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## Office-bearers for 1966

At the Annual General Meeting the election of officers for 1966 resulted as follows: President, Mr. O. H. H. Schilg; Vice-Presidents, Capt. P. H. Heywood, Mr. A. L. Mitchell; Secretary, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Minute Secretary, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood; Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Fielder; Publicity Officer, Mrs. P. H. Heywood;\* Hon. Auditor, Mr. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E.; Committee, Mrs. R. H. McDonald, Mrs. A. Z. Clark, Messrs. P. D. Burrows, J. J. Wright, N. C. Douglas, N. G. Whitehead and A. J. Allan; Research Officer, Mr. W. W. Fielder.

\*Because of an increasing amount of work in the interests of the Girl Guide movement, Mrs. Heywood has since found it necessary to resign from the position of Publicity Officer.

## This Month's Speaker

At our meeting on Monday evening next (March 14) we are to be entertained by Mrs. N. Buckmaster (member), who will show a filmed record of her travels in Greece and describe some of the remarkable places of that country. Non-members are always welcome at these monthly meetings.

## Membership

At the beginning of this year all annual subscriptions became due for renewal, and it is pleasing to find that a good number of members have already met their obligation in this respect. Those who have not yet had an opportunity to do so, are reminded that the fee of \$1 (10s.) may be paid at any meeting of the Society or posted to the Hon. Treasurer, P.O. Box 223, Albury. For those who might prefer it, a life membership may be had on payment of \$14.70 (£7 7s.).

The Society gladly enrolls the following new members: Mesdames R. Edwards, M. E. Keyes, A. R. Crawford, Misses Grace and Alice Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swannell, Messrs. J. Flynn, N. C. Douglas, O. I. Bell (Gundagai), and the State Library of Victoria (Melbourne).

### Rotarians Enjoy History

Without doubt there is a widening interest being shown in local history, judging by the frequent requests for speakers on the subject which come from various organisations. In response to an invitation, our member Mr. C. C. Hazelwood recently addressed the Lockhart Rotary Club on the history of Urangeline Station.

*The Lockhartarian* (bulletin of Lockhart Rotary Club) reports as follows: "Claud's subject, 'History of Urangeline', was most interesting and very enlightening as to the early history of the nearby districts. The interesting character emerging from the talk was Robert Rand—a man of definite views. The vastness of the stations impressed in an address which was greatly appreciated by all."

### Folk Museums

Copies of a paper titled "Running a District Museum" are being mailed or handed to as many of our members as possible. Written by Mr. D. H. Dougan, President of Gulgong Pioneers' Museum and Historical Society, the paper deals with the important subject of Folk Museums, and the report of popularity and success of the Museum established at Gulgong four years ago is most encouraging and full of helpful information to other societies planning to set up a show-place of this kind.

Our Society is appreciative of the permission granted by Mr. Dougan to use this article, and also of the work of our own committeeman Mr. A. J. Allan in the typing of four master-sheets of foolscap from which to make the reprints.

### Acquisitions

The Society is most grateful for the following gifts recently received from members and friends: Messrs. Moore and Kell (solicitors)—old Albury newspapers, *Government Gazettes* and photographs of local interest; Mr. Brian Scanlan—press cutting on Upper Murray pioneers; Mr. G. M. Stedman—early photographs of Forrest Hill subdivision and panoramic view of "Yambla" Station (Tabletop); Mr. John Hunter—study of jungle life (original sketch by his father, late Mr. John Hunter); Mr. W. W. Fielder—antiquated tools, comprising carpenter's block plane, draw-knife, brace and bits, auger and bow saw; Mr. Ted Plum (Warwick, Qld.)—cross section of Mulga log; Mr. Harry Crotty (Gosford)—press cutting containing biographical details of Henry Lawson and one of his poems.



### Harrietville

As usual, the Harrietville Historical Society celebrated Australia Day by adding another interesting feature to the picturesque surroundings of the little town. Ceremony of the flag-raising was followed by the opening of a Village Blacksmith—replica of an establishment which had been in use ages before Longfellow came on the scene. To complete the set-up a young chestnut-tree was planted, while the famous poem was recited by a resident of the village. Our President (Mr. Schilg), who was present by invitation, was one of the speakers for the occasion.

### Publicity for Albury

*Walkabout* is a splendid magazine at all times, but the March issue is of special interest to all residents of Albury and surrounding district. It features "The Albury Story" by Mike Moonie, with photographs by George Carson, and the story was sponsored by the Regional Promotion Committee. Good for home reading and good also for mailing friends overseas, a limited number of this particular issue will be available to members at next meeting of the Society.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, MARCH 14: General Meeting in the Town Hall, commencing at 8 p.m., with Mrs. N. Buckmaster as the speaker.

MONDAY, MARCH 28: Committee Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* of March, 1866)

OUR ORCHARDS.—Kentish and Devonshire men would look with pleasure upon our apple orchards in Albury this year; and, although we fancy we can make good wine from our vineyards, we should not be surprised if Albury cider is heard of some day. It used to be stated that the old-fashioned Ribston pippin could not be grown to perfection out of the wealds of Kent and the hursts of Sussex. An excellent crop of this variety has been grown in Mr. Watzelhan's orchard, but even these have been surpassed by Mr. Pankhurst, of Mullengandra, whose fruit trees are worth travelling 17 miles to see.

THE COLONY.—Seventy-eight years since, when Captain Phillip pitched his tents on the borders of the Tank Stream, the live stock of the colony consisted of one bull, four cows, one bull calf, one stallion, three mares and three colts, with a few sheep, goats and pigs. The population consisted of 757 convicts (of whom 150 were women), and about 200 troops. From this very unpromising beginning the colony has grown into a large dependency, with a population of 400,000.

**FREE SELECTION.**—The following selections were made during the first quarter of the year at the Albury Land Office: Adam W. Masson, 320 acres at Huon; Wm. Richardson, 80 a. at Wagra; John Coleman (Mullengandra), 120 a. at Wagra; Henry McKee, 80 a. at Quat Quatta; Hy. B. Underwood (Wahgunyah), 101 a. at Corowa; David Taskis, 40 a. at Sheepwash Creek, Mullengandra; Wm. Ewers and Jonathan Ewers (Albury), 40 a. at Mohonga; Townsend G. Warren, 80 a. at Mohonga; Andrew Stewart, 320 a. at Moorwatha; John Chambers (Albury), 161 a. at Bungowannah; Charles Wade, 200 a. at Wagra; Wm. John Wade, 320 a. at Mugwugwug; Humphrey A. Gray, 320 a. at Indi; Jos. Allen, 187 a. at Billabong; Jos. Guest, 40 a. at Jinderra; Robt. Hore, 320 a. at Dora Dora; Charles Wade, 200 a. at Wagra; Thomas Monaghan Keogh, 80 a. at Quat Quatta; Denis Byrnes, 50 a. at Jerra Creek.

**VICTORIAN MEMS.**—

Over 17,000 passengers travelled on Victoria's 251 miles of railway during January, and receipts from passengers, &c., was about £4,500.

Sparrows in large numbers have been acclimatised at Ballarat.

Lady physicians are now practising in Melbourne and Adelaide. A lady in the former city is said to have an extensive practice.

**AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.**—The meeting concerning the revival of this Society in Albury took place at the Imperial Hotel on Monday evening (5th March), the Mayor (S. F. Blackmore) in the chair. It was stated that the rules, &c., had been revised some time ago, and the revisions adopted, but that matters had been allowed to lapse. After some general conversation it was determined to reorganise and revive the Society, and for that purpose a Provisional Committee was appointed, with power to add to this number, consisting of the Mayor, Messrs. G. Day, W. Edmondson, Edward Brown, J. T. Fallon, S. A. Meyer, J. K. Barnett, J. W. Jones, G. Adams, S. C. V. North, G. Mott and S. Mudge. Mr. J. W. Jones was named as trustee and Mr. S. C. V. North as hon. secretary.

**INFANT SCHOOL.**—We note that the trustees of the Albury School have called for tenders for the Infant School, which we lately announced was to be added to the building; and for alterations and improvements in the present arrangement of the ordinary school, which, we are glad to say, is progressing most satisfactorily.



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## Victorian Visitors

Members of the Victorian branch of the National Trust of Australia who plan to arrive in Albury on April 14 will be received by the Historical Society that evening in the C.W.A. rooms. During the reception the guests will be shown slides of buildings and other features of bygone Albury.

As the evening will conclude with supper, our lady members are kindly requested to bring a plate.

On the following morning a short tour will be made of the city and surrounding areas to enable the visitors to view buildings of historical or architectural interest. Our senior Vice-President, Capt. Phil Heywood, of old "Hawksview", will be guide to the party.

## Important Change of Date

Ordinarily our next meeting would be taking place in the Town Hall on Monday, April 11. However, as Easter Monday falls on that date and the Town Hall will be closed, the committee has decided to hold the meeting on TUESDAY, APRIL 12, in the Turk's Head building, and we feel sure that many of the members will welcome this opportunity of inspecting the building which is to house the Society's Folk Museum. As it is important that the exhibits be displayed to their best advantage, members are requested to inspect the various rooms and make any suggestions which might be helpful in this direction.

An assurance is given that the spacious meeting-room for Tuesday next is well lit and has a sufficiency of comfortable seating. Perhaps it should be explained that, because of its distance from the city's centre, the Society has no plans to use the Turk's Head as its regular meeting-place.

## The Story of Mohonga and Urangeline

In response to a recent request, our member Mr. C. C. Hazelwood addressed the students of Woodstock Girls' School. His talk on the history of Mohonga and Urangeline Stations, interwoven with the story of pioneer Robert Rand, was well received by the young people and teachers alike. Mr. Hazelwood added much interest to his talk by the use of a collection of slides suited to the subject.

At present Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood are on a visit to Adelaide, where they will attend the Arts Festival.

