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Annual Meeting

The eighth Annual Meeting of the Society was held in the C.W.A. rooms on 9th December, 1969, when the President's report was read and election of officers took place.

The Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, occupied the chair for this, which resulted in the election for 1970 of the following—

President: Mr. C. C. Hazelwood.

Senior Vice-President: Mr. O. Schilg.

Vice-Presidents: Captain P. Heywood and Mr. J. J. Wright.

Treasurer and Secretary: Miss C. Klinge.

Minute Secretary: Miss L. Staton.

Committee: Mrs. Boyes, Mr. N. Douglas, Mr. W. Fielder,
Mrs. Hazelwood, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Quiggin and
Mrs. Schilg.

Research Officer and Archivist: Mr. W. Fielder.

Bulletin Editors: Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Hazelwood.

Auditor: Ald. C. E. Bunton.

The Society was pleased to welcome guests from various organisations of the town and district. Carol singing followed by a social "get together" while enjoying the buffet supper concluded a pleasant evening.

Subscriptions

Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due and may be paid at any meeting or posted to the Treasurer—744 Pemberton Street, Albury 2640. Fees: Ordinary member \$1.00, life member \$15.00.

The Water-Wheel

While a more difficult and costly project than most people would realise, and taking from June 1968 to November 1969 to complete, the successful restoration and setting up of the Water-wheel in the vicinity of the Folk Museum preserved a valuable and unique historic relic (already known far and wide

interstate), as a lasting tourist attraction for the Albury Folk Museum and the city of Albury.

By a block made from a photograph of it, it now becomes the Society's special feature sign on all its publicity material.

The Albury and District Historical Society again thanks all concerned in any way with this big project—including interest and assistance from various firms in Albury and all their employees who gave such interested, as well as efficient, help.

The Albury Folk Museum is open when the wheel is running and a History of it is on sale there.

Folk Museum

We are pleased to record that, through the enthusiasm and loyalty of members on roster duty, the Museum was open every day, all day, from Christmas to the end of the school holidays in February, and that the interest and praise of visitors from all over Australia showed the importance of this attraction to Albury's visitors.

SEASONS

We now revert, *except for special reasons*, to Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. As always, the Museum is open for special requests.

Gifts

NOT R.A.
The A.&D.H.S. records its appreciation to members and friends for the following: Mr. E. Barker—patch-work cot cover, sodawater siphon; Mr. Maxwell—honey knife; Miss Clare Buckley—old-fashioned child's calico underpants with exquisite mending, *Mrs. Beeton's Book of Household Management*; Mrs. McAllister—girl's enamel bracelet; Mrs. Goddard—postcard photo of Albury gardens in 1910 (sold by J. B. Thomson, book-seller and publisher, Albury); Mr. Ken McLeod, very fine example of "canoe-tree"; Mr. A. Post—old papers and magazines; Mr. R. A. Smith—carbide cycle-lamp; patent pipe-cleaner; anonymous donor (whose name the Society would like to know)—old iron kettle in excellent condition; Mrs. P. Heywood—hot-water can; Reid family—scrap-book; S. A. and G. L. Edwards—donation to cost of public address service at water-wheel unveiling.

Captain Cook Bicentenary

The A.&D.H.S. was proud to open the celebrations in Albury of the Captain Cook Bicentenary, with a public presentation, to a capacity house, on the evening of Friday, 6th February, in the C.W.A. rooms, by its member, the well-known historian Mrs. Frank Boyes, of the story "James Cook the Man".

The research and preparation of the presentation covered a period of 12 months and showing of colour slides, with commentary, which concluded the evening, was made possible by

help and co-operation from people in all places on the globe that had any association with the famous navigator.

Pictorial plates that were also displayed will be later seen in the Museum.

KABANNA An interesting abridged printed story was, and is, on sale, and Kabanna was invited to supply soft drinks on behalf of their own funds.

This effort towards a fitting part in the Captain James Cook Bicentenary celebrations by the A.&D.H.S. led to the receipt of three important gifts by the Society, namely: A picture, in colour, of Captain James Cook, and one of his Coat-of-Arms, from Mrs. Frank Boyes. And a Certificate of Honour; this last "In recognition of the participation and activity in the bicentenary celebrations by the Albury and District Historical Society, the Hon. Asher Joel (Chairman of the Captain Cook Bicentenary Citizens' Committee, whose Patron is His Excellency Sir Roden Cutler, Governor of New South Wales) has asked that a Certificate of Honour be issued to this Society.

General Meeting

Our next General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th March, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street. By request and appropriately in this year's Floral Festival week, Mrs. Frank Boyes will show again her Captain Cook colour slides, with commentary, and with additional material. Everybody welcome. See this unique slide collection.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of *The Albury Banner* for March 1870)

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections of land were taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month: Samuel Nixon, 40 acres, parish of Buraja; James Nixon, 61 a., same parish; Dominick McHugh, 100 a., Tumbarumba Creek; Hedley C. Howard, 80 a., parish Kentucky; Donald McInnes (of Bowna), 42 a., Dora Dora; Patrick Cleary, 69 a., Huon; Jas. Kervin, 100 a., Quat Quatta; Alfred Chant, 100 a., Wagra; George G. Elmslie, 40 a., Dora Dora; Stebonheath Crouch, 50 a. and 156 a., Carabobala; Michael Keogh, 103 a., Yambla; J. C. S. Kaiser, 40a., Morebringer; William Piltz, 108 a., Castlestead; Thomas Underwood, 50 a., Corowa; Robert Gayer, 320 a., Turramia; Edward Bremner, 40 a., county Hume; George Charles Dalby, 40 a., Buraja; Edmund Bond, 39 a., Mountain Ck.; Honora Monghen, 70 a., Sandy Ridges; Alfred Lawrence, 40 a., parish Kentucky.

Advertisement—

L. SCHNEIDER, General Blacksmith and Wheelwright, Kiewa Street, Albury, begs to inform his customers generally that he has REDUCED his prices for Shoeing to 7s. for Saddle, and 8s. and

9s. for Draught Horses. All work conducted on the best principles, and charges moderate. No monopoly.

THE FREE LIBRARY lately opened at the Mechanics' Institute has already become a popular resort, the greater number of readers, as might be expected, attending in the evening, when the room is sometimes occupied with from 10 to 15 readers. Good order and quietness are maintained, and from the character of the books most in demand, it is evident that the knowledge stored up in the Library is fully appreciated. The £200 given by the Government towards forming a nucleus for a Library here is one of the most beneficial grants of public money which the district has ever received.

THE RIVERBOAT *Waradgery* has been floated again, and is to go through a thorough overhaul to be in readiness for next season, as she lost considerably last season through not being in a position to take advantage of the waters.

COACHING ON THE SYDNEY ROAD.—Messrs. Cobb & Co. have now in Goulburn intended to run between that town and Yass, by far the best and most comfortable coach that has ever run on the southern road. It is technically called a jack-coach, and differs from the ordinary American coach in having a door through which passengers are able to get in and out as in the case of a gentleman's private carriage and without the necessity of a ladder so objectionable and yet so necessary where ladies are travelling. Not only the seats, but the backs and sides and even the doors are comfortably padded with soft leather. The motion of the coach appears to be extremely easy; and the workmanship is excellent.

Queries Answered

F.J.K.: Albury's first hotel was the Hume Inn, built in 1824 by Robert Brown. It stood close by the Crossing Place until October 1868, when it was destroyed by fire in suspicious circumstances.

