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This Month's Speaker

At the General Meeting on Monday evening, 13th March, the Reverend C. S. Boyall, of St. David's Church, will give an address on his experiences in New Guinea. Members may bring friends to this meeting, which will take place in the Turk's Head building, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Obituary

Our Society has lost a member and good friend by the death of Mr. J. E. Swannell. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs. Swannell and son John in their great loss.

Fellow-members extend sincere sympathy also to Mrs. M. Goonan (Wodonga), whose husband recently passed away.

New Members

This month the Society has the pleasure of adding to its membership list the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. Schneider, of Albury.

Farewell to a Worthy Member

At the Turk's Head Museum on Saturday evening, 18th February, a send-off was tendered Mr. Harry Barnes prior to his departure from Albury, where he had acted as caretaker of the premises in the interests of the Historical Society.

As a gesture of appreciation of services rendered by him so cheerfully and capably, a party of more than thirty members and friends gathered at the erstwhile hostelry and spent an enjoyable social evening interspersed with items of entertainment and followed by a supper.

As a reminder of his association with the Historical Society, Mr. Barnes was presented with a souvenir book of Albury signed by all who were present at the party. Our good friend Harry leaves with the best wishes of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and the hope that one day his wanderings will bring him back to our midst.

Annual General Meeting

Patron of the Society, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., was chairman for its Annual General Meeting, held in the C.W.A. hall on 12th December. Also present was Mr. Gordon Mackie, Member for Albury. Mr. Mackie, who in former times had resided in Albury, stressed the need for preserving local history and complimented Albury Historical Society on the work it had undertaken.

Although other important meetings held on the same evening had claimed the attention of some of our members, there still was a satisfactory roll-up and keen interest was taken in the proceedings. Amongst those present were two of the Society's far-distant members—Mrs. Laycock (Sydney) and Mr. Jack Rosborough (Bexley North).

Following a reading of the President's annual report and the financial statement for the past year, the election of office-bearers for the coming year was conducted. Owing to the demand on his time by other interests, our hard-working President (Mr. Otto Schilg) felt he must decline the leadership on this occasion.

The meeting's eventual vote of Mr. Claud Hazelwood to the important office of President was a popular choice, being accepted as an assurance of the Society's continued steady progress.

Election to other offices resulted: Vice-Presidents, Captain P. Heywood and Mr. A. Mitchell; Secretary, Mr. W. Fielder; Minute Secretary, Miss Lucy Staton; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Fielder; Committee, Messrs. N. Douglas, A. Allan, J. Wright, Mesdames R. H. McDonald, C. Hazelwood and O. Schilg, Mr. P. Burrows being elected an honorary member of the Committee; Hon. Auditor, Ald. C. E. Bunton; Publicity Officer, Mr. O. Schilg; Bulletin Editor, Mr. W. Fielder.

On the completion of the formal meeting the rest of the evening was given up to a social, when a most enjoyable buffet supper was served by the lady members. Bowls of hydrangae in beautiful colourings decorating the room came from the garden of member Mrs. R. H. McDonald.

Acquisitions

The Society gratefully acknowledges gifts lately received from the following members and good friends: Mrs. A. Cuddy (Bexley)—writing-table and chair used by Dame Mary Gilmore, also a photograph of the famous authoress; Mr. Alva Smith (member)—brush-hook (used for scrub-cutting); Mrs. Gordon Cox (Albury)—charcoal-burning flatiron.

Activity at Jindera

With a strong formation of workers and lots of enthusiasm, our friends at Jindera have made an impressive beginning in their move to establish an Historical Society and Folk Museum. Much to their advantage is the fact that they have secured a period building centrally situated and suited to their purpose. They deserve every success and are to be congratulated on their endeavour to preserve the history of their interesting old town.

Subscriptions

Members' attention is directed to the rule that annual subscriptions become due at the beginning of each year, payable in advance. A good many have already met their obligation in this respect by tendering the requisite sum of one dollar. In order to avoid the writing of unnecessary reminders, it would be appreciated if those still unfinancial would give this matter their prompt attention. Subscriptions may be paid at any meeting or posted to our Treasurer, P.O. Box 223, Albury.

South of the Border

During their summer recess, Albury historians took the opportunity of attending some of the functions organised by kindred societies in Border towns. The display of historical relics in the once-famous "Fairfield" wine cellar near Rutherglen, coupled with an open-house inspection of the lonely two-storied old mansion, attracted more than two thousand visitors. Executive members of Albury Historical present were Mr. Alan Mitchell, Miss L. Staton, Mr. and Mrs. O. Schilg.

On invitation from the Harrietville Historical Society, the annual Australia Day celebration was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. Fielder, and Mr. and Mrs. Schilg accompanied by Rhoda and Martin.

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, MARCH 5.—Historical exhibition at "Fairfield", Rutherglen, from 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY TO MONDAY, MARCH 10-13.—Wine Festival at Rutherglen.

MONDAY, MARCH 13.—General Meeting in the Turk's Head Museum building, beginning at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Reverend C. S. Boyall.

MONDAY, MARCH 27.—Committee Meeting at the Turk's Head, at 8 p.m.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.—The official opening of the line between Picton and Mittagong took place on Thursday, 7th inst. It is anticipated that the line will be opened to Sutton Forest in about four months from the present time, and to Goulburn in June next year.

FREE SELECTIONS.—In recent weeks the following selections have been taken up at the Albury Land Office: August Meier, 100 acres at Jinderra; Ferdinand Lubke, 240 a. at Jinderra; Patrick Flinn, 118 a. at Carabobala; Michael Corcoran, 80 a. at German-town; Johann Gottleib Kalms, 320 a. at Jinderra; John Heincke, 70 a. at Jinderra; Wilhelm Leicht, 200 a. at Jinderra; John Capron, 80 a. at Huon; John Bowler, 50 a. at Ten Mile Ck.; Ronald G. McLaurin, 320 a. at Yarra Yarra; John M. H. McLaurin, 320 a. at Yarra Yarra; Jas. Alex. McLaurin, 320 a. at Yarra Yarra; Archibald Robt. McLaurin, 320 a. at Yarra Yarra.

DEVON FLOUR MILL.—This new mill, which will be opened on 5th March by Mr. W. T. Pyke, has been built up with all the latest mechanical improvements, including silk dressing &c. Mr. Pyke will grist at 1s. per bushel and pay toll, and will take wheat at market prices instead of cash, for the cost of gristing.

PUBLIC HOUSE AT COOPER'S CREEK.—As an instance of the rapid changes taking place in inland districts which were unknown six or seven years ago, it may be mentioned that a public-house is about to be erected at Cooper's Creek, near to where Burke and Wills perished.

LANCASHIRE BELL-RINGERS.—The Bell-Ringers, whose performances gained so much patronage last year, are about to pay Albury another visit. They will appear on Friday, 5th inst., at the Exchange Theatre, accompanied as before by Miss Marie Chalker, who is an acknowledged favourite here, and whose pleasing ballad and other singing gives a most agreeable diversity to the entertainment.

WRECK OF THE "BEECHWORTH".—It will be remembered that the steamer *Beechworth* lately came to grief in the Murray and became a wreck. We find that her remains were put up to auction last week by Mr. Shackell, of Echuca, and knocked down for £360 to an agent of the original proprietors, Messrs. Smith and Banks.

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This Month's Speaker

Curator of the Albury Botanic Gardens, Mr. Ray Stewart is to be the speaker at our general meeting at the Turk's Head building, on Monday evening, 10th inst., beginning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Stewart will speak on the "History of Gardening", with some reference to Albury's parks and gardens.

Last Month's Speaker

Guest speaker at the Historical Society's last general meeting, Reverend C. S. Boyall, had an appreciative audience as he related his varying experiences since he was a teacher at the Albury High School in the 1930s.

As a missionary with the Presbyterian Church in India he told of his work during the long period he had spent in that country. Later, following his capture together with others during the second World War, he was in enemy hands for a number of years. Of much interest was his description of life as a civilian prisoner in a Japanese camp.

Mr. Boyall is temporarily filling the vacancy at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Albury, since the departure of Reverend H. Norwood to his new charge at Kerang.

Acquisitions

The Society gladly receives items of historical value from the following persons: Miss Margaret Kinane—lady's riding-whip with silver figured mounts (c. 1860s); Mr. J. J. Wright—movie film of local interest (the old Mechanics' Institute, &c.); Mr. Gordon Mackie, M.L.A.—programme of official opening of Sydney Harbour Bridge by the Hon. J. T. Lang (1932); Mr. Dave Junor—photographs of Albury's old gas-works.

Obituary

This month we regret having to record the passing of two of our members: Mr. Gordon Irwin and Mr. Herb Schneider. As both had resided in Albury for many years and were well known, they will be missed by a wide circle of friends. To Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Schneider (both of whom belong to the Society), the President and fellow-members extend sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

The Museum

Probably the most welcome news in months to come to the Albury Historical Society is the report that a caretaker has been appointed to take charge of the Turk's Head Museum at Albury. Notification to this effect came recently from the authorities of the Sydney Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, which body will occupy the greater part of the building with exhibits of mainly an educational nature. Although no definite date has been indicated for the Museum's opening, it is understood that an early move will be made to lay the floor-covering and to set-up necessary fittings in the several rooms.

New Members

Latest to join the Society is a trio of Brocklesby residents—Misses J. and K. McCormack and Mr. J. McCormack. We welcome these country members and look forward to seeing them as often as they are able to come to the monthly meetings.

Who Isn't Financial?

Our Treasurer's records show that some members have so far overlooked paying their subscriptions for 1967, the amount of \$1 being due in January last. As the Society operates on a slender income, it is hoped that the amounts owing will be forwarded at an early date.

