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Editorial

WE ARE somewhat disappointed that readers of *The Bulletin* have not sent in to the Secretary more particulars of early Albury personalities. We hope, however, that further biographies will be forthcoming.

In the meantime—history being our main interest—two excellent books on Australia may appeal to members. They are *The Australian Legend*, by Dr. Russell Ward, and *Profile of Australia* (1966), by Craig McGregor, which are frequently referred to in the Saturday literary pages. Both are obtainable at the City Library.

A few years ago Dr. Russell Ward was given leave from Armidale University to compile a book covering the convict period of our history. It was duly published and is intensely interesting. To those of us who had not delved into history of those times, the statistics come as rather a shock. It does, however, give a very clear picture of the period to the gold rush days; the efforts made by the emancipists, currency and free settlers to succeed in virgin country and eventually to eradicate the word "convict" from the vocabulary and indeed from Australian thinking.

Craig McGregor's *Profile of Australia* is probably one of the best up-to-date accounts of life in this country and gives a number of apt pictures of past and present personalities.

From the age of 15 the author has been a Sydney-sider and later a much-travelled young man. He has been a teacher in England and has lived for some years in several countries. A lover of Sydney, he has recently had published *Sydney with Love*. He is married with four children and is about to take up an appointment at a New York university to study the American scene. The only fault to be found in *Profile of Australia* is perhaps that he could have made more of the complexities of our various social stratas.

Annual Meeting

The Society's eighth Annual Meeting, which took the form of a social evening, was held on Tuesday, 10th December, in the C.W.A. Rooms. The President (Mr. C. C. Hazelwood) presided, and from his comprehensive report on the Society's activities it was quite apparent that a year's hard work had resulted in a fair measure of success.

For the election of office-bearers for year 1969, Alderman Max Barry took the chair and he received congratulations on being the second alderman elected that day to the City Council. Alderman Bunton was unable to attend.

The election resulted as follows: President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (re-elected); Senior Vice-President, Mr. O. Schilg; Vice-Presidents, Capt. P. Heywood and Mr. J. J. Wright; Hon. Secretary, Miss C. Klinge; Minute Secretary, Miss L. A. Staton; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Committee — Mr. Norman Douglas, Mr. J. Wells, Mrs. Hazelwood, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Schilg; Bulletin Editors, Mesdames Hazelwood and McDonald; Publicity Officer, Mr. O. Schilg; Research Officer, Mr. Fielder; Hon. Auditor, Alderman C. E. Bunton, O.B.E.

Conference of Local Historical Societies

Nine Historical Societies attended a conference held at Wodonga on 15th February, Albury being represented by the President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, and Mrs. Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. O. Schilg and Miss Klinge. Wodonga acted as host. The matter of suitably celebrating the bi-centenary of Captain Cook's landing on these shores was discussed at length, and it is hoped that final arrangements will be made at a further meeting to be held at Wodonga on 21st March next.

Turk's Head Museum

The Turk's Head Folk Museum was rostered by Society members to be open every day of the school holidays, and the Committee thanks those who supervised during that period of hot weather. Days of opening now revert to the usual three afternoons a week—Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Meetings

The first Committee Meeting of the year was held at the home of the President on Tuesday, 25th February.

A General Meeting of the Society will be held on TUESDAY, 11th MARCH, at the C.W.A. Rooms, when Mr. C. C. Hazelwood will give a film showing and commentary.

Excursion

Our second excursion last year was to historic "Hawksview", the home of Captain and Mrs. Heywood, to whom members express their thanks for the enjoyable outing.

Membership

Annual subscriptions, which remain at \$1.00, now become due, and may be sent to either Miss C. Klinge, 744 Pemberton Street, or to Mr. W. Fielder, P.O. Box 223, Albury. It greatly helps the Society if these payments are made early. A life membership costs \$15.00.

New members are always welcome and may join at any time. The most recent to enrol are Mrs. M. Ralston, Mrs. N. Douglas and Mr. C. B. Webster (Parkes).

Gifts

Further generous gifts have been received as follows: Mr. T. H. Griffith (Henty)—photographs, letters, invitations, &c., formerly belonging to T. H. Griffith, who was Mayor of Albury at the turn of the century; Mr. W. Nicholls—gold-panning dish; Mr. E. W. Smith—piece of “King Charles’s Oak”, from Bosabel Park; Mr. and Mrs. McGowan—New Testament (1700); Mrs. W. Cardwell—kerosene night-light; Mr. M. Daniel—two sets photographs of Albury identities; Mr. A. K. Trethowan (Bidgeemia)—limestone water-filter; Mr. J. Wright—pioneer’s badge of Albury centenary (1924), and golf-club head (James Braid, Scottish pro. in the 1880s) used at “Clear Springs”, Holbrook, about 1890; Miss L. Staton—steel-rimmed spectacles; Mrs. Winnett (Holbrook)—petrol iron; Mr. T. Boyce—Hume and Hovell centenary Wodonga race club badge; Miss H. M. Wittmann—pair crystal carving rests; Wagga Wagga Historical Society—Journal No. 1, *Some Men of Wagga Wagga*; Miss Muriel M. Masters (Launceston)—twelve items, including Dr. Andrews’s *History of Albury*, photographs and other material relative to the life and work of her grandfather (Joseph Masters), who in the 1870s was head of the Church of England Grammar School at Albury.

Bosabel Park

Albury Rifle Club

Under the title of the Albury Civilian Rifle Club this body was formed in 1896, the first secretary being Mr. Harry Fleming. At the outset, the members had to drill for the efficiency grant. The headquarters were located in a building behind Waugh’s butcher’s shop. The issue to an efficient member consisted of a Martini-Henri rifle, white belt and bayonet. At the time, the club was attached to the military.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of *The Albury Banner* for March 1869)

RESERVES FROM LEASE.—No. 136, about 270 acres, Quat Quatta run. A site for a village and suburban lands have been reserved on the Gerogery Creek—namely, 156 acres for the village, and about 540 acres for suburban lands.

CRICKET.—The following eleven of the Border Cricket Club will this day (20th) play a return match against Yackandandah Club on the Albury ground: Messrs. A. Brown, C. Dight, T. Dight, F. Dight, Walford, Heriot, Bodenham, Alcock, O'Connor, J. Walker Jones and Mate.

A HUGE NUGGET.—A telegram from Dunolly to the Melbourne *Herald* says that the largest mass of gold in the colony has been found by two miners at Black Reef, Moliagul, half a mile from the celebrated Wayman's Reef. It weighed 210 pounds gross, and contained only about 10 pounds of refuse. This splendid nugget was found two inches below the surface.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARSONAGE.—The foundation stone of St. Matthew's Parsonage was laid on Tuesday (2nd) by the Rev. D. E. Jones, assisted by the Rev. S. J. Love, of Wahgunyah. The foundation stone was laid by Rev. David Jones junior, Vicar of Albury. Architect of the building was Rev. A. D. Soares; contractor, Robert Owen; inspector of works, Thomas Field. The parsonage, which has long been greatly wanted, is being erected on a piece of ground on the north side of the church.

Advertisement—

HENRY COWARD, M.D., Member of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), Carabobala, near where the old Wagga road crosses the Billabong, can be consulted at his residence, and gives advice at Mr. Ford's, Ten Mile Creek, every Tuesday and Saturday from 11 to 12 a.m.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following conditional purchases of land were taken out during March at the Albury Land Office: Thomas Cook, 102 acres at Quat Quatta; Ferdinand Schultz (Adelaide), 118 a. Gerogery; Joseph Vile, 320 a. Moorwatha; William Burrow, 60 a. parish of Hovell; Mary Burrow, 40 a. parish of Hovell; Thomas Nyhan, 163 a. Woomargama; William Burrow, 40 a. parish Hovell; William Thompson, 40 a. Corowa; F. V. W. Smithwick (Copabella), two selections, 120 a. and 40 a. Talmalmo; Patrick O'Brien, 188½ a. Bowna; James Hynes, 103½ a. Jindera; John McCarthy, 59¼ a. Yambla; Donald Dawson, 100 a. parish Hume; Rebecca Morton, 40 a. parish Huon; Donald Macleod, 320 a. Maracket; Wm. Bowen, 160 a. Howlong; Owen Daly jun., 160 a. Woomargama; Johann Christian Terlich (Adelaide), 60 a. Castlestead; Johann Fraugett Klemke (Adelaide), 100 a. Walla Walla; G. P. Smith, 90 a. Quat Quatta; Archibald Moffat, 134 a. parish Huon; Robert Smithwick, 180 a. Talmalmo; Peter Strachan, 320 a. Talmalmo; Samuel Wright, 150 a. parish Huon; Ellen Carlile, 73½ a. Yambla; Louisa Tidball Palmer, 100 a. Germantown; Wm. Jackson jun., 46 a. Wagra; George Faithful Gibson, 50 a. Burrumbuttock; John Lanaghan jun., 50 a. Thugga; Lawrence Doyle, 40 a. Goombargana.

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Last Month's Meeting

The March meeting was held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 11th, when Mr. C. C. Hazelwood presided, and, after general business, gave an interesting talk, illustrated by film, on the transportation of the huge Tallandoon water-wheel from the lush springtime pastures of Mr. Enderby's property to Albury. The Society is grateful also to Mrs. O. Schilg for her contribution to the success of the evening by showing a number of her slides of historical importance.

Erection of the wheel, adjacent to the Turk's Head Museum, is now under way, and a ladies' committee of Mesdames Hazelwood, Schilg and Heywood has been formed to assist at the opening ceremony to take place in the near future.

Gifts

The Society thankfully acknowledges gifts from the following members and good friends: Mrs. Nish (Henty)—century-old blanket ^{WASHER} ~~winger~~; Mrs. Visser—alkaline ^{Te} ~~stone~~ from Salzburg (Austria); Miss K. Thompson—set of fish carvers (silver); Mrs. R. Haydon—enamel dish, china dish, combined toast-and-egg rack, cheese dish, china blancmange mould, plush photo frame; Mr. Peter Frauenfelder (St. Kilda and formerly of Albury)—number of old photos of workshop and staff of Blacklock's, and brochure of the firm's history; Mr. E. L. Barker—old-style whisky bottle, lemonade bottle with marble stopper, demijohn, earthenware cordial jar, three jelly moulds, smithy's barrow-wheel; Miss Betty O'Brien—silver sleeve-links (Manders Exhibition souvenir) owned by late Colonel John Wilkinson; Mr. R. Crivelli (Melbourne), per Mr. G. V. Lawrence, M.V.D.L. — Thornton Picard camera used during expedition to the Antarctic; Master Warwick Smith (Hume Weir)—English copper coins, halfpenny (1862), four pennies (1875, 1876, 1904, 1907); Mr. Tom Chubb—valuable photo of old "Fanny Ceres" mill; Mrs. A. B. Charles—donation of \$1.00.