W.D.: The Australian airmen Hawker and Hinkler both lost their lives in flying accidents. George Charles Hawker met his death in England on 12th July 1921, when the machine he was using caught fire. He was at the time making a practise flight in the biplane which he was to pilot a few days later in the Aerial Derby.

In an attempt to improve on C. W. A. Scott's flying time of 8 days 20 hours from England to Australia, Herbert Hinkler crashed in the mountainous region of Arezzo (Italy). His body and the wrecked Puss Moth were not found until four months after he had set out from England in January 1933.

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Last Month's Meeting

In response to requests and with additional material to be shown, Mrs. Frank Boyes and Mr. Hazelwood co-operated in the showing again of the Captain Cook colour-slide series, with a graphic commentary by the speaker. This second viewing really impresses forcibly on one the steady courage and determination of those early seafarers, to whom in this case, we owe the nation to which we belong.

Gifts

Very much appreciated gifts to the Society include the following: Hand-made lace collar—on loan from Mrs. West. Mr. E. Barker—home-made axe head and bow-saw; Mr. C. Hazelwood—Reid wire strainer; Michael Muldoon—old syringe; Mr. J. J. Wright—tin of mineral from Coppabella Creek, two photos of soldiers' send-off in World War II (Lankeys Creek); Mrs. Hazelwood—kerosene iron, petrol iron; Mr. G. Williams—wooden brand; Mr. D. Mann (*per* Mr. Des Martin)—strong-room safe; granddaughter of Mr. A. F. Taylor—stereoscope and pictures, old-type tobacco tins; Mr. Perce Smith—pen drawing featuring 1914-18 war and gifts in last month's issue attributed in error to Mr. R. A. Smith; the Osmand family (Ettamogah)—black-smith's bellows.

Next General Meeting

On Tuesday, 14th April, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Boyes will take us, with colour-slides, and commentary, for a visit to Tonga. This island, by the wisdom of its rulers, particularly Queen Salote, has been kept more free from corrupting influences and racial difficulties than perhaps any other of the South Seas communities, and Queen Salote, a fine Christian woman, who was quite well known in Eastern Australia, had her people's welfare always at heart.

Bound for Australia

Our early immigrants to Australia needed as much courage and determination as in the days of Captain Cook, even though for different reasons. Here is the beginning of a personal diary in manuscript of a young man setting out for Australia in the year 1849. In these days of easy travel and comfortable living, ponder this.

"Bound for Sydney, Australia—left Leith, Scotland, on August 14, 1849, via London; August 17, and reached Plymouth August 19. Left Plymouth August 28 aboard the barque *Sarah*, 720 tons, Captain David Wilson. Passed the Tropic of Capricorn 13th October; passed the Cape 28th; passed St. Pare Island 18th November; passed Cape Otway 6th December; passed Kent's group (Wilson's Promontory) 7th December; passed Cape Howe 8th December.

"Left Granton in no very pleasant state of mind, owing to parting with very many kind friends, whose kindness seemed more apparent when the time of parting arrived, parting perhaps for ever.

"But I have taken this step after much consideration and in dependence on Him, who can turn all events to his own glory and our own good, and now that I am fairly engaged with the project, I have no fear. I must confess that from the time I left Granton till I bade good-bye to Deptford, I was a little agitated, but it is otherwise now, and my best wishes are with those friends I have left behind, and I flatter myself I have left many.

"The sky during the early part of the day was in its bright and spirit-cheering aspect, but towards 2 p.m. we had a tremendous shower and I was completely drenched. But after sailing, I got changed and felt no bad effects of my ducking. We left the pier at 4.40, but no tears graced our departure. The evening was blowy but we sped on passing many interesting views, the Bass Rock whose precipitous sides were surrounded by thousands of sea-fowl; North Island—whose gentle sloping sides reminded me of many happy days I had spent on Scotland's hills.

"Near the Rock, a fleet of fishing boats enlivened the scene. Tern Islands are seen in the distance, but our supper seemed more distant. At last it did appear—coffee, bread and butter, meat, etc. To make amends for the lateness, I laid in a good supply and went to bed soon after.

"I woke at 2, sick, jumped out of bed and found our little cabin door, and ornamented the deck! Sick till up to 3 o'clock—to bed again and kept it till 11. Still sick, got up during the afternoon. Nearly all were sick. Margaret (sister) very sick. Came and saw our little place and after much ado, I got her in my bed, as our place was clean and sweet, while the ladies'

cabin was in a bad state, it being impossible to recover in such an atmosphere. In fact, she kept her bed till the 17th and was not better till we left London.

"August 16—and we are off the coast of Yorkshire's chalky steep shore. Squally and showery with occasional sunshine, the sea rough.

"When the others saw the position I had placed Margaret in, they were off to see how their women friends were faring. McCorrie from Perth very soon placed his wife in one of the beds and a woman friend in another. McM. had his wife placed in another, so all our four beds were occupied. As the day wore on, some of them got up, but Margaret did not till day following, and by this time we were in smoother water and better weather, but she still had some sickness and much weakness and if she could have got home, she would cheerfully have gone.

"When we pulled up at Blackwall, London, those who were going to London went ashore and those of the emigrants who chose to go gack 3 miles by railway did so, but we waited and took the lighter which had our boxes on board and in 25 minutes

August 18.—Passing Margate, very pretty place, shore steep and chalky. Ramsgate 2 or 3 miles further down. The sun setting like an immense ball of molten fire, as we move along seems as if it were moving behind spires and chimney tops like some immense balloon. The sea is ordinarily smooth and we speed through it, wind right ahead.

"The emigrants have had their allowance of dry bread and bitter coffee boiling hot. I am sure I am not the only one who lost the skin off the roof of his mouth, but I do not feel privation as it may be better next time, but one cannot expect great things when we are made slump work of, but I was well pleased with the usage that we got at Deptford, our provisions were of excellent quality and we experienced great civility.

"As our lighter grounded at our destination, a waterman came aboard and asked: 'Have you one Margaret Russell on board?' 'Yes.' 'Have you one Hugh Russell? Put them ashore.' And he showed a boat alongside. I asked him what he wanted. He said a lady wanted to see us in a house. I said it was all gammon, that no lady here knew us. 'Oh, come', he said; 'she has something to give you; some silver plate, I suppose.' So we were led to a lady about 30 years of age who held a letter in her hand and said, 'You are Margaret?' 'Yes.' The letter was written in my father's name to Mrs. Chisholm, stating Margaret's age, qualifications and intentions and requesting her to endeavour to get her a position with some respectable family near Sydney."

(To be continued)

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(Cleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* of April, 1870)

ALBURY & WAGGA WAGGA DIRECT MAIL.—The following are the particulars of the contract accepted for this mail, which commenced to run on 1st April: Contractors, Gormly, Beveridge and P. J. McAlister, of Wagga Wagga; route, through Mangoplah and Gerogery; distance in miles, 88; number of times per week, twice; on horseback or by coach; annual amount payable, £194; contract terminates on 31st December, 1872.

TESTIMONIAL TO PIONEERS OF THE VINE.—The valuable service rendered to the districts of the Upper Murray by the three German pioneer vigneron was suitably acknowledged at a public presentation. A subscription list opened by Mr. Sanger, of Corowa, was widely supported and made possible the purchase of presents. Three very gracefully designed claret jugs* in silver were obtained from Melbourne, bearing the names respectively of Sebastian Schubach, Henry Rau and Peter Frauenfelder. At the Imperial Hotel, Albury, yesterday (April 29) the jugs were presented to the two last named, and the other to the widow of the late Mr. Schubach.

*The wine jug which bears the name of Sebastian Schubach is on view at the Turk's Head Museum.