Swan Hill Folk Museum

During their recent trip down the Murray Valley, our members Mr. and Mrs. W. Fielder spent a day as guests of the Historical Society of Swan Hill, where they were entertained by its enthusiastic secretary, Mrs. Lillian Daniell. Lunch was enjoyed aboard the old paddle-wheeler *Gem*, which has been restored and converted into a floating museum. It houses a magnificent display of folk relics of the district's pioneering days.

No less amazing is the outdoor round-up of many old-time implements and machines used in farming and other rural industries, as well as a number of early settlers' buildings brought from up-country and re-erected. Pride of place is given to a slab-walled smithy, which seemingly contains just about everything associated with a craft that is now almost forgotten.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, APRIL 10.—General Meeting in the Turk's Head building, 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. Ray Stewart.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22.—Official opening of the Museum at Wagga Wagga, beginning 2.30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 24.—Committee Meeting at the Turk's Head, at 8 p.m.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION.—The following lots of land have been taken up in recent weeks at the Albury Land Office: Robert McMicking, 320 acres at Mannus; August Wm. Piekee, 50 a. at Jinderra; Julius Fitzell, 50 a. at Yambla; Lawrence Rielly, 100 a. at Yambla; Frederick Zobel, 40 a. at Jinderra; Henry Douglas Menzies, 40 a. at Bringembrong; Archibald Menzies, 40 a. at Bringembrong; Margaret L. H. Douglas, 60 a. at Bringembrong; Donald McInnes, 40 a. at Wagra; Carl Singe, 80 a. at Jinderra; Wm. Post, 40 a. at Back Ck. (Carabobala); James Post, 40 a. at Back Ck.; Edward Bremmen, 40 a. at Coreen (Corowa); David Roach, 320 a. at Billabong Ck.; Anne Roach, 320 a. at Billabong Ck.; James Lawson, 60 a. at Germantown; Catherine Rankin (Tumut), 28 a. at Billabong; Donald Rankin, 320 a. at Yarra Yarra; Lebracht Neidick, 100 a. at Jinderra; Christian Neidick, 100 a. at Jinderra; Charles August Huon, 320 a. at Gerogery; Jas. Seymour, 320 a. at Cumeroona; Alfred Waite, 320 a. at Bowna; Oliver Waite, 207 a. at Bowna; Edwin Jephcott, 160 a. at Urnie; Johann Briese, 320 a. at Jinderra; Christian Graske, 150 a. at Jinderra; Martin Matuschka, 120 a. at Gerogery; August Heppner, 320 a. at Gerogery; Adolf Kohn, 200 a. at Huon; Johann Mangelsdorf, 320 a. at Huon; Martin Kloos, 220 a. at Gerogery; Christian Mangelsdorf, 60 a. at Jinderra; Edward and William Doubleday, 40 a. at Howlong; John Samuel Quast, 200 a. at Huon; James Moffatt, 50 a. at Huon; John Moffatt, 150 a. at Huon; Joseph Bell, 320 a. at Yambla; Samuel Gregson, 50 a. at Castlestead.

TENDERS.—Tenders are invited for the erection of a Billiard Room at the Globe Hotel, Kiewa Street, Albury; also for Carriage Sheds, &c., according to plans and specifications which may be seen at the office of the undersigned.—J. T. Fallon, Albury.

VICTORIAN MEMS.

The Wangaratta Hotel, built by the late Mr. James Meldrum at a cost of between £12,000 and £14,000—some 15 years ago—was recently sold for the low sum of £300.

Remarkable progress has been made in the acclimatisation of rabbits, says *The Geelong Advertiser*. A total of 14,253 were shot last year on Mr. Austin's estate at Barwon Park. The original stock of rabbits consisted of fourteen, which were turned out in 1859.

The returns of gold obtained from the Extended Sons of Freedom Company, Chiltern, for the week ending Saturday, 3rd March, was 352 ozs. 5 dwt.

It appears that the largest contribution to the Ovens District Hospital, from a private individual, are those of a Chinese gentleman named Nam Shing, who first gave ten, and subsequently seven guineas.

RIVER NAVIGATION

The Murray steamer *Alfred* is at present undergoing repairs and additions at Echuca, while the *Lady Darling* will be placed on the slip next week and receive a thorough overhaul.

Instructions have been forwarded to Mr. Shelley, superintendent of the clearing operations in the Murray, to resume work which has been suspended so long. This has given general satisfaction at Echuca and surrounding district.

A vessel is now being built at Echuca for Messrs. Smith and Banks, in place of the steamer *Beechworth* which was destroyed by fire some time back. The new steamer will be of the same length as the *Beechworth*, two feet higher, and will have an improved construction stern.

ALBURY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.—At the usual meeting on Wednesday evening (24th inst.), the business was again very slight, and only a bare quorum was made. A financial report was adopted, passing £5 9s. 3d. to Mr. F. O'Sullivan in respect of lighting the town lamps. The Mayor* intimated that it was possible that Albury would shortly receive a visit from the Governor of N.S.W., and, on his motion, seconded by Ald. Henry Rau, a sub-committee, consisting of Aldermen George Mott, Thomas Field, Murphy and the mover, was appointed to prepare an address to be presented to his Excellency on his arrival.

*Mayor of the day was Ald. Lewis Jones.

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How We Got Our Gardens

The pathway leading from the Garden of Eden to Albury's Botanic Gardens is perhaps a long one. Nevertheless Mr. Ray Steward's listeners were with him all the way as he told the fascinating "History of Gardening" at the meeting of our Society last month.

Mr. Steward, who is curator of Albury's parks and gardens, said that the world's earliest gardens were of an austere nature. Usually they were walled in and consisted of large tracts of ground with woodlands and pastures. So severely simple was the method of cultivation that only trees and plants of a useful kind were grown—some for their shelter and fruit, others for food and medicine. This seems to have been the order more or less until about the end of the Middle Ages, when some of the secluded gardens gave way to an orderly plan and cultivation for a more pleasing effect.

The idea of ornamentally laid-out gardens and parks for public recreation was a long while coming, and it is only within the last two hundred years that serious attention was given to floriculture as we know it today. The ceaseless search by plant-hunters in many parts of the world, and the application of Mendel's law of hereditary, have been largely responsible for the beauty which has been put into our parks and home gardens.

To illustrate his address Mr. Steward used sets of colour slides to great advantage, showing various examples of landscaping in some of Australia's famous gardens and parks, not forgetting some views of our own beautiful Botanic Gardens.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Steward for a delightfully interesting and informative address moved by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood was ably supported by Mrs. O. Schilg.

This Month's Speaker

At the Society's General Meeting to be held on Monday evening, 8th inst., the guest speaker will be Mr. John Dallinger, who will present an illustrated description of his recent tour abroad, titled "Round the World in Forty Days".

Members may always invite their friends to these meetings, which take place in the Turk's Head building and begin at 8 o'clock.

Albury's Elm Trees

Albury residents in general were alarmed by a recommendation recently put forward that the time-honoured elm trees fronting Dean Square be uprooted. As there was apparently no good reason for doing so, the suggestion was met by a spate of opposition from all quarters, and it was to the relief of all that the City Council at its last meeting wisely decided that the trees be allowed to remain.

It is, however, much regretted by historians and tree-lovers alike that two of Albury's oldest elms have died as a result of leaking gas underground and must necessarily be removed. These trees, which are situated in Olive Street north, had been planted in 1875 by the late Samuel Mudge, the Town Clerk at that time.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, MAY 8.—General Meeting at the Turk's Head Museum building, beginning at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. John Dallinger.

MONDAY, MAY 22.—Committee Meeting at the Turk's Head, at 8 p.m.

Gifts Received

For gifts recently to hand from the following members and friends the Society is most appreciative and tenderds its sincere thanks : Mr. Frank Strahan (archivist of Melbourne University)—certificate of award to Swallow and Ariel at Albury Industrial Exhibition in 1896; Mr. Les Bell (Albury), wooden butter-churn; Mr. George Carter (Soden's Hotel)—album of photographic views of Albury (1927 and earlier); Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (President)—tiller for pit-saw, used on Urangeline Station; Mr. C. B. Webster (Parkes)—two original letters (dated 1877 and 1879) written by James Henty to Edward Webster (donor's father), manager of Round Hill Station; Mrs. L. Daniell (secretary Swan Hill Historical Society)—series of articles of local history from *The S.H. Guardian*; Mrs. M. Perry (Balldale)—cash donation towards Society's funds.

An item of historic interest placed in the trust of the Society is a 60-year-old Register of Marriages from the one-time Congregational Church in Swift Street, together with a Bible presented to the Church in 1923.

Wagga Wagga Museum Opened

On Saturday afternoon, April 22, in the presence of a large gathering the Member for Wagga, Mr. W. Fife, performed the opening ceremony of that city's new Historical Museum. Mr. Fife, who spoke favourably of the project, remarked upon the value of museums as a means of preserving history and recording the way of life in the pioneering era, as well as always being a real attraction for tourists.

The Mayor of Wagga, Ald. R. J. Harris, complimented the Historical Society on its venture and gave an assurance of his Council's full co-operation.

Expressing his pleasure at the success of the day, the President of Wagga Historical Society (Mr. K. J. Swan) said that members planned to work to a schedule of hours which would give residents and tourists ample opportunity for visiting the museum.

Representing Albury Historical Society were Mr. Claud Hazelwood (President) and Mrs. Hazelwood, Captain Phil Heywood (Vice-President) and Mrs. Heywood, all of whom were welcomed and entertained by members of the Wagga Historical Society.

