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Annual General Meeting

The seventh Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the C.W.A. rooms on 11th December, 1967.

The President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, regretted to record the deaths, during the year, of valued members—Mr. Peter Seaton, Mr. Gordon Irwin and Mr. Herbert Schneider.

The Presidential Report pictured the very varied programme of the past year, and foreshadowed the work and activity in, at long last, opening our Folk Museum.

The Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, occupied the chair for the election of officers, who, for 1968, are as follows: President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood; Senior Vice-President, Captain P. H. Heywood; Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. J. Wright and Mr. O. Schilg; Treasurer, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Secretary, Miss C. Klinge; Minute Secretary, Miss L. Staton; Committee, Mrs. E. McDonald, Mr. N. Douglas, Mrs. Hazelwood, Mrs. Schilg, Mrs. Charles; Research Officer, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Publicity Officer, Mr. O. Schilg; Bulletin Editors, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Hazelwood; Auditor, Ald. C. E. Bunton.

Mr. Bunton and Mr. D. G. Padman accepted nomination as Patrons of the Society.

Membership and Subscriptions

The Society has 23 life members and 125 ordinary members. Annual subscriptions, \$1, or life member \$15, are now due, and may be posted to the Treasurer, P.O. Box 223, Albury 2640; or handed in at any meeting.

Members are asked to encourage friends to join us, or to attend the monthly meetings whether members or not.

Our former Secretary, Mr. Fielder, wished to be relieved of that office this year; and, in appreciation of his work, a presentation was made to him at the Annual Meeting. It will be noted that he has changed one job for another and is now our Treasurer.

Folk Museum

On Friday, 15th December, a long-hoped-for objective of the Society was achieved, namely, the opening, in part of the old Turk's Head Hotel building, of the Society's Folk Museum.

A representative gathering attended the formal ceremony, held under the shady trees near the building. The President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, gave a short resume of the events leading to the establishment of the Museum, before asking our Patron, the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, to speak.

Introducing Mr. Gordon Mackie, M.L.A., Ald. Bunton congratulated the Society on its work, and the collection of so many items of historical interest.

The actual opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Mackie, who paid tribute to the drive and foresight of the Historical Society in establishing the Museum, and he then moved across to the building and turned the key to officially open the Albury Historical Society's Folk Museum at the Turk's Head, in Wodonga Place.

During the holiday season and the school holidays the Museum was open every day to visitors who came from overseas and every State in the Commonwealth. The Visitors' Book is an interesting and informative record of the interest shown. Many comments, while praising the arrangement, stress the need for more space. The Society is, of course, well aware of this limitation, but feels we have achieved a worthwhile beginning.

As the Museum is staffed by a roster of members, opening days are now only Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 o'clock, but special arrangements will be made if possible.

Since the opening of the Museum many gifts, for display or safe-keeping, have been donated by members and interested people, and the Society is grateful for the opportunity to preserve them. Following are some of the items received and, as space allows, others will be acknowledged in future issues of *The Bulletin*:—Misses G. and A. Wallace—cast-iron kettle (90 years), flat-iron, washing-board; Mrs. Heywood—moustache cup and saucer, Charleston frock; Mr. O. Schilg—wicker travelling basket; Captain Heywood—lead water-pipe used at "Hawksview" homestead in 1850s, century-old Davis sewing machine; Mrs. Norman Whitehead—baby's dress (120 years old); Mr. C. Hazelwood—pit-saw handle, bullet mould for muzzle-loading gun; Mr. W. A. Cardwell—cast-iron kitchen fountain, 12-gauge shotgun (1894), brass cartridge cases, powder flash, re-loading outfit, hay-knife (serrated), portable gramophone and three records; Mr. Mervyn Watkins (Charleroi)—"Jump" rabbit-trap; Mr. N. Bounader—19th century horsetail-docker; Mr. C. Merritt

—Bible (6-vol. set, 1815); Mrs. Joynson—tobacco cutter (guillotine type); Mark Lindner—carriage lamp (candle type); Mr. L. Spiekman—masonry from "Loma-Loma" (1886); Mr. Storey (Yackandandah)—base of gold stamper battery from "Homeward Bound" mine), stirrup-iron and leather for side-saddle; Mrs. Hazelwood—sheep-shed batten cleaner; Mrs. E. Kendall (Henty)—photo of old Albury Hospital; Mrs. R. A. Merryful—sampler (stitched by Elizabeth Short, aged 10, in 1827); D. Sinclair (per Miss L. Staton)—horse-stall tether with wooden ball used at "Burra" Station; Mrs. Esler (Thurgoona)—meat chopper, two-pronged garden hoe, flat-iron, muzzle-loading gun (estate Mr. Knobel), cream separator, steelyard, schthe, horse-works, single-furrow plough; Mr. Delany—Adams's Family Bible (1840); Mrs. C. Thompson—hopples (all iron); Mr. Jack Skinner—early model tractor; Mrs. Eaton—coachmaker's wheel holder; Miss P. Kendall (Western Australia)—child's christening frock (1860's).

Dates to Remember

Our usual meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, when we expect to again have with us interesting and informative speakers on many subjects.

MONDAY, MARCH 11.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m., when we will travel to the Kimberleys and Alice Springs, with a talk and slides by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood. All welcome.

MARCH 8 TO 11.—The second Victorian Wine Festival at Rutherglen.

MARCH 16 TO 18.—Three-day Exhibition of Australiana at Wangaratta, by North-Eastern Historical Society in conjunction with Wangaratta Arts Festival.

Obituary

By the death of Mrs. D. Bryan the Society has lost one of its ardent supporters. Like her husband and son, Mr. Allan Bryan, the deceased was a foundation member, as also were other members of the well-known Allan family of Albury. The Society extends its sincere sympathy to Mr. Bryan and all relatives in their sad loss.

100 YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* for March, 1868)

THE MURRAY STEAMERS.—We now have thirteen fine steamboats on this river of 1209 registered tonnage, ready to begin operations directly the water rises. There are also six barges on the river. The *Lady Darling* burnt last season will be ready to resume her duties by the opening of the next season, and as good as ever.

FREE SELECTION.—During March the following selections were taken out at Albury Land Office: C. F. Mitchell, 137 acres at Huon; Edward Barnes (of Kilmore), 68 a. at Woomargama; Wm. Hendy (Collingwood), 40 a. at Bungowannah; Charles Roberts, 156½ a. at Jinderra; Mr. Roberts, 191½ a. at Jinderra; James McCormack, 320 a. County Selwyn; Graham Arthur Herbert Macdonald, 280 a. at Welaregang; Sarah Olive Janie Macdonald, 280 a.

The Pastoral Times (Deniliquin) says: During the last week in February and the first in March, 2,464 acres of land were taken up in the neighbourhood of Albury. We commend the judgment of the selectors. The land around Albury is four times, at least, as productive as any in the salt-bush country.

EMIGRANTS.—A great many German emigrants are expected at Albury in April by the steamer *Pearl*, from South Australia.

SICKNESS.—The mortality in the Albury district has become so heavy as to be quite alarming. Scarcely a day passes without a funeral. Gastric fever and low fever are raging in our midst, both of the most virulent type, and young and old are bowing before it. This may partly be attributed to effluvia arising from the foetid swamps and waterholes that surround us, but we expect that bad drainage, the drinking of sour wine, and, alas, the eating of unripe or decaying fruit have much to do with it.

ALBURY HOSPITAL.—The Albury Hospital is said to be inconveniently full, its patients numbering 21, which greatly exceeds the average number of inmates at one time.



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March General Meeting

After the initial Committee Meeting for the year 1968, on Monday, February 26, the first of the regular monthly meetings of the A.D.H.S. was held on Monday, March 11, in the Town Hall.

Mr. C. C. Hazelwood gave a talk, illustrated with colour slides, which ranged from Wyndham to Yampi Sound and Derby, and home through Central Australia.

The North-west of our land is becoming increasingly important. We saw the extremely rough terrain of much of the Kimberley country, where new "beef-roads" and the further development of the Ord River scheme will give greater stability to the cattle industry there, where the towns, Wyndham and Derby, with their large meat-works are increasing in size and prosperity.

Examples of the work of William Ricketts at "Pitch & Rutch", at Alice Springs, and interesting pictures of Ayers Rock and the Olga were shown. As our Minute Secretary has climbed the famous "Rock", we feel a proprietary interest in it! A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Miss Lucy Staton.

Museum Admission Fee

We remind members and friends that the Folk Museum is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. It was decided at our last meeting that we must fall into line with other similar museums and charge for admission. From April 8th, 1968, admission charges will be: adults, 20 cents; children (8 to 15 years), 5 cents.

Museum Roster

It was also decided to ask, through *The Bulletin*, more members to make themselves available for roster. This duty falls heavily if only a few people will take it. Transport will be arranged for those without it, if possible.

You may like to take a friend, who is not a member, or go at first with someone already experienced. You will find it an interesting and pleasant afternoon. Contact members of Committee regarding this matter, stating, if possible, day most suitable to you.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for 1968 are due and may be sent to the Secretary, Miss C. Klinge, 744 Pemberton Street, Albury, or to the Treasurer, Mr. W. Fielder, P.O. Box 223, Albury 2640. Annual subscription is \$1, life membership \$15.

Gifts

Since last issue of *The Bulletin*, the Society appreciates having received gifts from the following:—Mr. J. J. Wright: Booklet, *Australians in Action—Story of Gallipoli Landing*, 1915; *Commonwealth School Papers*, 1915. Miss Seymour (per Miss Staton): Booklet, *Life of Edward VIII; The Father of His People, King George V; Sunday Gazette*. Miss Monica Starke (Malvern): Gentleman's velvet-lined leather top-hat box; glove stretcher. Mrs. C. Hazelwood: Sample hand-embroidered material for lady's underwear (1890). Mr. W. Cardwell: Mortising axe and rabbit-trap setter. Mr. Pattison: Mower-blade grinder, two types wax match boxes (tin), small silver-plated box with double lid, wooden roll-top desk-type double inkstand, small sickle. Mr. C. Hazelwood: Aboriginal hand-axe. Mr. and Mrs. M. Miles: Honey extractor. Mr. L. H. Martin: Plaque depicting John Irvine Hunter, M.D., Ch.M., Challis Professor of Anatomy. (These plaques were issued by Sydney University to honour this brilliant young Australian, who died at the age of 26. He was associated with Albury through relatives and friends here. The Society is indebted to Mr. John Lloyd for the restoration of this plaque.)