SALE OF STATIONS.—Bonegilla Station, on the Victorian side of the Murray, near Wodonga, has been purchased by Mr. J. Conisbee, formerly of Beechworth. The price for the station and stock is stated to be £10 per head. Mr. J. G. Dougharty reports the sale of the Indi Station, on the Upper Murray, with 1000 head of cattle and purchased land, to Mr. H. C. Douglas, of Bringembrong, for £4,300 cash.

BUNGOWANNAH PUNT.—Eugene O'Keefe has been allowed to lease an area of land at Bungowannah for the purpose of a punt. The lease is from 1st January, 1870, until 31st December, 1874; annual rental £2.

LAND SELECTIONS.—During this month the following selections were made at the Albury Land Office: Louisa Ann Bond, 28 acres at Billabong; James Flinn, 40 a., Carabobla; Henry Ringwood, 40 a., Howlong; Laurence Doyle, 40 a., parish Richmond; William H. Weller, 40 a., Moorwatha; David Taskis, 40 a., Mullengandra; Thomas Gilchrist, 42 a., Corowa; J. McHardy McLaurin, 320 a., Yarra Yarra; Gordon R. McLaurin, 320 a., Yarra Yarra; Archibald R. McLaurin, 320 a., Billabong; James Alexander McLaurin, 320 a., Billabong; Andrew Hamilton, 60 a., parish of Murray; Maguire Murchison, 40 a., Argyle.

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Last Month's Meeting

Members appreciated the illustrated address on Tonga given by Mr. and Mrs Percy Boyes, of Wodonga. On this occasion, as Mr. and Mrs. Boyes had lived on Tonga, we were able, instead of being "on the outside looking in", to be on the inside looking about us; and were able to see much of the island and the life of its people, which in this day and age is so valuable to the non-traveller.

Next General Meeting

For our General Meeting on TUESDAY, 12th MAY, in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m., the guest speaker will be Mr. Norman Douglas—his subject, "Fish". Non-members are welcome.

Membership

The Treasurer's records show that there are still a number of members' subscriptions due for payment for the current year. The yearly fee is \$1.00, life membership \$15.00.

Obituary

It is with regret the Society records the death of a valued member, Mrs. Nancy Roseby.

Museum

The Society hopes that as usual the Museum will be open each day of the May school holidays. Will members please note this roster requirement, as some of our "regulars" are holidaying abroad.

Answers to Queries

W.M.: James T. Fallon, of Albury, is credited with having produced the first true champagne in Australia, some of it being exhibited at his cellars on 28th November 1875.

R.E.S.: The Ovens River, discovered by Hume and Hovell in 1824, was named in honors of Major John Ovens of the 57th Brigade. On arriving in N.S.W. in 1810 he was appointed Engineer by Governor Macquarie.

Bound for Australia — 2

"This lady, a Miss Green, lived in Sydney for some years and does all she can for young women who go there. She had a married sister there and, after reading our father's letter, gave me one to present to her sister and one to Mrs. Chisholm, 'who, if my sister has moved, will find out her address. I would like you to see her before you undertake any engagement. I know she will be happy to meet a girl whom I have seen. Here is a pound of black tea and a quarter of green, and the same for your brother; and will you be so kind as to give her this parcel'.

"We thanked her, said good-bye and walked off to the depot. This I found a decent-like self-contained house, railed in with a board fence. We walked in, presented our papers, and in a short time had tea, good bread and good butter. Roll was called, asked if any two wished to sleep together. I said, 'I and Archie Blair', so we got bed No 1. We found the bed well enough but the young men (he himself was 30) were intolerably noisy and frivolous. My mate and I were the only single Scotchmen in the room, and they would fain have cracked their jokes at us, but we kept quiet and they did not find a crack into which they could drive a wedge, and in the course of an hour they had talked themselves to sleep. There were two tiers of beds, two in a bed. I suppose our room would contain sixty or seventy

"We got up at five because we could not sleep. I went and saw Margaret. Got a good walk up a garden and then up town. Made some purchases and got back in time for breakfast, which was good—coffee, bread and excellent butter.

"We had a very large promiscuous party. Previous to breakfast, chest was removed per horse and four-wheeler to the shore. Walked about till roll-call and then marched to the barge, got on board Irish steamer and sped down 'Father Thames'.

"Steamer large, bad accommodation, crowd restricted to deck and a hold covered with straw, the women and children crowded together like a Beggars' Opera. As the sea got fresh, this place was anything but fresh. Passed Margate, Ramsgate, as night came on; no beds, and a party of soldiers and sailors staggering about drunk—disgusting and painful.

"Everyone trying to find snug quarters. Got Margaret into fore-cabin, 2/6. As time wore on everyone creeping into some cranny beneath sailcloth. Found snug corner for self and James and stayed there till daylight. Isle of Wight in view, pretty good day. Shabby dry bread and tea. Dinner, mouldy bread and salt beef. Supper, tea and bread. On Sunday I took back bread and coffee and told them it was not fit to feed pigs on. I said I would write to Park Street. 'Oh, don't make a noise

about it; bring them back, and we will give you better'. I did so. Pleasant day, particularly down in the pigs' place, but this place at best is most sickening. Sailing along the coast all day—barren, rocky aspect as we pass Devonshire coast.

"August 19.—Sunday, by 8 a.m. we reach Plymouth, luggage on deck. No one could inform us what we were to do or where we were to go. So boat sent to Depot.

"Reply: 'Shut, open tomorrow at 5.30 a.m.' Ten of us took a boat and went to the neighbourhood of the depot and secured beds, paid 6d. each. We put two married couples into one house with Misses Russell and Laing, Ogilvies, Arch Blair and myself in another.

"Had bread and the usual English beverage at 6d. a pot. Three pots, paid for them and beds and were shown to our beds, which were thin and not too clean. But as it was 11 o'clock it would be difficult to find better lodgings at that hour; we had to be content. Got up early and looked about, but I was dull and heartless, so returned, washed and then returned to the depot and found it closed. Back, had a cup of coffee and a roll at a stall, 1d. Called at Margaret and Miss Laing's lodgings. Got all to the depot by 7.30 a.m. and had tea at 8.00. We spent from Monday morning till Tuesday afternoon there and were very comfortable; got good meals and accommodation. I was the captain and had to go for the meat, but got one to go with me to assist.

"This depot is far better than the one at Deptford and more roomy, both inside and out.

"I paid several visits to the town, but owing to the existence of cholera, going out is prohibited. This rule was more rigidly enforced towards the time when we left. Unfortunately, I broke one of my ink bottles just as they were putting the chests aboard the lighter; so I was in a bad fix. The gate-keeper would not allow me to go out, so I applied to the Governor who gave me leave. But, being pressed for time, I had enough to do to get one, but I got it and on board in time, and our small boat took us on board our new home—the barque *Sarah*, 720 tons, Captain Wison."

(To be continued)

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ALBURY SCHOOL OF DESIGN.—The drawing class, under the tuition of Mr. Sommer, continues to meet every Thursday evening at the Mechanics' Institute. Some of the pupils have already made very noticeable progress. The room is excellently lighted for the purpose of the Drawing School and all requisite fittings and materials have been provided.

UPPER MURRAY MAIL CONTRACT.—The tender of Mr. R. Smithwick has been accepted for the conveyance of mails, twice a week, to and from Bowna and Welaregang, *via* Maracket, for the sum of £158 per annum. The service commences on the 1st proximo.