NEVER

WASHER

This Month's General Meeting

Members look forward to an interesting evening at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 8th April, when the guest speaker will be Dr. R. S. Hayter. His subject, "Norfolk Island", with its close association with Australia, will be illustrated with colour slides. As always, visitors are invited.

New Members

The Society gladly records the names of new members as follows, and looks forward to seeing them at forthcoming meetings: Mrs. A. E. Quiggin, Mrs. J. C. Drummond, Mrs. P. F. Seymour (Tumut); Mr. W. H. H. Gardner, Mr. Eli Barker and Mr. Thomas Chubb.

"Rolf Boldrewood"

As most of our members know, the Society holds a very interesting photostat copy of the diary of Thomas Alexander Browne — better known as "Rolf Boldrewood," the author of *Robbery Under Arms* and a number of other stories. This gift was made to the Society by Mr. Hubert Black, of Melbourne, whose mother was Emily Browne, one of Rolf Boldrewood's daughters. Incidentally Mr. Black has since found another portion of his grandfather's Albury diary and has promised to let the Society have a copy.

Before coming to Albury, Rolf Boldrewood had had land speculations in central N.S.W. without apparently much success; and at the time of his appointment as Chairman of the Land Board covering Tumut, Cootamundra, Germanton, Corowa and Mulwala, he and his family of five or six children were living in Armidale. He was offered an increase in his salary to take the appointment, and, leaving his family behind until he was able to obtain suitable accommodation for them, he left Armidale on the 1st January, 1885, by train for Newcastle, then by the steamer *Namoi* for Sydney, where he spent a pleasant few days visiting officials and friends. In fact, he stayed in Sydney until the 12th January, a hot day—even hotter than his old Dubbo days. On arrival at Albury, he put up at Moses's Globe Hotel and later boarded at the home of a Mr. Lethbridge.

He called on Mr. Keightley of the Lands Department, with whom he was to travel around the country, and soon settled in. The writer has been told by an elderly lady who well remembered him that he was a shortish man with a pointed beard, known to the younger generation as "Pa Browne". He was evidently a colourful personality who, when he walked into a room, would make his presence felt; an ambitious man and who had apparently led an interesting and social life in England.

As soon as the 17th January after his arrival here he sent off the last and 52nd chapter of *Sealskin Mantle* for publication. Apparently *Robbery Under Arms* was almost completed before he came to Albury, as on the 3rd March he posted the first half of it to a friend to read and on the following day the second half, and at the time he was also engaged on the writing of *Walks Abroad*.

His business life was an exhausting one and although always on the move in buggies and coaches, he did not neglect hours of writing on his novels in whatever uncomfortable hotel or inn at which he found himself at the end of the day. He did, however, find time to pay many private calls in and around Albury, and his comments on early families and their homes—not to mention their housekeeping—makes interesting reading.

On a private visit to Melbourne to see his publisher he gives an interesting account of having had Kate Kelly pointed out to him at one of the railway stations *en route*.

The diary ends on the 31st May, 1885, with the arrival of his wife and four of the children. It does not say where he had found a home, but apparently the Browne family lived in more than one home in Albury; but 642 Olive Street, where their name is etched on one of the windows in the house where the Browne girls, to amuse themselves, had a play kitchen where they cooked meals for the family at week-ends. When they left Albury this model kitchen was purchased by Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Dr. Kennedy, and placed in their garden at the corner of Olive and Swift Streets for the Kennedy girls' amusement. How wholesome were the pastimes of yesteryear!

N.B.—As the diary is covered by copyright, it will be noted that it has not been quoted. Those members who are interested may have access to it at any time on application to the Society.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of *The Albury Banner* for April 1869)

TEN MILE CREEK PLOUGHING MATCH.—A meeting will be held at Mr. Pabst's, Ten Mile Creek, on Thursday next, 15th inst., at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of getting up a Ploughing Match. Farmers and others interested are invited to attend.

THE "RANDAN", or double-wheeled velocipede,* has made its appearance in Melbourne. The driver had his "crank" vehicle under good control. Some legislation will be required should these become numerous.

A Velocipede Club has been arranged in connection with the Liverpool gymnasium. It is said that any one sufficiently practised with the machine can be carried forward by it at the rate of twenty-five miles per hour.

*Nowadays called a bicycle.

THE UP-RIVER MAIL, from Bowna to Welaregang, will commence running on 1st May, and will start from Kirkpatrick's Hotel at Twelve Mile Creek, where a post office will be opened. The mail will serve a large river-side district on the Upper Murray, which has hitherto been greatly neglected in the way of postal communication.

A HAT FOR A PRINCE.—A person in Sydney who presented the Duke of Edinburgh with a cabbage-tree hat* has received the following portentous document: "Thomas Reynolds, you are hereby appointed cabbage-tree hat maker to his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh. Given under my hand and seal at Clarence House this first day of January, 1868.—Augustus Liddell."

*A cabbage-tree hat was a large low-crowned broad-brimmed head-piece made from the leaves of the cabbage-tree palm (*Livistona*).

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections were taken up during the month at the Albury Land Office: John Gallagher, 45 acres at Tumarumba; John Fisher, 40½ a. and 279¼ a., Gerogery; David Cox, 306 a., Cookardinia; Wm. Strother Mitchell (minor), 145½ a., Huon; Louise Tidball Palmer, 120 a., Germantown; Geo. Matchett, 320 a., Morven; Richard Matchett, 320 a., Morven; Alexander Hill, 74 a., Mungabareena; Michael Monahan, 320 a., Sandy Ridges; Charles Dalton Howard, 320 a., Goombargana; C. R. P Jephcott, 80 a., Welaregang; John McBrien, 150 a., Cumberoona; Mary Harrington, 102 a., Woomargama; Maurice Bush, 320 a., Buraga; Fred. C. Piggim, 320 a., Buraga; Octavius H. Greene, 203 a., Quat Quatta; Robt. Hamilton, 320 a., Carabobala; Thos. Nyhan, 40 a., Woomargama; Harry H. Howard, 45 a., Goombargana; Francis Gibbs, 320 a., Kentucky; Patrick Gorman, 300 a., Huon; Isaac Rowe, 315 a., Moorwatha; John Rowe, 320 a., Moorwatha; Benjamin Vile (minor), 40 a., Moorwatha; Martin Matuschka, 90 a., Gerogery; Robt. Hovenden, 320 a., Billabong; Wm. Johnson, 40 a., Wagra; Thos. Lukins, 100 a., Woomargama; Alfred Chant, 40 a., Wagra; Baker Vincent, 40 a., Wagra; Denis Byrne, 150 a., Cookardinia; James Ellis, 40 a., Bungowannah.

Briefs

Distillate licences have been granted to James Wyse and Henry Rau, for the year 1869.

It is reported from Melbourne that it is thought desirable that the Ovens railway lines should be of the same gauge as those of New South Wales.

Permission to purchase unimproved lands has been granted to Conrad Dallinger, 3 roods 9 perches, at Mungabareena; and to J. C. Middleton, 2 acres, parish of Albury.

Reserves for Sale.—No. 608, parish of Billabong, about 240 acres; No. 606, parish of Gerogery, 40 acres; No. 607, on the Albury-to-Walla Walla road, 40 acres (water reserves).

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Last Month's Meeting

Norfolk Island was discovered on 10th May, 1774, by Captain James Cook on his second world voyage in the sloop *Resolution*, before he found Australia's coasts. He took possession of it for England, and wrote in his Journal: "I named it Norfolk Isle in honour of the Noble family of Howard".

It was certainly discovered again to Dr. Ross Hayter's audience at the April general meeting of the Society, in the C.W.A. rooms. His presentation of the island's colourful history, with division into its separate historical periods, suitably illustrated by his own lovely colour slides taken on a recent visit, made past history live for his hearers. Only 800 miles east of N.S.W. and closely associated with Australia, we *should* know about it.

Governor Phillip in 1788 established a small settlement there under Lieut. Phillip Gidley King. One of Australia's greatest statesmen was born on Norfolk Island: Wm. Charles Wentworth.

Finally, the high costs of maintaining the distant settlement led to its abandonment and the people were moved to Tasmania.

From 1825 to 1856, the terrible period of the convict settlement of the "incurrigibles and brutalised", made Norfolk Island a hell, and "man's inhumanity to man" had free rein.

After this period, when Pitcairn Island could no longer support the growing population, 194 people were brought to Norfolk, and the date of their landing is still celebrated during "Bounty week" by the whole island population.

Since 1914, Norfolk Island has been under the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia, and administered by the Department of Territories, with an Administration and a group of Islanders elected to the Norfolk Island Council.

Norfolk Island, "a placid and lovely place", and a growing attraction for our tourists, is only five miles long by three wide, It is of volcanic origin and very hilly, rising to 1000 ft. at Mt. Pitt.

We thank Dr. Hayter for a particularly informative and pleasant programme.

Committee Meeting

The usual monthly Committee Meeting was held at the home of the President, Mr C. C. Hazelwood, on Monday, 28th April. A report on the work concerning the water-wheel was received.

Membership

The members *are* the Society; can you bring your friends along to meetings and interest them in our work?

Gifts

The Society appreciates interesting items given for exhibition or our archives, and these include gifts from: Mr. C. M. Cossor—gun register of Albury district, 1921-1923; Mr. C. E. Milthorpe (Oaklands)—records of Brocklesby Station, 1864; Miss Elda Huf—glass table-lamp, teapot and jug, household spring balance and a knapping hammer; Mr. C. C. Hazelwood—paling knife or throw; Mr. A. McD. Webster (Parkes)—openwork metal card plate; Mrs. F. Seymour (Tumut)—old photographs and other historical matter.