Personal

Though we rarely have the pleasure of his presence at meetings, we all may hear the voice of fellow-member John Henwood during the Rural Division report by the A.B.C. in Wagga area.

For a time we are to be without the valued services of our Minute Secretary, Miss L. Staton, who will be "wintering" in sunny Queensland with friends at Emerald.

Seasoned travellers, Mr. and Mrs. George Carter will shortly depart on another trip overseas. On May 13 they leave Melbourne for England on the *M.S.A. Achilles*. We all wish them a very pleasant journey.

Another member who has again felt the urge to travel is committeeman Mr. Joe Wright, who left by air for Johannesburg for a tour of Rhodesia and South Africa. Thence he sails for South America, where he intends visiting Rio de Janeiro, Argentina and other parts. We are to expect his return in August.

Two members who have not been well of late are Mr. Peter Seaton, who is much missed as a regular attendant at meetings; and Mr. Arthur Roy (South Morang, Vic.), who was recently unable to come on his seasonal visit to his old home-town. All fellow-members join in wishing them an early return to good health.

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ARRIVAL OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR JOHN YOUNG. — Yesterday afternoon (May 3) a number of the townspeople proceeded along the Sydney road to meet the Governor and Mr. Bowie Wilson (Minister for Lands). At the boundary of the municipality His Excellency was met by a large concourse of residents of the town and district, and on receiving an ovation of cheers, was escorted to the Exchange Hotel. His Excellency, accompanied by the Minister for Lands, came to the balcony and thanked those who had shown their loyalty in coming to meet him and welcoming him to Albury. He trusted that his visit would not be in vain, but there was one thing he regretted, and that was that Lady Young did not accompany him. Three cheers were given for His Excellency and Lady Young.

The address from the Municipal and other bodies will be presented to His Excellency this day at the Exchange Hotel, at 4 o'clock. After this business has been got over His Excellency will spend the remainder of the day in visiting the various institutions of the town, and the vineyards &c.

On Sunday morning His Excellency intends returning to Wagga Wagga, from there to Yanko, and from that place *via* Conargo to Deniliquin.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were made during the month at the Albury Land Office: James O'Donoho, 300 acres at Greg Greg; Chas. Westerndorf (of Adelaide), 320 a. at Jinderra; W. Hubner, 16 a. at Jinderra; W. P. Hegarty, 55½ a. at Moorwatha; J. J. B. Bell, 40 a. at Gerogery; J. R. Campen, 60 a. at Jinderra; August Bartsch, 320 a. at Jinderra; Adam Bartsch, 150 a. at Jinderra; J. Hemke, 550 a. at Jinderra; James Pierce, 800 a. at Welaregang; Thomas Thompson, 134 a. at Moorwatha.

RIVER NAVIGATION.—The river at Albury has risen considerably during the past week and, if we have more rain, so soon as the current gets down we may expect to see the steamers coming up to the wharf.

The steamer *Cumberoona*, which has been lying at the wharf for a few months past, has taken cargo for down river. The danger that existed last season in plying between Echuca and Albury has to a great extent been removed by the operation of a snagging party, and it is expected that the traffic this season will be considerably increased from the fact that the river will be pretty free of snags.

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Our President, Mr. Claud Hazelwood, will be the speaker at next meeting, June 12, when he will tell us of "Urangeline" in its latter years, including an account of the great drought of 1914 and also of the build-up of the station's stud. Place and time of meeting is the Town Hall at 8 p.m. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings.

Upper Murray Historical Society

At the Corryong Museum on Sunday, June 11, members of the Upper Murray H.S. will gather to pay tribute to the late Mr. Dick McKenzie, their first President; and will also unveil a plaque to his memory. Following the function, afternoon tea will be served and the Museum opened for inspection. As members of our Society have been specially invited to attend, it is hoped that some are able to represent us.

Acquisitions

Our Society is pleased to accept the undermentioned museum items, and tenders thanks to the donors: Miss Gladys Brumm (Albury)—lace tea-cosy cover; Mr. James Wells (member)—hand towel from crew of Dutch air-liner *Uiver* with photo of the bogged plane, and wine-bottle of ancient vintage; Mr. H. J. Jennings (Albury)—draught-horse winkers (made 1878), lifting jack (1875) and pocket watch (1904).

News from Abroad

In a recent air-letter from Johannesburg our touring member, Mr. Joe Wright, stated that his itinerary had so far worked out as planned, and that by train-and-bus travel he had already seen a good deal of South Africa which is not over-run by tourists. Mr. Wright's observations on some museums visited could be taken as an assurance that our Albury H.S. is working along the right lines in its endeavour to establish a Folk Museum.

MEMBERS — 1967

(* Indicates Life Member)

- Adams, K. M. (Heathmont)
- *Albury City Council
- Alderson, J. J. (Havelock)
- Allan, A. J.
- Allan, Mrs. A. J.
- Allan, Miss J.
- Anderson, J. H.
- Anderson, Mrs. J. H.
- Angus, Colin (El Dorado)
- Barnes, H. B. (Hove, England)
- Barnes, Miss E.
- Batrouney, Ald. E. D.
- Bell, O. I. (Gundagai)
- Betheras, Mrs. I. (Toorak)
- *Bird, Mrs. L. (Glen Iris)
- Boyes, Miss L. M.
- Brown, L. V.
- Brown, Miss Isabel
- Bryan, D. A.
- Bryan, D. J.
- Bryan, Mrs. D. J.
- Buchhorn, J.
- Buckmaster, Mrs. N.
- Bunton, Ald. C. E., O.B.E.
- Bunton, Mrs. C. E.
- *Burrows, P. D.
- *Burrows, Mrs. P. D.
- Burton, Arthur
- Butt, A. T.
- Butt, Douglas
- Carter, A. V. (Wodonga)
- Carter, George
- Carter, Mrs. G.
- Chamber of Commerce
- *Chambers, W. H. (Bungo-
wannah)
- Charles, Mrs. A. B.
- Chenery, Miss E. M.
- Clark, A. Z. (Jindera)
- Clark, Mrs. A. Z. (Jindera)
- *Commercial Club
- Crawford, Mrs. A. R.
- Crooke, J. D. (Gundowring)
- Dolphin, Mrs. M. A.
- Douglas, N. C.
- Doran, Tom (Wirlinga)
- Edwards, Mrs. R.
- Edwards, Mrs. M.
- 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)
- Godfred, Mrs. R.
- Goonan, Mrs. M. (Wodonga)
- *Griffith, F. C. (Toonallook)
- Griffiths, Ned (Lavington)
- Hazelwood, C. C.
- Hazelwood, Mrs. C. C.
- Heath, Fred. (Wirlinga)
- Henwood, Mrs. E.
- Henwood, John
- *Heywood, Capt. P. H. (Hawksview)
- *Heywood, Mrs. P. H. (Hawksview)
- Hore, Mrs. E.
- Irons, K. J. (Narwee)
- Irwin, Mrs. G.
- Jacob, Graham (Walla Walla)
- Keyes, Mrs. M. E.
- Klemke, D. (Walla Walla)
- Kroeber, Miss S.
- Laycock, Mrs. C. F. (Killara)
- Leah, Mrs. C. H. (Gerogery)
- Livsey, John
- Martin, Des (Wodonga)
- McCormack J. (Brocklesby)
- McCormack, Miss J. (Brocklesby)
- McCormack, Miss K. (Brocklesby)
- McDonald, Mrs. R. H.
- Mitchell, Alan
- *Mitchell, T. W., M.L.A.
(Towong Hill, V.)
- *Moll, Otto
- *Moll, Mrs. O.
- Mott, Clifton
- Murray Valley Development
League
- Mylon, Mrs. J. (Wodonga)
- *Nilsson, Miss M.
- Nordsvan, Mrs. E. (Wodonga)
- 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. P. (Jindera)
- Roach, Ald. John
- Rosborough, J. (Bexley North)
- Roseby, N. E.
- Roseby, Mrs. N. E.
- Roy, Arthur (South Morang, V.)
- Ryan, B.
- Ryan, Les
- Scanlan, Brian
- Scanlan, Miss Margaret
- Schilg, Otto
- Schilg, Mrs. O.
- Schneider, Mrs. H.
- Seaton, Peter
- *Siems, Mrs. R. A. (Gerogery)
- Smith, R. A.

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

Last Month's Speaker

Mr. John Dallinger, guest speaker at our last meeting, had a very appreciative audience of members and visitors for his illustrated travel-talk, "Around the World in Forty Days". The speedy air service by which he and his fellow-photographers travelled took them to several countries, and well-set plans along the route enabled them to see far more than Jules Verne would have cared to include in his scientific romance, *Around the World in Eighty Days*.

In two long hops after leaving Australia the party reached Rome, where some time was spent sight-seeing and experiencing the way of life in the ancient city. In quick succession, brief stays were made at other important cities of the Continent and Britain, and it is evident that our young tourist used every opportunity to secure select photographs of buildings famous architecturally or historically and other features of special interest. His colourful pictures of the daily life of the native inhabitants of the various countries he had passed through were of fascinating interest. A certain view of the vineyards in the Rhine Valley reminded one that it was from this region the ancestors of many of Albury's present-day residents came to plant vineyards in this district more than a century ago.

Dates to Remember

SUNDAY, JUNE 11.—Unveiling of plaque at Corryong Museum in memory of the late Mr. R. McKenzie, at 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 12.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 26.—Committee Meeting in the Town Hall, at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 8.—Gathering at Booligal arranged by the Hay H.S. to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Oxley's journey down the Lachlan.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Society: Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Roseby (Albury), and Mr. A. McD. Webster (Parkes, N.S.W.).