CARGO OF THE "CUMBEROONA".—The manifest of the riverboat Cumberoona has been handed us too late for detailed notice. The principal consignees are, however, Messrs. T. H. Mate & Co., Messrs. H. & W. Moffitt, Mr. G. Day, and Mr. L. Solomon, and smaller consignments of goods, &c., are on board for Messrs. Thomson, Frew, C. A. Crighton, J. Kruse, T. H. Webb, H. and J. Littlewood.

TREE PLANTING.—The season for planting trees is now commencing. The subject of planting the sides of the streets with shade trees is well worthy the attention of the Borough Council and of all who desire the improvement of the town.

TEN MILE CREEK* (*from our correspondent*).—I have to record a successful attempt to grow sugar-cane in this district. Mr. A. Ross, of the Billabong, has at the present time an acre of the kind known as the "Planter's Friend" growing most luxuriantly and of healthy appearance. Mr. Ross intends converting part of it into sugar, so as to try what can be done in the matter of sugar culture.

*Now Holbrook.

A REWARD of £500 has been offered by the Victorian Government for such information as will lead to the arrest and conviction of the bushranger Power. The following is a description of the man: He is probably English, aged 40 or 50, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height, with a short greyish beard and heavy eyebrows. He wears a light-grey sac coat of raised pattern, light trousers, blucher boots, and a light-brown felt hat.

LAND SELECTION.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month: James McDonald, 75 acres, parish Huon; Johann Gottlieb Kalms, 320 a., Walla Walla; Johann Robert Kalms, 160½ a. do.; Carl Hermann Kalms, 186¾ a., do.; Johann Gottlieb Weisner (late of Adelaide), 97 a., parish Castlereagh; Henry Henty (per Edward Webster), 866 a., Thugga; Wm. H. Weller, 40 a., Moorwatha; David Taskis, 40 a., Mullengandra; Thos. Gilchrist, 42 a., Corowa; E. M. Bond, 130 a., Cookendina; W. J. Finlay, 100 a., parish Murray; Michael Murphy, 50 a., Back Creek; George T. Darby, 50 a., Baraja.

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Our guest speaker for May, Mr. N. Douglas, had chosen for his subject, "Fish — The Life of the Trout". A commercial undertaking, the trout farm he has started near the Hume Weir, has given scope, not only for a business venture, but a hobby, and that obviously led to a really engrossing talk on all aspects of his subject—little known previously to most of his hearers, who also found the live evidence quite fascinating.

Native Handicraft Displayed

For lack of space last month, mention was deferred of the interesting collection of Tongan handicrafts brought by guest speakers, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Boyes, to the monthly meeting. The wide range of attractive and beautifully made articles included baskets, mats, handbags, ornaments and necklaces.

Membership

As the half-year approaches, the Society will be greatly assisted if any who have overlooked payment of the annual one dollar membership would please forward same to the Treasurer, 744 Pemberton Street.

Gifts

For gifts recently received the Society expresses its sincere thanks to the following people: Mr. Eli Barker—old photos; Sisters Gertrude and Mary Helen (Shortal)—very old table fork; Mr. P. A. Coysh—log with embedded horseshoe; Mr. J. Ratcliffe—stone bottle, vacuum cleaner (non-electric), lady's fan, war-time ration tickets, race spurs. On permanent loan: Blacksmith's anvil, old H.M.V. gramophone, lady's watch, silver watch-chain, two baby's plates.

Correspondence

J.T.: As a name for your new house near a running stream, perhaps one of the following aboriginal words would be to your liking: Cabarita, by the water; Barongarook, running water; Wyuna, clear water; Girrur, creek; Wondalla, rushing water.

Monthly Meeting

Next Monthly Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 9th JUNE, at the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, 8 p.m. We look forward to sharing with Dr. and Mrs. N. Symonds their recent trip to South-East Asia and Japan by way of their photography and commentary. As always, visitors are welcome.

Turk's Head Hotel

Following are the names of the licensees of the Turk's Head Hotel for the years from 1877 to 1899 : 1877-79, Luke Gulson; 1880, Thomas Gulson; 1881-85, William Green; 1886-90, James Oddie; 1891-93, William Green; 1894, Alexander McDonald; 1895, Joseph H. Frauenfelder; 1896, Elizabeth B. Frauenfelder; 1897-98, Thomas W. Parker; 1899, Joseph Hogan.

Some Notes on Early Yackandandah

Its name derived from two aboriginal words, meaning rock, and water hole. One large rock stood on top of another rock in a waterhole in the creek, within half a mile of Osborne's Flat post office.

In 1838, George Kinchington, wife and family, crossed the Murray in June, where Albury now stands, and camped on the Yackandandah Creek, near the junction with the Kiewa. They subsequently settled at Thalangananga, now known as Kinchington's Creek.

In 1841, Dight and Kinchington took the first cattle from the district to Melbourne.

During 1844, the Osbornes took up this district as a cattle station. Osborne's Flat was named after these settlers. The homestead was situated within a quarter of a mile of the Osborne's Flat post office.

1852 saw the first gold discovered in the district, Howitt, Doherty and Tracy being among the first arrivals. The first claim opened up was immediately south of the present township.

1854, first hotel licenses granted: Johnson (Waterloo), Jarvis (Clarence) and Fennell (Yackandandah).

The beautiful stone bridge was built in 1856-7; architect, Dalrumble.

From 1853 to 1859, Yackandandah was a flourishing mining town. In 1865-70, Bolam's mill crushed 11,500 tons of stone for 11,900 ozs. of gold.

Globe Hotel

Records show that the Globe Hotel was built for John Roper, and was opened sometime late in 1860. The proprietor was Jonathan Boon, who had formerly conducted the Commercial Hotel at Wagga Wagga.

The "Albury"

The steamer "Albury" (photos in the Folk Museum) was imported by Cadell, 1855, and assembled at Goolwa. First steamer to reach Albury in 1855 and navigate the Coorong, and first steamer on the Darling River, 1859.

Bound for Australia — III

This instalment concludes the diary kept by a young Scotsman who migrated to Australia in the year 1849.

"I lost no time till I had seen my berth, No. 22. I was not very well pleased with it, but one must submit to his lot, and I began to like it by-and-by. But I would have liked it better to be nearer the hatch, as I would have had better light and air. But I find I am distant from the women and children, which is a great consolation, for they are not the most agreeable companions; if they are pleased they are noisy, and when they are displeased they are fearfully so—so consequently they are seldom tolerable company.

"We went aboard on 28th August; the word was given at 4.10. We were under-way and sailed from Plymouth at 5 p.m. We tacked three times to clear the breakwater. On the 30th we saw the *Lizard* in the distance, being the last look of England.

"When the roll was called, I was made constable with Mr. Whitby, for our squad, and three others for the married department.

"We had a pleasant evening, the stars shining out—the stars I had often gazed upon in the home of my fathers and in the company with those who will ever be dear to me. To those friends I have bidden *adieu*, and to those stars I must very soon bid farewell for a long and, perhaps, a last *adieu*. How the thought of parting with things inanimate affects one! But they are so intimately connected with thoughts, and friends, and past events—some of a pleasing kind, others of a painful nature, that the parting tends to soften the heart so as almost to call forth a tear, but of this—enough.

"Every day, nay, every hour, is bearing us farther from you and them, and as we nightly leave some of those silvery lights behind beneath the northern horizon, others peep out from the south which we had not previously seen. They may call forth admiration, but the loss of the others calls forth a very different feeling."