## Moving In

Permission granted by the Albury City Council enabled the Historical Society to acquire a number of fixtures and fittings from the old Civic Theatre, which is about to be demolished. The items selected include leather-backed theatre seats, Vienna chairs, shelving, &c., most of which has been deposited at the Turk's Head building for possible future use.

The task of transporting all this material, as well as the several large show-cases from the show-ground, fell to a few of our willing members, namely, Messrs. D. Bryan, O. Schilg, J. Wright, R. Ellis, N. Douglas and N. Whitehead, while Mr. P. Burrows has been doing some repair work. All our members must feel grateful indeed for such services in the interests of the Society.

## The Riverina Boundary

Following is a delineation of the Riverina as appearing in *The N.S.W. Gazette* of 1866—

"Riverina is the name given to a vast territory forming the West part of N.S.W., and comprising the whole of that part of it from the Western boundary, eastward, to an irregular line drawn from the Northern boundary in a Southerly direction along the Culgoa river, and the Bogan river, as far as Bullock creek, thence in a Southerly direction across the Lachlan river to the Cowal lake, thence along the Narraburra creek and Houlahan's creek to the Murrumbidgee river, a few miles West of Wagga Wagga, thence in a nearly straight line to a point lying halfway between Albury and Howlong."

## Acquisitions

The Society extends thanks to donors of the following items recently received: Mr. T. W. Mitchell, M.L.A.—information relative to James Paine, a district pioneer; Albury City Council—bound volumes of *The Illustrated London News*, *The Scientific American* and *Harper's Weekly*, three framed photographs, (1) Albury Industrial Exhibition of 1896, (2) committee of management of the Exhibition, (3) office-bearers of the Mechanics' Institute, 1932; Miss K. A. Thompson—German 1-mark banknote.



### **The Glory that was Greece**

At our last General Meeting members had the pleasure of a talk by Mrs. N. Buckmaster. Her address on Ancient Greece, illustrated with a specially fine collection of colour slides, was quite unlike any we have ever had before.

The bright description given by Mrs. Buckmaster of her exploration of the ruins of what were once stately buildings of wonderful architecture and ornamentation, was a story which must have impressed everyone present. Some reference was made to the excavations which had been carried out by parties of British and German archaeologists.

To latter-day historians of our kind, whose thoughts dwell fondly on buildings ranging from wattle-and-dab to those made of stone fetched from Table Top quarries, it did perhaps seem a strain on the imagination to realise we may still see buildings which were once gazed at even by Herodotus, the "father of history".

At the conclusion of this very informative talk some of our members must have found within themselves a finer appreciation of the arts and crafts and the wisdom of Ancient Greece—the cradle of our Western civilisation.

### **Autumn Leaves**

It is autumn, and as the leaves come tumbling down in their various tonings one is reminded of the colour of the new one-dollar notes. Which amount, by the way, is what our good friends are at present paying for their membership renewals.

### **Obituary**

It is with much regret we record the death of Mr. Edmund ("Plum") Paech, who had been one of our Society since its foundation. With his passing we feel we have lost both a good friend and a valued member, for he seldom missed a meeting and was always keenly interested in the affairs of the Society. As an able speaker, and with a fund of historical knowledge, he will be long remembered for his series of talks on the pioneering German families who came by waggon train from South Australia in the 1860s for form a settlement in the Jindera and Walla Walla districts. To Mrs. Paech (who also is a foundation member) all members of the Historical Society join in extending sincere sympathy in her sad loss.

### **Dates to Remember**

TUESDAY, APRIL 12.—General Meeting in the Turk's Head building, at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14.—Welcoming social to visiting members of Victorian branch of the National Trust of Australia, to be held at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street.

## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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**MURRAY EELS.**—It is generally supposed that no varieties of eels exist in the Murray, but we can vouch for the existence of lampreys. Some little time ago we were shown two specimens which had been found in hollow snags by a clearing party near Coghill's Bend; and these, we believe, are now in the possession of Mr. Potter, of the *Lady Daly* steamer.

**PRICE OF BREAD IN SYDNEY.**—The two following advertisements, taken from *The Sydney Morning Herald*, show the state of the bread market: "Reform! reform! reform your bakers' bills, and buy Pritchard's best bread at 3d. per 2 lb. loaf."

"Cheap bred! cheap bread—Down again!—Another verdict —£2000. Best bread 3d. the 2 lb. loaf. No re-milled flour or weevily wheat used at Wearne's establishments. Haymarket, and opposite Railway Gate."

**FREE SELECTION.**—The following selections have been made at the Land Office, Albury, during the month: Ancrum Heriot, 40 acres at Carabobala; Denis Maloney, 93¼ a. at Moorwatha; Michael Maloney, 60 a. at Moorwatha; Elliot Heriot, 320 a. at Carabobala; Mary Alice Heriot, 280 a. at Carabobala; Henrich Adolph Polack, 320 a. at Jinderra; Henrich Adolph Polack, junior, 320 a. at Jinderra; Thos. Purtell, 320 a. on Native Dog Creek; Francis Purtell, 320 a. on Native Dog Ck.; Patrick Purtell, 100 a. at Ten Mile Ck.; Wm. Purtell, 320 a. at the Billybong; Maurice Purtell, 320 a. at the Billybong; Edward Hill, 320 a. at Table Top; Hy. Beattie, 320 a. at Table Top; Charles Waite, 80 a. at Wagra; Elliot Heriot, junior, 320 a. at Carabobala; Wm. Heriot, 320 a. at Carabobala; Chas. Hore, 320 a. at Dora Dora; John McIntyre, 100 a. at Dora Dora; Benjamin Vile, 200 a. at Moorwatha; Ben Bell, jun., 320 a. at Munderoo; Wm. Kellett, 16 a. at Quat Quatta.

**ALBURY POLICE COURT.**—Before Capt. Brownrigg, P.M., and J. T. Fallon, Esq., J.P., Ah Fun and Ah Hong were charged with stealing a bag of rice from the store of T. H. Mate & Co. The prisoners had gone to Mate's store and agreed to purchase three small bags of rice, paid for same, and got a receipt. Another and much larger bag was by the three small bags, and in loading up they took the lot. The large bag was soon missed, prisoners followed, found with the rice, brought back, and put into chokoe. Sentenced to three months' imprisonment in Albury Gaol.

**NEWS FROM AMERICA.**—New York, Feb. 15: President Johnson has received a deputation of coloured men, urging upon him their right to electoral suffrage and representation. The President replied that he was an advocate for negroes, but because the Southern negroes would not be benefited by enfranchisement, it would breed a war of race, and he advised their emigration.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

At next meeting (May 9) we are to have the pleasure of a talk by Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood, who has taken as her subject "The History of Hermannsburg Mission Station", which is in the Northern Territory. Place and time of meeting will be the Turk's Head at 8 p.m.

## **Membership**

New members welcomed to our Society are Mr. James Wells (Albury) and Mr. Jack Rosborough (Bexley North), while Mrs. L. Bird (Glen Iris, Vic.) has transferred to life membership.

Annual subscriptions for 1966 are still being accepted, the fee being \$1.00 or 10s. As we wish to print a full list of members in an early issue of *The Bulletin*, it is hoped that those who have so far overlooked doing so will send in their subscriptions in good time.

In order to keep up the Society's steady increase of membership all members are requested to make it known to their friends that they are welcome to join our circle.

## **Acquisitions**

The Society is pleased to record gifts recently received from the following persons: Mrs. S. Daniell (Hon. Secretary, Swan Hill Historical Society)—leaves from *The Guardian* containing a sequence of historical records of Swan Hill and district. Mrs. M. Johnson (Stanley)—copy of Wm. J. Wye's *Bush Minstrelsy*, together with some notes on the life of the writer. Mr. Harry Crotty (Gosford)—press cutting relating to poet Henry Kendall. Mrs. Annie Jewell (Albury)—brass bell of the town-crier type and believed to have at one time been used at the old Turk's Head Hotel. The Society extends sincere thanks to the above-named donors for helping in this way.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, MAY 9.—General Meeting at the Turk's Head, beginning 8 p.m. Speaker: Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood.

MONDAY, MAY 23.—Committee Meeting at the Turk's Head, at 8 p.m.

### Addition to Committee

In the election of Committee members the Society's executive has exercised its "power to add" by electing Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood as one of its Committee. As one who is earnestly concerned with the Society's progress, Mrs. Hazelwood may always be counted on to assist in the solution of any of its problems.

### Exit "The Tiv"

As it had not been possible to arrange for a speaker at our last General Meeting, we were fortunate in having Mr. Des Martin (Wodonga) with us on this occasion. An impromptu talk by him on the last night of Melbourne's old Tivoli Theatre filled the gap nicely.

As Mr. Martin saw it, the Tivoli Theatre as a place of "live shows" was the heart of Melbourne's entertainment, and with its closing has gone the theatre-goers' last source of real enjoyment.

Describing the theatre's last night, Mr. Martin stated the feeling was that the arrangements fell flat and it was especially disappointing that little attention was paid to the many old-time artists in the audience, most of whom had at some time or other endeared themselves to the public.

As a patron of "The Tiv" over a long period Mr. Martin recalled happier times when its packed houses were entertained by such celebrities as George Wallace, Roy Rene ("Mo"), Tommy Trinder, Sophie Tucker, Jim Gerald, Joy Nichols and latterly Jimmy Edwards. He well remembered the early appearances of Bob Dyer, who had arrived from U.S.A. in the late 1930s.

### Victorian Visitors

The meeting of Albury historians with visiting members of the Victorian branch of the National Trust of Australia proved to be a pleasant gathering in every way, the tourists expressing their appreciation of the varied programme which had been arranged for the occasion.

Previous to coming across the border the party had spent the day on a rambling tour through the North-eastern District inspecting places of historical and architectural interest. Leader of the party was Mr. Colin Angus, of El Dorado.