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during June: John Dawson, 320 acres at Germanton; Patrick Blake, 40 a. at Glenroy (Manus Creek); St. Helier Peard, 320 a. at Wagra; F. A. Maxwell, 320 a. at Walbundrie; John Ellis, 45 a. at Bungowannah; J. H. Groves, 50 a. at Taramiah; Emma Polack, 103 a. at Jindera; R. Hendock, 160 a. at Moorwatha; W. G. Dight, 320 a. at Moorwatha; A. Maxwell, 160 a. at Walbundrie; David Higgins, 53 a. at Huon; H. Laughton, 50 a. at Corowa; J. Bunyan, 40 a. at Howlong; Christina Frith, 40 a. at Bungowannah; John Caldwell, 320 a. at Billibong Creek; Noah Lot, 58 a. at Jindera; C. C. Pentland, 320 a. at Cockindina; John Kirby, 320 a. at Little Billabong; Patrick Kirley, 320 a. at Little Billabong; Thomas Pierce, 70 a. at Greg Greg; P. C. Stewart, 300 a. at Greg Greg; Michael Corcoran, 40 a. at Germantown; John Shain, 50 a. at Woomargama.

GOLDEN TRAIL.—During his brief stay in Echuca, Mr. E. Hargraves, the gold discoverer, is said to have expressed a very decided conviction that the deep leads from Bendigo run down to the Murray at this point, and that rich deposits of gold exist in the ancient bed of the river.

CLAIMS FOR PRE-EMPTIVE LEASES.—The following approved claims of parties residing in this district have been gazetted: A. T. Huon, 1,100 acres; Benjamin Bell, 100 a.; Laurence Garry, 960 a.; Hugh Gibson, 478 a.; William Bell (Albury), 800 a.; Francis Walker, 720 a.; Keith Petrie, 200 a.; Richard Quest, 960 a.; Mary Craven (Tumbarumba), 1,280 a.; Wm. McIntyre (Wagga Wagga), 723 a.

THUNDERBOLT.—The reward for the apprehension of the bushranger Thunderbolt has now been increased to £200, and several of the Southern police have been ordered to New England and other haunts of this mail-robbing scoundrel, with a view to hemming him in and eventually effecting his capture. It is to be hoped that these efforts will ere long prove successful.

TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.—The London correspondent of the *Sydney Herald* writes as follows: "Sir Roger Tichborne, on his arrival in England, was for some time looked upon as an impositor, but he has now been so thoroughly identified as the missing heir that all ground of suspicion is at rest. He is now at his estate, but the friends of his brother's child intend trying the chances of law, I should scarcely think with much prospect of success."

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This Month's Speaker

Mr. R. F. Knight, of Rutherglen, has accepted an invitation to speak at our next meeting (July 10), and will entertain us with "Tales My Grandfather Told Me". The meeting begins at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall, and visitors are welcome.

Acquisitions

The Society gratefully acknowledges gifts made by the following helpful people: Mrs. Ita Betheras (member), Glen Iris, Vic.—mounted head of a tiger, shot by King Edward VII when Prince of Wales, at the first Durbar held in India; Mr. D. L. Young, Albury—section of wooden piping of ingenious construction, used by Benjamin Chaffey in an early experiment of irrigation on his Lake Victoria station, near Wentworth, in the 1870s; Mr. L. H. Fromholtz, Albury—book of history of the Albury Brewing and Malting Company (1906).

Overdue Subscriptions

An examination of the Society's membership list reveals a number of unpaid subscriptions. Reminders are being sent to the forgetful ones with the hope that they will attend to this little matter by the end of this month.

New members are always welcome, and those interested in joining the Society are advised to contact any member or the Secretary, P.O. Box 223, Albury. Membership fee is \$1 yearly.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JULY 10. — General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. R. F. Knight, of Rutherglen.

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

Wagga Wagga's New Museum

In announcing the opening of its Historical Museum, the Wagga Wagga and District Historical Society invites inspection by people visiting their city. The building, situated near the Botanic Gardens on Willans Hill, is a modern one and houses a fine collection of exhibits associated with the agricultural, domestic and cultural life of the district since its early settlement in the eighteen-thirties. A small charge is made for admission; and the days of opening are Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays from 2.00 to 5.00 p.m., and Saturday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Last Month's Speaker

An attentive hearing was accorded Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (the Society's President) in the reading of a specially prepared paper recording the closing chapters of Mohonga station, once the property of Robert Rand.

The eventual division of this large estate into two separate holdings was probably one of the most important chapters in the history of old Mohonga, and an account of the change-over was related in close detail by Mr. Hazelwood as he quoted from the diary of his father, the late Mr. H. Hazelwood, who for a long period had been manager of the Urangeline station.

Of the many trials which had to be faced by a pioneer stockman, there must have been few more testing than a severe drought in an area of low rainfall. Two such calamities were described by our speaker—one in 1907 and another in 1914.

With a pressing need of fodder to carry the huge flocks and herds through the lean period, long distances were travelled up-country for the purpose of securing supplies of hay, chaff and maize, all at rising prices. In the drought year of 1907 the station was able to secure good grass country in the Upper Murray area, where a chain of properties as far up as Walwa were leased to give agistment to 55,000 sheep, besides horses and cattle. Though the Urangeline sheep losses in that year numbered 5,000, this figure compared favourably with the losses on adjoining properties.

Nevertheless there were many bright passages in the story told by Mr. Hazelwood, showing that Urangeline was safe country and had carried on successfully down the years. Its stud of Wanganella sheep was renowned far and wide, and many prizes were won by the pure-breds in the shows of Sydney and Melbourne. Two of the station's finest records were a clip of 1000 bales of wool in 1908, and a crop of Zeeland wheat with the exceptionally high yield of 11 bags per acre.

A vote of thanks to the speaker for the delivery of a talk of extraordinary interest was proposed by Capt. P. Heywood (Vice-Pres.) and ably supported by Mr. R. Ellis.

The Turk's Head Museum

At the Turk's Head Museum building, Mr. D. W. Bolin, a former officer of the Sydney Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, has been installed as resident caretaker. Following the laying of floor-covering and the completion of other preparatory work, the arrival of show-cases and exhibits are expected from Sydney.

So far as our own Society is concerned, however, it seems we must still mark-time and await a solution to the problem of apportioned floor space. The long delay occasioned in this respect is extremely disappointing, not only to members of the Historical Society and local residents, but also to the many tourists regularly visiting the city.

Passed On

It is with great regret our Society records the demise of Mr. Peter Seaton, who was a foundation member and a frequent attendant at monthly meetings. The Society extends it sincere sympathy to members of his family.

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FREE SELECTION.—The following free selections were taken up at Albury Land Office during the month: W. Smith (Geelong), 163 acres at Huon; T. Harrison (Stanley), 40 a. at Moorwatha; Michael Courtney (Ballarat), 40 a. at Jindera; John Dean, 204 a. at Little Billabong; W. H. Williams, 320 a. at Little Billabong; John Wanklyn, 100 a. at Little Billabong; James Egan, 200 a. at Tooma; John Carnes, 192 a. at Taramiah; W. Fitzgerald, 56½ a. at Corowa; E. Fitzgerald, 50¼ a. at Corowa; J. Lowden, 240 a. on the Upper Murray; John Gleeson (N.Z.), 320 a. at Carabobala; Thomas R. Rankin, 100 a. at Taramiah; David L. Kelton (Albury), 40 a. at Moorwatha; Nicholas Curran, 320 a. on the Upper Murray; E. Brown, 123, a. at Bungowannah, Thomas Dalton, 60 a. at Moorwatha; George H. Greene (Tooma), 40 a. at Selwyn; Israel Hargreaves (Tumut), 320 a. at Selwyn.

MINING AT CHILTERN.—The returns of gold from the extended Sons of Freedom Company's claim, Chiltern, for the week ending June 29, was 226 oz.; the number of trucks of dirt for the same period was 6220.

OUR STREETS.—The streets of Albury, after the slightest fall of rain, such as we have had during the past week, are in a state of puddle utterly disgraceful to any town of the age and standing Albury boasts. Pools of water lying at intervals on the footways, and the general sloppiness of the roads, must surely force themselves on the notice of everyone accustomed to good streets. We believe the people of Albury would find it to their advantage to submit to a higher rating than the present one of 6d. in the pound, if by so doing they could put their ways in order.

ALBURY PENNY READINGS.—The heading to this paragraph is a suggestion: why should Albury be behind in the march of intellect and civilisation? For a few years past the Mechanics' Institute has been devoted, during the winter months, to the use of lecturing; but this season—and we cannot imagine the cause—the hall doors have been closed, and the by-gone practice evidently abandoned. "Readings" are now being given in almost every town and village in Victoria, and we perceive that they have been introduced into Beechworth and are meeting with great success. What can Albury do?

ANOTHER BUSHRANGER.—The police captured the bushranger Foran, at Abercrombie, on the 1st instant. Foran showed fight, and was twice wounded before he surrendered.

Advertisement—

MR. C. PREHN begs to inform the inhabitants of Albury and neighbourhood that he has this day commenced business as Teacher and Interpreter of the French and German Languages. Documents carefully translated, and lessons given on the most liberal terms. Schools attended.