Cholera broke out on board and 23 died. Four children were born. They crossed the Line on 29th September and the voyage successfully terminated at Sydney. Our young man succeeded in life and five years later sent for his affianced bride, Joanna, and his sister Euphemia.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* for June 1870)

CAPTURE OF POWER.—The notorious bushranger Power was captured on Sunday morning (5th June) by Inspector Nicholson, head of the detective force, Inspector Hare, Sgt. Montfort (lately of Wangaratta) and a black-tracker. Power was camped in a gully in the centre of the top ranges at the head of the King River, three miles from Bungamero station. He was living in a bark gunyah, which was surrounded by the police. Power was asleep at the time, and was captured without a struggle. There was a loaded gun and a loaded revolver in the hut. The prisoner was taken into Wangaratta and lodged in the lockup on Sunday evening. He expressed disappointment at being so easily captured, and said he would rather have been shot than taken.

Later: Power has been committed to take his trial at the Sessions in August next on three charges, and on another charge he was committed to the Circuit Court to be held in October.

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month: John August Roth, 99 acres, parish Huon; Samuel Muller, 140 a., at Crichton; August Friedrich, 101 a., Jindera; John Mickan, 122 a., Huon; Martin McCormack and Michael Cleary, 320 a., Brown's Spring run; Franz Hanckel, 100 a., Castlestead; Robert Rand, 185 a., Mohonga; Charles Mackay, 80 a., Moorwatha; Alexander Gordon McCrea, 100 a., Castlestead; Henry Piefke, 50 a., Castlestead; Gottfried Hubner, 320 a., parish Huon; John Conway, 100 a., Morebringer; John Ellis, 100 a., parish Hovell; Fritz Weule, 320 a., Manus; Henry Fromholtz, 56 a., Howlong; Benjamin Vile, 80½ a., Moorwatha; Henry Collis, 114½ a., Moorwatha.

TEN MILE CREEK.—A good many of our residents are off to the rush at Mittagong to try their luck at gold-digging. Several have gone during the week, including two parties who have taken their blacksmith's tools with them with the intention of working at their trade, which I have no doubt will be more profitable in the end than searching for the precious metal.

The Rev. Alexander Robb will conduct public worship at Mrs. Pabst's large room on Sunday, 26th inst., at eleven o'clock forenoon. As visits from clergymen in this district are few and far between, a large congregation is likely to be present.

THE PROPOSED WHARF.—The Appropriation Bill assented to on 7th May provides for the expenditure of £1000 for a wharf at Albury. Have the Borough Council taken measures for urging the commencement of the work?

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June 9th Monthly Meeting

Dr. and Mrs. M. Symonds illustrated for us, by choice photography and interesting commentary, travel through S.E. Asia and Japan. Members appreciated the opportunity for such a vivid overall impression of the countries so important to Australia, yet one that most of us can only gain vicariously by just such a presentation.

As the Monthly Meetings are open to members and non-members alike and cover such a wide range of subjects by able speakers (and are usually illustrated), the Society regrets that more members of the public do not attend to enjoy them.

Gifts

The A.&D.H.S. is grateful to generous donors of material for the Museum or for the Archives: Mrs. W. Cardwell, *per* C. C. Hazelwood—apple corer. Miss Clare Buckley—child's dress. Mr. C. C. Hazelwood—copies old photographs. Mrs. S. Cardwell—china. Mrs. Crosby (Culcairn)—Balfour records. Mrs. Frank Boyes—history and photo sternpost "Endeavour". Mrs. Collins—books, Dante's "Inferno", "Purgatory and Paradise"; Bible, 1860; antique watch and chain; Teacher's Bible (presented 1897). Mr. Brent Rankin—framed photos Coreen Well, 1900. Mr. D. I. McDonald (Canberra)—sketches Albury churches, from publication 1876. On loan from Mr. D. Sinclair ("Burra")—China silk wedding dress and blouse.

The A.&D.H.S. records its gratitude to the firm of Alfarm Distributors and to Mr. J. West for valuable assistance in connection with the canoe-tree.

Monthly Meeting

The Society's next Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14, in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, 8 p.m. Programme of slides and commentary. Visitors welcome.

From an Old Book on Albury

"A little further on we come to that fine estate which bears the name of Ettamogah—a very perfect little vineyard with its well constructed cellars and appliances of all sorts for pressing, fermenting and maturing the wines.

"To Mr. Adams, once Surveyor-General of N.S.W., we owe the initiation of this vineyard, but it has now for some years been under the practical control of Mr. Lancaster. Its wines are well known in Australian markets. Pines throw their shadows on the road to the main cellar, and heavy fruited walnuts overhang the path leading to the well-equipped bottling and packing houses. There are scarcely 40 acres in the Ettamogah enclosure and they are divided by the main trunk railway line—40 acres of properly developed hillside. (From the train, you can still see in these paddocks the cultivation lines of the old vineyard.)"

The following verses, in the light of this past history of the area, have real meaning, written as they were, in those days.

MORNING AT ALBURY

The big black New South engines come to the break of gauge,
Through the wheat of Wagga and Culcairn, and the Ettamogah
vines;

Through the growing queen of the plains, and the hills the
colour of sage,

And the steel track losing itself in a maze of crossings and lines,
By the fecund field of the Murray side, and the cuttings of brown
and red,

In the iron clays of Kenilworth that slope to the Murray bed.

The quiet town still half-asleep in the quickening glow of dawn,
The green flame of the poplars, and the pines and pepper trees:
And the blue back hills that rampart field and meadow and lawn,
And the wine-like Riverina all that is sweet to the utter lees;
And Albury in the land of the hills, cupped and secure and held,
And life serene, or seems to be, with the city's noises quelled.

I am fain to live in the quietness of the vineyards and the wheat,
By the swelling grapes, in the day-break scents and ecstasy of
morn;

By the feather and flame shaped poplars, shading the quiet street,
And the bloom of the river orchards and the tassels of the corn;
But we race from city to city, thither and thither and yon,
Like the homeless catching a glimpse of home and quiet and
passing on.

—RANDOLPH BEDFORD.

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Reminders of the Past (advertised in 1901)

Wellington Knife Polish, prepared for Oakley's Patent Rubber Knifeboards. In canisters, 3d., 6d., 1s., 2s. 6d., 4s. — Wellington Black Lead. The best for polishing stoves, grates and ironwork, without waste, dirt or dust. In 1d., 2d. and 4d. blocks or 1s. boxes — Brunswick Black, for beautifying and preserving stoves. Bottles 6d., 1s. and 2s. — Two yards square Irish Damask Tablecloths, 2s. 6d.; 2½ yards x 3 yards, 5s. 6d. — Shirts. Fine quality long cloth, with four-fold Pure Linen fronts, 35s. 6d. per half-dozen. To measure, 2s. extra. — Old Shirts made as good as new, with good materials in neckband, cuffs and front for 14s. half-dozen.

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DR. HESTER, who lately returned from Switzerland, is now practising his profession at Wangaratta. Dr. Dobbyn, an old practitioner of that township, has removed to Brighton.

THE WHARF.—The District Surveyor, accompanied by the Mayor and aldermen, visited the river bank on Wednesday (13th) for the purpose of fixing upon a site for the wharf about to be constructed. The site selected by Mr. Wood lies between the Hume monument and the roadway used by vehicles approaching the river. It was suggested by one alderman that a wharf-wall would seem to be far more serviceable than any wharf would be.

NEW HOTEL.—The Salutation Inn, Dean Street, Albury, has been opened by Mr. James A. Jones, lately of the Star Hotel, Goulburn, and brother of Alderman W. F. Jones, of this place.

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July General Meeting

An excellently varied programme of regional history in picture and story, presented by Mrs. O. Schilg, was greatly enjoyed by members at the Society's July meeting.