Special thanks go to our Secretary, Miss C. Klinge, for the generous donation of \$10 to the funds of the Society.

Meetings to Come

TUESDAY, 13th MAY.—General Monthly Meeting in C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, at which the speaker will be Mr. Max Barry.

Members and friends will be pleased to know that Mr. D. I. McDonald, of Canberra, will be here for the June meeting.

Reply to a Query : Kirk's Bazaar

In Melbourne's early days, stock sales were held at yards at the south-east corner of Bourke Street and Queen Street. A young Yorkshire man, James Bowie Kirk, who came to Victoria at the age of 19, opened on March 1st, 1840, Kirk's Bazaar, mainly as a horse salesyard, but where all classes of stock were also sold, though it was generally known as "Kirk's Horse Bazaar". It was bought in 1862 by W. C. Yuille, who after a few years leased it to George Watson.

The Bazaar later changed hands many times till bought by Campbell and Sons, who held the sales, while the livery business was run by George Glasscock till about 1925, when the Bazaar was abolished. Hardware Lane, between Queen and Elizabeth Streets, was built on the site.

Mr. Kirk, who also leased country property in the Whittlesea district, was the father of Mrs. Walter Hall of the husband-and-wife team of philanthropists who endowed the "Walter and Eliza Hall" medical and research institute in Melbourne.

It is interesting to note the following advertisement in the Wodonga paper of Friday, January 31, 1908: "Campbell and Sons of Kirk's Bazaar, Melbourne, will hold their next horse sale at Wodonga on the 12th, 13th and 14th of February, when 650 horses will be offered."

Early Albury

Those who have seen in the Folk Museum the studio camera of Mr. D. Bennett will find the following of interest. He arrived in Albury in 1906 and his first studio was in Temple Court, Dean Street, but alterations made it necessary to move to a studio in Olive Street. He was reputed to "have a nice way with youngsters" and "a pleasant and interesting half-hour can always be spent inspecting Mr. Bennett's Art Gallery".

Some of the "youngsters", whose photos were taken in the studio, probably with this camera, have been visitors lately, at the museum.

Regional News

The Forbes Municipal Council has helped the local Society to obtain a building in Cross Street for use as a museum. Much work needs to be done, but the Society hopes to open the museum officially in 1970 to coincide with the centenary of Local Government.

Fanny Ceres Mill

Anent the photo, given by Mr T. Chubb to the A.D.H.S., of the flour mill built in 1850 at the corner of Townsend and Dean Streets, the unusual name was a combination of "Ceres", Greek goddess of agriculture, and the name of Robert Brown's daughter "Fanny".

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ARRIVALS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A string of four waggons belonging to German farmers arrived at Albury a few days ago *en route* from Adelaide to the German settlements in the neighbourhood of Albury. Each waggon brought a family of settlers, together with a lot of furniture and agricultural implements.

QUARTZ REEF NEAR ALBURY.—Our correspondent at Moorwatha writes that a new quartz reef has been discovered on the run of Messrs. Whitlock and Dunlop, two miles distant from Walbundrie (Piney Range). Specimens of the quartz have been shown and are of great promise.

ADVERTISEMENT. — A. Winter & J. Cross, Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights, Jindera, beg to inform the inhabitants of Jindera and surrounding neighbourhood that they have started a Blacksmith's Shop, and are prepared to do every description of work.

LOCKING THE RIVERS.—A correspondent, writing to the *Daily Telegraph* recently respecting the drought, says he thinks it strange that some of our clever engineers have not proposed a scheme for canalising with locks, like the Lancashire canal, the Murray, Campaspe, Lachlan, Darling, Murrumbidgee and other rivers, which would always keep them navigable and also keep the water in the tributary creeks and lagoons at high level, and so preserve this all-important element in the continent, instead of letting it run uselessly to the sea. The locks might be so made as to be used as bridges for stock or passengers, instead of the clumsy punts now in use.

LAND SELECTION.—The following selections were taken up in the past month at the Albury Land Office: Patrick Flinn, 122 acres at Carabobala; Christian Flinn, 95 a., Gerogery; Charlotte Macdonald (minor), 267 a., Welaregang; Charles Westendorf, 120 a., Jindera; William Bunyan, 320 a, Cookardinia; Walter Thompson, 320 a., Cookardinia; William Thompson, 100 a., Woomargama; George E. Bromley, 160 a., Kentucky; William Harrison, 40 a., Moorwatha; George Dunn, 260 a., Moorwatha; Carl Adolph Schroder (gold-miner), 320 a., Cookardinia; Frederick World, 60 a., Little Billabong; Richard Kennedy, 46 a., Jindera; David Maginnity (of Tumbarumba), 40 a., Tooma; Henry and John Sweeting, 50 a., Buraga; Henry John Morton, 60½ a., Huon.

A PLACE OF WORSHIP.—An effort is being made to extend the ministrations of the Presbyterian Church to the township of Barnawartha. Mr. John Burrows has purchased the house formerly occupied by Mr. Pettit, and is now having it fitted up with pulpit, seats, &c., for a place of worship.

RIVER NAVIGATION.—A River Steamship Navigation Company has been formed at Wagga Wagga. The company has purchased, at a cost of £3,000, the steamer *Victoria*, of 60 tons, and her barge of 90 tons burden. The *Victoria* is a wooden stern-wheel steamer of unusual strength of construction.

BRIEFS—

Eleven thousand sheep belonging to Messrs. Stitt brothers have returned to Walla Walla from the mountains.

A grass right lease has been granted to John Ross for 316 acres in the parish of Cookardinia.

Three armed men recently bailed up the Southern mail on the road to Sydney between Marulan and Goulburn. They took the Albury and other bags.

The Tichborne baronetcy commission is sitting, and extraordinary revelations have been made respecting Arthur Orton, *alias* De Castro.

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Last Month's Meeting

Our guest speaker was Mr. Max Barry, who began by sketching in the background to the Pastoral Protection Boards and veterinary services of today. On a subject so vital to a country community, and to the nation, Mr. Barry reached back more than 100 years into history

A meeting was called in Armidale by letter to the Hon. Secretary for Lands, from the Court House, Armidale, 25th January 1864. In pursuance of a proclamation under the hands of His Excellency the Governor, a notice issued by Mr. Alex. Bruce, Chief Inspector of Sheep, called a meeting of owners entitled to vote for the election of Sheep Directors under the Sheep and Scab Act; and Directors elected by open vote were: Thomas Augustus Perry, Theophilus Cooper, Henry Harding Thomas, Richard Hargreaves, Albert Dangar. Directors' names were to be published in the *Government Gazette*, and, by Act, owners of infected sheep were bound to send notice of infection to nearest resident Director. — Signed: Thomas A. Perry, Chairman of Meeting.

From this meeting and appointments began the origin of P.P. Boards as established today. In the 1880s it was realised that rabbits were becoming a pest, and Rabbit Boards were set up. In 1903 these two, sheep and rabbit boards, were brought together, and when P.P. Boards were established in 1912, all sheep and rabbit work was brought under them and they assumed all today's functions.

There are, in N.S.W., 59 districts divided into areas with two elected Directors, who, to be eligible, must have 100 acres of land, 100 sheep or 10 head of cattle, and so be ratepayers eligible to vote

The position is honorary with travelling expenses allowed. They meet monthly and administrative duties are rabbit control, travelling stock matters and the provision of reserves for travelling stock.

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Last Month's Speaker — continued

In addition there is the increasingly important one of stock health and disease control. There are 34 Veterinary Inspectors, the Eastern and Central areas employing their own, while Western districts are served by Veterinary Officers of the Department of Agriculture when men can be flown out to the more isolated areas.

Since the year 1904, officers have been graduates of Veterinary Science. Special programmes of research into animal industry may be carried out, while others go on to other States.

For many years, in the event of any outbreaks of pleuropneumonia, the veterinary services in all States have co-operated in the eradication programme which is proving successful and is so important in relation to our export market.

P.P. Board functions briefly are to administer certain Acts, assist people who have a certain local problem and carry out extensive programmes that benefit the industry or people anywhere in the States.

So from the foresight of concerned people so long ago has grown today's services to the community, which, in one way or another, benefits everyone, whether on the land or not.

Mr. Barry showed a remarkable series of colour slides, depicting clearly the necessity for knowledge and control of stock diseases.

Membership

June is here and we appeal to any members who have overlooked the payment of their annual \$1 subscription to attend to this matter so vital to the Society. Space permitting, a full list of members will appear in our next issue.

Committee Meeting

A big agenda was dealt with at a well-attended meeting at the home of the President on the evening of Tuesday, 27th May.

Gifts

Gifts from the Society's well-wishers include the following: Mr. John Gaudry—Chinese opium pipe; Mrs. Visser—dance programme (1865); Mr. C. C. Hazelwood—large splitting wedge, Davies patent bag fastener; Mrs. J. Butson—copy of *London Sun* (1838) with report of Queen Victoria's coronation; Mrs. G. E. Simpson—war maps of late Lieut.-Col. Simpson, three group photos, two albums (1890s), photo of Grammar School group (1908); exors. estate late Dr. L. S. Woods—two academic certificates of the late Dr. Cleaver Woods, autographed photo of Dame Nellie Melba (1902), memento of opening of first Commonwealth Parliament (1901).

Next Meeting

We are privileged to have as guest speaker Mr. D. I. McDonald, of Canberra. An historian of note, his subject, "The Writing of Local History", should prove of great interest and value, and we cordially extend our usual invitation to anyone interested to join us in hearing this address.

Water Wheel

Members everywhere will be pleased to know that the big water wheel has been erected in position ready for the completion of the project.

Pioneer Tobacco Grower

Most people today would not think of Albury as a tobacco-growing centre, but perhaps it could have been. Mr. Heilman, father of a well-known and popular local family, was one of the pioneer tobacco growers. After fighting through the American Civil War for the North, in 1861-62, Mr. Heilman arrived in Australia in 1863.

Five years later he started a tobacco plantation and began to manufacture, but the Victorian excise duties forced him to cross the Border. Arriving in Albury in 1880, Mr. Heilman once again started the growing and preparation of tobacco in a paddock opposite the old Turk's Head in Wodonga Place, but the Tobacco Trust and excise duties again crushed a growing industry.