WESLEYANS MEET AT BELVOIR.—On Monday evening, July 1, a public meeting took place in Miss Thurton's school, under the auspices of the Wesleyans of Albury and Belvoir [Wodonga]. The attendance included the Rev. J. S. Waugh (president of Wesley College, Melb.), Rev. F. Neale, Dr. Hutchinson, Mr. S. Blackmore and Mr. H. Moffit (all of Albury). One of the objects of the meeting was that of introducing the Rev. Mr. Waugh in order that he might have an opportunity of telling them how the cause was flourishing in Melbourne. Another object was to raise a fund towards fencing in an allotment of ground on which it was intended to erect a place of worship. Service arrangements at present are that the Rev. R. Brown, of Yackandandah, preaches in the Wesleyan Church, Albury, morning and evening, and at Belvoir in the afternoon.

TESTIMONIAL TO MR. GADEN.—An elaborate specimen of calligraphy has just been executed by Mr. D. Morris, lithographer, Beechworth. It consists of the address that was presented to Mr. Gaden, prior to his leaving the district, and which is written in the old Elizabethan character, with illuminated capitals. It reflects much credit on the artist.

RIVER NAVIGATION.—*The Lady Darling* left Echuca on Monday, 22nd inst., at noon, arrived at Corowa on the 25th at 2 p.m., left on the 26th at 4.30, and arrived at Albury on the same day at 5.30. The steamer leaves Albury at 8 o'clock this morning with a full cargo (60 tons) of wheat and flour.

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This Month's Speaker

Our guest speaker at this month's general meeting will be Mr. H. I. S. ~~Evans~~ Marks, resident engineer of Hume Weir. His talk will centre on the Weir in general and will be illustrated by a showing of slides. The meeting will be held in the Town Hall on Monday night, 14th instant, at 8 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome.

Acquisitions

During the past month, items of much historic value have been donated by: Mr. C. S. Munro (Albury)—three-volume set of *The Picturesque Atlas of Australasia* (1886); Mrs. L. Daniell (Swan Hill H.S.)—series of tear-sheets from *The Guardian* containing history of down-river districts; Messrs. E. S. McIlree and Peter Russell (both of Talgarno)—metal fragment salvaged from wreckage of the *Southern Cloud*, lost in the Upper Murray ranges while on flight from Sydney to Melbourne in 1931; Miss Mary Arnold (Northwood, N.S.W.)—book of photographic views of Albury, dated 1884 and originally owned by the late Dr. P. Kennedy (Mrs. E. Hore, one of our members, is a daughter of Dr. Kennedy, who for many years practised his profession in Albury). The Society is most grateful for the splendid help given by the above-named donors.

Help for Historians

To any of our members who might wish to write a local history or, for that matter, a history of any kind, a book to be strongly recommended is Philip Geeves's *Local History in Australia: A Guide for Beginners*. The book, which is published by the Royal Australian Historical Society (Sydney), deals with the subject in all its aspects. Price is \$1.00, and copies may be ordered through the Secretary of the Albury Historical Society.

Personal

Three lady members of the Society who have of late been on the sick-list are Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Hore and Mrs. Henwood. Latest reports are that all are now progressing favourably, and it is the sincere wish of fellow-members that they shall soon be quite restored to health.

Last news of our touring committeeman, Mr. Joe Wright, came from him a few weeks ago while in the Panama zone, having just arrived there after a trip through Peru where he saw archaeological wonders of the lost civilisation of the Incas. As Mr. Wright had planned his return to Australia in the spring-time, it is likely that he is now well on the way homeward.

Last Month's Speaker

Mr. Richard Knight, Vice-President of Rutherglen branch of the N.E. Historical Society, was greeted by a good attendance of members and visitors when he kindly came as guest speaker at our Society's meeting last month.

Tales told to him long ago by his pioneering grandfather were related in the form of a complete and fascinating story of a young English couple's emigration from the Old Country to settle in Victoria.

The husband's craftsmanship as a carpenter stood him in good stead on his arrival in the colony where buildings were then so much needed.

Unimpressed by the gold-rushes of the times, he eventually took up farming land and acquired for himself all the wealth he needed in an easier and more certain way than by working a miner's right.

A Hume History

Brimful of good reading as always, the *Riverlander* for the months of June and July should have a special appeal for inhabitants of the Riverina who have a fondness for authentic stories of Australian history. In the issues mentioned are the first two instalments of a "History of the Humes", which is to be concluded in a forthcoming issue of the magazine.

The author is Mr. Stuart H. Hume, who descends from Mr. F. R. Hume, brother of the famous explorer Hamilton Hume. It is apparent that a great deal of careful research has been carried out in compiling this excellent record, and much fresh information has been brought to light.

Price of the *Riverlander* is 20 cents per copy; and postal address of the office is P.O. Box 359, Albury, 2640.

New Members

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frost (Albury) were welcomed as new members of the Society at last general meeting.

A membership may be taken out at any time on application to any office-bearers of the Society, the annual fee being \$1.00.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, AUGUST 14.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. H. I. S. Davis Marks.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28.—Committee Meeting in Town Hall, at 8 p.m.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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NEW RIVERINE STEAMER.—In order to expedite the delivery to the Melbourne market of the produce of Albury district, the well-built new vessel, the *Jane Eliza*, was despatched from Echuca in an unfinished state, and arrived at Albury on Thursday (22nd) at 9 a.m. This commodious steamer is 104 ft. on her keel and 110 ft. from stem to stern, with 22 ft. beam and 7 ft. depth of hold. The saloon is between decks, and the ladies' cabin is to be built on the upper, or bridge deck, which, for the safety of the children, is well cased in with trellis-work.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—While this Church is undergoing repairs the congregation will worship in the Court-House. It is proposed to hold a bazaar and "Bruce auction" during November next in aid of the funds to repair the Church and to make additions to the Manse. Subscriptions will be received by any of the following ladies: Mesdames Knolles, McMeekin, McDonald, Blackmore, Kiddle, Gray, Trimple, Paine, Jackson, Ballantyne; Misses Ballantyne and McEachern.

THE TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.—To solve the doubts arising out of the romantic claim to the Techborne baronetcy by an ex-Wagga Wagga butcher, the Lord Chancellor has appropriated funds out of the property to make enquiries in N.S.W. relative to the antecedents of the "colonial claimant". Colonel Lushington has had an interview with the *soi distant* Sir Roger, and has declared that he is the son of the late Baronet.

THE "CUMBEROONA".—This river-boat reached Albury last Sunday with a full cargo of merchandise, and left on her down-road passage on Tuesday, arriving at Echuca on Thursday, and will leave that port on her return trip tomorrow. From Albury she received from T. H. Mate & Co. 10 hhds. and one case of wine, 1400 bushels of wheat, two cases sundries; L. Solomon, 650 bushels of wheat; J. T. Fallon, 200 bags flour. Passengers: Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Farmer and Mr. McEvoy.

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NEW PUNT.—Mr. Krause, of the Howlong Road, intends building a punt, which will be of great utility to the farmers in crossing to the Victorian side by materially shortening the distances to Chiltern and the Indigo Falls.

THE "LADY DARLING".—This steamer arrived from Echuca and Wahgunyah on Tuesday, at midnight. The injury sustained on her last trip did not in the slightest degree interrupt her very rapid trip. She left on Wednesday afternoon with a full cargo of wheat and produce.

N.S.W. MEMS.

"Thunderbolt", the bushranger, robbed the mail between Murrurundi and Tamworth on Friday last (2nd).

A station known as Taramiah, with a frontage to the Murray, in the Murrumbidgee district, with 18,500 sheep, the property of E. S. Hogg, has been sold to J. C. Whitty at a satisfactory price.

The Minister for Land's plan of damming the Murrumbidgee is meeting with local disapproval.

So great is the distress amongst the industrial classes in Sydney that a soup kitchen has been established for present relief from the harrowing starvation. Cards at 3d. each are supplied to the benevolent, who give them to applicants.

The Mundooran mail-coach, horses and mail-bags were swept away by the flood on Thursday (15th) at Colbora. The driver and two passengers barely escaped, but it is expected that the driver will not recover.

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This Month's Speaker

Mr. J. J. Wright (member) is to be our speaker at next General Meeting (11th inst.). Well known for his photography, he will make full use of his colour movies in describing a trip through South Africa, Rhodesia and to the Victoria Falls. Visitors as well as members will be welcome at this meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Acquisitions

Gifts of much value historically have recently been received from the following: Mrs. S. A. Colquhoun (Mitta Mitta)—copy of her book *Mitta Mitta from the Early Pioneering Days*; Mrs. C. Newton (Albury)—four river and mountain views of the Upper Murray in a past era; Mr. H. Davis-Marks (Hume Weir)—six copies of booklet *The Work of the River Murray Commission*; Border Morning Mail Pty. Ltd. (Albury)—old-style printing press (manually operated); Mr. E. H. Lankester (Claremont, W.A.)—photo of "Emu Park", homestead and vineyard of the late Mr. J. D. Lankester, at Ettamogah, in the 1890s; Mrs. R. C. McLaurin ("Mirrabooka", Holbrook)—panoramic photo of Albury township in 1860. The Society is grateful indeed for such splendid co-operation.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER.—General Meeting in Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Speaker: Mr. J. J. Wright.

THUR., FRI. AND SAT., 14th, 15th and 16th SEPTEMBER.—Albury Annual Show, with Night Carnival on Saturday.

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

Last Month's Speaker

Often as they may have previously viewed the Hume Weir, there must have been a number of people at our last meeting who realised for the first time that there was a great deal which they had never seen.

Taking the whole of the Murray River irrigation system as the subject of his address, the guest speaker on this occasion, Mr. H. Davis-Marks, imparted such a wealth of enlightening information that each one of his audience assuredly would have carried away a clearer understanding and greater appreciation of the work of the River Murray Commission.

As resident engineer of the Hume Weir, Mr. Davis-Marks spoke with much detail on this important dam and reservoir, the construction of which began in 1919 and with its completion is now capable of storing 2,500,000 acre-feet of water.