New Members

The Society welcomes the following new members: Miss H. M. Wittmann (Lavington), Miss C. Klinge, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Moir (Wodonga), Mr. C. G. Karr (Kensington) and Master Mark Lindner.

This Month's Speaker

At our next meeting, on 8th April, we will hear and see more of "the world around us" in an illustrated talk by Mr. J. J. Wright on "South America and the Ancient Civilizations of Peru". Few of us can hope to see these lands ourselves and the personal account from Mr. Wright's own travels should make this a lecture not to be missed.

Notes on Some Early Albury Commercial History (before 1900)

Mate's Ltd.: General merchants and licensed radio dealers; established 1850.

Mr. George Hunter established "The Dependable Store" in 1870, and sold in 1906 to Messrs. J. W. Hunter and George B. Stelling, who carried on to modern times.

John Burrows: Flour millers and grain merchants, Albury and Chiltern; established 1860. In 1870 acquired the Hume Mills, Dean Street, and later erected the Hume Flour Mills on their present site.

Eustace and McCulloch: Saddlers and harness-makers, 640 Dean Street, established in 1874 and carried on for 45 years by their predecessor, Mr. William Davidson, with whom they were for upwards of 20 years.

In 1875, J. B. Hilton began business as a general plumber, but in 1919, when sewer mains were in readiness for connection, Mr. W. Bullivant joined Mr. Hilton and the firm became J. B. Hilton and W. Bullivant, sewerage contractors, Albury; and they connected the first house in the town with the sewer.

C. Reis and Co.: Wilson Street, wholesale produce merchants, established since 1876.

E. E. Ellis: Federal Coach Factory, 452 Townsend Street; established 1876. Coach-building and general blacksmith was latterly conducted by D. J. Barry.

Arthur G. Colquhoun & Co.: Dean Street; established in 1880, the auctioneer and land agent business still "going strong" today.

C. R. Morrison: 540 Olive Street, "Ideal Boot Warehouse". Founded the business in 1890 and later his son joined the firm.

Fred. Blacklock's motor garage, engineering works and cycle depot began as a cycle shop in 1892. He was the first to import a Minerva car in N.S.W., as far back as 1905.

J. Blackie: Chemist and druggist, Albury, 1894.

Thomas Chubb: Beehive Corner, Albury, founded leather and canvas goods manufacturing business in 1895.

S. M. Abikhair: 554 Olive Street, 1896. Drapery and general outfitter.

E. S. Quinn: "Rapid" boot-repair factory, 451 Kiewa Street, was established in 1897 by Mr. Quinn, father of the last owner, who took charge in 1912. Shoe-repair machinery costing £1000 was later installed and this business, also, continued until latterly.

100 YEARS AGO

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FREE SELECTION.—The following selections were taken out at the Albury Land Office during the month: Joseph Crowes, 320 acres at Welaregang; Chas. Hall, 140 a. parish of Hovell; Francis Corrigan, 40 a. at Yambla; Henry Workman, 81¼ a. at Jindera; Nicholas Keogh, 74 a. at Yambla; Wm. Funk, 163¾ a. at Jindera; Edmund Arbon Martin, 320 a. at Corowa; Martha Palmer, 50 a. at Bungowannah; Charles Hynes, 104¼ a. at Jindera; Samuel Watson, 259 a. at Gerogery; Alex. Strachan, 120 a. at Talmalmo; Johann Kilo, 114¼ a. at Gerogery; Johann Salzke, 92¼ a. at Gerogery; Martin Kertzno, 182½ a. at Gerogery; Friedrich Pumpa, 93½ a. at Gerogery; David Kelton, 97 a. at Moorwatha; Andrew Moss, 40 a. at Carabobala; William Smith, jun., 40 a. at Huon; Ernest Suten, 40 a. at Huon; John Brown, 75 a. at Corowa; J. E. Rierdel, 40 a. at Jindera; Carl Singe, 40 a. at Jindera; Henry Armstrong, 200 a. at Talmalmo; George McLeod, 120 a. at Talmalmo; Baker Vincent, 40 a. at Wagra; David Smith, 46¼ a. at Huon; Patrick Byrnes, 40 a. at Carabobala.

MEETING AT GEROCERY.—We beg to draw the attention of our readers residing at and near Gerogery to the meeting which is to take place next Monday at the residence of E. Mitchell, Esq., "Ellerslie", for the purpose of petitioning the authorities for establishing a once-a-week mail between Albury, Gerogery, and Piney Range. During the past two years the population between Albury and Gerogery has increased considerably, and it is a great inconvenience to settlers to have to send special messengers for their letters.

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The new building for the Telegraph Station is now so far completed that the contractors expect to hand it over in a day or two. The office accommodation will be a great improvement on the old make-shift building and the design of the new place should prove of greater convenience to the public.

ESCAPE OF A PRISONER.—One of the prisoners in the Albury Gaol, finding the restraints of the institution rather irksome, managed to get out the other day, and has since been living in such seclusion that the most earnest inquiries of the police have failed to find out where the fox is earthed. The man had nearly served his time, and was employed in the kitchen of the gaol at the time he escaped.

SALES.—Mr. S. C. V. North, commission agent, reports the sale of Mrs. Hudson's farm of 46 acres at £166, to Mr. Otto Mutch. The farming implements realised well. The Imperial Hotel, in Townsend Street, was sold to Mrs. Kilfoil for £1800.

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Editorial

Do we ever stop to think that most of the great changes and amenities we now enjoy came to us during the last fifty years? Indeed, those of us who went to school just before 1920 were taught particle physics in the class-room. So imagine the thrill when we realized a little later how shattering were Einstein's theories.

The earliest cars were shod with almost solid tyres and it was a great day when the first "balloon tyres" appeared. From time to time we were treated with hazardous and uncertain demonstration flights by visiting pioneer airmen of the day; then Kingsford-Smith flew over in his then up-to-the-minute "Southern Cross", preparing the way for the present-day plane—if not the jet liner.

We well remember the dim gas-light in the homes and at the intersections of a number of streets—lit each evening by a man on a bicycle! What a joy when these were replaced by electricity, bringing in its train heating, refrigeration, washing machines, electric stoves, radio and television—not to mention computers and the like. And so it goes on.

This is one of the reasons why Historical Societies and Folk Museums have sprung up all over the country. All moments in time make history; so, for our records, let us make a point of collecting all the interesting relics we can lay our hands on, as well as written histories of families, institutions and businesses which have contributed to the making of the City of Albury. There is nothing so interesting as family histories, biographies and documents of bygone days.

Does anyone recall the Town Crier who used to walk up the middle of Dean Street, ringing his bell and announcing in a sonorous voice sale advertisements, etc.? From the timbre of the bell it would appear that it is the one recently presented to the Society by Mrs. A. Jewell as having been the dinner-bell at the old Turk's Head Hotel. Incidentally, traffic in Dean Street in those days was what one might term "thin".

April Meeting

Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (President) presided. It was decided to open the Folk Museum on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons of each week, the entrance fee to be 20c. for adults and 5c. for children over eight years. This change was considered necessary to keep the Society's finances at a working level.

Last Month's Speaker

Following the Monthly Meeting, Mr. J. J. Wright gave an interesting talk to introduce two films which he had taken on a trip through South America. From Rio de Janeiro and San Paulo in Brazil he went to Buenos Aires in Argentina, thence to La Paz and Sucre in Bolivia, Lima and Iquitos in Peru, Bogata in Colombia and on to Panama.

The highlights of the trip were the Iguape Falls in Southern Brazil, the Spanish architectural influence in the cities, relics of the Inca civilization (especially the lost city of Suere), the navigable headwaters of the Amazon, the primitive river-people and the rich lands in that area, modern trends where they were least expected and the many well-cared-for children.

This Month's Speaker

Guest speaker for our May meeting will be Mr. Lloyd Lange, who will give an illustrated address on his recent visit to North-west Australia. The meeting will take place in the Town Hall on 13th instant, beginning at 8 p.m. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings.

Gifts Received

The Society thankfully acknowledges gifts of historical value received from the following members and friends: Mrs. J. Roper (Tawonga)—account of the life and work of pioneer John Roper, a family-tree, brief history of Tawonga, pictorial plan of Albury; Miss O. Crisp—photograph of old brewery; Mrs. J. Myers—breech-loading gun of early make; Mr. G. Rosborough—brass bullet-mould; Mr. S. Heppner—water-powered turbine (used by Albury dentist in former times); Miss D. McEachern—E.P.N.S. dinner cruet with set of cut-glass containers; Mrs. L. Daniell (Swan Hill)—newspaper articles on early settlement of the Mallee; Mrs. E. Maxwell—book, *Several Discourses Preached at the Temple Church*, by Thos. Sherlock (1759); Capt. P. H. Heywood—literature on Boy Scout movement and National Defence; Mr. Barraclough (Wirlinga)—butter churn, self-setting rabbit trap, photographs of rural scenes; Mr. J. Lewry—model of timber-jinker made from wood of one of Albury's first elm-trees; Mrs. M. Perry (Balldale)—cash donation.

A further list of gifts received will appear in next month's issue of *The Bulletin*.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, MAY 13.—General Meeting in the Town Hall, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. Lloyd Lange.

SUNDAY, MAY 19.—Field-day at Castlemaine, Victoria.

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

Overdue Subscriptions

Our records show that a number of members have overlooked renewing their annual subscriptions, which fell due in January. In order that the Society's books may be kept up to date, members in arrears are kindly requested to forward payment of \$1.00 at their earliest convenience.