This second rebuff satisfied Mr. Heilman and he then took over the Albion Hotel from Mr. Con Schneider in 1883. Two sons, Mr. Oscar Heilman (accountant) and Mr. E. Heilman, a well-known Dean Street jeweller, carried on the family name in Albury.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of *The Albury Banner* for June 1869)

TEN MILE CREEK PROVISIONAL SCHOOL.—On account of the irregularity in attendance of scholars, and the falling-off of the average required by the Public Schools Act, the above school will close on and after 1st July until further notice.

SCARCITY OF CARRIERS.—Merchants and storekeepers complain that, owing to a scarcity of carriers, there is just now an accumulation of goods which it is impossible to forward to stations and outlying country stores, &c. The rates of freight are, however, as good as can be expected at this early season of the winter—namely from Melbourne to this place £10 10s., and from Albury to Wagga Wagga £3; other journeys being in proportion. A few teams could now do good business in Albury.

THE BUSHRANGER POWER, who is now in the Ovens district, is thus described by the *O. and M. Advertiser*: Henry Power, *alias* Johnson, escaped from Pentridge on the 16th February last. He is 48 years of age, 5ft. 6¼in. high, sallow complexion, light brown hair (we believe a little grizzled), scars on his head, forehead, the cheek, two scars on the right arm and one on the left elbow, the third finger on the right hand, large scar on the left shin; suffers from stricture. It will be seen from this that Mr. Power has been in the wars.

BRIEFS—

A site for a village and suburban lands have been reserved at Woomargama.

Ninety disappointed miners have returned to Victoria from the Natal goldfield.

Two thousand three hundred bales of wool have arrived at Blanchetown, S.A., from the Darling stations by three steamers.

A medical man has at last taken up his residence at Howlong. Dr. Brewster, who has been 15 years full surgeon of the frigate *Clyde* and 10 years ship medical officer at the Mauritius, has commenced practice there.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections were taken up during the month at the Albany Land Office: Edward McGrath, 40 acres at Morebringer; Robt. Moffat, 80 a., parish of Hovell; Patrick Cleary, 40 a., Huon; Kate Burrow, 60 a., Moorwatha; Chas. W. Hargreaves, 109 a., Tooma; Johann G. J. Diebert, 68 a., Jindera; John Hall, 43 a., parish Hovell; Richard Capper Webb, 120 a., Woomargama; James Roy Strachan, 40 a., Maracket; Charles Hore, 320 a., Dora Dora; Mary Bowen, 320 a., Howlong; Samuel Barnes, 80 a., Corowa; Jane Moffat, 52¼ a., parish Hovell; Francis Wm. Brown, 320 a., Howlong Rd.; Edward McGlen, 63 a., Manus; Louis Merkel, 60 a., Moorwatha; Richard Leahy, 100 a., Morebringer; Wm. Heriot, 80 a., Carabobala; Thomas Ancrum Heriot, 320 a., Carabobala; Wm. Webb, 40 a., Tumbaramba; F. W. Pabst, 60 a., Germantown; Wm. David McGregor, 40 a., Kentucky; Christopher Eugene Plunkett, 200 a. and 50 a., Bowna; Hiram W. Howard, 121 a., Howlong; Patrick Higgins, 40 a., Huon; Agnes Whitehead, 320 a., Welaregang; Thos. Whitehead, 320 a., ditto; Margaret Catherine Whitehead, 110 a. and 200 a., ditto; Geo. Richards, 100 a., Tooma; Richard Donelan, 320 a., Tooma; John Dalgety, 60 a., Tumbaramba; Thos. Vile, 90¾ a., Moorwatha; Cohoun Crowe, 87 a., Welaregang; John McKeown, 60 a., Buraja; Jas. Smith, 80 a., Castlestead; John Riddle, 320 a., Walla Walla; P. Sandral, 100 Corowa; John Cullen Sandral, 100 a., Corowa.

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Last Month's Meeting

The General Monthly Meeting was held at the C.W.A. Rooms on 10th June, when Mr. C. C. Hazelwood (President) introduced one of our most interesting guest speakers in the person of Mr. D. I. McDonald, B.A., of Canberra.

Mr. McDonald chose as his subject "The Writing of Local History". He is the author of a number of historical publications, including *They Came to a Valley*, a history of Wellington (N.S.W.), which he was commissioned to write.

An excellent speaker, with some humorous asides, he gave a very comprehensive address on the many facets of writing a worthwhile local history. He said truth, *savoir-faire* and interest in the subject are the most necessary ingredients, and he was good enough to supply the names of some of the sources from which advice and accurate information may be gathered. Mr. McDonald stressed that no locally compiled history could succeed without each member making his or her contribution.

He suggested that it was high time that a new history of Albury made its appearance, and that: "There are very many projects in this city on which much work is yet to be done if we are better to understand life in this century and give to those who come after us a better appreciation of our mode of life. This is the challenge and the task — what is each of you going to do about meeting it?"

On behalf of the interested audience, Mr. Norman Douglas moved a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Time didn't permit of questions after the address, but it would have been interesting to discuss, say, why Wodonga didn't grow evenly with Albury. Possibly in the first instance there were no State boundaries; Wodonga flats, subject to annual flooding of the Murray River, stretched for several miles from Wodonga to the "Crossing Place" which adjoined Albury's high land, and later the river-boats launched at the very door of the early settlement.

Wodonga remained somewhat stationary until the influx of migrants at the nearby Immigration Centre at Bonegilla and the foresight of the Victorian Government in promoting Wodonga by providing an ample housing programme which has gone hand in hand with an increase in industry and added prosperity.

No border jealousies have been apparent over the years; it seemed to be the natural course of events that Albury with its entertainment, sport, etc., on a larger scale should attract many Wodonga residents.

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It will be remembered by foundation members of this Society that the publication of a fuller and up-to-date history of Albury to take the place of those of Dr. Andrews and W. Bayley should be one of our first objectives, but interest in other matters and the foundation of the Folk Museum seem to have over-shadowed that plan. We even went so far as to have two or three *critiques* delivered at one of our meetings on the then newly compiled *History of Bathurst*.

Next Meeting

TUESDAY, JULY 8, C.W.A. Rooms. At the close of business Mrs. McDonald will discuss a pamphlet on two of Australia's earliest families.

Donations to Water-Wheel Fund

Though it must still be some time before the whole set-up of the water-wheel is finalised, it does already stand out as an eye-catching feature in the vicinity of the Turk's Head Museum.

Apart from the financial cost, it has meant many hours of manual labour on the part of a small band of our members who have given their time in bringing the project to its present stage.

The Society's appeal for donations to meet its expenses in this connection has resulted in a truly wonderful response. Headed by Albury City Council's generous grant of \$200, donations have come from the following members ~~and friends~~, to all of whom the Society extends its very sincere thanks—

Albury City Council, "Anonymous", Mr. and Mrs. A. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Mr. C. Angus (El Dorado), Mrs. L. Bird (Malvern), Mrs. I. Betheras (E. Malvern), Mrs. D. Bryan, Mrs. N. Buckmaster, Mrs. D. Carnegie (Holbrook), Mrs. A. R. Crawford, Mrs. M. A. Dolphin, Mr. Tom Doran (Wirlinga), Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fielder, Mrs. L. Godden, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hazelwood, Mrs. and Mrs. P. Heywood (Hawksview), Mrs. E. Irwin, Miss C. Klinge, Miss S. Kroeber, Mr. C. F. Laycock (Killara), Mr. C. Mott, Mr. Des Martin (Wodonga), Mr. T. Mitchell, M.L.A., Mrs. R. H. McDonald, Mrs. E. Paech, Mrs. L. Quiggin, Mrs. M. Ralston, Mr. Basil Ryan,

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Any donations coming to hand after this Bulletin has been printed will be acknowledged in next issue.

Gifts to the Society

The Society is most grateful to the following persons who have donated items of historical value for its Museum and Archives section: Mr. Don Pollard (Bonegilla)—pit-saw; Mr. Des Martin (Wodonga)—wine-press; Mr. Frank Grant—copy of *The Wodonga Sentinel* (1908).

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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UNICYCLE FOR TWO.—Lovers of velocipedes will be glad to learn that there will shortly be a machine of new description submitted to public favour. It is a unicycle, intended to carry two men at the speed of 16 miles an hour. It consists of a single wheel seven feet in diameter, with a seat and winch attached to the centre on each side of the wheel.

GRANITE of fine quality is reported by *The O. & M. Advertiser* to be procurable in illimitable quantity at Warby's Ranges, near Wangaratta. When the railway is completed an immense amount of this fine building material will no doubt find its way to Melbourne. Some of it might be required to beautify the future of Albury—there is certainly plenty of room for architectural improvement.

ADVERTISEMENTS—

WANTED SIX STONE DRESSERS.—Apply to William Ross, Mullengandra.

To LET.—The "Morningside Vineyard", on the most easy terms.—Apply to Alfred Evans.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—Mr. G. T. Fleming, Solicitor and Conveyancer, announces that he has removed to his new office, over the Banner Office, Dean Street, Albury.

FRUCHTBAUEME und Garten Saamen von jeder Sorte werden augenblicklich zu den billigsten Preis verkauft bei.—HILL AND BLAIR, Gegenuber dem Globe Hotel, Albury.

Note: The site of Hill and Blair's nursery was then where the C.B.C. now stands.

MRS. LOUISE BRUNNER, late of Midwifery Institute, Heidelberg, Germany, supplied with the best testimonials, begs to recommend herself to the ladies of Albury and neighbourhood, as MIDWIFE, and solicits their kind patronage.—Address: Mr. Peter Brunner, Dean Street, Albury.

GENERAL—

The riverboat *Cumberoona* left Echuca on Wednesday (7th) bound for Albury. She brings a large and miscellaneous cargo, and may be expected here on Sunday or Monday, if the river keeps up.

Captain Randell, writing to the *S.M. Herald*, states that the snag-boat has done its work most thoroughly along the Darling River for about 300 miles by water from Wentworth upstream, and that for that distance not a piece of timber is to be seen, either in the channel or on the sloping banks.

The Flying Dragon Reporter, a Chinese newspaper printed in native characters in metal, procured from Hong Kong, and published monthly in London, states: "The Chinese are doing well in Melbourne, and marrying English and Irish women, who seem to prefer them to the rough and rude European miners."