In the evening there was a large attendance of our members at a social held in the C.W.A. rooms to receive the tourists. By way of entertainment there was a showing of slides of old buildings and other features of local historical interest, Mr. John Henwood giving the commentary. A talk of much interest to the visitors was given by Mr. Claud Hazelwood, who told the history of Mohonga and Urangeline Stations and screened some rare old photographs befitting his subject.

Before their departure next day the visitors were taken on a conducted tour of Albury and its environs.

Leaving Albury Hotel, the visitors journeyed by bus to the "Turk's Head", viewing the old Bank of N.S.W. in Townsend Street *en route*. In the role of leader, Captain Phil Heywood described each place of interest as it came into view until reaching the Hovell Tree, where Mr. P. D. Burrows used the microphone in giving a quick chat on Albury's beginning. He told of Robert Brown building the first store and said the site is marked by a plaque at Noreuil Park. He referred also to the overland journey of Lady Franklin, and the location of the river wharf was pointed out.

Proceeding along Dean Street, Captain Heywood resumed his travel-talk in passing the Court House, old Mechanics' Institute, Civic Square and public buildings. In Olive Street the party paused to take a close-up look at the dwelling which long ago was occupied by Police Magistrate Thomas Alexander Browne, alias Rolf Boldrewood.

Farther along the route Newtown Orphanage was viewed from the bus, as the tight schedule did not allow of a visit to the institute itself. A halt was made at Thurgoona Hall for morning tea.

On the road to Hume Weir, Captain Heywood directed the party's attention to several points of interest; but unfortunately for want of time a stop could not be made at his "Hawksview" estate. The visitors were impressed with the magnitude of the Hume Weir construction and the reservoir, and especially with the views of distant mountains.

A return to Albury *via* the aerodrome road completed the outing. Mr. Colin Angus (secretary of the North-east Historical Society) expressed appreciation of the efforts of our Society, while Mrs. Hazelwood said that we of Albury found much pleasure in the visit from members of the National Trust and all looked forward to further visits.

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FREE SELECTION. — The following selections were made during the month at Albury Land Office: Thomas Carr, 109 acres at Corowa; Edward E. Malone, 47 a. at Moorwatha; James Clarke, 47 a. at Jinderra; James Green, 57½ a. at Corowa; Robt. Green, 57½ a. at Corowa; Thos. Jamieson Gibson, 320 a. at

Bungowannah; Chas. Arthur Gibson, 101 a. at Bungowannah; Henry G. Sheather, 80 a. at Greg Greg; James Crawford, 223¼ a. at Bungowannah; William H. Post, 320 a. at Cookardinia; Johann Gottlieb Diebert (of Adelaide), 100 a. at Jinderra; James Fyffe, 83¼ a. at Corowa; James Mitchell, 160 a. at Woomargama; Johann Gottfried Scholz (of Adelaide), 320 a. at Jinderra; Reuben Sheather, 200 a. at Khancoban; Fred. J. Scammell and Ed. James Scammell, 200 a. at Khancoban; James Crichton (of Albury), 40 a. at Germantown; George Chapman, 320 a. at Khancoban.

**VERY LIKE A WHALE.**—A short time since the bullock-driver belonging to one of the snagging parties a short distance above Tocumwal was swimming across the Murray at night, when his foot was seized by a large cod-fish, which nearly pulled him under the water, and from which he had much difficulty in extricating himself. His foot was badly torn by the teeth of the fish.

**GREAT WEDDING.**—Nearly all Albury assisted to celebrate a wedding on Tuesday last (May 8), when the marriage knot was tied between Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry Rau, and George, the son of Mr. Reis, both old-established, well-known, and much respected members of the German population. Mr. Rau was one of the earliest pioneers of vine-growing locally, and by steady industry and perseverance has raised himself both in public and general esteem, now filling the office of one of the Aldermen of the Municipality. Open house was kept on the occasion day and night, when the greatest extent of liberality was displayed. The inhabitants and friends came to the dinner and ball by tens and twenties until they amounted to hundreds, and the sun was high over the hills before the party broke up. We understand that nothing less than three hogsheads of Albury wine sufficed to do honour to the occasion and to help drink health and happiness to the young bride and bridegroom on this important event in their career.

**NATIONAL SCHOOL, BLACK RANGE.**—This school was examined during the week by J. McCredie, Esq., Inspector of Schools for the district, and master of the Model School, Albury. At the close of the examination Mr. McCredie expressed himself highly gratified at the progress made in the school since his last visit. He remarked that the discipline of the school was satisfactory; that the classes were much improved in general scholarship and also in mental knowledge; and concluded by complimenting Mr. Swindlehurst on his success as a beginner in teaching "the young idea", and hoped the same would mark his further career as a teacher in connection with the National Board.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

Speaker at our next meeting (Monday, June 13) will be Miss Lucy Staton (member), who will tell us of some of the many places visited by her in a tour through England, Scotland and Ireland. Miss Staton made good use of her camera and will illustrate her talk with a selection of colour slides. Members are reminded that they may invite friends to any of our meetings.

## **Passed On**

Most recent of Australian poets to join the choir invisible is Edward (Ted) Harrington, who was born at Shepparton seventy years ago. As a boy he attended the Wanalta State School, but like so many others of his class he received his real education at the "University of Hard Knocks". During World War One he served with the 4th Light Horse in Palestine. Although he had resided at Swan Hill for some time, much of his earlier life was spent knocking about Australia, and the Albury district was not unknown to him.

Harrington's poems and ballads were distinctively Australian, and as such were well received. His first book, *Songs of War and Peace*, published in 1920, was followed in 1936 by *Boundary Bend and Other Ballads*, and *The Kerrigan Boys* in 1944. *My Old Black Billy* and other of his Australian bush songs were set to music in 1940 by Allan and Co. He was an original member of the famous Bread and Cheese Club, of Melbourne.

## **Wodonga Historical Society**

Members of our sister society across the Border are to be complimented on their recent successful exhibition of historical relics. The wide range of items displayed attracted much attention and should have the effect of arousing public interest which is so essential to the progress of an organisation of this kind.

# MEMBERS — 1966

(\* Indicates Life Member)

- Adams, K. M. (Heathmont)
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- Allan, Mrs. A. J.
- Allan, Miss J.
- Anderson, J. H.
- Anderson, Mrs. J. H.
- Barnes, Miss E.
- Batrouney, Ald. E. D.
- Beard, L. G. (AMV4)
- Bell, O. I. (Gundagai)
- Betheras, Mrs. I. (Toorak)
- \*Bird, Mrs. L. (Glen Iris)
- Brown, L. V.
- Bryan, D. A.
- Bryan, D. J.
- Bryan, Mrs. D. J.
- Buchhorn, J.
- Buckmaster, Mrs. N.
- Bunton, Ald. C., O.B.E.
- Bunton, Mrs. C. E.
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- \*Burrows, Mrs. P. D.
- Burton, Arthur
- Butt, A. T.
- Butt, Douglas
- Carter, A. V. (Wodonga)
- Carter, George
- Carter, Mrs. G.
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- Chenery, Miss E. M.
- Clark, A. Z. (Jindera)
- Clark, Mrs. A. Z.
- \*Commercial Club
- Crawford, Mrs. A. R.
- Crooke, J. D. (Gundowring)
- Dolphin, Mrs. M. A.
- Douglas, N. C.
- Doran, Tom (Wirlinga)
- Edwards, Mrs. R.
- Ellis, Ralph
- Ellis, Mrs. R.
- \*Fielder, W. W.
- Fielder, Mrs. W. W.
- Flynn, J. R.
- \*Geddes, B. A. (Holbrook)
- \*Geddes, Mrs. B. A. (Holbrook)
- Gibson, Miss A. (East Malvern)
- Gleson, James (Tawonga)
- Godfred, Mrs. R.
- Goonan, Mrs. M. (Wodonga)
- Griffith, F. C. (Toonallook)
- Griffiths, Ned (Lavington)
- Hazelwood, C. C.
- Hazelwood, Mrs. C. C.
- Heath, Fred. (Wirlinga)
- Heath, Mrs. G. (Wirlinga)
- Henwood, Mrs. E.
- Henwood, John
- \*Heywood, Capt. P. H. (Hawksview)
- \*Heywood, Mrs. P. H.
- Hore, Mrs. E.
- Irons, K. J. (Narwee)
- Irwin, G.
- Irwin, Mrs. G.
- Jacob, Graham (Walla Walla)
- Keyes, Mrs. M. E.
- Klemke, D. (Walla Walla)
- Kroeber, Miss S.
- Laidlaw, A. T.
- Laidlaw, Mrs. A. T.
- Leah, Mrs. C. H. (Gerogery)
- Maddern, I. T. (Morwell)
- Martin, Des (Wodonga)
- Mitchell, A. L.
- \*Mitchell, T. W., M.L.A. (Towong Hill)
- McDonald, Mrs. R. H.
- McDonald, E. S.
- McDonald, Mrs. E. S.
- \*Moll, Otto
- \*Moll, Mrs. O.
- Mott, Cliff
- \*Nilsson, Miss M.
- Nordsvan, Mrs. E. (Wodonga)
- Norwood, Rev. H. W. R.
- Nugent, P. L.
- O'Malley, Br. J. P. (Goulburn)
- Paech, Mrs. E. A.
- Patman, Mrs. M.
- Perry, Mrs. M. (Balldale)
- Phillips, P. J. (Thurgoona)
- Quota Club
- Reid, Mrs. C. J. (Jindera)
- Roach, Ald. John
- Robertson, Miss I.
- Robinson, Mrs. B.
- Rosborough, J. (Bexley North)
- Roy, Arthur (Preston)
- Ryan, B.
- Ryan, L. T.
- Saggers, Mrs. P. B. (Lavington)
- Scanlan, B. M.
- Schilg, Otto
- Schilg, Mrs. O.
- Seaton, Peter
- \*Siems, Mrs. R. A. (Gerogery)
- Smith, R. A.
- Smith, Mrs. R. A.
- Smith, W. A. (Tathra)



State Library of Victoria (Melb.)	Wallace, Miss G.
Staton, Miss L. A.	Watson, Mrs. A. D.
Stedman, Mrs. G. M.	Watson, Mrs. I. (Wodonga)
Stelling, Horace	Watson, Mrs. K. D. (Wodonga)
Stelling, Mrs. H.	Watson, Miss P.
Student, Mrs. J..	Wells, James
*Sutherland, Peter (Thologolong)	Wenke, J. J. (Walla Walla)
Summerfield, T. R.	Wenke, A. J. (Malvern)
Swannell, J. E.	White, Miss L. (AMV4)
Swannell, Mrs. J. E.	Whitehead, N. G.
Talbot, Mrs. M.	Whitehead, Mrs. N. G.
Thompson, Mrs. D. A.	Whitton, K. C.
*Tietjens, Angel & Jackling	Williams, A. M.B.E.
Turner, Mrs. Keith	Williams, K.
Twomey, Harry	Wright, J. J.
Vernon, Miss M.	*Webb, S. P. (Hawksview)
Wallace, Miss A.	*Webb, Mrs. S. P.