Aided by a series of colour slides, the speaker spot-lighted the several underground passages within the wall, and explained the purposes of the amazing amount of mechanism installed there.

Several maps and charts also were used to good effect by the speaker, while a large collection of photos depicting the weir in its progressive stages were placed on view.

An historic item brought along by Mr. Davis-Marks which drew much attention was the spade used by Sir Ronald Munro-Ferguson in the turning of the first sod of the weir. And as a companion piece to the last-mentioned item, Mr. Joseph Jelbart exhibited some of the same spadeful of soil, which he had formed into a solid tablet.

In tendering thanks to the speaker for a very informative address, Mr. N. Douglas complimented him on the excellence of his photographs and the completeness of the series of pictures.

Back to the Fold

It is with much pleasure we report the home-coming of four of our members, all of whom have been far away for some months. After an enjoyable vacation in Queensland, Miss Lucy Staton recently returned and has resumed office as the Society's minute secretary. Also with us once more is committeeman Mr. Joe Wright, whose wanderings abroad took him to some outlandish places where ordinarily tourists "fear to tread". Latest to return are Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, who after a pleasant trip overseas are glad to be back in Albury and with their many friends.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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RIVER TRAFFIC.—The *Cumberoona* arrived from Echuca at the Albury wharf on Thursday (5th), and left yesterday morning with twenty passengers and a full cargo of wheat and flour. At Howlong she is to take a barge in tow, laden with wheat for the Melbourne market *via* Echuca railway.

THE NEW CLIP.—The first wool of the season from the Upper Murray was taken down to Echuca from Wahgunyah a few days ago, by the steamer *Cumberoona*.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections have been taken up at the Albury Land Office during September: Archibald Moffatt, 160 acres at Jinderra; Johann August Krause (of Adelaide), 100 a. at Jinderra; Adolf Gottlieb Kalms (Albury), 50 a. at Jinderra; John Rupell (Wahgunyah), 60 a. at Collendina; Ernest Reck (Adelaide), 50 a. at Jinderra; John Harrington (Albury), 320 a. at Mountain Creek; Thos. Dalton (Albury), 40 a. at Moorwatha; Geo. Gale (Howlong), 40 a. at Howlong; Thos. Carroll (Billabong), 40 a. County Goulburn; Joseph Cary, 80 a. at Moorwatha; Wm. Cary, 320 a. at Moorwatha; R. Brown, 120 a. at Jinderra; G. A. Hanel, 100 a. at Jinderra; Jessie Rankin, 320 a. at Little Billabong.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—Levi Parish, formerly of Albury, a chain-maker and blacksmith residing near Mulwala, on the bank of the river, was engaged with his wife cutting wood for the steamers, and lingered until the flood surrounded and reached them. They must have been swept away if Mr. Shelley, the superintendant of the snagging party, had not "cracked on" on the Victorian snagging steamer and rescued them, their horses and effects from a perilous predicament, and landed them on high ground on the Victorian bank of the Murray.

OUR QUARTZ CRUSHING IN DANGER.—Negotiations have been entered into with a Sydney firm to purchase and remove the Lavington crushing machine. It is a shame to the enterprise of the Albury people to allow the prospect of a paying gold-field in the neighbourhood have no chance of being fully proved.

GUNDAGAI BRIDGE.—By proclamation the bridge over the Murrumbidgee is declared a Public Bridge, on which and after the 8th October next the following toll shall be levied: Foot passengers, 2d.; vehicles, 1s.; horses, 6d.; cattle drawing or not drawing, 4d.; sheep, lamb, pig or goat, 1d.

EMPLOYMENT OF PRISON LABOR.—The Committee of the Ovens District Hospital decided at the meeting Tuesday (3rd), on applying to the Sheriff for a gang of prisoners to be employed in clearing away trees and forming roads in the Hospital Reserve.

RAILWAY SERVICE NEEDED.—The question of railway communication between the markets of the coast and the principal centres of the population in Riverina is one of the most vital importance, and it is one on which the people cannot too soon decide on agitating upon a broad and common basis. The separation movement has made but little progress lately, and the Government do not now fear that this is a project that will ever be realised, but the game is far from played out. Other cards are still in hand, and if separation cannot be obtained annexation may certainly be easily carried out.

N.S.W. MEMS.

The Earl of Belmore, our new Governor, will arrive in Sydney by the November mail steamer *via* Panama. Sir John Young returns to England by the homeward-bound November mail steamer.

The Government are making renewed and vigorous efforts for the capture of Thunderbolt, and the suppression of bush-ranging in the Northern districts.

ADELAIDE MEMS.

Preparations for the grand agricultural show during the visit of the Duke of Edinburgh are being carried out with energy.

About 600 applications for tickets for the subscription ball in the Town Hall, in honor of Prince Albert, have been received. The formation of a Civil Service Club has been finally decided on.

The trowel with which it is understood Prince Albert shall lay the foundation stone of the new post-office tower is being manufactured from gold raised by the National Company at the Echunga Diggings.

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This Month's Speaker

At the coming meeting of the Society we are to have as our guest speaker Mr. Ned Monte of Albury, whose subject will be "A Ramble through New Zealand", illustrated with a fine selection of colour slides. The meeting takes place upstairs in the Town Hall on Monday evening, 9th inst., and begins at 8 o'clock. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings.

Acquisitions

The Society is pleased to record the following gifts recently received, and expresses its sincere thanks to the donors: Mr. P. Phillips (Thurgoona)—horse-breaking bit and convex polishing iron; Mr. Colin Angus (El Dorado)—autographed copy of his book *Wangaratta Shire Centenary*, 1967; Mrs. Rickie—mineral specimens together with Mines Department record of mines at the Black Range; Mr. Pat Lee (formerly of Albury, now of Southport, Qld.)—set of banker's scales (brass pillar-and-beam type) and programme of an intercolonial fire brigade demonstration held at Albury in 1893.

Good Reading

A book of history that is certain to meet with wide appreciation is the recently published *Wangaratta Shire Centenary*, 1967, compiled by Mr. Colin Angus of El Dorado. Its comprehensiveness shows that a painstaking research was observed in the collating and sifting of a mass of material in an endeavour to present a complete and authentic record of a district with such an eventful and colourful past. There would probably not be another such area in Australia so rich and varied in history as the North-eastern district of Victoria.

In a style that is delightfully readable, Mr. Angus has turned out a book to be read and handed down, and treasured as any piece of gold that came out of El Dorado. Lustre is given to its covers and pages by many excellent illustrations, a number of which are reproductions of the writer's own paintings.

The inclusion of an index in this book adds greatly to its value as a source of ready reference—a feature so often lacking in a work of this nature.

Copies of the book, which is priced at \$2.00 (post free), may be ordered through the Albury Historical Society, or by writing direct to the Secretary, North-eastern Historical Society, Wangaratta, Victoria.

Looking at Africa

At last month's general meeting our speaker for the occasion, committeeman Mr. J. J. Wright, was greeted by a large attendance of members from both Albury and Wodonga, as well as several visitors.

Drawing from his experiences during several months abroad, Mr. Wright described an extensive tour he had made through the states of South Africa, the whole of which he illustrated with an excellent series of moving pictures in colour.

So far as the white inhabitants of that region are concerned, he said that the way of life for them may be likened to that lived by Australians. Since the advent of self-government much progress has been brought about, with a happy co-operation amongst the different peoples. The natives are receiving education and are being encouraged to settle down to useful occupations. Many of them are now successfully working their own small farms by producing marketable goods.

One of the many places visited by Mr. Wright was the Victoria Falls, a remarkable feature of the River Zambezi. Its turbulent waters present an awesome sight and were photographed from many angles by this latter-day explorer—at times from such a nearness that he and his camera were drenched by the rising spray. The falls, which are within the territory of Rhodesia, were discovered in 1855 by David Livingstone, to whom the Scots folk in Africa have raised a fine memorial.

Mr. Wright also ventured an inspection of Kruger Park, a huge reservation for native animals of the continent. Here he was again fortunate in securing some fine studies of lions, elephants, giraffes and others creatures in their natural surroundings. The whole area, however, was so jungle-like that many of its inhabitants were not to be seen.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. Ned Monte.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23.—Committee Meeting, in Town Hall at 8 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* for October, 1867)

THE FLOODS IN THE MURRAY.—Not for the last twenty years has there been such a flood in the Murray as the present one. It is scarcely, however, correct to call it a flood *in* the Murray—it is all over the Murray, for it is now a difficult task to say where the main stream really is, so far has the wild waste of waters extended on either side. At Albury the river is still rising. From Thursday to Friday it rose 8 in., and appears to be steadily on the rise. At the Union Bridge the gauge shows that the height is 14 ft. 5 in. above summer level. A large portion of the reserve between the town and river bank is a sheet of water flowing up to the old Hume Inn. At Roper's Point there is such an overflow that the settlers are preparing to desert their dwellings. The steamer *Lady Daly*, deeply laden with goods for Albury, has been unable to pass under the bridge at Wahgunyah from the extreme height of the flood. The late and present unseasonable weather has played some havoc on the telegraph line, which Mr. Walsh, our active line inspector, promptly repaired.

BELVOIR* ENTERPRISE.—Communication being cut off with Victoria except by water, Messrs. Benson & Co. have, since Tuesday, built a strong punt of stringy-bark, with iron knees, for the safe conveyance of goods and passengers. The punt, *Perseverance*, will leave Belvoir for Albury at 7 and 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., and also from Albury (near the Bridge) at 8.30 a.m. and 12 noon and 4 p.m. for Belvoir, every day. As the punt will safely carry passengers at 5s. each, and at least 500 lb. of cargo, this will be a great convenience to the public. Messrs. Benson intend to build a larger punt for the service of traders.