LAND SELECTIONS.—During the month the following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office: Francis Welby, 80 acres at Welaregang; Medora Ellen Macdonald, 194 a., Welaregang; David Nyham, 102 a., Woomargama; Francis Hy. Holman, 60 a., Copabella; John Hore junr., 163 a., Bowna; Joseph Mehan, 72 a., Bowna; Patrick McMahan, 40 a., Corowa; John B. McMahan, 40 a., Corowa; Peter Fitzell, 80 a., Yambla; George Gain, 40 a., Wagra; Batta Ebel, 49 a., Huon; Carl Ebel, 129 a., Huon; Margaret Cashman, 40 a., Albury; John Muxlow, 40 a., Moorwatha; Peter Mullavey (of 12 Mile Ck.), 271 a., Wyndham; Patrick McBrien, 311 a., Wyndham; John Clark, 99½ a., Bowna; John Weisz, 40 a., Albury; Wm. W. Darke, 40 a., parish of Albury; Johann Votligg, 40 a., Albury; Richard Leahy, 60 a., Morebringer; John McIntyre, 120 a., Maracket; Wm. S. Mitchell (Ellerslie), 99¾ a., Huon; R. S. G. Macdonald, 300 a., Welaregang; Rebecca Morton, 40 a., Huon; Robt. Wilson, 241 a., Yambla; Thos. Johnstone, 142 a., Woomargama; Fred. W. K. Smithwick, 120 a., Talmalmo; C. E. Webb, 133 and 149 a., parish Mitchell; Edward Barnes, 98 a., Woomargama; John Brown, 313 a., parish Mitchell; Wm. Ross, 165 a., Cookendinia; James Ross, 90 a., Cookendinia; Michael Keogh, 81 a., Yambla; Joseph Perry, 50 a., parish Albury; James Keogh, 54 a., Yambla; George H. Howard (Howlong), 80 a., parish Richmond; Martin Pumpa, 78 a., Gerogery.

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Last Month's Meeting

The July Monthly Meeting was held at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 8th, when the President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, presided, and thanked members and well-wishers who had supported the Water-wheel Appeal.

In the absence of a visiting speaker, Mrs. R. H. McDonald discussed a pamphlet given her by Miss Dorothy Walsh, of Melbourne—*A Saga of Two Hundred Years*, by Mrs. Dorothy Rogers, concerning a branch of the family of Governor Philip Gidley King and its relationship with that of Captain John Macarthur.

Highlight of the subject was that Arthur Septimus King, seventh son of Rear-Admiral Phillip Parker King, R.N., and grandson of Australia's third Governor, at one time owned Hawksview, near Albury, and was founder of King, Sons & Ballantyne, well-known stock agents, of Melbourne. He, incidentally, was the grandfather of Miss Walsh whose biography, *The Admiral's Wife*, met very successful press notices a couple of years ago.

Membership

To those interested in local history, our Society extends a cordial invitation to attend any of its monthly meetings, held at the C.W.A. Rooms on the second Tuesday of each month. The yearly membership fee is \$1.00, and life membership \$15.00.

Water-Wheel Donations

The Society has had the pleasure of receiving further donations towards the Water-wheel Fund, and wishes to thank the following members who have helped in this way: Albury and District Chamber of Commerce, Chas. Wilkinson & Co. Pty. Ltd., Mrs. M. Ballhause (Barooga), Miss Ailsa Gibson (East Malvern), Jindera Pioneer Museum, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Roseby, and Mr. J. Wells.

An Albury Doctor of Bygone Years

We are indebted to our historian, Mr. W. W. Fielder, for the following extract from *The Aldine Centennial History of New South Wales*, by W. Frederic Morrison, M.A., M.D. (1888).

"DR. PATRICK KENNEDY, L.R.C.S.L., L.K.Q.C.P.I., L.M., was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1852. He was educated at St. Patrick's College, Melbourne, and in 1869 went home and studied medicine in the College of Surgeons, Dublin, where he gained the prizes for surgery for two successive years, and silver and gold medals in separate years for physiology. He obtained his degrees there, and became a licentiate of the College of Surgeons, and of the College of Physicians. He practised in England for about twelve months, and then returned to Australia. For a year he was resident surgeon in the Melbourne Hospital, and after practising in Wagga Wagga and Adelong for a time, settled in Albury in 1880, and has since built up the extensive connection he at present enjoys."

In 1880, Dr. Kennedy went into partnership with Dr. William Ryan, and later bought him out. He had not been long in Albury when he married Miss Josephine Gibson, of Burrumbuttock, at the little homestead chapel. They came to live at what was then known as "Stone House", in Swift Street, but they later changed the name to "Stoneleigh". It was that delightful stone house facing Swift Street, with a private garden on the Olive Street side. In later years it was demolished to make way for Berrycourt Flats and a garage. One of its last occupants was the short-lived Ladies' Club.

Dr. Kennedy practised at the same address for 43 years, until his death in 1923. Mrs. Kennedy returned to her old home at Burrumbuttock, where she died in 1941. Their family consisted of two boys and four girls—John, Brian, Clare, Allie, Mona and Dofie. Allie (Mrs. Hore), who lives in Olive Street, is an interested member of our Society and is well known to many of us.

Dr. Tighe purchased the practice from the Kennedy estate, followed by Dr. H. Chisholm Worch who, when he married, moved to Kiewa Street.

Gifts to the Society

Miss Alkemade, of Bacchus Marsh, has presented to the Society the wall-clock used in the first Albury Post Office. This clock was presented to her grandfather, Petrus Alkemade, who built the second Post Office in the 1870s. Other valued items have come from Mrs. P. H. Heywood—vintage folding camera, Mrs. D. Carnegie (Holbrook)—three photographs of the record snowfall at Holbrook, and from Mr. Maxwell—old pocket-watch.

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Next Monthly Meeting

The August Monthly Meeting will take place at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 12th, at 8 p.m., when the guest speaker will be Mr. Leon Wegener, whose subject will be the Walla Walla Centenary, illustrated by slides. Visitors are always welcomed at these meetings.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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MORE DIAMONDS.—Mr. Rodgers, mining engineer, Beechworth, has reported that diamonds have been found in the Devon Gold and Tin Mining Company's ground at El Dorado. The company have resolved to supplement their plant by the addition of a Hunt's diamond machine.

SALE OF STATION.—It is reported that the Howlong Station, formerly belonging to Mr. Hamilton Dight, and lately sold to Mr. Bowen, has again changed hands, and is now owned by Mr. Samuel Bowler.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during August: Daniel Macnamara, 54½ acres, parish of Huon; John Fisher, 279 and 40 a., Gerogery; Hy. and Jas. Sweeting, 40 a., Buraga; Thos. Ryan, 89 a., Howlong; Wm. Walsh, 120 and 40 a., Huon; Alfred Lawrence, 140 a., Kentucky; Thos. Johnstone, 121 a., parish Mitchell; Jas. Marsh, 40 a., parish Hovell; Hezekiah Crouch, 40 a., Bungowannah; Geo. Simpson, 80 a., Bungowannah; Hiram W. Howard, 44½ a., Howlong; Wm. Clark Steel, 40 a., Yambla; Christian Pumpa, 101¼ a., Huon; John C. Jennings, 75 a., Yambla; Jas. Mitchell, 320 a., Gerogery and Yambla.; Louis G. Huon, 320 a., Gerogery and Yambla; Fred. Robinson Vyner, 40 and 273 a., Talmalmo; Hy. Beattie, 240 a., adjoining Reserve No. 159; August Heinke, 40 a., Castlestead.

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Last Month's Meeting

In the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, on Tuesday, 12th, Senior Vice-President Mr. O. Schilg presided at the Society's Monthly Meeting, when members enjoyed Mr. Leon Wegener's illustrated address on the Walla Walla Centenary remembrance celebrations. That community is to be congratulated on its successful achievement in recapitulating the story of its stout-hearted pioneers. Mr. L. Schoff, of Walla Walla, assisted the speaker by operating the projector.

Membership

The Society is happy to record Mrs. Frank Boyes (Wodonga) as a new member; and the following as life members: Miss H. Ferguson (Bungowannah), Messrs. Belbridge, Hague & Co.

To those who might be interested in joining our Society, we wish to advise that a membership may be taken out at any time, the yearly fee being one dollar.

Water-Wheel

A "V.I.P." visitor's comments on our huge Water-wheel are of interest. He says: "This Society is erecting an iron water-wheel near the Museum. These iron water-wheels are very scarce now, not that there were ever very many. It will add considerably to the Museum's attraction."

Members will note that the project is now nearing completion—when arrangements will be made for an official "opening" function.

The Society is pleased to record donations to the appeal from the following: Mr. Les Ryan, Mrs. M. Patman, and from an old friend and member now in England, Mr. Harry Barnes, who says he very much approves of the project and sends his best wishes for its success.

The A.D.H.S. is still seeking more information about the history of this wheel.

Gifts

The A.D.H.S. thanks the donors of these interesting gifts: From Mr. A. McD. Webster (Parkes)—photos of members of the Webster family, early residents in the district and at Round Hill. Capt. P. H. Heywood—water-well and damping brush for use with old-style copying press; cherry-wood tap for barrel. Mr. Keith Bradney—old wooden pulley, once used at Globe Hotel cellars. Mr. K. C. A. Knoble (per Mr. Doran)—old-type soft-drink bottle. Mr. Jack Pascoe (Daysdale)—photos of old teams and some record waggon loads. Mrs. G. A. and Mr. C. T. Williams—hand-operated chaff-cutter, ladder, wooden brand and other historic items. Mr. M. Shadwick (university student)—copy of his essay, "An Economic History of Albury, 1824-1900".

This Month's Meeting

On Tuesday, 9th September, in the C.W.A. rooms, at 8 p.m., Mr. Fred Morris will be our guest speaker. His subject will be "Wine and Wine-making". As usual, visitors are cordially invited.

The Local Wine Industry in the 1800s

The following is a translation from a German newspaper published in Mainz in 1872, under the heading "German Wine Culture in Australia":

"In 1849, Peter Frauenfelder, Henry Rau and Sebastian Schubach (the latter two from Erbach, Rhine Valley) emigrated with their families to Australia, and two years later (in the spring-time) they settled in Albury. They were amongst the first German families to arrive there.