### Invitation to Non-Members

The regular meetings of Albury and District Historical Society held on the second Monday of each month (excepting January and February) are open to all persons interested in local history. Unless otherwise advised, the place of meeting is the Turk's Head Museum building, in Wodonga Place.

Those desirous of joining the Society may obtain Membership Forms and other particulars by writing to the Secretary, P.O. Box 223, or phoning 21 2802. Yearly subscription is \$1, and memberships may be taken out at any time.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JUNE 13.—General Meeting in the Turk's Head building, beginning at 8 p.m. Miss L. Staton is to be the speaker.

MONDAY, JUNE 27.—Committee Meeting, also at the Turk's Head at 8 o'clock.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* for June, 1866)

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were taken up during the month, at the Albury Land Office: Anne McGuire (of Mickelham, Vic.), 100 acres at Jinderra; Michael Ralph, 40 a. at Germantown; Thomas Lunt, 80 a. at Billabong; Daniel McNamara, 50 a. Huon; Hugh Stitt, 33 a. at Walla Walla; Walter Stitt, 320 a. at Walla Walla; Margaret Stitt, 320 a. at Walla Walla; John C. Bowler, 74½ a. at Germanton; Thomas Trainer (of Cumbaroonna), 80 a. at Mugwugwug; Henry Edwards (Beechworth), 101½ a. at Howlong; Fred. Guest (Albury), 50 a. at Jinderra; George Simpson (Albury), 45 a. at Bungowannah; Ellen Gray (Indi), 320 a. at Indi River; Hugh Gibson (Bowna), 239½ a. at Bowna; Matilda Parker, 60 a. at Moorwatha.

**GREAT SOUTH RAILWAY.**—The Government has accepted the tender of Messrs. Larkin and Wakeford, who made the lowest offer for cash, for laying the ballasting and permanent-way of that portion of the Great Southern line of railway lying between Fitzroy Iron Mines and the termination of No. 6 contract, near Marulan, being a length of 31 miles and 6 chains. The whole of the permanent-way on the southern extension Picton to Goulburn is now let, as the contract for No. 7 section (in the hands of Mr. Faviel) includes ballasting and permanent-way, as well as formation.

### Venture of Faith

In a paper prepared by Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood and read by her at the last month's meeting, a large attendance of members and friends were told the remarkable story of the Hermannsburg Mission Station, in the Northern Territory.

In an endeavour to redeem the tribes of natives in that region an expedition of Lutheran missionaries set out from Bethany (S.A.) by horse-waggon in 1875, intent on making Central Australia their destination. Since there were no railways or made roads in the outback at that time, the journey was a daring one, to say the least. In their trek towards the proposed settlement the missionaries' spirit and powers of endurance were to be tested to the limit, for they were to experience many unforeseen hardships and setbacks. Blistering summer winds and blinding dust-storms, scarcity of water and fodder, and break-downs in their vehicles were some of the things which tended to make the journey a wearying one. Added to their troubles was the problem of finding pastures *en route* for the herds of cattle and sheep being taken to the Fink River settlement. At times, however, they were fortunate in receiving help from settlers in the sparsely populated areas through which they travelled.

Eventually in 1877 the long-drawn-out journey came to an end and for their faith and courage the weary travellers were rewarded by reaching the promised land. That the venture of these pioneering missionaries was a success is now to be seen at the Hermannsburg Mission Station, where there are places of worship, schools, hospitals, dwellings and a system of agriculture for the betterment of the previous owners of this rich land now in our possession.

A series of fine colour photos screened by Mr. Hazelwood gave abundant evidence of what has been achieved at the Mission Station and surrounding area.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

For our meeting on 11th July, we <sup>are</sup>~~were~~ to hear a talk on the Gallipoli campaign of 1915 by Mr. H. B. Barnes, a new member. Mr. Barnes, who served in World Wars I and II, re-visited the peninsular last year on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the campaign, and brought back with him some views of Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia which will be used to illustrate his story. Meeting begins at 8 o'clock in the Town Hall, and non-members are welcome to attend.

## **Acquisitions**

The Society gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following: Board of Fire Commissioners of N.S.W. — fireman's brass helmet (old type); Miss Olive Crisp — lady's lace-edged silk handkerchief; Mr. T. Taylor (Pullitop) — gold-miner's retort (from the diggings at Captain's Flat); Mrs. R. A. Smith — press cuttings relative to folk museums.

## **Horticulture and History**

Members and visitors attending our last General Meeting were treated to an entertaining account of a tour of the British Isles and the Continent undertaken by fellow-member Miss Lucy Staton during the English summer of last year.

Miss Staton travelled with an organised party of flower-lovers and keen photographers all bent on seeing as many as possible of the famous parks and gardens of Europe and the Old Country, as well as the important horticultural exhibitions held yearly.

Miss Staton's photography was remarkable fine, and from her very large collection of colour slides she was able to show to advantage all the beautiful parks and gardens she had seen. She had also found time to visit many places of historic importance in her wanderings through England, Scotland and Ireland; and included in her itinerary a trip to the pretty village of Albury in Surrey.

### **New Members**

The following new members have been welcomed to the Society: Mrs. M. Edwards, Miss Margaret Scanlan (student) and Mr. H. B. Barnes (all of Albury), while the name of Mrs. L. Bird (Glen Iris, Vic.) has been transferred to the list of life members.

### **Folk Museum**

After many weeks of waiting, the Historical Society has had no indication as to when it may occupy its allotted portion of the Turk's Head building and to begin setting-up the Folk Museum which has been planned.

Not only do our members look forward to an early opening, but the townspeople and tourists also are disappointed at the long delay.

Since it is known that some considerable time must elapse before the Sydney Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences is able to establish a branch in this city, the Historical Society is of the opinion that a local caretaker should at once be installed and a beginning made to display the large collection of historic relics in its care.

A visit to Albury by representatives of the Sydney Museum to further discuss matters with members of the City Council is daily awaited with the hope that a plan satisfactory to all concerned will be arranged.

### **Time Flies !**

Father Time (the mean old man) has switched round to July before some of our good members have had half a chance to write to us and re-affirm their membership. We still look forward to hearing from each one of them.

### **One of the Old School**

The 16th of July marks the centenary of the birth of William James Wye, remembered by many as one of the last of the bush poets. He was born at Beechworth and was well known in the north-eastern and border districts.

In his time he had wandered far and wide throughout Australia following various callings — gold-mining, droving, horse-breaking, dingo-trapping — but all the while he was a poet and writer. His contributions regularly appeared in the Sydney "Bulletin" and other newspapers, and he received high praise for his two books of verse: "Souvenirs of the Sunny South" (1915) and "Bush Minstrelsy" (1941).



Although both these publications are now hard to come-by, the Albury Historical Society recently had the good fortune to receive a copy of the last-named as a gift from Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Stanley, (Vic.).

Like the late Edward Harrington (mentioned in last issue), Billy Wye was a fellow of the Bread and Cheese Club, of Melbourne, and had also served overseas with the first A.I.F.

He made many friends in Albury, where he spent his declining years in residence at the Wanderers' Club. He died on 9th October, 1952, and was buried at Albury.

### Dates to Remember

Monday, July 11 — General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Mr. H. B. Barnes will be the speaker on this occasion.

Monday, July 25 — Committee Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m.

### Questions Answered

B.K. — The late Sir Isaac Isaacs was born in Melbourne in 1855, his father being a Polish tailor; and he received his early education at Yackandandah and Beechworth schools.

C.E.D. — According to Heaton's "Dictionary of Dates", the first grape-vines planted in Australia were at Parramatta in 1791; and the first vineyard was at Camden Park, belonging to John Macarthur, the first importer of sheep (1816).

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—We observe that a public meeting with the objective of reviving the energies of this institution in Albury is to be held at an early date. The affair has so long been in a moribund condition that it is quite time a move was made in this direction.

FREE SELECTION.—July has been another busy month in the way of land selection at Albury, the following being taken up: Thos. Shipard (of Adelaide), 144 acres at Bungowannah; Jos. Bell, 320 a. at Yambla; Robt. Doubleday, 40 a. at Moorwatha; David Pabst, 50 a. at Germantown; Jas. Tynan (Albury), 40 a. at Jinderra; Patrick Murphy, 320 a. at Piney Range; Wm. Bell, 320 a. Yambla; Benjamin Bell, 320 a. at Yambla; Margaret Lawson Hill Douglas, 160 a. at Bringembrong; Chas. Hill Douglas, 160 a. at Khancoban; Ed. Mitchell (Ellerslie), 320 a. at Huon.

