, and the service was thereby rendered much more imposing. Upwards of £30 was collected.

**FREE SELECTION.**—The following selections were made at the Albury Land Office during the month: Wm. Kelton, 40 acres at Moorwatha; Michael Quirk, 200 a. at Huon; Patrick Walsh, of Ballarat, 160 a. at Huon; John Augusta von Swerin, 232 a. at Thurgoona; John Hamilton Armour, of Wahgunyah, 147 a. at Quat Quatta.

**N.S.W. MEMS.**

The Cooma mail-coach was stuck-up and robbed by bush-rangers on Monday.

The Murray cod is being introduced into the Wollondilly and Mulwarree Rivers.

The Government has offered a reward of £100 for the apprehension of Frederick Ward, otherwise known as "Captain Thunderbolt", and £50 each for his accomplices.

**ALBURY WINE.**—A consignment of Shiraz wine of 1864 vintage, grown by Mr. Carroll on the Sydney Road, at the Hibernian Vineyard, and sent by him to Melbourne through Mr. W. B. Evans, local commission agent, has realised there 32s., 35s. and 40s. per dozen, and his highly commended.