"Being accustomed from childhood to vine-growing and wine production in their homeland, they planted in Albury the first vineyards, working on the same lines as were in vogue on the Rhine. Their efforts proved successful.

"At the present time (1872) there are many acres of vineyards in and about Albury. Every year the acreage under vines increases.

"The best wine in Australia is the Murray Valley wine, which can compare favourably with any of the Rhine wines.

"The large wine-growers in Albury held, in 1869, a meeting, when matters concerning the viticultural industry were discussed. At this meeting they passed a resolution that the first three wine-growers in Albury (Messrs. Peter Frauenfelder, Henry Rau and Sebastian Schubach) merited some recognition as pioneers of the industry in that place. It was decided to make them presentations which took the form of silver cups with lids that could be firmly closed. For drinking from these cups, a 'swan's neck' was provided.

"When these presents were ready they were handed to Messrs. Frauenfelder and Rau at a large gathering in Albany. It was regretted that before the cups were ready for presentation, Mr. Sebastian Schubach died a week or two previously, and the cup intended for him was handed to his family.

"At this meeting speeches were made regarding the wine industry, and much praise was given to the German wine-growers, special mention being made of the three men whose names have been indicated.

"Wine is very cheap in Albany. The best must costs 1s. to 2s per gallon when first put through the press, and 2s. to 2s. 6d. per gallon in the barrel. When two to three years old, 7s. to 8s. is procurable per gallon for large quantities. Two single gallons 8s. to 15s. is the price per gallon for the best kind of wine."

At a later date a list of the leading growers and the area of their vineyards for 1861 is given as follows: S. Schubach, 4 acres; E. Crisp, 1½ acres; Rau and Brownrigg, 1½ acres; J. P. Frauenfelder, 1½ acres; Johann Rau, 1 acre. At 7s. 6d. per gallon for new wine, and 15s. to 21s. for wine over one year old, this represented a profitable investment in land.

Museum Opening Days

The Folk Museum will be open each day of the school holidays, and the Society thanks those who give their time and interest to make this possible.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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HOSPITAL ADDITIONS.—At the last meeting of Albany Hospital Committee the following contracts were accepted: Erection of kitchen, Mr. A. Reiff, £173; construction of large tank (labour only), Messrs Cochrane and Howe, £21.

FREE LIBRARY.—At a meeting of the Albany Library Committee on Wednesday (22nd) it was decided to call for specifications for the necessary library fittings &c. The £200 worth of books granted by the Government are expected to arrive in about ten days.

DEATH OF THE FOUNDER OF MELBOURNE.—The Hon. John Pascoe Fawkner died on Saturday (4th), at Melbourne. He had been suffering for a very long period from chronic asthma, in addition to one or two other ailments incident to old age, but his death was the result more of a general breaking up of the constitution than of any specific malady. He had just completed his 77th year. He retained his faculties to the last, and only two days before his death he rode into town in his carriage, for the purpose of seeing his medical attendant, Mr. Gerrard.

STICKING UP OF THE BUCKLAND COACH.—Power the bushranger has again turned up in a more audacious manner than ever. Within five miles of Beechworth, in the middle of the Buckland Gap, in broad daylight, this highwayman stuck up the Bright coach on Saturday morning (11th), and kept it there for over two hours, bailing up everyone who came by, and having eleven persons in custody at one time. The coach contained four passengers, namely: Mr Hazelton, of Bright; a Chinese woman, who was proceeding to Buckland; a servant-girl engaged by Mrs. May, of Myrtleford; and a boy named Holloway. Edward Coady, the driver, was suddenly accosted by Power, who stepped into the middle of the road, presented a double-barrel gun, and ordered him bail up. He then in the coolest manner directed the passengers to get out and hand over what money or valuables they had. Afterwards he searched them, obtaining a gold watch and 4s. 6d. from Mr. Hazelton, £2 16s. from the driver, and 13s. from the Chinese woman. He also took a penknife and comb from the boy, but gave him 1s. 6d. in payment for same. All the while he chatted with the passengers in the most familiar and imperturbable manner.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during September: Henry Jones, 80 acres at Yambla; Benjamin Swann, 60a., Bungowannah; John Dawson, 104a., Germanton; Thos. Garland, 119a. and 135a. at Tooma; Patrick Supple, 100a. and 160a., Tooma; Maynard A. G. Buckley, 60a., Woomargama; Nicholas Curran, 135a., Welaregang; Harriet Tidball Palmer, 40a., Germanton; Wm. West, 320a., Kentucky; Patrick Kelly, 166a., Thurgoona; Geo. T. Darby, 40a., Buraja; Francis Hancock, 157a., Mountain Creek; Hy. Tayler, 40a., Quat Quatta; George H. Greene, 150a., Tooma; Wm. Tucker Pyke, 40a., Kentucky; William G. Dight, 200a., Bungowannah; John Bruce, 120a., Germanton; James Bruce, 120a., Germanton; Thos. Dornan, 40a., Howlong; Geo. S. Strachan, 180 Talmalmo; Fanny Elizabeth Mitchell, two of 40a. each, Thurgoona; John F. H. Mitchell junr., 167a., Thurgoona; Christian Matuschka, 40a., Jindera.

THE FREE LIBRARY.—The Rev. Dr. Lang, from Sydney, has presented, through the Mayor of Albury, to the forthcoming Public Library at Albury, the following copies of certain of his works, *viz.* — 1, *An Historical and Statistical Account of New South Wales*, in two volumes; 2, *Phillipsland, now the Great Colony of Victoria, in 1847*; 3, *Freedom and Independence for the Golden Lands of Australia*.

TICHBORNE CLAIMANT.—The claimant to the Tichborne estates has been in England since July. The trial of the case will not be proceeded with until after the arrival of the Australian commission. They have ascertained that the claimant is not Arthur Orton.

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Change of Date for October General Meeting

Will members please note that next meeting date is changed from Tuesday 14th to Wednesday 15th, and will be as usual at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street; and, as usual visitors will be welcome. The programme will be a talk on the Ord River Scheme, accompanied by a showing of slides.

Last Month's Meeting

On Tuesday, 9th September, in the C.W.A. rooms, our guest speaker was Mr. Fred Morris, whose subject was "Wine and Wine Making".

The growing of vines for wine production began in this district in its early days and has continued to be an important primary industry through the years. Mr. Morris, himself a third-generation vigneron, showed slides to illustrate his description of vine-growing and wine-making on the family property. His audience also gained a great deal of information from the opportunity to ask questions freely on any point of interest.

It was fitting that this talk should coincide with the just-published successes of this company at the Melbourne Royal Agricultural Show, and a recent article on "Wine" in the Melbourne Age, which says: "The other day Fred Morris walked into my office. He is, as you might know, a member of the Morris family which has a history of wine-making in the Rutherglen district going back almost 100 years. I am reminded by his presence that Rutherglen and other parts of the North East of Victoria traditionally produce some of our best sherries, ports, and similar dessert wines."

Donations to Water-wheel Appeal

The Society is grateful for donations towards the Water-wheel Fund from the following: Mr. Vernon Brown, Miss Anne Brown, Mr. and Mrs. R. Snow and Mrs. D. A. Thompson.

On Safari with a Minnie Moke

Australia being so closely concerned with New Guinea, we look forward to hearing from Dr. Ross Hayter at our November meeting an historical resume and a first-hand account of New Guinea today. As an introduction to that we append the following letter from an Albury woman, with its clear and graphic picture of Central New Guinea as she saw it recently:

"I had a wonderful two-day trip with Peter from Lae to Mt. Hagen, via the Highlands Highway, a distance of 340 miles, in a Minnie Moke. Travelled by plane to Lae where we stayed overnight and did a little shopping, goods being cheaper there—it's quite a good shopping centre. Next morning our convoy, five Administration vehicles, left about mid-morning on the first leg of the journey via Markham River valley Kassam Pass and Kainantu to Goroka, main town in the Eastern Highlands, where we arrived late afternoon.

"The Markham Valley road, over 100 miles of it to the foot of Kassam Pass, is very corrugated in places, but is a solid, wide, all-weather road. This narrows considerably over the Pass where it is more or less one-way traffic. The surface in places is raw metal and the grade steep, but not slippery. Some of the cuttings have been terraced in an effort to prevent landslides which sometimes block the road.

"The Markham Valley itself is very wide, in places its horizons seem almost as far as horizons in inland Australia. This is well established cattle country. Fat, sleek cattle grazing contentedly almost out of sight in the luxuriant feed.

"And the scenery! Magnificent! I was just too absorbed to notice the discomfort, if any, of my carriage. Have you ever ridden in a Minnie Moke? It is rather like a motorised spring-cart, no sides or doors, you just hop over the edge. There is an iron loop to hold on to if you feel unsafe around the bends, and of course with no protection from the dust you are the same colour from head to foot at journey's end.

"Travelling in convoy, especially leading as we were, I suspect in deference to my age, is non-stop—we munched sandwiches and fruit and swigged cool drinks from tins via straws as we jolted along what must be one of the world's roughest and most circuitous highways. Would be a major engineering feat, the road over those mountains. At the top of Kassam Pass there is a monument to the young engineer responsible for that part of the road. He died in his early thirties from a tropical fever.

"Once atop Kassam Pass there is a levelling out of the country. The descent, which is gradual and not great, runs through undulating grasslands crossing the headwaters of the Ramu River, the third largest in the Territory, very wide in its lower regions but little more than a creek where we crossed it.

"The countryside differs greatly from district to district. Grass lands in the Eastern Highlands where they occur extensively show an almost complete absence of road—just miles and miles of grassy mountains and valleys. Timber is sparse, which means scarcity of firewood. Fire is carefully nurtured by the natives. They use a clump of grass root, passing it from person to person to light their smokes, being careful not to let it go out. Men, women and children smoke.

"The Markham valley is mainly grassland but the surrounding mountains, heavily timbered for the most part and rising to great heights, are forbidding in appearance. Cliffs and rock formations are a dark purple-brown or copper colour, fascinating in grandeur but at the same time repelling.