Next Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, 11th August, at the C.W.A. rooms, beginning 8 p.m., our guest speaker will be Capt. P. Heywood, whose subject will be "A Visit to the Flinders Ranges and the Grampians". As well as for their own beauty and interesting geological features, the Flinders Ranges, because of their association with Hans Heysen, will have a special attraction for viewers. Visitors are always welcome.

ALEXANDER BROWNE (ROLF BOLDFREWOOD)

(by E. McDonald)

The fact that Alexander Browne (Rolf Boldrewood), the author of "Robbery Under Arms", spent ten years of his life, from 1885 to 1895, in Albury has always been of interest, and Dr. Andrews in his "History of Albury" reports that Mr. Browne was promoted from Chairman of the local Land Board to a Magistrate of the local Court.

Today, the Albury and District Historical Society has been fortunate in recovering a quantity of fresh data about the family. A photostat copy of the author's diary, from the time he left Arimdale in January, 1885, to take up his position as chairman of the local Land Board until the arrival of his wife and four of his family of seven in May of the same year, is in the possession of the Society. For this the Society is grateful to Mr. Hubert Black, of Melbourne, grandson of Alexander Browne, and also to several other older residents of the city who have been able to supply first-hand knowledge of meeting the Browne family at both "Morningside" and "Raby", 642 Olive Street.

In June last Mrs. Maureen Greene, of Dover Heights, her daughter, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts's son called at the Museum in the hope that they may visit the former homes of the Brownes. They photographed 642 Olive Street, which the Brownes had called "Raby" after Mr. Browne's home at Narellan, N.S.W., and the Society was glad to be able to give them a photostat copy of a "Morning Mail" photograph and report on "Morningside" before it was demolished, a few years ago, on the death of the last owner, Mrs. E. Snell. In return they were able to give the Society a lot of fresh facts. Mrs. Greene, whose mother was a Mackay and related to the Dights, is a daughter of Sylvester Browne, a younger brother of Alexander. The Brownes' father was an English merchant sea-captain who transported convicts to Australia and is reputed to have delivered them in good condition. He had 15 or 17 children, was much travelled and apparently educated his children well, as Rolf Boldrewood's diary shows; lived in Melbourne at one time, and indeed a small block of land in the heart of Melbourne still stands in his name in the city's plan.

There has always been a certain doubt as to where "Robbery Under Arms" was written and we are now pleased to say that from a letter to Mrs. E. Hore by Mrs. Emily Black, daughter of Alexander Browne, it now seems quite certain that its birth-place was Dubbo, where it was written as a serial for the "Sydney Mail". While the family was in Albury, Emily Browne, on an old Remington typewriter, did most of the typing before it was sent off to Longmans and published in a three-volume edition and later in a one-volume edition which McMillans published. Cassell's edition, which came next, contained an interesting biography by Barrett, who supplied the Mitchell Library with information received from Mrs. E. Black (nee Browne), followed by an Oxford Press edition with a foreword by "Cobbers" Dr. Wood. And so it would appear that "Robbery Under Arms" did really come alive in book form while the family lived in Albury, especially so as Mr. Browne in his Albury diary says that Mr. Keightley, his assistant on the Land Board, advised him to have "Robbery Under Arms" printed, presumably in book form. During his first months in Albury, Browne states that he had sent the manuscript of "Robbery Under Arms" in two parts for some friend to read (name illegible).

"Advice to Intending Emigrants to Australia"

Following are extracts from a publication of the above title, printed in 1852 :

"The next difficulty which the emigrant will have to encounter is his outfit. Very little will do and anything that is clean will do to wear on board a ship. His care must be to dress respectably at the end. But he must bear in mind that a sufficient supply of linen must be taken to last four months, as there is little chance of washing when on board. Fresh water is too valuable there and he might as well ask for champagne to wash in, as for any water beyond his allowance; he would get the one as soon as the other. The only washing chances are from catching the water in rainy weather, as it drips from the sails. The least he ought to do with are a dozen shirts, a couple of Guernsey shirts, a dozen pairs of cotton socks, a pair of good fustian trousers, fustian jacket and waistcoat, pea jacket, cloth cap. Sunday-going coat, waistcoat and trousers, a pair of blankets, three or four pairs of cotton sheets, towels, etc., two pairs of strong shoes and a pair of light ones. Some of these, no doubt, he will already have, as also other little articles will suggest themselves. He should, however, have all the above and a good sea-chest to pack them in.

"A female going out should not have less than a dozen calico chemises, four petticoats, two flannel ditto, four flannel waistcoats, a dozen pairs of cotton stockings, two pairs of shoes, one pair of boots, three cotton dresses, two bonnets, and requisite articles for the berth as for a man. Soap must also be taken as well as ordinary toilet articles.

"The best outfitters will supply the emigrant with a list of all required for every class, with the prices affixed — and for three or four pounds a sufficient outfit may be got".

"Luggage is stowed in the hold of the ship and supplied once a week or fortnight to the fore-cabin passengers. The best kind of package is a good strong trunk with a smaller one for immediate purposes".

It may be noted that some of these "good strong trunks" or "sea-chests" are still in possession of some families today. If you should be a fortunate owner, preserve it.

Let's Look Back

An advertisement in a local paper in 1908 reads : "Federal Coffee Palace, Melbourne. Largest hotel in Australia. Rooms from 2/- per day, 10/- per week. Meals from 1/-. Cafe 3d. and 6d. Hot and Cold Baths — New Safety Electric Lifts".

Gifts

The A. & D. H. S. is happy to record its thanks for additions to its museum and archives. From Mr. Vic Bruce — cartridge cases; Mrs. F. Seymour (Tumut) — archives material; Mrs. Chas. Wilkinson — stone hot-water bottle and domestic articles; Mr. J. Dunn — shearer's agreement.

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NEW FLOUR MILL — Farmers will be glad to hear that Mr. John Burrows, of Barnawartha, intends to compete for some of the business of the grain trade by building and working a new mill at Albury.

ALBURY HOSPITAL — Report for July : Patients remaining after July 1st, 15; admitted during the month, 7; total, 22. Discharged, cured, or relieved, 9; died, 1; total, 10; remaining August 1st, 12. Three persons have received medical attention and medicine as out-patients during the month. Visiting medical officers : Drs. Hutchinson and Keatinge. A Wallworth, Superintendent.

RABBIT NUISANCE — The editor of the "Hamilton Spectator" urges the adoption of a means for the compulsory extermination of rabbits, and suggests that the dead "bunnies" would afterwards make capital raw material for the operation of meat preserving companies.

ADVERTISEMENT — Wanted 50,000 or more First-class Bricks delivered near Albury Brewery. For particulars apply John Burrows, Indigo Mills, Barnawartha.

THE STEAMBOATS — The "Cumberoona" arrived at Albury on Sunday last (July 30), bringing a small cargo; on the following day she sailed downstream with a cargo mostly of wheat. The "Corowa" made her appearance at the Albury "wharf" — or rather at the place where it ought to be — on Tuesday, and departed for Echuca on Wednesday. The improved tone in the Melbourne wheat market is evidently effecting a corresponding improvement in the local consignments of grain.

The "J. H. P." recently ran foul of a tree at Wantabadgery, on the Murrumbidgee, and almost immediately foundered. No lives were lost, but the crew and passengers escaped with difficulty.