**THE RIVER TRAFFIC.**—The Murray this winter affords but little attraction to traffic. It is now not three feet above summer level at Albury, and is at present falling. The smallest of the river steamers could not get up beyond Wahgunyah; and we cannot expect, unless under very extraordinary circumstances, a high river this year. There is much less snow than usual out on the Kiandra and Snowy ranges, so that floods or water bank-high are both out of the question.

The new Albury steam vessel, "Cumberoona", is reported to be ready for service or as nearly so as to make her trial trip. She is complete with a few exceptions, as regards decoration, and probably will be seen at Wahgunyah in the next week or ten days.

**N.S.W. MEMS.—**

Johnson, the only survivor of the "Dunbar" (wrecked at the Gap in 1857), rescued Frederick Hedges, the only survivor of the steamer "Cawarra" (wrecked at Newcastle on 12th inst.).

The "Berengaria" has arrived from California with 7,600 quarter-casks and 3,000 half-casks of flour, and 3,400 bags of barley.

**MAIN SOUTHERN ROAD.**—The Government works in the vicinity of Gundagai this year are confined to metalling at Coolac Inn and Adelong Crossing-place. Between Gundagai and Albury the works in progress are clearing at Tarcutta, forming at Umutbee, metalling at Kyamba Hill, and culverting from Mullen-gandra to Woomargama, and the general repairs of all the bridges in the district.

**SOMETHING LIKE A REEF.**—Beechworth residents are quite jubilant, and not without cause, respecting some quartz raised from a depth of 20 feet at Twist's Creek, near Yackandandah, and which is expected to go 1,000 ounces to the ton. It is spoken of as a perfect "wall of gold". We would like to see a few such walls on this side of the border.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

In the Town Hall on Monday evening, 8th instant, we are again to be entertained by committeeman Mr. J. J. Wright. On this occasion Mr. Wright intends to tell us of some of the historical places of old England seen by him on his last visit, and to show moving pictures of them in colour. Non-members of the Society are cordially invited to attend this meeting, which begins at 8 o'clock.

## **New Members**

The Society is pleased to transfer the name of Mr. F. Griffith (Toonalook) to its list of life members, and to enrol Miss Isabel Brown (Albury) and Mr. Colin Angus (El Dorado, Vic.) as new members.

## **Acquisitions**

During recent weeks gifts have been received by our Society from the following good friends: Hume Shire Council—an "Oliver" typewriter (1907), in nice condition; Mr. R. H. Johnson (Albury)—oil painting of the Landing at Gallipoli; Mrs. Doris Mildren (Lavington)—cartridge-loading implement; Mr. Des Martin (Wodonga)—booklet programme of last night of Melbourne Tivoli Theatre; Miss M. Roxburgh (Albury)—deeds of a land purchase at Urana in 1860 by James Layton (Albury); Mrs. R. A. Siems (Gerogery)—book, *Recollections of a Squatter in Victoria*, by Edward Curr; Returned Soldiers' League (Albury branch)—"A Heritage Kit", being the story of Gallipoli with maps and illustrations.

## **Membership**

Yearly subscription to the Albury Historical Society is \$1.00, and life membership \$7.70. All members are entitled to attend the General Meetings and to participate in any excursions to places of historical interest which might be arranged, also to receive the Society's *Bulletin*. Further information may be had from the Secretary, P.O. Box 223, Albury.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, AUGUST 8.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Mr. J. J. Wright will be the speaker on this evening.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22.—Committee Meeting in the Town Hall, at 8 p.m.

### Last Month's Speaker

One of the Society's newest members, Mr. H. B. Barnes, entertained a good attendance of members and visitors at the July general meeting. An old soldier, Mr. Barnes related his experiences in World Wars I and II, in both of which he served as a signaller.

In speaking of the part played by Australian troops in the Dardanelles campaign, he gave a detailed account of the landing at Gallipoli and of the desperate fight to gain a footing on the peninsula. That the Turks were well aware of the pending attack was shown by the "warm" reception extended to all allied troops on that early dawn of April the 25th, 1915. Apart from the effective coastal defences of the enemy, the rugged nature of the terrain added greatly to the difficulties of the attacking forces and hindered advancement. Eventually came the evacuation. But this was not the end of the war for the men of Anzac, as they fought on for three years more in the Middle East and on the battle fronts of Europe.

On his second venture into soldiering Mr. Barnes, like so many others at the time, had the misfortune to be captured and held for four years in a Japanese prison camp in Malaya. He told his listeners of the many hardships suffered by the 14,000 people in captivity, and stated that it was mainly due to the spirit of comradeship which prevailed within the camp that so many were able to bear-up and survive.

On his arrival at Albury it was Mr. Barnes's pleasure to renew acquaintance with Mr. John Roxburgh, an old friend who had shared with him the long term as prisoner-of-war.

A bright feature of Mr. Barnes's address was the account of his re-visit to Gallipoli with an official party last year on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Anzac. In a screening of colour slides of memorials and war cemeteries of allied soldiers it was pleasing to observe that all are being well cared for by the Turkish people.

In 1964 Mr. Barnes was invited to appear as commentator for the B.B.C.'s television series for "Anzac Episode". This was part of the B.B.C.'s Great War series made for national purposes, which has also been shown in Australia.



## A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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**CAUTION.**—We understand that the police of Albury have instructions to summon at once all parties having carts and drays without names, &c., painted thereon in letters of certain dimensions. Many a forty shillings may be saved by attending to this at once.

**NEW STEAMER SNAGGED.**—The new steamer *Cumberoona*, which left Echuca on Thursday afternoon (July 26) for Wahgunyah and Albury with Mr. McCulloch and Mr. Higinbotham among her passengers, struck a snag when she had gone about 150 miles, and sank. Information of the occurrence reached Echuca on the 29th, one of the crew having made his way down with a note from Captain Mace to his agents there. The forward cabin and one side of the deck are above water, but the saloon aft has about three feet of water in it. The Government snag-boat was to proceed from Echuca on Monday to raise the sunken vessel. The occurrence took place near Yelima Station (McLaurin's).

**FREE SELECTION.**—The following free selections were made during August at the Albury Land Office: Neville Walter, 106 acres at Howlong; Reuben Sheather, 40 a. at Khancoban; William Franklin (of Tumbarumba), 80 a. at Glenroy; Gustav Luhrs, 320 a. at Indi Creek; Joseph Hamilton, 64½ a. at Mullengandra; David Leslie, 320 a. at Indi Creek; John Palmer, 99¾ a. at Bungowannah; Sydney Grandison Watson (of Walwa), 200 a. at Talmalmo; Archibald Watson (Walwa), 120 a. at Talmalmo; Philip Sydney Watson (Walwa), 180 a. at Talmalmo; Harry Frederick Watson, 60 a. at Talmalmo; John Brown, 75 a. at Corowa; Thomas Shipard (Adelaide), 130 a. at Bungowannah; Margaret Bell (Albury), 320 a. at Yambla; John Daly (Geelong), 78 a. at Mullengandra.

**INFANT SCHOOL.**—We understand that the building contract of the proposed Infant School in Albury in connection with the Model School, has been directed by the Board to be proceeded with at once, the sum of £200 being granted, and the Board finds a like amount.

**GOLD FIND.**—Another payable reef has been discovered in the Church of England Reserve, Rutherglen. The specimens at least are very good.

**NEW GOLD-FIELD REGULATIONS.**—In the new regulations which have been approved by the Executive Council, the following Rules as applying to a Miner's Right are given:—Alluvial Claims: Each person holding a miner's right shall be entitled to 1,600 square feet of alluvial ground, and such claim shall be marked off in a rectangular form, the sides of which shall be in proportion to the number of claim holders, that is to say: For one miner, 40 ft. x 40 ft.; for two miners, 40 ft. x 80 ft.; for three miners, 60 ft. x 80 ft.; for four miners, 80 ft. x 80 ft.

**MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.**—At the annual meeting of this Institution a report was brought up, unfortunately showing the names of but few subscribers, and stating that the Government subsidy of 1865 having been lost, nothing had been done in the way of pushing the claims of the Institute or of creating the beginning of a library; but hoping to be able to do better in the future. Mr. Alpen promised a concert within a month in aid of the library, which we shall gladly see make a beginning.

**MURRAY STEAMER.**—We learn that the little vessel *The Pride of the Murray* has been specially chartered with a small cargo of goods for T. H. Mate & Co., and may be expected at the wharf by Monday next. She will be the pilot of a larger fleet without doubt.

#### *Advertisements—*

W. WAITE AND W. JOYNSON, Blacksmiths & Farriers (near Nicholson's "Rose Inn"), beg to inform the inhabitants and visitors of Albury that they are prepared to execute any description of work in the above line at reasonable prices. Horses shod with care and the gentlest handling. First-class work guaranteed.

**TO LET.**—The Horse and Jockey Hotel, Townsend Street, Albury. Lately in occupation of Mr. Thomas Field. Apply to S. C. V. North, Auctioneer.

**TO LET.**—For a term of years, the Albury Flour Mill, situate in Hume Street, near Mate & Co.'s Stores. Low rental to a good tenant. For particulars apply to Samuel Mudge, Commission Agent, Kiewa Street, Albury.



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## **Last Month's Speaker**

Because of the over-drawn business session of last month's meeting, Mr. J. Wright was unable to present his talk and film show as intended, and it was decided to hold this over until the September meeting. Nevertheless Mr. Wright ably kept faith with his audience of that evening by substituting a shorter film which gave a full measure of enjoyment to all present. Of particular interest were the scenes at Wembley where the world-famous tennis players were contesting the championships, amongst those competing being Albury's Margaret Smith. Also featured was much of the Royal Show of Britain, with its magnificent parade of stud stock.