"Further on across Daulo Pass and into the Chimbu district the limestone cliffs are white, the mountains are razor backed, steep and heavily timbered and bright with a wealth of flowering trees, shrubs and vines

"This is an agricultural district, the most densely populated area in New Guinea. There seemed to be people at every bend in the road cheerfully greeting us, the native gardens everywhere fenced in with sharp spiked little fences (picket) to keep the pigs out. How the gardens manage to cling to those steep mountain sides, or how they manage to plant them there in the first place is a marvel. Quite often villages with their little round houses scarcely high enough to stand up in, are fenced around, too, lending added charm to the general scene. The cold climate must account for the low built houses.

"The neat layout of the native gardens is striking. Individual small areas of perhaps an acre are sown down in small beds of varying shapes, maybe round, oblong or square, but all the same size and looking as though they've been measured exactly, are very neatly kept. This is particularly noticeable from the air, as also is the extent of cultivation.

"Most Territory people, but the Chimbu in particular, are flower lovers. There are flowers everywhere, not so much in orderly array as in our gardens but just anywhere. Many of these are imports from other countries, not the least being cosmos which makes a good background to smaller border plants. The whole length of the highway in Chimbu is bordered with flowers, one of the great charms of this district. This custom prevails in Western Highlands, too, but not to the same extent.

"We left Goroka, Eastern Highlands, about 9 a.m. on the second day hoping to climb out of the valley over Daulo Pass, 8500 ft. to Chimbu before the almost inevitable afternoon cloud capped the mountains and spilt the view. However, the weather was again kind and we had another perfect day. I felt particularly blessed in this respect as clear days are rare in this district,

which is sometimes called the Switzerland of New Guinea because of its mist, or cloud-shrouded mountains and bracing climate. Even though I passed in its vicinity three times I wasn't able to get a photo, or even a really clear view of Mount Wilhelm, New Guinea's highest mountain (15,400 ft.), as cloud seems to hug the top almost continuously. It is in Chimbu, rising directly behind Kundiawa, the main town. The last part of the journey was through Whagi Valley, Western District. We were tired and very dirty when we arrived late afternoon, but would do it all over again any day. We're quite 'sold' to the road worthiness of our sturdy little Minnie Moke; it can swing round bends with much more ease than larger vehicles. It's in the same class as the 'sturdy mountain pony'."

New Members

The Society is pleased to add the following names to its list of members: Mrs. O. Erdley (Epping), Mr. Keith Swan (Wagga Wagga); and transfer to life membership, Messrs. J. D. Crooke and Sons (Gundowring).

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RIVER NAVIGATION.—The paddle-boat *Cumberoona* arrived at Albury a few days ago, and is expected to start for Echuca today (Oct. 2nd). Mr. Bowler's horse Australian is a passenger. The *Corowa* and *Waradgery* steamers left Echuca *en route* for Wahgunyah on the 28th ult. The river was yesterday at 4ft. 7in. above summer level, with a prospect of rising when the recent rains come down.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during this month: Frederick Gibson Manning, 40 acres at Little Billabong; John E. G. Manning, 40 a. *ditto*; Georgina Elizabeth Burns, 150 and 44 a. Jerra Jerra; Florence Mary Burns, 57 a. *ditto*; Henrietta Annie Burns, 221 a. *ditto*; John Fridrik Mickelson, 40 a., Moorwatha; John W. Bruce, 80 a., Germanton; Walter Morrice, 306 a., Mountain Creek; P. S. Watson jun., 40 a., Talmalmo; John Carlile, 51 a., Yambla; Gertrude Isabelle Mitchell, 205 a., Thurgoona; Thos. Bell, 100 a., Tooma; Richard Pankhurst, 111 a., Mullengandra; Wm Ross, 127 a., Mullengandra; Daniel McNamara, 50 a., parish Huon; John J. B. Ball, 60, 40, 40 and 60 a., all parish Gerogery; John Joseph Keane, 320 a., Forest Ck.; Constance Nina Macdonald, 40 a., Welaregang; Geo. Peters, 50 a., Jindera; George Fenberg, 320 a., Indi; Geo. H. Willis, 313 a., Corowa; Wm. Tynan, 45½ a., Jindera; Wm. Gracey, 50 a., Cumberoona; John Edward Rial, 320 a., parish Murray; John Wanklin, 40 and 100 a., Little Billabong; Wm. Hy. Williams, 320 a., Carboost; John Gregson, 76 a., Gerogery.

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October General Meeting

Held in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, the programme subject of our last General Meeting was the Ord River scheme and its new and attractive town, Kununurra, including early history of the area, and the development of the deep-water port of Wyndham, first visited by Lieut. Phillip Parker King in the *Mermaid*, 84 tons burden, in 1819.

The Ord scheme comprises two dams—the Diversion Dam and the Main Dam, with already 30,000 acres irrigable, and the Main Dam begun. Utilizing, in our dry climate, the enormous flow of the Ord, it is designed to prosper and foster tropical agriculture and ultimately lead to the improvement and growth of the important cattle industry.

Colour slides, shown by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, illustrated the subject matter given by Mrs. Hazelwood.

This Month's Meeting

The November meeting will take place on Tuesday 11th in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, commencing at 8 p.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Ross Hayter, will show colour slides to illustrate his talk on New Guinea. Visitors are welcome.

Annual General Meeting

Members, please note that our Annual Meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in December, and nominations for office must be in the hands of the Secretary 15 days before the Annual Meeting (*Constitution By-law 5B*). Please consider nominating for office. Your active interest is needed by the Society.

Donations

Subscriptions towards the Water-wheel Fund are still being accepted. Recent donations have come from members Mr. John Livsey and Mr. O. Schilg, to whom the Society extends its sincere thanks.

The Water-Wheel

The public ceremony of the unveiling by Mr. P. D. Burrows of a memorial plaque on the water-wheel will take place on Friday, 21st November, 1969, at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many members as possible will be present.

We will see the completion of the biggest project the Society has undertaken, in the restoration and setting up of this rare and historic wheel.

Hovell Tree

The time draws near for the annual gathering arranged by the A. and D.H.S. at the famous Hovell Tree in the reserve by River Murray at Albury, when we recall our historical past in the arrival of the explorers Hume and Hovell at this spot and the tree marked 17th November in 1824.

Schools take an important part in this function, the leading role taken by a different school each year.

We are pleased that Wodonga (Lawrence Street) School has accepted this honour for Friday, 14th November, 1969; time 3 p.m. We hope to see the interest taken by the schools supported by the citizens of Albury.

It is interesting to note that a very early photograph of the Hovell Tree shows behind it the crane at the wharf for the use of steamers which in the fifties and sixties plied a busy trade on the Murray.

Albury Gardens

Whilst we all enjoy the beauty of Albury's Botanical Gardens, how many of us know of all the following features and why they are there?

As you enter by the gate at the corner of Dean Street and Wodonga Place, have you noticed the tree at your right hand?

ALDERMAN W. J. JONES, ESQ., *when Mayor of Albury,*
planted this, the first tree in the Botanic Gardens in 1877.

A little further on, past the Wishing Well, is an example of classic Greek feminine beauty in the statue — "Presented by Alderman Chas. Schmiedt, 1892."

And then you will see a Sundial, placed on a round paved area, completed with a semi-circular seat at its edge. Dated 1850-1950, it bears this message—

"It matters not how long we live, but how" (Bailey).

This Sundial and setting was presented to the people of Albury and District by Mate's Ltd., on the occasion of the Centenary of the Company, 1st May, 1950.

Again further on will be found a tree with special significance — the Lone Pine, planted by curator James Fellowes, from a seed of the Lone Pine on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

From the Wilkinson Memorial Gates, the second path to the right will bring you to the imposing Drinking Fountain—"Erected by his fellow citizens in memory of Charles Hilton Dight, 1841-1913"—which was unveiled by the Mayor, Ald. P. D. Burrows, June 17, 1916.

On your left from those gates and the band rotunda is the Hume Monument, bearing the following inscription—

This monument was erected by the inhabitants of the
Hume River District in honor of Hamilton Hume, Esq.,
to commemorate his Discovery of this River,
17th November, 1824.

Robert Brown initiated the erection of this monument to Alexander Hamilton Hume, originally in what was called "the recreation reserve", in the vicinity of the present Hovell Tree, and unveiled it on Monday, July 19 1858. When the gardens were laid out it was moved there, where it has been since at least as early as about 1890 or 1891. An early Albury paper records—"With reference to the inscription on this monument, it may be mentioned that for some years it read: 'Erected by the inhabitants of the Hume River.'"

It is stated that John Farrell the poet (who did much of his writing while living at the Turk's Head Hotel), when on a visit to Albury, on reading the inscription, remarked: "There must be a lot of intelligent fish about these parts." His observation was noted, and the word "District" was later added. Even "Homer nods"!

These various features do record some memories of Albury's past. If you don't know them, visit our lovely gardens again.

Gifts

The Society is grateful to the following well-wishers for items recently donated: Mr. Joe Williamson (Corowa)—large auger of hand-crank type; Mr. K. Bradney—old wine-bottle and receipt book; Mr. Mills (Wellington)—bullock yoke; Mr. G. Williams—paling-knife; Misses G. and A. Wallace—book, *Course of Instruction for Primary Schools* (1941); Mrs. Frank Boyes (Wodonga)—brochure, *Some History of Wodonga*; Miss L. Staton—three early photos of Hume Weir; Nepean Historical Society—book, *The Peninsula Story*; Mr. T. Mitchell (Towong Hill)—copy of manuscript, being recollections of a member of the pioneering Britton family.

The A. and D.H.S. expresses its gratitude to *The Border Morning Mail* for the donation of the printing block of the water-wheel, and to Mr. Alan Lindner for assistance in relation to the line-drawing for the block.

MEMBERSHIP.—For the information of those who might be interested in joining our Society, we wish to advise that a membership may be taken out at any time, the yearly subscription being one dollar.

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BELVOIR SCHOOL COMMITTEE.—The following gentlemen have been appointed by the Board of Education as members of the Local Committee of the Belvoir Common School, without prejudice to the power of the Board to withdraw aid from the school at any time, subject to the provisions of the Act: William H. Maxwell, Robert Swan, Matthew Parnaby, John Jennings, Christian Wunsch, John Kempton Humphrey and James Hatch.

STATE OF THE FOOTPATHS.—All good people who pay their bootmaker's bill have a right to be troubled in their soles at the present stony and gritty condition of the footpaths. Instead of paths having been covered with gravel that will "bind", a very unpleasant mixture of boulders and sand, like a sea beach, has been laid down. Their vendors of boots and shoes could not have had a better ally than the contractor who supplied this sort of loose gravel.