Castlemaine to Celebrate

Combining their efforts, the Castlemaine Art Society and Historical Society have arranged a field-day to be held on Sunday, May 19. Purpose of the gathering is to make it possible for Victorian and border Historical Societies to visit some of the more important sites of Castlemaine and district—one of the oldest mining areas in the State. The Art Gallery and Historical Museum building itself is of much interest architecturally and houses a fine collection of Australian paintings as well as relics of Castlemaine's past. It is planned to begin the day by welcoming the visitors at the Art Gallery at 10.30 o'clock and afterwards to make a tour of the old town and surrounding areas.

Groups intent on visiting Castlemaine for this occasion are requested to communicate with Mr. D. Green by 13th inst., his address being: 54 Urquhart St., Castlemaine, Victoria 3450.

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MURRAY COD WANTED IN FRANCE.—The Imperial Acclimatisation Society of France is very desirous of introducing the Murray codfish into France, and Mr. Ramel has promised to defray the expenses attendant upon the experiment. The Council of Acclimatisation in Melbourne directed their secretary to afford any assistance possible in making the attempt to transport the fish to Europe.

RIVER CARRIAGE.—Messrs. Smith and Banks, owners of the steamers *Jane Eliza* and *Wangaratta*, advertise that they will be prepared to make contracts for the conveyance of wool and stores, at greatly reduced rates, during the coming season; and that as soon as the promised reduction in the Victorian railway charges is officially announced they will give quotations. They are now erecting a large wool store and wharf at Corowa, with covered accommodation for 3000 bales.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The undermentioned selections of land were made at the Albury Land Office during the month of May: Robert McGorman, 50 acres at Goombargana; Gottlieb Zeppei, 50 a., Gerogery; Richard Leahy, 105 a., Morebringer; Thomas Ryan, 99 a., Howlong; Robert Burrow, 320 a., Hovell; Thomas Burrow, 320 a., Hovell; Charles Cottrell, 90 a., Albury; Caroline Barns, 40 a., Bungowannah; Alexander Ross, 279 a., Back Creek; James Ross, 80 a., Cookendina; William H. Rowe, 320 a., Moorwatha; Roderick Rowe, 320 a., Moorwatha; William Rowe, 320 a., Moorwatha; Robert Mott, 50 a., Ten Mile Creek; Arthur Dight, 40 a., Bungowannah; Thomas Clydesdale, 320 a., Ten Mile Creek; Michael Corcoran, 100 a., Germantown; John Dunn, 80 a., Dora Dora; Margaret Dunn, 50 a., Moorwatha; Archibald Moffatt, 160 a., Hovell; John Hall, 60 a., Hovell; John E. Mahon, 300 a., Greg Greg; William Parker, 40 a., parish of Mitchell; Alexander Strachan (of Copabella), 40 a. at Talmalmo.

RIVER FREIGHT.—It is stated that there will be more wool to be brought down by the River Murray steamers during the coming navigation season than ever was the case before.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The population of New South Wales was 449,926 on 31st December last.

Mr. Hargreaves has left N.S.W. for Melbourne to place his claims before Parliament in connection with the discovery of gold in Victoria.

The will of the late Mr. C. H. Ebdon has been proved—£100,000 in England and £35,000 in the colonies.

WODONGA COMMON SCHOOL.—It is satisfying to note that the attendance at this school has notably increased under the management of the present teacher, Mr. Brown. There are now 100 scholars on the roll, and the daily average reaches as high as 70, which is a very fair result for a small place like Wodonga. Some of the children come considerable distances to attend the school.

FLOUR-MILLING.—Mr. Christian Wunch, late of the "Fanny Ceres" Mill (Albury), notifies the public that he has leased the Wodonga Mills, formerly in the occupation of Mr. W. Wise.

Mr. W. T. Pyke announces that he will shortly re-open the Albury old flour-mill, where he intends putting the machinery in thorough repair. Until such is effected, he will be prepared to purchase and receive wheat, and give flour in exchange. The purchasing price of wheat from farmers is 6s. 6d. to 6s. 9d., and the charge for gristing is shilling per bushel. Best silk-dressed flour is quoted at £18 per ton.

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An Exhibition to Remember

Seldom has the district been so privileged as on Sunday, 28th April, when the Kiewa Valley Division of the North-Eastern Victorian Historical Society staged at Dederang Hall a memorable display of local antiques. Miss Ferrier, of the National Trust of Victoria, opened the exhibition, which she declared as one of the finest of its kind she had ever seen.

The four walls of the rather large hall were literally crammed with the most interesting and well-preserved relics—valuable silver, old books, early glass and china, writing cabinets and dozens of other rarities, often of most exquisite workmanship.

The highlight of the afternoon was a mannequin parade of frocks loaned by Mesdames E. Harkin, K. D. Watson and J. McKenzie-McHarg.

May Meeting

Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (President) presided over a well-attended meeting. He announced that the fiftieth anniversary of the commencement of the Hume Weir would take place in 1969, and it is proposed that the Governments of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia will co-operate with local interests to suitably mark the occasion.

Last Month's Speaker

Mr. Lloyd Lange, of the local Liberal Party, gave the monthly address. He outlined a trip he had taken by air last year with a Parliamentary party who visited the West Australian mining and other projects which have of late been promoted by that State. Accompanying the talk, Mr. Lange showed a number of excellent films to demonstrate the progress in mining, fisheries and potash ventures as well as the Ord River scheme.

MEMBERS — 1968

(* Indicates Life Member)

- *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. (Brisbane)
- Barnes, Miss E.
- 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.
- 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, George
- Carter, Mrs. G.
- Chamber of Commerce
- *Chambers, W. H. (Bungo-
wannah)
- Charles, Mrs. A. B.
- Clark, A. Z. (Jindera)
- Clark, Mrs. A. Z. (Jindera)
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- Crooke, J. D. (Gundowring)
- Dolphin, Mrs. M. A.
- Douglas, N. C.
- Doran, Tom (Wirlinga)
- Edwards, R.
- 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)
- 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)
- Jindera Historical Society
- Karr, C. G. (Kensington)
- Klemke, D. (Walla Walla)
- Klinge, Miss C.
- Kroeber, Miss S.
- Laycock, Mrs. C. F. (Killara)
- Lindner, Mark
- 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, Vic.)
- Moir, K. R. (Wodonga)
- Moir, Mrs. K. R. (Wodonga)
- *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. (Tamworth)
- Padman, D. G.
- Paech, Mrs. E. A.
- Patman, Mrs. M.
- Perry, Mrs. M. (Balldale)
- Phillips, P. J. (Wirlinga)
- 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
- Schilg, Otto
- Schilg, Mrs. O.
- *Schneider, Mrs. H.
- *Siems, Mrs. R. A. (Gerogery)
- Smith, R. A.
- Smith, Mrs. R. A.

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

Next Meeting at C.W.A. Rooms

Because of a pressing need for room at the Town Hall, our Society has been notified that its usual meeting-place in that building can no longer be made available. Fortunately, however, it has been possible to make arrangements for the coming General Meeting (10th inst.) to be held at the C.W.A. Hall.

Gifts Received

Donations of museum items for which the Society is most grateful have come from the following people: Mr. D. Hulme (Holbrook)—wall-lamp; Mrs. Thomas (Wirlinga)—table model sewing-machine; Mr. E. G. Beer (Jingellic)—carbide cycle-lamp; estate late R. E. Smith (Walla Walla)—sulky dust-rug, salt cellar and spoon, large kitchen-spoon; Mr. P. Phillips (Wirlinga)—chaff-bag ring; Capt. P. Heywood (Hawksview)—heavy hay-knife; Mr. R. A. Smith (Albury)—model of fence slip-rail; Miss Helen Barraclough (Wirlinga)—“Mrs. Potts” flat-iron; and for our archives, from Mr. O. Schilg—a copy of his brief history of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Burrumbuttock.

This Month's Speaker

Guest speaker at our next General Meeting will be Mr. Athol Emmerton, whose talk will be in the form of reminiscences of his sojourn in the Northern Territory. Date and place of the meeting is Monday, 10th June, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Hall; and visitors will be welcome.

Unpaid Subscriptions

The months slip by—and still on our roll of members are the names of some who have overlooked the matter of renewing their annual membership. As the yearly fee of \$1.00 became payable last January, we trust that those in arrears will let us hear from them by this month-end.

Dates to Remember

MONDAY, JUNE 10.—General Meeting at the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. Athol Emmerton.

MONDAY JUNE 24.—Committee Meeting, at the residence of Miss Lucy Staton, 741 Pemberton Street.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* for June 1868)

OVENS GOLD ESCORT.—The gold taken from the Ovens to Melbourne by escort during the month of May amounts to 8,944 oz. 15 dw. 18 gr.

OPENING OF NAVIGATION.—The steamer *Cumberoona* has lost no time in taking advantage of the rise in the river after the recent rains. Early on Thursday morning (25th) she steamed away from her moorings, and is in all probability now down at Echuca, loading up with return cargo for Albury.

SALE OF LATE DR. MACKAY'S ESTATE.—At the sale of this property, the farming properties at Tarrawingee realised from £2 5s. to £5 per acre. The farms at Everton were knocked down at an average of 25s. per acre, those at Wangaratta realising the same. The Wangaratta Steam Flour Mills were purchased by Messrs. Graham and Wilson, of Beechworth and Oxley, for the sum of £2000.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The undermentioned selections of land were made at the Albury Land Office during the month of May: John Keighran (of Albury), 40½ acres at Jindera; James Plunkett, 161½ a. at Wyndham; Richard Higman, 40 a. at Bungowannah; Andrew Lawrence, 177¼ a. at Baraja; John Burke (of Albury), 40 a. at Mullengandra; John Broderick, two selections each of 40 a. in parish of Albury; George Haddrill, 117½ a. at Jindera; Richard Pankhurst, 101 a. at Wyndham; John Shepard, 50 a. at Bungowannah and 50 a. at Moorwatha; Christian Neidoch, 40 a. at Jindera; John Ross (late of Adelaide), 226 a. 6 r. at Cookendina; Thomas Murphy, 200 a. and 120 a. at Morebringer; Robert Levers, 80 a. at Goombargana; Lawrence Doyle, 40 a. at Goombargana; Thomas Wait (of Adelaide), two selections of 40 a. each at Moorwatha; James Lord, 60 a. at Germantown; Charles Wordsworth, 40 a. at Maracket; James Mahon, 160 a. Tumbarumba Creek; Patrick Murphy (of Piney Creek), 100 a. near Murphy's Water-hole; James Fanning, 100 a. at Moorwatha; William Ellis, 60 a. at Bungowannah; W. J. Pierce (of Welaregang), 300 a. at Greg Greg; Frederick P. Smithwick (Jingellick), 160 a. in parish of Jingellick; Anne Jane Crawford, 130¼ a. at Bungowannah; George Gain (Bowna), 440 a. at Wagga Creek.