LAND SELECTION — Lots taken up at the Albury Land Office during August were as follows : Elizabeth Maude Mitchell, 170 acres, Thurgoona; Patrick Butler, 58 a., Howlong; George H. G. Manning, 40a., Little Billabong; Jas. Walsh, 40 a., Huon; Samuel Gregory Bowler, 144 a., Quat Quatta; Gottlieb Kerrer, 100 a., Morebringer; Jas. Crinin, 40 a., Cumberoona; Pierce Wagra Hore, 100 a., Cumberoona; Alex. McDonald, 320 a., Gerogery; Jas. Wood, 150 a., Tumarumba.

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September Monthly Meeting

This month's General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 8th, in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. P. Webb, and the programme subject, colour slides and talk on a recent caravan trip to Kununurra, on the Ord River. Visitors welcome.

Gifts

Items added to the Society's Museum collection include: Fruit-slicer, Mrs. Stewart McDonald; set of fleams, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood; bottle of "Brunswick Black", Mrs. W. Cardwell; folding camera, Mr. E. Barker; hand-cuffs (two types), Mr. Norman Ogilvie; aboriginal hair-belt, Mrs. Peter Worsley (Western Australia).

August Monthly Meeting

Most people *want* to visit Flinders Ranges, but don't or can't! His audience appreciated Captain Heywood's pictured tour, and Mrs. Heywood's commentary, of this country; the beauty of its trees and mountain ranges, and the glimpse of Kanyaka, and its story, when in 1850-1870, it was a staging point on the main-dray-route through the ranges and 70 families lived there. Bypassed later by rail and road, and because of drought seasons, the settlement died.

Geologically, the Flinders are very old. In the original geological structure, the folding and pressure resulted in the formation of large domes and basins, and the latter remain as huge natural amphitheatres, encircled by tier above tier of rocky ledges. These basins are known locally as "pounds".

One of the most extraordinary of the basins is Wilpena Pound, lying in the heart of the ranges about 80 miles north-east from Port Augusta. Rising from a mass of lower hills is an isolated plateau, oval in shape, 12 miles long and nearly 5 miles wide. Entirely surrounded by a steep escarpment of quartzite, it is not

flat on top as the usual plateau, but slopes inward. The outer rim is a steep ridge with a serrated skyline, rising in the south-east to St. Mary's Peak, nearly 4000 feet high

Wilpera The only way into the pound is across Sliding Rock, and then through a narrow gorge on the east side, down which the Wilpera Creek, when running, flows towards Lake Frome. The centre of Wilpera Pound, 34 square miles, is well covered with trees and vegetation. A feature of the whole area is the nomenclature, the beautiful musical aboriginal names.

It is interesting to note that the film of Rolf Boldrewood's *Robbery under Arms* was photographed here. The itinerary included the interesting old town of Quorn, and, finally, famous mountains nearer home—the Grampians, in Western Victoria, which were named by the explorer, Sir Thomas Mitchell, in 1836, because of the resemblance he saw, to the Grampians in Scotland. Ranges, extending north and south for about 60 miles, whose spectacular rock formations are so unique in structure and whose wild-flowers so well known and worth visiting, the natural home of the white thryptomene.

Upper Murray Railway League of 1908 — Albury's Standpoint

A meeting of the committee of the Albury branch of the Upper Murray Railway League was held in the Council Chambers, Albury, on Friday night, January 31st, 1908, the Mayor presiding and Mr. R. Drummond acting for the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. V. Petersen).

The following is a precis of the arguments in favour of the construction of the Upper Murray railway, forwarded to Mr. Waddell, N.S.W., Colonial Treasurer, by the Albury branch. The proposal of the Upper Murray Railway League is to have a railway line from a point on the main Melbourne to Sydney trunk line to Jingellic, about 57 miles.

On receiving the deputation from the League on October 30th last, Mr. Bent stated that if his Government contributed to the line at all, it would be carried on to the very head of the Murray—probably he had Towong in mind. The construction of the line would, however, depend on the extent to which adjoining land-owners were prepared to saddle their lands—though he would not in any case ask more than 10s. per acre, the payments to extend over a number of years. The line would serve a large tract of country as magnificently rich (tens of thousands of acres on both sides of the river are eminently suited for closer settlement) as it is magnificently picturesque.

Mr. Bent intimated that he would be prepared to consider a "give and take" railway—that is, one which for shortness and saving expense, would, if necessary, cross here and there from Victoria into N.S.W. The natural course for the line is the natural

course of the river and had there never been State rivalry, such a line would, no doubt, long ago, have been constructed.

Now that Federation is accomplished, it is hoped by the people of Albury and of the Upper Murray, that the line which would have been taken had there never been a division, will be taken now, and the Albury people contend that such a line, if constructed primarily as a Victorian one, would follow the river along from the terminus to Hawksview bridge, there cross into N.S.W. and run by easy grades and with an easy sweep into Albury.

The Bethanga people desire that the line shall leave the river at Talgarno, run up to Bethanga, thence on to a junction with the Tallangatta line, and then by that line to Wodonga.

The Albury branch put forward the following considerations: The running of the line direct to Albury would be an undoubted benefit to the town. Without anyway complaining of past treatment because of their position on the border, Albury people feel that were the town *not* on the border, the Government would not hesitate to do all possible to benefit it as one of the towns of N.S.W., and it is only asked that it shall have the same consideration as any other town not on the border would have. In short, it asks the Government of N.S.W. to sink border considerations and assist it so far as possible in its just and most legitimate efforts to have the Upper Murray line running direct into it. Precedents for the running of a section of the Victorian line constructed on the Victorian gauge already exist at Albury and at Tocumwal.

The line would, in coming to Albury, reach Wodonga in as short a distance by a much easier grade than if it went by Bethanga or Huon Lane route. The freight to Albury would be less and time would be saved throughout the future. It is obvious that this would constitute a boon to the Upper Murray people, of whom possibly half are resident in, and taxpayers of, N.S.W., who have actually offered to pay something like £7000 towards the construction of the line, and would probably pay four times that sum to secure its construction. The line from Hawksview bridge to Albury would for the most part pass through Crown lands and would present little engineering difficulty, though of course a bridge would require to be constructed.

The line to Bethanga would present greater engineering difficulties and a costly bridge with long and costly approaches would be required over the Mitta Mitta River. The line as advocated by residents of Albury would be a benefit to N.S.W. inasmuch as it would vastly benefit important parts of the State, namely, Albury and its surrounding country and also a great area of country on that side of the Upper Murray.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* of September 1870)

WELAREGANG STATION.—Mr. J. G. Dougherty reports the sale of Welaregang Station, Upper Murray, the property of Mr. R. S. G. Macdonald, to Mr. Michael O'Donnell, of Merriang. The property disposed of consists of 2450 acres purchased land, selected and Crown lands, with 1000 head of cattle, 18 horses, stores, implements, &c.

FREE SELECTION.—Land selections taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month were as follows: Charles Waite, 40 acres at Dora Dora; William Thompson, 90 a., Moorwatha; Edward Brook, 133 a., Quat Quatta; Edward Jones, 131 a., Cookardinia; Walter George Watson, 131 a., Gerogery; William Heriot, 40 a., Carabobala; John Mettau, 45 a., Howlong; Peter Conway, 40 a., Howong; William Fitzgerald, 100 a., Corowa; Johann Samuel Carl Kaiser, 50 a., Morebringer.

WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND PRUSSIA.—Arrival of the July mails from Europe brings the news that France declared war against Prussia on 15th July. The King of Prussia disclaims all responsibility. England remains strictly neutral, but has added 20,000 men to the army, and an additional £2,000,000 has been placed upon the war estimates. With the Crown Prince as commander, the Prussians entered France near Louquoy on the 18th July, tearing up the railway on the Luxembourg frontier.