BRIEFS—

Dr. John Knight Barnett has been appointed as Government Medical Officer of the Albury District.

The tender of Alfred Treasure and Henry Webb for the erection of a wharf at Wagga Wagga has been accepted.

The lease of the tolls of the Hume Bridge at Albury for one year was sold on Monday (15th) to Daniel Driscoll at the upset price of £700.

LAND SELECTIONS.—Selections taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month were as follows: John Long, 109½ acres, parish of Huon; Benjamin T. Vough, 60 a., Kentucky; George Smith Strachan, 40 a., Talmalmo; Henry Goldsteen von Laubefeld, 260 a., Corowa; Christian Hubner, 46½ a., Huon; George Gill, 80 a., Wyndham, and two selections each of 40 a., Yambla; John Carey, 48 a., Moorwatha; Joseph T. Martin, 40 a., Corowa; Martha Palmer, 40 a., Bungowannah; Wm. Walsh, 40 a., Huon; John McKeown, 40 a., Buraja; William H. Scammell, 25 a., Indi; Thomas Hynes, 99¾ a., Jindera; Eliza Carey, 41 a., Howlong; Anastasia Ryan, 42 a., Howlong; James Fanning, 43¼ a., Moorwatha; Gertrude Isabelle Mitchell, 89¾ a., Thurgoona; William Lindner (late Adelaide), 100 a., Burrumbuttock.

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

This important meeting will be held on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, at 8 p.m. It is the culmination of the Society's year, both for business, and, being the last for 1969, for the social gathering to follow. Interested members of the public are invited.

REMINDER — *Lady members, a plate please.*

Last Month's Meeting

Those present were impressed by the graphic and comprehensive picture of New Guinea presented to us, in speech and picture, by Dr. Ross Hayter. With Australia's responsibility as well as interest in New Guinea, his informed presentation was valuable, and his hearers were both educated and entertained.

Gifts

Welcome gifts to the Society's Folk Museum and archives have come from Mrs. W. Nichols—chocolate moulds, large old-style photo album; Mr. K. Bradney—clamp-type cork-puller, old carpentry tools; Mr. A. W. Schultz—cross-cut saw; Mrs. E. Hunter—colour portrait of Queen Victoria (1901).

Museum

Members are reminded that, as previously, the Society hopes to open the Museum during the school holidays and on public holidays, other than Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Your help in staffing the Museum is essential.

The Society wishes to thank those of its members who have assisted in this way through the year.

An interesting and interested visitor to the Museum recently was Mr. David Martin—novelist, poet and journalist—whose comment was: "This small well-kept museum is an asset to Albury." He found various things of particular interest to him, especially the Dame Mary Gilmore furniture. He had known Dame Mary well and often sat at the very table during his visits to her and was much interested to learn of her link with Albury.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1969

We come to the end of yet another year, and I am pleased to say a successful one. We regret the death of one of our members, the Rev. Harold Norwood.

Your Committee has worked hard during the year, and attendances at Committee Meetings have been very satisfactory, including extra meetings. Our General Meetings have been well attended, and we have had some interesting speakers. In March, colour slides by Mrs. Schilg and myself showed the progress of the work on the waterwheel to that date. In April, Dr. Hayter gave us an illustrated talk on Norfolk Island. May, Mr. Max Barry told us the history of the formation of the Pastures Protection Boards, and their work on animal diseases. In June, Mr. D. I. McDonald, B.A., gave us an informative address on "The Writing of Local History". In July, Mrs. R. H. McDonald (member) presented a talk on Governor Phillip and Lieut. Gidley King. August was given to Mr. Leon Wegener, who showed pictures of the Walla Walla centenary celebrations. "Wine and Wine-making" was the subject chosen by Mr. Fred Morris, our guest speaker in September and whose forebears had begun vine-growing more than a century ago at Rutherglen. For the October meeting Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood (member) gave an illustrated talk on "The Ord River Scheme"; and in November Dr. Hayter again entertained us with an illustrated talk on New Guinea.

It was unfortunate that we had to cancel the Hovell Tree ceremony because of wet weather, there being no free Friday to which it could be postponed.

Our biggest project to date, since the Society was formed, was completed, the restoration and re-erection of the waterwheel. This was a very big and costly job, and the Society had to make an appeal to its members for funds to defray the cost. The response to this appeal was very pleasing. Our Committee member Mr. N. Douglas was in charge of the arrangements for repairing and the erection of the waterwheel, and the Society thanks him for the work and time that he put into it, and for the success he made of it.

The unveiling of the commemorative plaque took place on 21st November, and was performed by Mr. P. D. Burrows, a foundation member of the Society; and the waterwheel was handed over to the City of Albury. The Society hopes to have the wheel turning when the Folk Museum is open. The history of this waterwheel, as far as we can ascertain, is available at our museum.

The Society thanks all those members who have done voluntary work on any of its projects.

At the time of going to print, the museum has had 3,297 visitors, these from every State in the Commonwealth and from overseas; and we are pleased to record the high praise received for our small but good museum.

Staffing the museum has given us cause for thought throughout the year; some members have a high attendance record and then there is a big falling-off. We do not want to curtail the number of days that the museum is open; so we ask you to seriously consider swelling the list of those that can be called on to assist. The museum is only open for two afternoons a week at present, and we cannot expect a higher number of visitors unless the museum is open more often.

Gifts have come in well again this year and some valuable additions to our store have been made. The Archives section has also received some valuable items, but I must stress that we still have no permanent place for our archives and literary material.

Our effort for the bi-centenary of Captain Cook's landing in Australia will be a public lecture on the life of James Cook together with illustrations. This will be early in February of next year.

The Society thanks the "Border Morning Mail", 2AY, 2CO and AMV4 for their help during the year.

In closing I must thank the committee and members for the support that they have given me throughout the year.

—C. C. HAZELWOOD,
President.

Membership

The Treasurer will be happy to receive subscriptions for the coming year which are now due for renewal. The annual fee is one dollar.

The Albury and District Historical Society takes this opportunity to thank all its distant members and others not able to join in its regular activities for their continued interest, and to wish them the compliments of the season.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Gleaned from the files of *The Albury Banner* for December 1869)

FREE SELECTION.—Selections of land taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month were as follows: Sarah Florentine Neill, 40 acres at Corowa; James Nagle, 80 a., Corowa; Alexander Corbett, 40 a., Mungabareena; John P. Kennedy, 60 a., Corowa; Hugh McCallum, jun., 50, 60 and 40 a., Tooma; Rupert Byatt, 64 a., Welaregang; Wm. John Byatt, 120 and 40 a., Welaregang; Francis Breust, 40 a., Moorwatha; James H. Dunlop, 60 a., Walbundrie; Wallace A. Robinson, 320 a., Copabella; Wendelin Strauss, 140 a., Mungabareena; Wm. Breust, 40 a., Moorwatha; Frederick Fobel, 57 a., Jindera; Simon Whitehead, 40 and 80 a., Khancoban; Francis E. Kean, 320 a., Forest Creek; Charles H.

Douglas, 120 a., Khancoban; Patrick Murphy, 200 a., Piney Range; Robert Dunsmure, 100 a., Bringenbrong; Dennis Foley, 100 a., Howlong; David Smith, 50 a., Castlestead; Adelaide M. Douglas, 40 a., Khancoban.

MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOL.—The annual competition for the prizes given by the Local Board to the pupils of the above school commenced a fortnight ago in the senior division, comprising the third and fourth classes. During the past year the Model School has kept up its numbers, there having been during that time 163 boys and 136 girls entered on the rolls, and of these 103 boys and 95 girls were present at the examinations.

At the examination the most casual observer must have been struck with the excellence of the popular education imparted to the Public School. The following is the list of prizes awarded—

Girls.—4th class: Emily Barkley 1, Annie Bousfield 2, Jessie McDonald 3. 3rd class: Frances Crisp 1, Ingo Richardson 2, Eliza Crisp 3. 2nd class (a): Jessie McIntosh 1, Elizabeth Beal 2, Lucy Gregson 3. *Ditto* (b): Emma Broaker 1, Emma Tollard 2, Mary Stone 3.

Boys.—4th class: John Wilkinson 1, Wm. Jackson 2, Edmund Moore 3. 3rd class: Charles Wilkinson 1, Norman Lockhart 2, Alex. Jackson 3. 2nd class (a): Edward Arthur 1, John Sharp 2, Daniel Thompson 3. *Do.* (b): James Daniels 1, Wm. North 2, Hugh Stewart 3.

Special Prizes.—Mr. Blackmore's prizes, John Wilkinson and Emily Barkley; Mrs. Baker's prize, Charlotte Walpole. Dictation, Frances Crisp; mental arithmetic, Alex. Jackson and Ella Crisp; Mr. Husing's prize for geometry, Alfred Martin; mental arithmetic, Emily Barkley and W. Jackson; Mr. Crisp's prizes, Annie Daniels and W. Gray; Mr. Lockhart's prizes, Parmenus Mudge and Minnie Jones; Mr. North's prizes, Louis Rieff and Emily Wilcox; dictation, Margaret Kalbrunner and Francis Heath; Dr. Hutchinson's prizes, Blanche Barkley and William Hartley; good conduct, Leah Jones; reading, Eugene Skinner and Jessie Spalding; dictation, W. Plummer and Mary Stone; good conduct, Mary Jane Spurr; needlework, Annie McEachern; mental arithmetic, Blanche Barkley and Edward Arthur; sewing, Matilda Pembroke; sewing, Margaret Reuss; wool-work, Rebecca Jones; second-best sewing, Emma Broaker; plain sewing, Blanche Husing; crochet, Annie Bousfield; algebra, W. Jackson and J. Jackson; best shirt, Jessie McDonald; map-drawing, John Thompson, general amiability and good conduct (voted for by fellow pupils), Jessie McDonald and Alfred Martin.

For general proficiency in the infant department, prizes were won by E. Liddle, J. Southerwood, Agnes Middleton, Percy Barnett, Rebecca Waite, Ernest Heath, May Plummer, W. Crisp, Effie Southerwood, Samuel Moffitt, Annie Liddle, William Crisp, Margaret Eberle, John Jordan and W. Stewart.