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Last Month's Speaker

Our General Meeting for June was held on Monday 10th at the C.W.A. rooms, when we were privileged to indeed have the pages of Australian history turned back by our guest speaker, Mr. Athol Emmerton. Through his residence in Darwin and the North, and his deep interest and opportunity for close association with the past and present of places and people—we “saw” Darwin in its earlier days, its growth to the war years, and the bombing that brought war for the first time on to Australia's shores.

We actually heard, by a recording, the voice of Vic Hall, who, a member of the Northern Territory Police in those difficult times, is known to us through his books *Dream-time Justice* and *Namatjira of the Aranda*. Mr. Emmerton, with personal knowledge of the aboriginal people and their customs, enhanced the interest of the valuable collection of artifacts and articles of religious significance to the tribes, he had brought to show us.

Other facets of his address touched on the early pedal-wireless days of the Flying Doctor Service, the Aranda Art Movement, with some lovely examples of Centralian painting, and his association with artist Rex Battarbee.

Finally, a quite fascinating and certainly enlightening account of the scope and coverage over so much of the continent of the A.B.C. itself, he having been 22 years “within its toils”, and being our present A.B.C. Regional Officer.

Future Meetings on Tuesdays at C.W.A. Rooms

The City Council having notified us that no meeting-room is available at the Town Hall, the Society has been fortunate to be able to arrange for its regular monthly meetings throughout the year to be held at the C.W.A. Rooms, in Kiewa Street, but instead of the second Monday as in the past, meetings will be held on the SECOND TUESDAY.

This Month's Speaker

Guest speaker for the July meeting, Tuesday 9th at 8 p.m., will be Mr. Alan Mitchell, whose subject will be "Burnley College and Early Horticultural History", illustrated with colour slides. As usual, visitors will be welcome.

Notice of Motion

A Notice of Motion from the Executive recommends that By-Law 5 of the Society's Constitution be altered to read as follows—

"5A. The officers of the Society to be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be: President, two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Minute Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Committee of six (with power to add), Research Officer, Publicity Officer, Auditor. The retiring President to automatically become Senior Vice-President, but in the event of the President continuing in that office, a Senior Vice-President to be elected. The management of the Society to be vested in an executive body consisting of members of the Committee together with the President, Senior Vice-President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Minute Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officer.

"5B. Nominations for officers of the Society to be in the hands of the Committee fifteen days before the Annual General Meeting."

The Committee has passed this and asks for its ratification.

Acquisitions

Again the Society is happy to acknowledge gifts, as under, both for Museum display and to hold for safe-keeping till display space become available, and for the Archives section, which is so important a part of an Historical Society's objective, *i.e.*, letters, papers, photographs, magazines, official records and personal memoirs, which should have a special room for storage and safe-keeping.

Would anyone having old photos or post cards, no matter how faded, that might have historical interest, please ring 21-2807, any committee member, or bring to meetings?

GIFTS RECEIVED.—From Mr. W. A. Cardwell—large preserving pan; M. Hazelwood—emu egg; Glen Boyd—Albury Pale Ale bottle; Mr. E. D. Lovelock—Martini-Henri rifle; Albury City Council—plaque from first street tree planted in Albury; Miss Helen Barraclough—unusual flat-iron stand; Mr. C. R. Fisher—iron hanger for cooking-utensils over open fire; Mrs. Ian Wallace (Kergunyah)—bound volume of *The Australasian*, July to September 1898; Mr. F. N. Edwards—Atwater Kent radio receiver and speaker (1927); Mrs. Dornan—photograph of early St. Matthew's Sunday School picnic group; estate late Mrs. Bennett-Caton—eight-volume *Dictionary of Gardening*, unusual hand-worked pillow-slip; Mrs. Furze—"Rutherglen Sun and Chiltern Advertiser, January 9, 1914, printed on silk; Mr. Foster (Fallon Street)—set *Australian Pictorial Atlas*; estate Wynyard Battye—book, *All Australia Memorial* (1st World War history); Mr. A. Sellars—typed memoir of Capt. Edward Montagu Battye.

Regional News from Royal Australian Historical Society

Bathurst.—Restoration of the old Government Cottage, George Street, is proceeding.

Carcoar.—Steady progress towards the establishment of a Museum is being made. The local newspaper is co-operating with the Society by publishing answers to research questions and a regular column of the Society's news.

Goulburn.—The Society is seeking the use of either the old Court House or offices within the present Court House soon to become vacant.

Mudgee.—The Society has bought a building for use as a Museum. It was originally a hotel and will have the old pub atmosphere preserved in some of the displays.

Hurstville.—A gratifying number of items of historical interest is being received by the Society, who will be pleased to hear from anyone willing to give or lend items.

Northern Territory.—Working-bees are busy renovating Holtze Cottage in the Botanical Gardens, Darwin, so that it can become a fitting place to house historical displays as a tourist attraction.

Bowling Begins in Albury

As bowling is so popular a pastime now, it is interesting to hear of its inauguration in Albury.

On the 17th February, 1905, a small band of enthusiasts met and steps were taken to establish the game. A piece of land was placed at the disposal of the club by the Municipal authorities, and a "green" in the Botanical Gardens was the result.

As the town progressed, so did the club, and two rinks were added, making six in all. As years passed, further expansion was wanted, also, that the club should own its own "green", and ground in Macauley Street was bought and nine rinks constructed.

The work was carried out by Mr. J. E. R. Fellowes, of the Municipal Council, and the official opening took place on 17th October, 1922.

In the same year, the Ovens and Murray Bowling Association was formed, including the following clubs: Albury, Beechworth, Corowa, Chiltern, Wangaratta and Rutherglen.

Albury Club succeeded in winning the premiership pennant in the series of home-and-home matches, in both 1923 and 1924.

The original green was not actually available for play till 1906, and Mr. T. H. Griffith was president in 1906-7 and 8.

P.S.—Where in the gardens was this green?

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* for July 1868)

RIVER NAVIGATION.—The *Cumberoona*, which started down the river last Thursday week, stuck fast near Mr. Dight's place. She was reported to be still aground at time of going to press.

The new barge lately built at Echuca for the owners of the *Cumberoona* steamer was successfully launched on Thursday, 3rd inst. She is named the *Howlong*, and is described as a beautifully-made decked boat of 85 tons burthen. Her cost is estimated to have been £532.

The new steamer *Corowa* arrived at Wahgunyah a few days ago under the command of Capt. George Pearce, late of the *Lady Daly*. She has sailed again for Echuca, taking down about 60 tons of wheat.

Later: Shortly before going to press we received a report that the *Corowa* had met with an accident on her return voyage down-river, and had gone to the bottom about nine miles below Corowa. She was laden with a cargo of wheat which had been shipped at Howlong. It is said that both steamer and cargo are insured.

FREE SELECTION.—During the month the following selections of land have been taken up at the Albury Land Office: Philip Sydney Watson (of Copabella), 60 acres at Talmalmo; Jeremiah O'Donovan, 40 a. in parish of Albury; Wm. John McCandlish, 120 a. at Morebringer; George Vagg, 75 a. at Jindera; Robert Callard (Adelaide), 100 a. at Yambla; W. J. Alexander, 50 a. at Corowa; George Haddrill, 98 a. Jindera; Gottfried Schneider, 125½ a. at Jindera; Wm. Jennings, 120 a. at Yambla; Thomas Swann, 40 a. at Bungowannah; Matilda E. Swann, 50 a., ditto; Rebecca E. Morton (Albury), two selections of 40 a., in parish of Huon; Jane G. Mahon, 100 a. at Tumbarumba Creek; James Mahon, 160 a., ditto; Wm. Ridley, two selections of 40 a. at Bungowannah; Gideon Scott (Adelaide), 320 a. on the Billabong; John Charles Whitty, 320 a. Mulwala; Joseph Edwards, 320 a. at Yambla; John Lester Roach (Ten Mile Ck.), 165 a. at Carabobala; John Heriot (Albury), 40 a. at Carabobala; David Drummond, 315 a. at Yambla; James Nagle, 60 a. at Corowa; Edward J. Smith, 320 a. at Taramiah.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Belmore, attended by Miss Gladstone and Captain Beresford, arrived in Albury last Saturday afternoon (July 11), and left on Wednesday morning, *en route* for other parts of the Riverina. The progress of His Excellency, from the time he left Sydney, has been marked by cordial receptions from the people of every town he has passed through, but we venture to say that in no part of the colony could it have been possible for him to have found a more hearty welcome than that with which he has been greeted at Albury.

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Interim Report — 9.7.1968

Since our last Annual General Meeting the following events have taken place.

On Friday, 15th December 1967, this Society's Folk Museum was opened by Mr. Gordon Mackie, M.L.A. The Mayor of Albury, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., expressed satisfaction with the steps taken at that time.

The Committee had done sterling work in preparing the Museum for the opening, but more attendants are necessary as it is falling too heavily on those who are willing and can attend on open days. Exhibits have come in well, and we are short of space to show them all. Your arranger of exhibits, Mr. J. Wright, has done an excellent job.

Up till Easter we only sold brochures at 10 cents each, but for the Easter holidays and since we have been charging admittance and it has improved our finance, and has enabled us to consider such undertakings as bringing the water-wheel from Tallandoon. We have not had definite news whether space will be allotted, but it looks as if this will be done.

After Christmas the Museum was opened every day of the holidays, this was repeated at Easter and the May school holidays. We have had school classes visit the Museum by special arrangement with me or Mrs. Hazelwood.

We still have no safe place for our Archives which is quite a big section and an important one, and we cannot show all the old photographs of interest owing to shortage of space.