*Belvoir was the official name of the town of Wodonga at this time.

ACCIDENTS ON THE MURRAY.—The riverboat *Lady Daly* left Albury for Echuca on Tuesday (22nd), and became snagged near the punt at Howlong. As she was settling down at a rapid rate, five pumps were set to work and after two hours' hard toil the vessel was repaired and made tight again. Whilst wheat was being taken on board at Howlong a portion of the river-bank gave way and carried away 30 ft. aft from the bows. The damage was smartly repaired, and the *Lady Daily* resumed her voyage without further mishap.

THE DENILQUIN GALLOWES.—The gallows recently erected at Denilquin gaol for a hanging will now not be wanted. The man Nicholls, convicted of murder at Collendina, who was reprieved a few days ago, is to be imprisoned with hard labor for life, the first three years in irons.

POLICE INSPECTION.—Our indefatigable Superintendent of the Albury district police has completed his visitation of the very extensive district under his control. Mr. Singleton proceeded from Albury to Ten Mile Creek [Holbrook], Kyamba, Tarcutta, Gundagai, Jugiong, Tumut and Adelong, crossing by Tarcutta to Wagga Wagga, and from thence to Narrandera and home—a circuit of upwards of 570 miles. Should Blue Cap and his bushranging gang succeed in forcing their way over the mountains, and make for Morgan's place of refuge, the Piney Range, we hope that Mr. Singleton may only get within pistol-shot of them.

MURRUMBIDGEE CRIMINALS.—The Wagga Wagga gaol is now "chock-a-block" with prisoners. His Honor the Chief Justice will give every attention to their individual cases on Monday (21st). The efforts of the "Murrumbidgee and Lachlan Horse, Cattle, and Sheep Stealing Prevention Association" has materially assisted in securing candidates for Cockatoo Island. The offer of £100 for information is wonderfully reforming habitual evil-doers.

FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were made during October at the Albury Land Office: Richard Smith (Beechworth), 80 acres at Moorwatha; James Kerven (Corowa), 40 a. at Quat Quatta; Hermann Driemel (Adelaide), 150 a. at Moorwatha; William Shorter Mitchell, 283½ a. at Huon; George F. Barclay, 40 a. at Wagga Creek.

RAILWAY SPEED ON THE MURRAY.—On Saturday afternoon the steamer *Cumberoona* left the Albury wharf at 2.20 o'clock and arrived at Howlong at 5.20 p.m., a distance of 68 miles in three hours.

APPOINTMENT.—We notice that Mr. I. A. Plummer, formerly teacher at the Thurgoona School, has been appointed assistant teacher in the William Street Public School, Sydney.

THUNDERBOLT'S ESCAPE.—On September 28 Senior Constable Shannon, stationed at Dungog, came in hot haste into Bandon Grove to secure the services of a black-tracker to enable him to follow on the track of the notorious Thunderbolt, with whom he had shortly before had an encounter. It being well known that this part of the country is Thunderbolt's home, it seems a great oversight that a party are not tracking him in this direction, as, however meritorious our constable may be, it is impossible that a couple of men (all that can be spared from other duties) can cope with a fellow who knows every inch of the country, steals the best horses at will, and is known to be the best cross-country rider in the district.

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This Month's Speaker

Guest speaker at our coming meeting (13th inst.) will be Mr. Alan Frost, Albury apiarist, who has titled his subject *From Gold to Bees*, and intends showing a selection of appropriate colour slides. The meeting will take place upstairs in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

A River-Man

A welcome visitor to Albury early this month was Mr. Harry Godson, who motored from Rosewater (S.A.) with his collection of photographs of riverboats, barges and wharves associated with navigation of the Murray and other rivers. Mr. Godson and his wife, who were fulfilling a long-standing desire to tour the Upper Murray, declared it to be a truly wonderful experience in every way—even to snowballing on the Kiewa ranges.

The generous offer of Mr. Godson to exhibit his collection to the Albury Historical Society and to speak on the history of paddle-boats was readily accepted, and a hall secured for the occasion on November 1. Even though the meeting was called at short notice there was a splendid roll-up of members and visitors from Jindera and Rutherglen, all of whom were greatly impressed by the well-arranged collection of photos dating back to the 1850s.

By his screening of a select lot of slides and his easy-flowing commentary it was plain to see that our guest had really dedicated himself to the history of river navigation in Australia and that he had achieved well-deserved success.

In thanking Mr. Godson for his informative address on a very interesting subject, our President (Mr. Claud Hazelwood) complimented him on the work he has undertaken in the interests of Australian history.

Calling All Members !

Despite the restricted space at present available to the Society in the Turk's Head building, our Committee is still hopeful of setting-up an exhibition of at least some of its items of historical interest. Before such a plan can be finalised, however, it is essential that there be a group of willing helpers.

As this matter is to receive attention at the Society's next meeting, it is requested that members meanwhile give some thought to a suggestion of rostering in order that a fair number of members may be enlisted to share in the duty of supervising any exhibition that the Society might decide to arrange.

Last Month's Speaker

Our guest speaker at last month's meeting, Mr. Ned Monte, had an appreciative audience for his illustrated talk on a trip through New Zealand. Accompanied by his wife and two sons, Mr. Monte made his own way leisurely through both islands. His showing of a remarkably fine series of colour slides along with a well-balanced commentary was enjoyed by all in attendance. In addition, Mrs. Monte contributed much towards the success of the evening by telling a good deal about the traditions and quaint customs of the Maoris. How refreshing to observe that these native people are so respectable and respected, and living in harmony with the white "interlopers"!

A very enlightening feature of Mr. Monte's travel-talk was the illustrated record of the party's visit to the hot springs at Wairakei, where a huge geothermal power station has been established to put into use this remarkable force of nature.

Mr. N. Douglas, on behalf of all present, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Monte for their excellent presentation of a delightful subject.

Commemorating Hume and Hovell

The Albury H.S. will this year as usual arrange for a celebration to mark the anniversary of the arrival of the Hume and Hovell exploring party at the site of Albury. The gathering is to take place at the Explorers' Tree on Friday afternoon, 17th of October, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Pupils from each of Albury's Primary Schools are being invited to co-operate in the commemoration, whilst arrangements have been made for two pupils of the Lavington Public School to write a brief account of the historic event to be read by them to the assemblage.

The Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., has signified his intention to attend and address the gathering, and it is anticipated that there will also be a fair roll-up of Albury residents and visitors to the city.

Gift of Old Photograph

An interesting old photo of a bullock team has been received by our President as a donation from Mrs. Hodge of Bexley (Sydney). Early pictures of this kind are of much value historically, and it pleases our Society to add this one to its archives.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13. — General Meeting in the Town Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. Alan Frost.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17.—Hume and Hovell commemoration, at the Explorers' Tree at 3 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27.—Committee Meeting in the Town Hall, at 8 p.m.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.—Upon receipt of the news by telegram of the arrival of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh at Adelaide, the signal flag was hoisted above the time-ball at the Albury Telegraph Office. This was soon responded to by the fluttering of gay colours in the breeze and the firing of a royal salute of twenty-one guns from the battery which our gallant Police Magistrate, Capt. Brownrigg, R.N., had expressly prepared for this memorable occasion.

FREE SELECTION. — During November the following selections were made at the Albury Land Office: Wm. Norman Gibbs (of Corowa), 320 acres a Collendina; Margaret Dunn, 40 a. at Moorwatha; Hezekiah Crouch, 50 a. at Bungowannah; Joseph Keogh, 50 a. at Mullengandra; Benjamin Vile, 40 a. at Moorwatha; Patrick Costin (Albury), 40 a. at Huon; Carl Singe, 40 a. Jindera; J. Hiley, 40 a. at Mullengandra.

THE UPPER MURRAY.—The river at Albury bridge is now only 6ft. 10in. above summer level, the water falling at the rate of 6in. a day. Another trip is as much as the steamers will be able to accomplish between Albury and Echuca this season. There is a likelihood of the *Cumberoona* being graced with the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh and suite for the purpose of taking a day's excursion on the Upper Murray.

MURRUMBIDGEE PASTORAL ASSOCIATION.—In our full report of the annual show at Wagga Wagga, readers will observe that the silver cup offered as first prize for the best thoroughbred entire was won by the Albury owner Mr. Thomas Field's three-year-old "Castlereagh", by Snowden out of Sultana, who also won the silver cup, the first prize for the best colonial-bred stallions.

ADELAIDE EXODUS. — The result of the Adelaide Germans forming such a strong liking for the Albury district is now extending to the English residents of South Australia. No less than nine English settlers have started already. The previous settlers from Adelaide say that there is no land in South Australia equal to what there is on the Billabong, in the Albury district.

NEW THRESHING MACHINE. — We understand that Mr. A. McEachern has purchased a first-class threshing machine made by the English firm of Clayton and Shuttleworth, and that he is prepared to thresh within the district at moderate terms.

RIVERBOAT SINKS. — The steamer *Murrumbidgee* has sunk in the river of the same name, five miles below Wentworth. She had on board 139 bales of Illawarra—69 of Severn brothers' and 40 of G. Fairbairn's. In turning a sharp bend on the river she canted over and rapidly filled. There was a strong current at the time. The wool was insured, but not the steamer. A heavy flood is coming down the river.

IN BRIEF—

The Hon. Charles Hotson Ebdon, pioneer pastoralist and latterly Colonial Treasurer of Victoria, died in Melbourne on October 28. The deceased gentleman had for some time been in a precarious state of health.