## **Speaker for this Month**

The programme Mr. Wright has in reserve for this month's meeting promises to be of very much interest. In its make-up he has selected from the film records of his last tour of England and Scotland, and his travel-talk will largely centre on Glastonbury (Somersetshire)—an area rich in the history of old England. Other places to be described will be St. James's Palace (official seat of the Queen in London), Westminster Palace, the House of Commons and House of Lords, and also the battlefield of Culloden (Scotland).

Visitors will be welcome at this meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall.

## **Next Month's Speaker**

For the October meeting we are to have the pleasure of a visit from our Melbourne member Mr. Arthur Roy, who has prepared a paper on an interesting subject for the occasion. As an erstwhile resident of Albury, Mr. Roy is well known to most of our district members and all look forward to meeting him again.

### New Member

The Society welcomes another new member in the person of Mrs. C. F. Laycock, of Killara (Sydney).

### Acquisitions

Thanks to the Hon. Secretary of the Historical Society of Swan Hill (Mrs. L. Daniells), our Society has added to its archives a further series of articles on the history of the Swan Hill region, as published in *The Guardian*.

### Urangeline Story Popular

That our member Mr. C. C. Hazelwood's illustrated address on the history of "Urangeline" created wide interest is evidenced by the fact that he has been invited to speak on the subject to various other groups. The most recent request to be fulfilled by him in this respect was that which came from the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Mr. Wright will show moving pictures in colour at this meeting.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.—A Committee Meeting will take place in the Town Hall at 8 p.m.

### Rutherglen to Visit Us

On a date yet to be decided, our Society is to be honoured by a visit from members of the Rutherglen Historical Society. Plans will be made for a sight-seeing tour of places of historical and general interest in and around our city.

### Little Old Bridge

Since the recent report that it becomes due for replacement within a few years, quite a lot of attention has been directed towards the small arched bridge in Smollett Street which spans the Bungambrawartha Creek.

Whilst the Country Roads Board claims that the march of progress makes such change needful, it also recognises that the old bridge is one of rare type and worthy of preservation for posterity. Because of the outstanding beauty of the structure and its association with Albury's past, the Historical Society views this suggestion with much favour and could no doubt easily select a suitable spot to which it might be transferred.



An arched bridge is not only one of the most classic forms of bridge but also one of the strongest. The principle of the arch is that the weight is carried down each side the curve to support the piers. Compared with a photograph of 70 years ago, the appearance of the sturdy little bridge seems to have changed not one iota in all that time; and it is easy to accept the statement of Albury City Council's engineer (Mr. J. Sarvaas) that its upkeep has never been of great account.

The bridge dates from July of 1887, when the contractor, F. Romero, began operations after the work had been set out by Mr. Bowyer-Smyth, the Government Superintendent of Roads. The contractor's responsibility included the masonry and construction, but the bridge itself, which is of iron, was supplied by the Government.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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ALBURY'S FIRE BRIGADE.—Albury has had a great immunity from fire for some years, but it might come upon us suddenly, and then there will be no end of jeering at the Fire Brigade, which in times of security no one will assist or support. We still have a good engine going to decay; we have the elements of a Brigade; but if those who are most concerned do not care to help to carry it on they must not expect others to do all the work for them. It is recorded that Emperor Nero played the fiddle while Rome was burning. Is anyone in Albury in a position to do the same if he saw his store, shop, hotel or private dwelling-house in flames Insurance may cover the actual loss in bricks, mortar, or stock, but there is a good deal behind this which no insurance will cover to the honest man.

RAILWAY FROM ECHUCA TO DENILIKUIN.—We learn that Messrs. Jones, Roberts and Alexander have been delegated to proceed to Sydney, to give evidence before a Parliamentary commission on the proposed scheme of railway extension from Echuca to Deniliquin. The Deniliquin people appear to be more alive to their interests than are the Albury people.

MINING AT LAVINGTON.—The Melbourne proprietors of the Lavington crushing machine are courting business. There is no stuff being brought up to the mill, and they therefore notify that they are ready to make reduction in prices, commensurate with the golden results. If the stone should turn out under 15 dwts. to the ton at 10s., and if over at 15s. per ton in quantities of not less than 150 tons.

THE "CUMBEROONA".—Our Albury steamer has made her second trip upstream, and this time with more success. She arrived all safely and rightly on Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock, and as soon as possible discharged cargo. She was an object of attention all day, and a few minutes before six o'clock in the evening turned her head round and went away in good style with several passengers, including some of her owners. The river is nearly bank high and running fast, so that she ought to make a good run down to Wahgunyah at not less than 20 knots an hour. She is expected back again immediately with more loading, as it is evident she must make hay while the sun shines.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month: John Purtell, 40 acres at Germantown; Edwin and Elisha Lavis, 178 a. at Bungowannah; William Musgrove, 40 a. at Copabella; Henry Spears, jun., 120 a. at Collendina; Wm. Charles Reid, 40 a. at Moorwatha; David Taskis, 40 a. at Mullengandra; Michael Flinn, 320 a. at Carabobala; Wm. Henry Ansell, 50 a. at Bungowannah; James Crimin, 60 a. at Bowna; George Gale, 40 a. at Howlong; Angus Bell, 320 a. at Gerogery; John Spiers, 72 a. at Howlong; Hezekiah Crouch (Adelaide), 200 a. at Moorwatha; E. Brown, 57 a. at Bungowannah; Wm. Broadribb, 200 a. at Bungowannah; George Green, jun., 40 a. at Jinderra; Jas. Carey, 200 a. at Moorwatha.

TO THE LADIES.—Something new has turned up at last, and it is in the shape of a bonnet. It is described in the home journals as consisting of two straws crossed, and tied together with a blue ribbon on the top of the head, with red tassels suspended at each of the four ends of the straws. Such an arrangement is guaranteed not to give head-ache, and certainly will not conceal any of the beauties of the countenance of the wearer.

WATER SCHEME.—According to the *Ovens and Murray Advertiser*, the Victorian Government has decided—as a first instalment of the scheme for supplying the Ovens with water—upon purchasing Lake Kerferd from the Beechworth Borough Council, and also the works of the Ovens Gold-fields Water Company. Should this report prove to be correct the burgesses of Beechworth will have ample cause for rejoicing, as will also the shareholders in the above-named company; but it is feared the news is too good to be true. No better plan could be suggested for providing this portion of the district with a plentiful supply of water—seeing that the Little River scheme is impracticable—than the purchase of these two undertakings, and carrying them out to the extent originally contemplated.



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## North-Eastern District Visitors

Sunday, 23rd October, has been chosen as the day on which members of the Wangaratta and Rutherglen branches of the North-Eastern District Historical Society will visit our city. Representatives of the Albury Society will welcome the excursionists on their arrival at about 12 noon, following which a picnic lunch will be taken. The remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to a conducted tour of Albury's principal points of interest—ancient and modern. It is expected that a fair number of Albury members will mingle with our visitors during this round of sight-seeing.

## Acquisitions

For gifts received since last month the Society wishes to thank the following donors: Mr. Barnett (Sydney)—hitching hook (used in former times to tether horses at the old office of *The Border Morning Mail*); Mrs. C. Bowring—photo of official party at Diggers' race meeting in 1946; Mr. Sam Cossor—book, *Picturesque Albury*, published by Pusterla Bros.; Mrs. M. E. Hart—picture of Hovell Tree, needle-worked in wool (1924); Mr. Keith Knoble, Thurgoona (per Mr. Tom Doran)—gun-loading implement and hay-knife; estate late Miss Darke—old photos of local interest.

## A Useful Relic

A notable feature of the celebrations marking the opening of the Folk Museum at Swan Hill last month was the use made an old-type letter receiver. As all letters lodged in this receptacle are being stamped with a special pictorial cancellation, it may be imagined that many members of the public as well as all keen collectors of first-day covers availed themselves of this service on that important occasion.

Since our own Society possesses a pillar-box of the old style, the hope is entertained that this one also may be regularly used in the vicinity of the Turk's Head Museum when eventually it becomes a going concern.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m., Mr. A. Roy being the speaker.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.—Visit to Albury by members of the Wangaratta and Rutherglen branches of the N.E.D. Historical Society.

MONDAY OCTOBER 24.—Committee Meeting in the Town Hall at 8 p.m.

### This Month's Speaker

The announcement that Mr. Arthur Roy (South Morang) will be the speaker at our next meeting has been received with general favour by his fellow-members. For this occasion Mr. Roy has taken as his subject "Trout Fishing in the Mountains", in the presentation of which he will tell of the introduction of various species of the finny tribe to Australian waters, the hatcheries, and the release of yearling trout into the creeks and rivers of the highlands. Members are reminded that their friends will be welcome at any of our monthly meetings.

### A Book to Enjoy

James Hackston's recently published *Father Clears Out* is a book of short stories with such local colouring that it is certain to have strong appeal for many of Albury's and Lavington's older residents—and probably not a few of the younger ones. The author, who spent his boyhood days of the 1890s at what was then the Black Range, tells true-to-life tales of the time befitting that old gold-mining town which by then had had its day.

Whilst the identity of most of the characters who light-up these stories is so thinly veiled as to be easily guessed, the author himself has for a long time remained hidden beneath the pen-name of "James Hackston". Perhaps the greatest surprise of all for the reader is when he (or she) learns who the writer really is.

The illustrations are by one who does use his true name—Hal Gye, whose enchanting kewpie-like figures are found adorning *The Sentimental Bloke* and other of C. J. Dennis's books of verse.

*Father Clears Out*, which has an enlightening foreword by Douglas Stewart, is published by Angus and Robertson, and should be available at local booksellers.

### New Member

The Society is pleased to record the name of Mrs. J. Mylon, of Wodonga, as a new member.



### Last Month's Speaker

The address and showing of colour movies presented by Mr. J. J. Wright (member) deservedly attracted a large attendance of members and visitors. Through his association with the Royal Over Seas League in London, Mr. Wright said he always found it possible to arrange a very satisfactory tour of Great Britain and was able to visit many places not taken in by the ordinary run of tours.