As noted in *The Bulletin* we have had to vacate the usual meeting room in the Town Hall, and we are now meeting in the C.W.A. rooms. The Committee are meeting in private homes. The executive has held four meetings and attendance is as follows: — C. Hazelwood 4, J. Wright 4, Miss Klinge 4, Mrs. Schilg 4, Mrs. Hazelwood 4, O. Schilg 3, W. Fielder 3, N. Douglas 3, Miss Staton 2, Mrs. McDonald 2, Capt. Heywood 2, Mrs Charles 1.

The Museum has been open 121 days, sometimes both morning and afternoon. Attendances have been as follows, up till 30th June 1968: — Mrs. Hazelwood 32, C. Hazelwood 27, W. Fielder 21, J. Wright 16, O. Schilg 15, Miss Staton 7, Mrs. Fielder 6, Mrs. McDonald 6, N. Douglas 6, Capt. Heywood 5, Miss Barnes 4, Mrs. Heywood 4, Miss Klinge 3, J. Wells 2, Mrs. Henwood 1, J. Henwood 1, Martin Schilg 1. There are some who have not put their names in the book when there are two members in attendance, so there are no records.

To all these people the Society extends its thanks, and hopes they will carry on with the good work. Museum attendances were 2711 and approximate takings \$310.62.

—C. C. HAZELWOOD, *President*.

Reminders

The Notice of Motion as printed in the July issue of *The Bulletin* will come before the General Monthly Meeting in September.

New members are always welcome to join our Society and may be enrolled at any time. Yearly subscription is \$1.00 and life membership \$15.00.

Last Month's Speaker

The subject matter of Mr. Alan Mitchell's talk last month covered the establishment of Burnley Horticultural College, and traced its beginning as Gardens established in 1863 by the Horticultural Society of Victoria.

It is very interesting that as early as 1873 Burnley Gardens developed fruit export, and made a successful shipment of 25 tons to the Indian Colonial Exhibition; and 1,000 cases were successfully marketed in London. By 1874, the Society possessed the largest collection of fruit varieties outside Europe.

In 1891, the Victorian Government, with Alfred Deakin the Minister of Agriculture, assumed control of the Gardens and established "The Burnley School of Horticulture", with, by 1911, a two-year course with a "Certificate of Competency", and 439 were awarded to both male and female students, women having been admitted part-time in 1899.

In 1917, it became a "School of Primary Agriculture and Horticulture", and women became full-time students. In honour of a former Principal, and Director of the Botanic Gardens, the John Cronin Memorial Scholarship was established in 1929.

The present fine buildings were completed and occupied by 1949, and in 1958 the name of the school was changed to the present "Burnley Horticultural College", with a Diploma Course in Horticulture.

All this is horticultural history that influenced far more of Australia than Victoria alone, and its students took their trained abilities and interests into many spheres of life.

Among local people who have been Burnley trained are Mr. Barry Dangerfield, Mr and Mrs. Ned Griffiths, as well as Mr. Mitchell himself, who illustrated his address with his own colour slides.

Next General Meeting

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday the 13th at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street. Guest speaker will be Mr. J. J. Dallinger, who will take us on "A Tour of London and Environs", with pictures and commentary. Visitors are always welcome.

Gifts Acknowledged

The Society extends sincere thanks to the following persons for gifts received: Mr. C. C. Hazelwood—early district photo of horse-treadmill; Mr. John Lloyd—side-saddle; Mr. Harry Godson (Rosewater, S.A.)—enlarged photos of the river steamer *Albury*, Captain Johnson, cup presented to him, copy of testimonial letter to him; Captain P. Heywood—very early photo of Hume Weir construction, part of red-gum log obtained 20 feet down during excavations for Hume Weir wall; by courtesy Mrs. Anne Webster (Rand)—war diary of W.O. Norman Jarvis; Mrs. A. McAlister—booklet (wooden cover), *Flowers of the Holy Land*; Mrs. A. F. Drenen (Rutherglen)—issue of *The Sun*, 5.2.1909, containing district history; Mrs. J. R. Mitchell (Albury)—2-vol. set of *Victoria and Its Metropolis* (1888); Royal Australian Historical Society (Sydney)—book, *Local Historical Museums in Australia*; Mr. C. F. Laycock (Killara)—donation of \$5 towards cost of transporting the water-wheel. N.B.

Further Notes on Early Albury Commercial History

Colley Bros. Butchering Co. was established in Olive Street by E. H. Colley in 1878. G. M. Grant (established 1884), builder and contractor, electrical supplies, "The Observatory", 531 Kiewa Street. Robert Sharp, 594 Dean Street, "Cycle and Motor Emporium", opened this business 1895; agent for Harley-Davidson and B.S.A. motor cycles. Valentine Wooding (1899), 519-521 Dean Street; watchmaker and jeweller; for years was contractor to the Postal Department and had care of the turret clocks; he was one of the earliest members of the Optical Society.

Dates to Remember

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, SEPT. 28 AND 29.—Swan Hill Historical Convention. Arranged programme; own accommodation. If interested, contact Hon. Sec., Mr. W. McKenzie, 15 Marraboor Street, Swan Hill, Victoria.

AUGUST 16-18.—At Canberra, Seminar on Preservation of Urban Landscapes.

Reply to Query

Original Bowling Green was through park and round wood paving to western area where dahlia bed is.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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THE PRINCE'S TREE AT PARRAMATTA.—Some person at present unknown, has maliciously pulled up and cut to pieces the tree planted by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh in Parramatta Park. A reward has been offered for the apprehension of the miscreant.

THURGOONA PUBLIC SCHOOL.—Tenders are being called for the erection of a school-room and teacher's dwelling at Thurgoona, the plans and specifications of which may be seen at Mr. George Day's office, Albury. Tenders are invited also for the supply of furniture and apparatus for the said school.

RIVER STEAMBOATS.—The *Cumberoona* arrived at Albury on Saturday, and began discharging her cargo that day. She left on Monday afternoon for down the river, taking a cargo of wine and breadstuffs, and towing behind her the fine new barge *Howlong*, which has lately been built for her.

On Tuesday the *Pearl* arrived from South Australia, having been several months working her way up the river. She brought some agricultural machinery for German farmers in this neighbourhood and a small amount of cargo for Albury merchants.

STEAMBOAT FOR WAGGA.—The people of Wagga Wagga are jubilant at the recent arrival at the town of a steamer called the *J.H.P.*, bringing a "full cargo of thirty tons". No less cargo than twenty-five tons of flour is expected to be exported by the *J.H.P.* on her return voyage.

LAND SELECTIONS.—During August the following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office: F. J. Mitchell, 320 acres at Yambla; H. F. Mitchell, *ditto*; Florence Huon Mitchell, *ditto*; Henry McFadden, 320 a., Yambla; John Howard jun. (Adelaide), 320 a., Goombargana; Harry H. Howard, 100 a., *ditto*; William Howard, 320 a., *ditto*; David Taskis, 40 a., Mullengandra; Peter Dun, 40 a., North Piney Range; J. B. Crowe, 320 a., Forest Ck.; Samuel Barnes, 60 a., Corowa; Donald Dawson, 100 a., parish of Hume; Chas. Dawson, *ditto*; Jas. Sawyer, 50 a., Jindera; James F. Rigg, 40 a., Germantown; Geo. Reinhard, 107 a., Jindera; James Whyte, 80 a., parish Hovell; John Maxwell, 60 a., Goombargana; Wm. Jennings, 80 a., Yambla; Wm. Bunyan, 320 a., Cookendina; Michael Shea, 100 a., Burrumbuttock; T. Donohoe, 100 a., *ditto*; Walter Thompson, 154 a., Cookendina; J. Gibbs, 320 a., Corowa; John Alexander, 100 a., Goombargana; Johanne T Grosse, 40 a., Jindera; Chas. Rankin, 320 Billabong; Jas. Tynan, 50 a., Jindera; T. Dunleavy, 34 a., Huon; M. H. Whalan, 40 a., Carabobala; Joseph Hamilton, 61½ a., Mullengandra; John Dornan, 120 a., Howlong; John H. Bradshaw, 165 a., Bungowannah.

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Editorial

It is indeed interesting to meet the many parents and children who visit the Turk's Head Folk Museum during the school vacations and these September holidays are no exception. It would appear that the children, by their remarks, are more conscious of the changes in our living habits than the adults.

A comment by a Sydney visitor on the little publicity given to the river boats is significant. In actual fact, quite a deal has been done in this direction, and our research officer, Mr. W. W. Fielder, is in possession of a quantity of literature on the subject—literature which, when we have more space, can be displayed to advantage. Admittedly this is a very important part of our early history. Before the building of roads and to link Albury with the growing Riverina, this means of communication and transport was a very vital one even if traffic was only possible when the river to Albury was navigable. It is a pity so few Albury people have seen the submerged piles of the old river-boat wharf at the south of the sportsground. Before the functioning of irrigation from Hume Dam, these relics would appear each summer when the river was low.

The Society is in close touch with Mr. Harry Godson, of Rosewater (S.A.), a river-boat historian, who last year addressed the Albury members and has presented to the Society the interesting photographs of Captain G. B. Johnson, the steamer *Albury* and others, which are displayed on the Museum wall.

For the next few months at least the Editors of *The Bulletin* propose to give a short history of Albury's institutions as well as biographies of early personalities, and they would welcome contributions by members and others to add to the interest of readers.

Committee Meeting

The August Committee Meeting was held at the home of our Hon. Secretary, Miss C. Klinge.

Last Month's Speaker

After the well-attended monthly meeting, held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 13th August, and presided over by the President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, Mr. John Dallinger compered a most interesting set of slides which he had taken on a recent visit to London. Seldom is one privileged to view so many films of that great city, taken with such artistry and of unusual angles of the well-known landmarks. The Society is grateful to Mr. Dallinger.

This Month's Speaker

Mr. Dallinger has kindly consented to continue with a film night of a tour through Britain. Date and place of the meeting: Tuesday, 10th September, at the C.W.A. Rooms.

Gifts to the Society

During last month the Society was pleased to acknowledge gifts from Mr. Daniel, of Willow Tree (son of former resident Mr. A. G. Daniel), Mr. D. Hawkins, Mrs. Lenehan, Miss Vernon, and from Mr. Tom Doran the sum of \$10 as a contribution towards the expense of re-erecting the water-wheel.