The works of the Australian Paper Company at Liverpool (N.S.W.) are completed, and are found to work satisfactorily. The directors hope to be able to manufacture paper at an early date.

Advertisements—

FANNY CERES MILL. — George Day has much pleasure in announcing to the farmers, bakers, dealers and consumers of flour that he has, at considerable expense, erected First-class Machinery in connection with his Mill for the purpose of SILK-DRESSING, and that he is now in a position to turn out Flour of a superior description, and equal to anything in the colony.

THE ROSE INN*, Albury.—Thomas King (of Tumbarumba) begs to announce to his numerous friends and residents of the district that he has opened the above Hotel. A thorough renovation has taken place throughout the premises, and the house has been re-furnished with entirely New Furniture, in order to secure for visitors that comfort and accommodation which is requisite in conducting successfully a First-class Hotel.

*This old building, situated in Kiewa Street, is at present being demolished.

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Annual General Meeting

On Monday, December 11, the seventh Annual General Meeting of the Society will take place in the C.W.A. Hall, commencing at 8 p.m. In view of its importance, a fair attendance of members is expected. The principal items on the agenda will be—

1. A reading of the minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting, held on December 12, 1966.
2. Presentation of the President's Annual Report and the Society's Balance Sheet for 1967.
3. Election of Office-bearers for 1968, as follows: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Committee of six (with power to add), Auditor, Publicity Officer, Research Office, and Bulletin Editor.

Sociability

A pleasant ending to the serious business of the General Meeting is assured by the ladies of the committee, who will arrange for the serving of a supper and, at the same time, provide an opportunity for all members and visitors to become more closely acquainted. No such social, of course, could be a real success without those plates of cakes and sandwiches which the womenfolk always bring.

Folk Museum

Whilst still awaiting a building of its own, the Historical Society has decided to set up its Folk Museum in the limited space made available in the Turk's Head building, which now houses the Albury branch of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences.

The Hon. Gordon Mackie, M.L.A., has accepted the Society's invitation to perform the opening ceremony, and His Worship the Mayor, Ald. Bunton, also will be in attendance.

All members of the Society are cordially invited to the opening, which has been arranged for the afternoon of Friday, December 15, at 2.30 o'clock.

Annual Report of the Albury and District Historical Society, 1967

The past year has had its troubles for this Society; mainly the doubt about the allocation of space at the Turk's Head. I will refer to this again later.

The number of financial members for 1967 was 125, and there are 22 life members. We regret to record the deaths of valued members: Mr. Gordon Irwin, Mr. Herb Schneider and Mr. Peter Seaton.

Nine General Meetings were held with a good average attendance. Eleven Executive Meetings were held and the following is a record of attendances: Mr. C. C. Hazelwood 9, Capt. P. H. Heywood 9, Mr. A. Mitchell 3, Mr. W. W. Fielder 11, Miss L. Staton 5, Mr. O. Schilg 11, Mr. J. J. Wright 5, Mr. N. Douglas 7, Mr. A. Allan 1, Mrs. Schilg 2, Mrs. McDonald 3, Mrs. Hazelwood 9, Mr. P. Burrows was elected committeeman emeritus and attended one meeting. Mr. Wright was given leave of absence while travelling overseas; as also were Mrs. Hazelwood and myself while on a six weeks' visit to Western Australia; and the Minute Secretary, Miss Staton, whilst absent in Queensland. A special meeting of the Executive was called on June 6, at which the following were present: Messrs. Douglas, Mitchell, Burrows, Allan, Schilg, Fielder, Hazelwood, Capt. Heywood and Mrs. Hazelwood.

During the year, in company of Mr. Fielder and other members of this Society, I attended the Australia Day ceremony at Harrietville; and together with Capt. Heywood, our senior Vice-President, I had the pleasure of representing this Society at the opening of the Wagga Wagga Folk Museum. I also attended the special ceremony of unveiling a plaque in memory of a foundation member of the Corryong Historical Society, Mr. Dick McKenzie. At the request of the Rutherglen Historical Society, I was guest speaker at one of their meetings. This interchange of visits between kindred bodies is, I am sure, of benefit to all.

Interesting and informative speakers who addressed us during the year on a wide variety of subjects were: The Rev. C. S. Boyall, "Experiences as a World War II prisoner-of-war in Japanese hands"; Mr. Ray Steward, "History of Gardening" (illustrated); Mr. John Dallinger, "Round the World in 40 Days" (illustrated); Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, "Finalizing the Urangeline Station Story"; Mr. R. C. Knight, "Stories Told Me by My Parents"; Mr. Davis-Marks, "Hume Weir and Murray River"; Mr. J. J. Wright, "South African Travels" (illustrated); Mr. and Mrs. E. Monte, "A Ramble Round New Zealand" (illustrated); Mr. A. Frost, "Gold and Bees" (illustrated). During the latter half of the year we had a special showing of photos pertaining to the River Murray Paddle Boats, and river navigation generally, by

Mr. H. Godson, of Adelaide, who gave us an interesting address with colour slides to illustrate it.

We were not able this year to arrange a trip by the Society, as a body, to a place of interest, at a suitable time. We hope to do so next year, but this depends entirely, on the response of members, to enable travel arrangements to be made.

The Hovell Tree remembrance gathering was again sponsored by this Society, who were gratified by the response from the schools. Lavington Public School was this year's narrators, and the matter and manner of the two students, a boy and a girl, who were the speakers for the day was impressive. We thank the Mayor for his attendance and thought-provoking address. We also thank the Curator of the Gardens for providing the seats, speaker's stand, and for the flagpole and flag.

The Society is grateful for the many varied gifts throughout the year. Some of these you will shortly see on display, for we are, at long last, establishing a Folk Museum in the southern portion of the Turk's Head building, opening on Friday, December 15, at 2.30 p.m. This will be fully advertised and we hope for a representative gathering. We feel that there is a place for a Folk Museum, for to our pioneers and their way of life, we owe all we are today and, as you know, there has been a resurgence of interest in these things in our land.

Here I must pay tribute to members of the Committee and others, who have done a great amount of work at the Turk's Head. At the time of writing much work is still to be done, but I have no doubt that it will be finished. Mr. J. J. Wright has been appointed arranger of exhibits and is making a good job of the limited space available. I would like to point out that the first display is not necessarily final, as alterations will be made from time to time and exhibits changed. You will all keep in mind, won't you, that if you or your friends have anything that might be a suitable exhibit, contact Mr. Wright or officers of the Society. During the year, it was decided to ask all those who would be willing to help by acting as attendants at the Museum, to place their names on an official list displayed. This is still open and anyone who can help is asked to place their name on it at the Annual Meeting. The times of opening are still to be decided, but usually museums are open only on certain days, not the whole time.

Lastly, I want to express our very sincere thanks for the good publicity given us by *The Border Morning Mail*, radio stations 2AY and 2CO, and to television station AMV4. I conclude with my sincere personal thanks to all who have helped me as President of the Albury and District Historical Society, whether members or otherwise, and we look forward hopefully to another year of interest and fellowship.

PRESIDENT. C.C. HAZELWOOD

SOCIETY'S BALANCE SHEET FOR YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER, 1967

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>	
Credit Balance brought forward from 1966	\$349.04	Chas. Wilkinson & Co.: Printing of "Bulletins" ..	\$101.00
Members' Subscriptions	115.00	Stationery	36.00
Bank Interest:		Roadair: Cartage	1.50
Dec. 30, 1966	\$6.31	Blacklocks: Repairs to Projector	1.20
June 30, 1967	6.17	Envelopes for "Bulletins" ..	7.40
	12.48	"B.M.Mail": Advertising ..	1.50
Donations:		Souvenir: Mr. Barnes90
Albury City Council	30.00	Visitors' Book	8.45
Mrs. Perry	1.00	Royal Aust. Historical Society: Annual Sub.	6.50
Mr. H. Barnes ..	2.00	Secretary's Petty Cash	15.00
	33.00	M.V.D.L.: Annual Sub.	4.20
Sale of "Bulletins"20	Hire of Pensioners' Hall: ..	4.00
		Burton's: Key-cutting	3.20
		Credit Balance	318.87
	<u>\$509.72</u>		<u>509.72</u>

Credit Balance at Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd.
(Albury Branch), 30th November, 1967 — \$318.87.

Certified as correct.

30.11.67. HELEN FIELDER, Hon. Treas. C. E. BUNTON, A.A.S.A.

Last Month's Speaker

That honey pleasingly blends with Australian history was proved by Albury bee-farmer Mr. Alan Frost, who was guest speaker at our November meeting. Mr. Frost explained that, by a strange rule of nature, white-box trees (so favoured by the busy bees) grow and blossom most prolifically on the areas of rich goldfields. To-day on most of the old diggings throughout Victoria are to be found many prosperous bee-farmers. In his talk on the golden liquid, the speaker took his audience to many parts of the world, and by his descriptive commentary coupled with the showing of a grand collection of colour slides, he illustrated the differing methods of honey production as followed in various countries.

Explorers Honoured

Arrangements by the A.H.S. to celebrate the anniversary of the coming of Hume and Hovell to the site of Albury were successful in every way, and drew a large attendance of school-children, townspeople and tourists. In his address to the gathering the Mayor, Ald. Bunton, O.B.E., delivered an inspiring message to pupils of the several schools represented.

The capable manner in which the Lavington Public School carried out its part of the programme added much interest to the proceedings. In the shade of the revered old gum-tree marked by Captain Hovell, two of the school's pupils—Peter White and Nola Romero—shared in the reading of a narrative specially prepared by them for the occasion and detailing events of the remarkable expedition.