As a result of his attendance at a reception in St. James's Palace he was able to describe to his audience the magnificence of the interior of the immense and ancient building, which he explained, is the residence of the ruling sovereign. The Queen Mother, who was principal guest on the occasion, held a reception in the throne-room and moved freely amongst those present.

Another place of great interest described by Mr. Wright was Westminster Palace, meeting place of the British Parliament since 1537.

Also included in the travel-talk was Glastonbury in Somerset, where the first Christian church in England is believed to have been built by Joseph of Arimathea, who arrived from ancient Phoenicia with the navigators who traded along the south coast of England. Glastonbury in earlier times was known as the Isle of Avon, and, according to legend, Jesus as a boy was taken there and cared for until ready to fulfill his mission.

Many other places historically important in England and Scotland were visited by Mr. Wright, all of which were interestingly described and shown on the screen in colour.

### Hume and Hovell Commemoration

As in past years, the Albury Historical Society will in November arrange for the celebration of Hume and Hovell's arrival at the site of Albury. The celebration, which will again be in the form of a gathering of school-children and adults, will take place at the Hovell Tree on Friday afternoon, November 18. Further details of this fixture will be given in next issue.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were made during October at the Albury Land Office: John Huon, 100 acres at Huon; R. Pasker Mitchell, 320 a. at Gerogery; James Warren (of Beechworth), 40 a. at Howlong; George Miles (Beechworth), 40 a. at Howlong; George Paine, 60 a. at Collendina; Francis Purtell, 320 a. at Germanton; George Davies, 60 a. at Germanton; John Pierce, 300 a. at Greg Greg; Thomas Pierce, 250 a. at Greg Greg; Edith Mark Knight, 60 a. at Collendina; Patrick Costigan (Albury), 40 a. at Huon; George Madden, 40 a. at Woomargama; Joseph Keanes, 40 a. at Moorwatha.

THE MURRAY.—We have had further rains during the early part of the week, with a good thunderstorm, which are now showing their effects on the river, and it has now consequently risen fast, the waters being well up the bank and fully 12 feet above summer level. There is much water to come down, and any steamer may safely come up.

THE RIVER STEAMERS.—A steamer named the *Victoria* has made her first trip up so high as Albury, arriving on Saturday afternoon and discharging on Monday. She brought a general cargo of goods from Echuca. On Tuesday the Albury steamer, *Cumberoona*, put in another appearance with a very heavy cargo, which was at once landed, stored and bonded; and, under the steersmanship of Capt. Mace, she returned on Wednesday for more loading, hoping to make another trip in a week.

THE BURRUMBUTTOCK ROAD.—A good deal of agitation has been going on lately in respect to the dangerous condition of the road from Albury to Burrumbuttock by way of Lester's Gap, where a few hundreds of pounds being spent would save travellers going far out of their way to a better road. There are many free settlers on the road, and they want to send their produce to town, and squatters want to sell their wool, &c., but the road is so bad it is hardly passable, and not at all for half the year. So bad is the state of the road that persons have actually to leave it altogether and strike off to the Howlong road 12 miles away, and come thence to Albury, so that they travel in fact from 20 to 25 miles to accomplish a journey of only seven miles.

THE KILLERS.—The most extensive slaughter of kangaroos which has ever been recorded in Victoria took place recently on the station of Mr. Whitehead, near Caramut. About 120 gentlemen and a few ladies (!) assembled at 10 a.m., and commenced to drive the kangaroos towards a large enclosed space beforehand. In the course of the day over 3000 were killed.

#### *Advertisements—*

WANTED.—Bullock Teams, for Brush and Log Fencing. Apply to S. Watson, Round Hill. N.B.—Feed and water abundant.

To CARRIERS.—Wanted Teams to load Greasy Wool from Widgiewa, near Urana, to Echuca. Freight, six pounds per ton. Apply on station to James Cochran.

J. KNIGHT BARNETT, M.D., Surgeon, has resumed the practice of his profession, and may be consulted (for the present) at his surgery, Kiewa Street, Albury.



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## **This Month's Speaker**

At our General Meeting on Monday, 14th instant, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood will describe a tour of the Ord River area (in the Kimberley district) recently undertaken by Mrs. Hazelwood and himself. His reputation as a photographer is well known, and so we anticipate this address will as usual be high-lighted by a showing of colour slides. Visitors are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

## **Acquisitions**

The Society expresses its gratitude to the following persons from whom gifts of historic value have recently been received: Mr. Edwin Geier (Sydney and late of Burrumbuttock)—an L. M. Ericsson's table model telephone, as used in the 1890s; Mr. Lloyd Holmes (Gerogery)—detailed list of small locomotives used by the Governmental Departments in construction of the Hume Dam; Hon. Secretary of Swan Hill Historical Society—copies *The Guardian* with wrapper bearing symbolic cancellation of the Folk Museum post office; management of Southern Mills Ltd. (Bunge Aust. Pty. Ltd.), Albury—sheet of history of the Hume Flour Mills established at Albury in 1870, together with a biography of pioneer miller John Burrows.

## **Caretaker for the Museum**

Until the appointment of a permanent caretaker at the Turk's Head Museum a member of the Albury Historical Society, Mr. Harry Barnes, has accepted this office temporarily. In view of the recent acts of vandalism in that locality, this move is a timely one in that it gives greater protection for the building and the property held there in storage.

## **New Members**

The Society has the pleasure of adding to its list of members the names of Miss Helen Thurling and Mr. John Livsey, both of Albury.

### Visit of Rutherglen Historical Society Members

The recent visit to Albury by members of the Rutherglen Historical Society was most successful, there being a good attendance and a day of glorious sunshine.

Following a welcome to the guests by our Vice-President, Mr. Alan Mitchell, an inspection was made of the Turk's Head Museum and some of the relics stored there. Secretary of the Albury Society, Mr. W. Fielder, then gave a short talk on the history of the old building, which for a long period had functioned as one of the town's principal hotels.

The party then adjourned to the Botanic Gardens, where a picnic lunch was taken in very pleasant surroundings. Features of historical interest here were the Hamilton Hume memorial and the tall "Lone Pine" which originated from a cone brought back from Gallipoli fifty years ago.

Later from the site of the Soldiers' Memorial on Western Hill the visitors had a panoramic view of our city with its close surround of hills and mountain ranges in the distance.

Mr. Ralph Ellis (member), who as a boy had lived on his father's holding west of Albury, gave an interesting description of the sparsely settled area as he remembered it. Pointing out the Black Ranges and Nail-can Hill, he stated there had been rich finds of gold in both places in bygone times.

A descent of the hill brought the party to the Hovell Tree and the site of Albury's earliest settlement. Within this area are many points of historic interest, several of which were referred to by Mr. Fielder. Taking Captain Hovell's tree as a starting point, he said that a companion tree near-by had been blazed by Hamilton Hume but later carelessly destroyed. A description was given of the river's discovery and of its safe crossing four days later some miles up-stream. Close by the Hovell Tree, Robert Brown built the village's first store and later the Hume Inn a little to the east.

It was also at this spot that Lady Jane Franklin forded the river whilst on her overland journey to Sydney in 1839. The camp site of her party of dray-men and other attendants was pointed out to the gathering of historians, who were also interested to hear a record of Lady Franklin's description of Albury at that early period, when there were but two habitations: that of Robert Brown and a police station built of stringy-bark.

Some details were also given of the arrival in 1855 of the first river boat, the *Albury*, captained by George Bain Johnson.

The party was then taken on a tour in and around the city viewing the first Bank of N.S.W., the National School (1861), Court House, Rolf Boldrewood's home and others points of interest. During a short stop at the Albury Grammar School,



Mr. P. Burrows as an old pupil briefly told the story of the school and its development into one of the largest of its kind in the country.

The tour ended with a return to the Museum building, where the lady members served afternoon tea. Prior to the departure of our guests, Mr. Brian Jasper and Mr. D. Shepard expressed thanks to members of our Society for their friendly reception and arrangement of an interesting tour.

### **A Fish Story**

Our speaker of last month, Mr. Arthur Roy, was in fine form and delivered his talk on "Trout Fishing in the Mountains" in a most entertaining manner. As well as a large attendance of members, there were also some visitors who obviously were devotees of the piscatorial art.

As a follower of the healthful and fascinating sport for many years, Mr. Roy dealt with his subject in all its phases. Speaking historically, he stated that although Brown Trout were introduced into Tasmania as early as 1864 and were acclimatised in Victoria soon after, it was not until the year 1888 that they were first liberated in the streams of N.S.W.

In Victoria and N.S.W. there are now several hatcheries which specialise in the breeding of Trout. As soon as the fry have attained a desired size they are sent off to stock selected streams, the usual method of transport being in large drums of water of the right temperature and having provision for replenishing the oxygen.

The two species of the fish which have been successfully acclimatised in N.S.W. and Victoria are the Brown Trout and the Rainbow Trout. The first-named is of European origin and prefers the deep still waters in which to move slowly as it feeds on insects floating on the water's surface. The Rainbow variety, which is a native of North America, differs from the Brown Trout in that it likes the swift-running rocky streams where it can dart about snapping the insects as they pass by.

One of the essentials of success in this kind of fishing is a close study of the feeding places and habits of both species. Such knowledge can be gained only by a long experience coupled with information picked-up from old-hands at the game.

Through his own knowledge of the mountain tracks and whereabouts of suitable streams Mr. Roy was able to give valued service as a guide to Government fisheries officers who journeyed to the mountain regions for the purpose of releasing fry in the various rivers and creeks.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Roy for a delightfully interesting address, moved by Mr. P. Burrows, was supported by Mr. N. Douglas.

### Hovell Tree Gathering

Final arrangements for the celebration to take place at the Hovell Tree on Friday afternoon, November 18, are in hand; and it is hoped the weather clerk will show his usual kindness on this day. Patron of our Society, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., will be present to address the gathering, while two students of Woodstock Presbyterian Girls' School have accepted the invitation to write an account of the epic journey of the explorers to be read on this occasion.