Obituary

At the monthly meeting members stood in silence as a mark of respect to one of its foundation members, Mr. Joseph Buchhorn, who died recently.

We regret also to report the passing of a life member of the Society and a well-known Albury personality, Mrs. P. D. Burrows. Fellow-members extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. Burrows, who also holds a life membership.

Dates to Remember

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.—General Meeting at C.W.A. Rooms at 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Mr. J. Dallinger.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.—Committee Meeting at 8 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7.—Labour Day; Centenary celebrations at Jindera.

New Members

The Society is pleased to add the following names to its list of new members: Jindera Historical Society, Mr. Justice Nagle (Sydney), Dr. John McDonald, Messrs. A. G. Colquhoun and Co., Messrs. Belbridge, Hague and Co., Mr. J. H. Gilbert, Mr. J. W. Mamouny and Mrs. M. Ballhouse (Barooga).

A Hundred Years Ago

(Cleaned from issues of *The Albury Banner* for September 1868)

DELIVERY OF LETTERS.—A petition is being got up, asking the Postmaster-General to appoint a letter-carrier for this town. Such an appointment would certainly be a great convenience to a large number of residents in this scattered neighbourhood.

ALBURY WINES FOR WINDSOR CASTLE.—A choice selection of Albury wines was some time ago sent by Mr. Fallon as a present to her Majesty the Queen, Sir John Young having undertaken to present the wines to Her Majesty when he passed through Albury about 15 months ago. It is now reported that Her Majesty has received the present, and has expressed her approval of the wines.

BIRTH NOTICE.—The following announcement appears in the *S.M. Herald* of the 4th inst.: "On the 31st August, at her residence, Church Street, Parramatta, the wife of John Delaney, of a daughter; it is her 26th child; she is now in her 47th year. She is the eldest daughter of Timothy Elias Ballard, and a native of the above town."

OFF TO ALBURY.—A Blanchetown (S.A.) correspondent reports that £900 worth of agricultural implements for Germans about to start for Albury went from that port by the steamer *Queen*. The body of emigrants will shortly reach Blanchetown with their minister, and an affectionate leave-taking was expected to take place on the Murray banks.

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY.—A long debate has taken place in the Legislative Assembly at Adelaide with regard to the proposed settlements on the north of the continent. The House decided to give increased areas and to proceed with the survey without delay. Mr. Robertson has returned from Carpentaria. He gives a very satisfactory account of the new settlement there and states that there is a large quantity of wool waiting for a ship to England.

RIVER TRAFFIC.—The *Corowa*, under Captain A. B. Pierce, reached Albury on Tuesday evening from Echuca, bringing 94 tons of cargo, 80 tons being for Corowa and Wahgunyah and the balance for Albury. She left again next day, taking 60 tons of flour and 10 tons of bran and pollard. The *Cumberoona* (Capt. Mace) arrived here on Thursday with a general cargo. On her return trip she will take breadstuffs from Mr. Edmondson and wine from Mr. Fallon. The *Lady Daly* arrived on Wednesday from Goola (S.A.), her cargo including 50 tons of salt for T. H. Mate & Co., farming implements for German settlers and several passengers. Her back-loading comprised 100 tons of wheat for Mr. Edmondson.

BLACK SPANISH WHEAT is not liable to be attacked by rust. Some wheat of this kind is now at Sydney at the Botanical Gardens, and a small quantity of the seed has been given away to settlers on the Patterson River.

COTTON IN QUEENSLAND.—*The Queensland Times* says: Last cotton season has been considered the best that we have been favoured with, and it is expected that the approaching one will beat it by three to two.

PRIZE CUPS.—Two silver cups won by Mr. Thomas Field* at the show of the Murrumbidgee Pastoral Association in 1867 have lately been received by that competitor. The chasing and ornamentations of the cups are handsome and appropriate, and represent fern-trees and palms surrounding an embossed figure of a thoroughbred horse. Both cups were carried off by the same horse, Castlereagh—one prize having been awarded for the best thoroughbred stallion, and the other for the best colonial-bred stallion over three years of age.

* Our members Mr. A. J. Allan and his sisters are grandchildren of the abovementioned Mr. Thomas Field.

DECLARATION OF ROAD.—*The Gazette* announces that the line of parish road from the Sydney road to the Mungabareena ford, has been formally marked and opened for public use.

CHINESE HARVESTERS.—The Chinese on some of the Victorian gold-fields intend to send out organised parties for next harvest and shearing, to take work by contract from farmers and squatters. The returns which the Chinese get from the worn-out alluvial workings are so poor that much better wages could be made in the way of seasonal farm work.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following conditional purchases were taken up during the month at the Albury Land Office: Denis Byrne, 304 acres at Carabobala; Wm. Byrne, 170 a., Cookkindina; Edward Byrne, 313 a., Cookkindina; Michael Byrne, 319 a., Carabobala; Robt. Byrne, 220 a., Carabobala; Francis Holman, 60 a., Copabella; Thos. Nelson, 70 a., Cumberoona; Wm. Ansell, 40 a., Bungowannah; T. H. Lucas, 100½ a., Bungowannah; Mary Alice Kerby, 160 a., Forest Ck.; Geo. Petts, 40 a. Mullengandra; Geo. Matchett, 320 a. Morven; Thos. Matchett, 320 a., Morven; Richard Matchett, 320 a., Morven; Chas. Hynes, 100½ a. Jindera; H. F. Lovett, 40 a., Jindera; Jas. Petts, 80 a., Mullengandra; Fred. Dight, 306 a., Bungowannah; C. H. Dight, 200 a., Bungowannah; Eleanor Maria Stallworthy, 95 a., Gerogery; Wm. Murgrove, 40 a., Copabella; Laurence Doyle, 40 a., Goombargana; Jas. White, 80 a., Moorwatha; Margaret Menzies, 40 a., Welaregan; Eliz. Carey, 50 a., Howlong; B. Smith, 40 a., Mullengandra; Chas. Matthews, 40 a., Mullengandra; Patrick Kelly, 226 a., Gerogery; Arthur Dight, 70½ a., Bungowannah.

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Editorial

In this issue of *The Bulletin* we pay tribute to Thomas Hodges Mate, a notable pioneer who lived the greater part of his life in Albury and was the founder of Mate's Limited, as we know it today. As T. H. Mate & Co. this high-class general store remained for many years the best between the capitals.

T. H. Mate was born in Kent, England, on the 5th April 1810, and came to New South Wales at the age of 23, having met on the ship a Miss Bardwell whom he later married.

He only stayed in Sydney some 18 months and on the advice of friends he went into the interior in 1835. His first speculation in the bush was to purchase some sheep from Mr. Hannibal Macarthur, nephew of the famous John Macarthur. He travelled south with his flock, and settled down on the Tarcutta Creek. There were then no townships where Wagga and Gundagai now stand, and Yass was just taking shape.

Aborigines were plentiful, and reports of certain troubles further south prevented his then going further than Tarcutta, Blacks were numerous in his district also, some three or four hundred camping around him at the time—but with his fairness and firmness he succeeded in avoiding conflict with them and not a single person on the station was killed or molested over a period of 40 years.

In 1850, after about 15 years at Tarcutta, Mr. Mate decided to open a store at Albury when Albury consisted of a few huts. To this business he gave a great deal of attention while his sons looked after his landed interests, which eventually included Kulki, near Yanco, a Tumbarumba run and of course Brae Springs of 12,000 acres, in the Albury district.

In addition to personal and local interests and a family of three sons and five daughters, Mr. Mate for nine years

represented Hume in the Parliament of the day, contributing his good share of wise advice to the moulding of the country.

Mr. G. A. Thompson married Sophia Victoria, a daughter of T. H. Mate; both he and his son, Douglas Arthur Thompson, followed on in the directorship of the firm—Mr. Douglas Thompson until his death in 1950. The controlling interest of the firm was taken over by Burns Philp & Co. Ltd. in 1946.

Surviving descendants of T. H. Mate, still living in Albury, are Miss K. A. Thompson, Miss Anette Thompson and Mr. Alf Lennon.

Last Month's Meeting

Our last General Meeting was held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 10th September, when the President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, presided and welcomed the guest speaker of the evening, Mr. J. J. Dallinger, who continued a tour through Britain illustrated by a number of magnificent colour slides.

Committee Meeting

A meeting of office-bearers was held on Monday, 23rd September, at the home of Miss L. Staton. The committee put forward a satisfactory plan for the setting up of the Tallandoon water-wheel at the Turk's Head Museum, and made tentative arrangements for an excursion by bus in late October to Beechworth via Chiltern, Mt. Pilot aborigine caves and the adjoining koala reserve. Application for seats is to be finalized with the Secretary at next General Meeting, on Tuesday, 8th October.

The Colley Butchering Co.

The paragraph in an official City of Albury publication repeated in a recent copy of this *Bulletin* was referred to Mr. Will Colley, and the following interesting facts were supplied by him.

His father, Mr. E. H. Colley, had a butchering business in Gosford, but in 1915 bought one in Albury. It was then a co-operative concern, managed by a Mr. Sceery, and was located where Lloyd's in Olive Street is today. The following is a resume of a local family's commercial history in Albury.

Mr. Colley's three sons were then away at World War I—Ern in France, Roy and Will with the Light Horse in Egypt. Will was the first back, at the end of 1916; then Roy and Ern at the end of the war; and all three joined their father, and the business was carried through the family till about three years ago. After two or three years Will left to open a mens-wear shop, situated where Rockman's now is. It was known as "the Henry Bucks of the Bush", and carried on till 1938. Then Ern

took over a butcher's shop of his own where Alec Reid is now, on the corner of David and Guinea Streets.

When Mr. Colley senior decided to go to Melbourne—where he stayed till 1936—his son Roy then took over and carried on till 1938, when he retired, and Mr. Colley senior came back for six or seven months, but decided then he would sell out and retire. On Mr. Will Colley saying "What a pity to let the business go, after its long and successful family history", his father said "Well, why don't you take it?"

So the mens-wear shop was sold and Mr. Will Colley returned to "the Colley Butchering Co." again, and with the same business acumen developed in the mercery field, it grew under his management and went through the years of World War II and the difficulties of rationing without detriment. In the early 1950s he returned and his son Ken took the business, finally selling to Lloyds, so remaining a butcher's shop to the present day.

During early rebuilding operations to install more modern methods of refrigeration, old docket and receipt books dating back to about 1900 to 1903 were found. Think of this: 3 lbs. of sausages for 6d., 28 lbs. of corned meat for 2/-.

People visiting the Albury and District Historical Society's Folk Museum will see two old photographs of the Peace Day procession on 19th July 1919. In the lower one, Mr. Will Colley is the man on the bay horse leading the procession along Guinea Street on its way to the showgrounds. Note the rough road—no bitumen—and the clothes worn by people, particularly the women—no mini-skirts.

Dates to Remember

THURSDAY-MONDAY, OCTOBER 3-7.—Centenary celebrations at Jindera.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8.—General Meeting in C.W.A. Rooms, beginning 8 p.m. Guest speaker will be Mrs. A. L. Quiggin, who will give an account of her tour through the United States of America and Mexico, together with a showing of colour slides.

Gifts to the Society

The Society acknowledges with thanks gifts presented by Miss T. Costello—brochure of Albury, Anzac Book and souvenir issue of *Albury Daily News* (1919); Mr. W. Davidson—booklet, School of Instruction at Mungabareena; Mr. O. Abbott—framed photograph of Soden's Advance Hotel football team (1908).

Obituary

It is with regret we record the death of one of the Society's first members, Mr. George Carter, well known as proprietor of Soden's Hotel for many years. To Mrs. Carter (who also is a member) and other relatives we extend sincere sympathy.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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CARRIAGE OF WOOL.—At Echuca there are now over 3,000 bales of wool awaiting transit; there are no trucks to take them away. Three steamers and a barge are at the wharf waiting to unload. Teams are coming in rapidly and large numbers are on the way.

Advertisement—

JINDERA HOTEL.—George Willett (late of the Black Range) begs to inform the public that he has erected an Hotel at Jindera, and has much pleasure in inviting them to a *Free Ball and Supper*, this evening, October 10th, being the opening night. Supper on the table at Half-past seven. Dancing to commence immediately after.

ALBURY POLICE COURT.—At the Albury Police Court on 16th October, before Capt. Brownrigg, P.M., and S. C. V. North, Esq., J.P., Joseph Ormiston was charged with driving a horse and dray faster than a walking pace. Fined 5s. — James Murphy was charged with absenting himself from the hired service of his employer, Mr. J. H. Wood. Ordered to be mulcted in wages due.

NEW PRINTING MACHINE.—Trial is being made of a new printing press at *The Times* office (London), which is expected to transcend anything yet extant. The paper is made in an immense length, and delivered out from a roller. The machine is intended to print 46,000 sheets, or 23,000 perfect copies, per hour, which is a greater number than has yet been accomplished, and it also cuts the paper into sheets, folds them, and records the number printed.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following conditional purchases were made during the month at the Albury Land Office: Robert Hall, 80 acres at Tarramiah; Thos. Purtell, 262 a., Back Creek; J. M. Sebastian, 47½ a., parish Hovell; Patrick Higgins, 40 a., Huon; W. F. Hamilton, 320 a., Collendina; Thomas J. Gibson, 320 a., Burrumbuttock; Margaret Scott, 133 a., Billabong Ck.; Fanny B. Coward, 320 a., Billabong Ck.; Wm. M. Coward, 320 a., Billabong; Harriet A. Coward, 320 a., Billabong; Ferdinand Meurant, 308 a., Cookardinia; Martin Seymour, 229 a., Cumberoona; W. Burrows, 79¼ a., Moorwatha; Wm. Murray Crowe, 100 a., Welaregang; Joseph Smith, 145¼ a., parish Huon; John Burns and Henry Stirling Burns, 90 a., Jerra Jerra Ck.; Thos. Jones, 40 a., Carabobala; Medora Ellen Macdonald, 40 a., Welaregang; R. S. Macdonald, 320 a., Welaregang; Francis Weller, 200 a., Welaregang; Timothy Quirk, 73¾ a., parish Huon; Mathew Allison, 60 a. Quat Quatta; Thos., Dunlevy, 104 a., parish Hume; William Hore jun., 320 a., Dora Dora; Angus McDonold (of Albury), two selections each of 50 a. adjoining his present selection.

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Last Month's Meeting

At the Society's General Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, 8th October, at the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, our guest speaker was Mrs. A. Quiggin, who, with interesting colour slides and fascinating commentary, literally took us with her on her recent travels through Mexico and the United States. The coverage was too wide to comment adequately on here, but the impressions and descriptions, by a woman of our own city, were particularly enjoyable and revealing, especially as just now, with the Presidential election and colour troubles, U.S.A. is so much in the limelight.

Gifts

As always, the Society welcomes the opportunity to preserve anything of historical interest and thanks those who gave the following: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Worsley (Marble Bar, W.A.)—Aboriginal human-hair belt, wokabi or nulla nulla, Kimberley boomerang, desert boomerang and personal stick; Mrs. and Mrs. Maxwell—China ornament, old school-books, booklet *Where Australians Rest* and war publications, souvenirs of Pte. Charles James Diffey, old photos, framed war testimonial; Mrs. W. Delany—upholsterer's teasing machine; Mr. Ken Molyneux (Bendigo North)—gold-smelting crucible.

Committee Meeting

A well-attended Committee Meeting was held on the 28th October at the home of the President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, when business and plans of the Society were discussed.

Hovell Tree Ceremony

A date to remember is 3 p.m., FRIDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, when the Society sponsors the important gathering at the historic tree. Schools will take part and Thurgoona School the leading role. Citizens of Albury are invited to support with their attendance this tribute to the founding of Albury.

This Month's Speaker

Guest speaker for our next meeting on Tuesday, 12th inst., will be Mr. Lloyd Lange. Those who heard his previous talk will look forward to hearing of his latest Australian journeying, which includes Esperance and visits to Groote Island and Weipa. Again colour slides will illustrate the talk.

The guest speakers for the Society cover such variety of travel and experience, bringing it before those who could not travel themselves, it is a great pity that more of our members as well as the general public do not avail themselves of the opportunities offered. Visitors are always welcome.

Obituary

It is with much regret we record the passing of Mrs. Horace Stelling, who with Mr. Stelling became a member of the Society in its foundation year. All members join in extending sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Excursion

On Sunday, 20th October, a pleasant and successful bus excursion to Beechworth via Chiltern and Mt. Pilot with other points of interest en route, was conducted by the A.D.H.S. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Otto Schilg and included our being accompanied for part of the journey by Mr. Bruce Kirkwood, whose leadership and knowledge greatly contributed to the pleasure of the day.

Annual Meeting

Members are reminded that nominations for officers of the Society are to be in the hands of the Committee 15 days before the ANNUAL MEETING, which will be held on TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER, at the C.W.A. rooms, at 8 p.m., followed by a social evening and (members please note) SUPPER. A good attendance is hoped for this last meeting of the year, and intending members and visitors are invited.

Visit to Hawksview

Captain P. Heywood (Vice-President) and Mrs. Heywood have extended an invitation to the Society to visit their historic old home on the afternoon of Saturday, 30th November.

This excursion, for which transport will be arranged as required, is limited to financial members only, and further details will be given at the next General Meeting. But please notify the Secretary of your acceptance and possible need for transport. Please bring *food only*, for your afternoon tea. All other arrangements are being made.

Foord Family Records

The following short account of a district family also concerns the development of the district itself.

John Foord, of Wahgunyah, born in England in 1819, arrived in Sydney with his parents in 1827, and in 1839 when 20 years of age, came overland from Sydney with two companions, bringing workmen and stock.

Joseph Bould took up Boorhaman station on the Ovens; John Foord and J. Crisp settled at Wahgunyah on the southern bank of the Murray. In 1851 J. Foord became the sole owner of the station, and in 1856 had portion of his pre-emptive right surveyed as a township, and the following year disposed of his licence of the station.

Still owning a large area of land at Wahgunyah, he divided it into small holdings and assisted men to settle and grow wheat, thus being probably one of the first to carry out a closer settlement scheme in Victoria. He erected a large flour-mill, a substantial stone building on the bank of the river. This mill, later owned by the Wangaratta Milling Co., in 1859 paid 10/6 per bushel for wheat which rose to 14/- in 1861!

The first school on record at Wahgunyah was conducted by Mr. Stewart (a tutor to the Foord family) on the verandah of the Wahgunyah homestead; and in 1858 John Foord provided a school for the town at a cost of £258.

In 1859, he bought from the N.S.W. Government, 86 acres on the north of the Murray, opposite the town of Wahgunyah, had it surveyed, and laid out a township, naming it North Wahgunyah. This name was later changed to Corowa.

He was one of the promoters and the largest shareholder in the Wahgunyah Bridge Co., which built the first wooden bridge, opened in 1862, between the two townships. He was interested in river transport, and in 1865 the steamer *Wahgunyah* was built to his order on the river bank near the township. He also owned the steamer *Waradgery*, and both traded between Echuca and Albury.

Married in 1842 at St. James's Church, Melbourne, he died at Wahgunyah in February 1883, and was buried in Foord's private cemetery at Wahgunyah, where his father was buried in 1860.

His eldest son, Frederick, became captain on one of his father's river steamers and was the grandfather of a visitor to the Museum, seeking information about his death and burial place—

"Frederick Foord, River Captain, son of John Foord, the founder of Wahgunyah and Corowa, died at Netley Station, River Darling, 5-12-1878, and was buried at Netley Station, Menindie, by Undertaker A. McPherson, his medical attendant being Robert McGowan."

This finale to a slice of local and river history was forwarded by Mrs. Cornell, "with best wishes and good luck to the Historical Society in its efforts to keep our history alive and recognised."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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WAGGA WAGGA RACES.—The Ten-mile Race run at Wagga Wagga on Friday, 13th inst., resulted: Bowler's Australian, 5 yrs., 9.5, 1st; Grovener's Comet, 2nd; Bowen's Riverina, 3rd. Time 23 min. 35 sec.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.—It is notified in *The Gazette* that the Rev. Johannes Friedrich Gosling, German pastor at Jindera, has been registered for the celebration of marriages.