### Dates to Remember

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, at 8 p.m. Speaker: Mr. C. C. Hazelwood.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18.—Gathering at the Hovell Tree in commemoration of the arrival of the Hume and Hovell expedition in November, 1824.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28.—Committee Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m.

### A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION.—The following selections have been taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month: James Phillips, 50 acres at Woomargama; Margaret Harrison, 40 acres at Woomargama; Henry Frommholtz, 50 acres at Howlong; William R. Breffitt (of Albury), 40 acres at Jinderra.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT THE TWELVE MILE.—A building in connection with the Presbyterian Church has recently been erected at the Twelve Mile Creek (Bowna) and was opened last Sunday (Oct. 28). The Revd. Messrs. D. H. Ballantyne and G. B. McMillan officiated, the latter gentleman preaching the sermon and the Revd. Ballantyne conducting the other portion of the service.

ANTI-CUSTOMS LEAGUE.—The central committee of the Border Customs Abolition League held their usual meeting on Wednesday (7th), when a report was given of the success of the meetings at Howlong and Corowa, and it appeared a subscription list had been increased to £95 15s. Arrangements were made and delegates appointed to attend meetings at Mullengandra, Bungowannah and Newtown, and it was decided that representatives be sent to Wagga Wagga, Deniliquin and Echuca.

SALE OF STATION.—The sale of Glenroy Station is reported to have been made this week. Mr. Menzies, of Tallangatta, is the purchaser, and the price is said to have been satisfactory.



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## Annual General Meeting

The sixth Annual General Meeting of the Albury and District Historical Society will be held on Monday, 12th December, commencing at 8 p.m. Place of the meeting will again be the C.W.A. Hall in Kiewa Street, and it is desired that as many members as possible be present. The agenda will be as follows—

1. Reading the Minutes of Fifth Annual General Meeting, held on 13th December, 1965.
2. Presentation of the President's Annual Report and the Financial Statement for 1966.
3. Election of Office-bearers for 1967, as follows: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Committee of six (with power to add), Auditor, Publicity Officer, Research Officer, Bulletin Editor.

## Hume and Hovell Commemoration

This year's gathering at the Explorers' Tree was highly successful, though unfortunately fewer schools were represented because of examinations and sports fixtures during that period. Proceedings were opened with an address by the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., who spoke of Albury's beginning and its growth from a small village to the expansive city it is to-day.

The Society's Vice-President, Capt. P. Heywood, then gave an inspiring address to the students assembled. In paying tribute to the explorers for their courage and determination, the Captain reminded his young listeners that, in the world of to-day, there is still a need for the pioneering spirit of old.

By the combined efforts of pupils of Woodstock Girls' School and Albury Grammar School, considerable interest was added to the celebration by a representation of the scene which took place on that spot in the November of 1824. In a tableau arranged by the girls of Woodstock the narration was read by Lynette Pollard. Students of the Grammar School who completed the setting were John Broadhurst (Hume), Michael Buss (Hovell), Peter Harris (Boyd), Roger Taylor and Michael Coates (travellers).

**Obituary**

It is with much regret we record the death of one of our members, Mr. Ernest McDonald, of Vallombrosa Street, Albury. The Society extends its sincere sympathy to Mrs. McDonald and members of the family in their great loss.

**Annual Subscriptions**

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions become due each December, and that payment of the fee of \$1.00 may be made to our Treasurer at the forthcoming meeting. Members unable to attend are kindly requested to forward the required amount to P.O. Box 223, Albury.

**Sixth Annual Report of Albury Historical Society — 1966**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

A summary of our doings for the past year reveals a financial membership of 146, showing a gain of seven for that period. Life members total 21. The gain of 22 new members has been offset by the oversight of about a dozen members failing to renew their subscriptions. We much regret the death of two of our members: Mr. Edmund Paech and Mr. Ernest McDonald.

Average attendance at the 10 General Meetings was 32.5; and attendance of the 14 Executive members at 11 meetings was as follows: O. Schilg (Pres.) 9, Capt. P. Heywood (Vice-Pres.) 7, A. Mitchell (Vice-Pres.) 6, W. Fielder (Sec.) 11, Mrs. Fielder (Treas.) 0, C. Hazelwood (Min. Sec.) 9, Mrs. Hazelwood 6, J. Wright 11, P. Burrows 6, N. Douglas 8, Mrs. R. H. McDonald 10, N. Whitehead 3, Mrs. A. Z. Clark 3, A. Allan 3. After attending one meeting, Mrs. P. Heywood found it necessary to resign on account of other responsibilities.

On invitation from the City Council in January we met the Works Committee to discuss the matter of sharing the prospective Turk's Head Museum with the Sydney Museum of Applied Arts and and Sciences. In July we again met an official from Sydney, who inferred that our Society would be expected to forego its original plans of furnishing a Folk Museum. This was followed in August by a letter from Albury City Council stating that the Sydney Museum authorities would be allotted 80 per cent. of the floor space of the Turk's Head Museum, and our Society 20 per cent. Prior to this, one of our Committeemen, Mr. Douglas, in an effort to "get going", inaugurated a private interest-free loan offer to Albury City Council as an Establishment Account to provide for the appointment of a local caretaker. The sum of \$1200 was subscribed in cash and promises, but Council declined the offer. The result is that we have been waiting a whole year for the "green light", despite



the fact that a temporary caretaker in the person of Mr. H. Barnes (a Society member) is in charge. It appears that Council is not prepared to allot us any rooms without direction from the Sydney designer.

Nine members favoured us with addresses during the year. These consisted mainly of travel-talks supported by colour slides and movies. Following are the speakers, who addressed us on various subjects: Mrs. N. Buckmaster, "Ancient Greece"; Mr. Des. Martin, "Last Night of the Old Tivoli Theatre"; Mrs. C. Hazelwood, "The Hermansburg Mission"; Mr. H. Barnes (a veteran of World Wars I and II), "The Gallipoli Campaign, and a Re-visit after 50 Years"; Miss Lucy Staton, "Horticulture and History of the British Isles and the Continent"; Mr. J. J. Wright, who gave two sessions featuring Westminster Palace, a reception at St. James's Palace by the Queen Mother, and places of historical importance in Scotland and southern England; Mr. Arthur Roy, "Trout-fishing in the Mountains 50 Years Ago"; Mr. C. Hazelwood, "A Journey through Western N.S.W., the Gulf Country, Darwin and the Ord River".

Invitations for addresses by our Society members were accepted as follows: Your President, as one of the speakers at the Australia Day gathering by the Harrietteville Historical Society; and Mr. C. Hazelwood, on three occasions, when he gave his "History of Urangeline Station" to the Woodstock Girls' School, the Lockhart Rotary Club and the Wagga Wagga Historical Society.

*Inter-Society Visitors.*—We were favoured by a visit of members of the National Trust of Victoria early in the year, and recently by members of the Rutherglen and Wangaratta Societies.

The annual pilgrimage to the Hovell Tree organised by our Society was most successful, and attended by a fair number of Albury citizens as well as students of several of the primary schools.

Publicity by *The Border Morning Mail*, stations 2AY, 2CO and AMV4 throughout the year was greatly appreciated.

While thanking all members for their continued support, I must say there are some who are deserving of high praise for the great amount of time and labour they have given in the interests of the Society—particularly in connection with the Museum.

In concluding my hasty report in order that it may be included in *The Bulletin* for members' perusal before the Annual Meeting, I hope I will be forgiven for missing out on some matters which time does not permit me to mention.

—OTTO H. M. SCHILG, President.

## Summer Recess

Following our Annual Meeting the Society goes into recess and there will be no issue of *The Bulletin* for January or February. The President and Committee take this opportunity of wishing all members a joyful Yule-tide and every happiness in the new year.

## Up North

One of the most pleasurable means of learning, no doubt, is by way of talks illustrated with appropriate colour slides. This was amply demonstrated to the large attendance of members and visitors at our last General Meeting, when Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelwood told of their recent aerial tour to North Australia. Taking off at Wagga Wagga, the trip was graphically described *en route* to the Kimberley district. In their tour Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood made a complete coverage of the Ord River Valley with its giant scheme of water conservation and agricultural development, and some amazing photographs were shown of what had already been achieved.

## Social and Supper

At the conclusion of the business session of the Annual General Meeting, a spirit of sociability will reign and members and visitors will be served with supper. As usual, our lady members are kindly requested to bring a plate of sandwiches or cakes for the occasion.

### Balance Sheet for Year Ended 30th November, 1966

Receipts		Expenditure	
Credit Balance brought forward from 1965	\$316.58	Chas. Wilkinson & Co.: Printing of "Bulletin"	\$110.00
Memberships:		Rubber Stamps	3.38
Life .. . . . \$29.40		Gestetner: Duplicat'g Paper	1.87
Yearly .. . . . 143.40		R.A.H.S.: Subscription	6.30
	172.80	"Walkabout" Magazines	7.28
Donation:		Material for Chair Repairs	6.10
Albury City Council	30.00	Mate's Ltd.: Nails, &c.	2.82
Museum Loan with Interest	706.13	"B.M. Mail": Advertising	6.86
Sale of "Walkabout"	6.96	Secretary's Petty Cash	20.00
		J. A. Cross: Cartage	4.00
		Burton's: Cutting Key	30
		M.V. Glass Co.: Glass	4.19
		Refund of Loan with Int'st	706.13
		Credit Balance, 30/11/66	349.47
	\$1232.47		\$1232.47

Credit Balance at Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.  
Albury Branch, at 30th November, 1966 — \$349.47.

Certified as correct.

HELEN FIELDER,  
Hon. Treasurer.

C. E. BUNTON, A.A.S.A.  
30/11/66.