ALBURY CONVENT.—The building of the Convent has now been commenced, the foundations having been marked out this week. The architect is Mr. Gordon of Goulburn, but the works will be carried out under the personal supervision of the Rev. Dr. M'Alroy, who is himself an architect of no little experience.

TEN MILE CREEK.*—Our correspondent writes: Pabst's Hotel opened on Monday, 2nd November, when a grand dinner and ball was given by Host David to celebrate the occasion. Our School is now an established fact, having been opened on the 2nd inst., under the management of Mr. O'Donoghue. The average daily attendance has been twenty scholars.

*Holbrook.

Advertisement—

CHARLES STASSEN, General Storekeeper, opposite the Police Station, Wilson St., begs to announce to the public in general that he has determined to sell the Best Colonial Bluchers at 11s.; Wellington Boots, 14s.; Half-Wellingtons, 12s.; Colonial Tobacco, per lb. 2/6; Scythes, 7/6. Best Colonial Wine, per gal. 5/6. Groceries of all descriptions, Jewellery, &c., and Musical Instruments, at the cheapest rates, for cash. No credit!

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Annual Report of the Albury and District Historical Society

WE HAVE come to the end of yet another year. Life members numbered 23 and ordinary members 112,

We regret to record the deaths of valued members : Mrs. P. D. Burrows, Mrs. D. J. Bryan, Mrs. H. Stelling, Mr. J. Buchhorn, Mr. G. Carter and Miss K. McCormack (Brocklesby).

The past year has been one of progress. It will be a year on the 15th December when we opened our Folk Museum, and we have had 3779 visitors according to the visitors' book. We have had visitors from every State in the Commonwealth and from overseas, and there have been many complimentary remarks on the interest of our Museum. We have endeavoured to keep the Museum open three afternoons a week, and on public holidays, and every afternoon of the school holidays.

It has been a strain on the members who are willing to staff the Museum and have the means of getting to and from the institute. At the time of going to print we have opened on 207 days, sometimes twice a day. There have been visits of school classes, and parties by special appointment. The staffing attendances have been as follows : Mrs. C. Hazelwood 48, Mr. C. Hazelwood 43, Mr. W. Fielder 38, Mr. O. Schilg 29, Mr. J. Wright 23, Mrs. McDonald 19, Miss L. Staton 8, Capt. P. H. Heywood 8, Mr. J. Wells 7, Mrs. Heywood 6, Mr. N. Douglas 6, Mrs. W. Fielder 6, Mrs. Schilg 5, Miss Barnes 4, Mrs. Wells 4, Miss C. Klinge 3, Mrs. E. Henwood 2, Mr. J. Henwood 2, Mrs. R. Ellis 1, Martin Schilg 1.

During the year we have had a speaker for every general monthly meeting, and a wide range of interesting subjects have been covered; all the talks were illustrated with colour slides. The speakers were :— March: Mr. C. Hazelwood, "A Trip to Kununurra". April: Mr. J. J. Wright, "A Trip in South America". May: Mr. Lloyd Lange, "Mineral Resources of Western Australia". June: Mr. Athol Emmerton, "Some Experiences of an

A.B.C. District Officer". July: Mr. A. Mitchell, "Burnley Horticultural College". August: Mr. J. J. Dallinger, "Colour Slides of London". September: Mr. J. J. Dallinger, "Colour Slides of Britain". October: Mrs. A. L. Quiggin, "Mexico and the U.S.A". November: Mr. Lloyd Lange, "Mineral Resources of W.A., Groot Eylandt, and Queensland".

Material for our archives section has been steadily coming in, but as yet we have no permanent place for them. Gifts to the Museum have also come in well. We have not the space to show everything at once, but we still want more exhibits, so that we can change them from time to time.

We are in the process of setting-up an old water-wheel in the grounds behind the "Turk's Head". The Society extends its thanks to those enthusiastic members who have helped in the project.

This year we have had to vacate the meeting-room in the Town Hall, our meetings now being held here in the C.W.A. Hall. This has necessitated the alteration of the meeting-night from the second Monday to the second Tuesday of each month. Since the change to the C.W.A. Hall executive meetings have been held in private homes, and the Society thanks those members who have made their homes available.

Ten executive meetings have been held, attendances being as follows: Mr. C. Hazelwood 10, Mrs. C. Hazelwood 10, Mr. J. Wright 10, Miss C. Klinge 9, Mr. W. Fielder 9, Mr. O. Schilg 8, Mrs. O. Schilg 8, Mr. N. Douglas 8, Capt. P. H. Heywood 7, Mrs. Charles 6, Miss L. Staton 5, Mrs. McDonald 5.

In October we had a very enjoyable bus trip to Barnawatha, Chiltern, Mt. Pilot and Beechworth. Our thanks go to Mr. Schilg, who arranged the trip, and to Mr. Bruce Kirkwood, who picked up at Chiltern and acted as our guide at Chiltern to Mt. Pilot.

The Hovell Tree Ceremony was again a success, the Mayor of Albury, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., being the speaker for the day. We thank the pupils of the Thurgoona School who gave the narrative of Hume and Hovell's arrival at the site of Albury. The innovation of the flag-raising by the 1st Albury Senior Scouts, and the playing of the National Anthem by the recorder band of the Albury Public School, gave the ceremony more meaning; and we extend our thanks to them.

The Society congratulates the publicity officer, Mr. Schilg, who has done such good work throughout the year. We thank the staffs of the *Border Morning Mail*, radio stations 2CO and 2AY, television stations AMV4 and ABV1, and the Tourist Bureau for their co-operation throughout the year.

In closing I must thank all officers of the Society and members of the committee for their unfailing support in the past year.

—C. C. HAZELWOOD, President.

Last Month's Meeting

Our last General Meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, 12th November, at the C.W.A. rooms, when our guest speaker was Mr. Lloyd Lange. With colour slides, he gave us high-lights of his recent trip through the booming mineral development areas of West and North Australia, showing the amazing awakening of these hitherto little-developed parts of our country.

Annual Meeting — C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street

Our next meeting will be the important Annual Meeting, on Tuesday, 10th December, at 8 p.m.; and all members are asked to make an effort to be present. This is also a social gathering with supper to follow, and all interested members of the public are cordially invited. Lady members — a plate please.

Gifts

The Society gratefully acknowledges gifts from the following members and friends: Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell—war medals (1914–18); Mrs. J. Esler—photo of committee of old Mechanics' Institute; Miss L. Parry (Secretary, Bendigo Historical Society) —*Historical Guide to Bendigo*; the Hon. Mr. Justice Nagle (Sydney)—four etchings of Albury in Surrey, by Wenceslaus Hollar (1607–77); Miss L. Staton—three military medals (World War I).

Many valuable and interesting exhibits in the Folk Museum, which were given or loaned when it was being set up were not acknowledged specifically in *The Bulletin*, partly because of the recess in usual issues over the summer period. These, however, are all listed in an official record and the Society is most grateful to all the generous donors, which in this respect concerns chiefly our own members and committee.

New Members

It pleases the Society to add the following names to its list of members: Miss K. A. Thompson, Mr. W. E. Colley, Mr. R. Edwards (all of Albury), Mrs. D. Carnegie (Holbrook), and Mr. J. K. Humphreys (life member).

Regional News

CAMDEN.—The Camden Society is the latest to join the lengthening list of those opening or preparing to open Museums. The project has long been contemplated, but has been delayed by the difficulty of finding suitable premises.

DUBBO.—The Society has deleted the word "Pioneer" from its name, as its Museum exhibits now range beyond the earliest period. Part of an allocation by the Dubbo City Council has been used to renovate and furnish further extensions to the Museum's upper floor.

James T. Fallon — One of Albury's Founders

J. T. Fallon and his brother, P. E. Fallon, left Athlone (Ireland), about 1850. After spending several years in America they arrived in Albury in 1854.

The population of Albury was then about 400, but it was developing rapidly owing to the boom of the Victorian gold-fields. They commenced business in Kiewa Street, just in time to celebrate two important events—the arrival of the first steamer on the Murray and the removal of the Border duties, the last event being an occasion of a monster banquet, attended by half the population. By 1856 there were a few brick houses, the business areas being in Kiewa Street and at the corner of Hume and Townsend Streets.

From the beginning J. T. Fallon took an active part in the development of the town. He was one subscriber to offer £500 reward for the discovery of gold within 15 miles of Albury, and joined a committee for the formation of a building society. In 1859 Albury elected its first aldermen and J. T. Fallon was elected Albury's first mayor, a position he held for several years. In 1861 he took over the Murray Valley Vineyard Co. of 640 acres, and built up one of the most successful wine businesses of the district. In 1869 he built the wine cellars in Kiewa Street, and many notable events in the progress of Albury were celebrated at Fallon's cellars. At the request of Sir John Young, Governor of New South Wales, he sent a case of wine to the Queen. Sometime later he succeeded T. H. Mate as Member of Parliament for the district. In 1876 J. T. Fallon compiled a lengthy paper on the wines of Australia and on the 20th June of that year he read this paper before the Royal Colonial Institute in London. As a result he secured the admission of Australian wines into England at a lower duty. The Murray Valley Vineyards became one of the show places of the district, and Fallon's wines were known throughout Australia and overseas.

J. T. Fallon sold his store business and lived in Sydney for 15 years. His brother, P. E. Fallon, carried on the wine business, succeeded by his sons P. W. and J. A. Fallon. J. T. Fallon died in Sydney in 1886 and is buried in the Albury cemetery, where his monument faces directly down Fallon Street and towards the hill now known as Murray Heights, but which was once the vine-covered Murray Valley Vineyards.

—K. M. ORTIZ (granddaughter of P. E. Fallon)

Museum Roster

The Society hopes to open the Museum, as last year, during the school holidays and on public holidays, other than Christmas Day and New Year's Day; *but this will depend on the number of members available to staff the Museum.*