RIVER TRAFFIC.—The steamer *Corowa* (John Thompson, master) has commenced running, and will continue to ply during the season between Echuca and Albury. Arrangements for down freight should be made with Steel & Bates, Dean-street, Albury. This steamer being first-class and carrying a stewardess and noted for speed, is recommended to passengers.

With a full cargo, the *Cumberoona* arrived here yesterday (2nd) under the command of Capt. Barnes, the former officer-in-charge (Capt. Mace) being no longer in the employment of the company. The steamer started on her return trip early this morning, taking a number of passengers.

CREEK FLOODINGS.—At the meeting of the Borough Council on Thursday (31st Aug.) the Mayor, Ald. G. Day, drew attention to the damage and inconvenience caused by the overflow of water from the Bungambrawatha Creek, and suggested that something ought to be done to direct the course of the creek. He thought that it could be done for £300, and that many ratepayers would willingly supplement by subscriptions any work that the Council might undertake in this matter. The water wanted an outlet along the foot of the hill. After some discussion, the Council agreed that the Surveyor should be asked to prepare a report of the probable cost of turning the waters of the creek in a direction along by the Hospital hill and into Thurgoona-street to the river.

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October Monthly Meeting

The Society's next General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 13th instant, at 8 p.m., in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. We are indebted to the friendship of another Historical Society — Nepean Peninsula — for a colour-slide showing of their area, with commentary by member of both Nepean and Albury, Mrs. Frank Boyes. Visitors always welcome.

Gifts

The A. and D.H.S. thanks Miss Clare Buckley for a facsimile copy of the first issue of *The Albury Banner*, dated July 4, 1860; and Mr. Eagles for historical drawings.

September Meeting

Members saw an extremely interesting slide display by Mr. P. Webb, of a caravan trip to Kununurra, on the Ord River, *via* New South Wales and Queensland. It is good for "Southerners" to travel, like this, the "wide brown land" we own.

*"I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of rugged mountain ranges,
Of droughts, and flooding rains."*

History in Albury's Business World — Hunter and Stelling

This business firm, specialising in hardware, ironmongery, silverware, builders' requirements, &c., was founded by Mr. George Hunter in 1870, and was conducted under his personal supervision till 1906. In that year Mr. J. W. Hunter (son) and Mr. G. B. Stelling (son-in-law) took over the business when Mr. Hunter senior decided to retire.

Mr. Stelling was on the committee of the Albury Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Hunter won a State-wide reputation as a photographer, some of his work, a fine series of views of Albury, being used widely by the "Back to Albury" movement. His collection of views is a very valuable one.

Mr. George Hunter, the founder of the firm, arrived in Melbourne in the year 1851. He was born at Luton, Bedfordshire, England, and served an apprenticeship to the business in which he established himself in Albury.

His first employment in Melbourne when he arrived was "hard work", as a young man trained to business pursuits naturally regarded the physical exertion involved in handling a horse and dray, and using a shovel. He was employed in such work for some time in Melbourne and recalls the fact that he helped to fill up some of the holes in the heart of that city's streets. (This now over a hundred years ago.)

Subsequently he went to Castlemaine, where he started in business on his own account, stocking paints, oils and hardware lines generally. While at Castlemaine he contracted to attend to the street lighting there. Mr. Hunter had to employ a man to light the lamps, and the man who secured the job was Mr. E. W. Cole, who afterwards established and conducted the business known as Cole's Book Arcade, in Bourke Street, Melbourne. Whilst in Mr. Hunter's employ, Mr. Cole kept himself busy in other directions and was a vendor of vegetables, which he carried round to customers in a basket. In after years Mr. Hunter and Mr. Cole met on occasions and exchanged reminiscences of their early associations with each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter had the happy experience of celebrating their diamond wedding.

Richard T. Blackwell, of Harlow, Essex, England, came with his family to Australia, and after being in Melbourne for a time, settled in Castlemaine. Mr. Blackwell was manager of a bank. George Hunter and his sister Lucy came out on the same boat and George married Hannah Blackwell. Lucy Hunter married the eldest Blackwell son, Richard.

When Mr. and Mrs. George Hunter moved from Castlemaine to Albury, they travelled a good deal of the way by boat on the River Murray. He founded the Albury business, so well known in later years as Hunter and Stelling.

Interesting to note that old billheads show that in July 1877 Mr. George Hunter was dealing with the firm of Cox and Green, importers of hardware, at 41 Little Collins Street East, Melbourne. His daughter Emily had married George Stelling and they had two children, Doris and Horace.

After Mr. George Hunter's retirement, his son John William and son-in-law George B. Stelling continued the business, and when George Stelling died, his son Horace joined the firm, which was carried on until 1958.

The closing of this shop was a distinct loss to Albury. Mr. J. W. Hunter's son, J. D. Hunter, was sent away to college in 1933, and,

after school days, to Melbourne firms to gain business experience "from the ground floor up", till 1939 when he "joined up" at the beginning of Word War 2. After coming home he rejoined the firm in 1946. In 1958 he started in the same line of business on his own account at 631 Dean Street, Albury.

"Luton", the double-story house, now in the possession of the Albury Grammar School, was the family home of the Hunters.

Amusement and Journalism in 1862

"A Soiree [what is a soiree?] is to be held on Wednesday evening. The proceeds will be appropriated to the Presbyterian Church Manse building fund. We understand the music will be entirely sacred, and although no one can object to hearing the compositions of Hayden, Mozart or other 'Maestri', still we think a little secular music would not be out of place. However, we have no doubt that a pleasant evening is in store for those who attend."

P.S.—This event was to be held "in Crisp's store, in Townsend Street", said an advertisement. "Tickets 2s. 6d., and tea to commence at ½ past 6."

In the Society's Possession

A fragment of oregon timber, given by Mr. Donad^l Young, of Grafton Street, was part of a wooden pipe line, constructed by Ben Chaffey to supply water to his Lake Victoria station, near Wentworth, in 1870. It was hand-carved in sections of 14 feet long, each made of six segments. It was wire-bound, covered with bitumen and set on timber blocks and iron stands. However, sand-drift and white-ants made the venture a failure.

Who Wants "Jumbo Jet" Travel ?

Above an advertisement in February 1862 for the "Regular Coach between Chiltern and the Lachlan", is one as follows : "For the Lachlan / Passengers Wanted, for a 2 Horse Covered Spring Dray / Apply John Ferrar, Victoria Store."

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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A FINE IMPORTED BULL passed through Albury a few days ago *en route* for Mr. John Hore's station at Cumberoona. The price paid for the animal is said to have been £280.

RISE OF THE RIVER.—The snow water is now coming down the Murray, and the river is again more than bank and bank high. The gauge at Albury yesterday marked the height of the water at 14 feet above summer level. The Wodonga Flats are of course again navigable by boat.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO (continued)

DEATH OF A TRAVELLER.—Our Ten Mile Creek correspondent reports a death by drowning on Monday last (10th). It appears that a man, apparently a traveller, in attempting to cross the Mountain Creek on a log, fell into the swollen stream, and although there were several onlookers, nothing could be done to save him. His dead body was afterwards found some short distance down the creek. An inquiry was held over the body by Mr. W. Morrice, J.P., after which the deceased was interred near where he was found. The body was rolled in a *piece of bark* for a coffin.

NEW SADDLERY ESTABLISHMENT.—William Davidson (late of Collier and Lawrence) begs to inform the inhabitants of Albury and surrounding district that he has opened spacious premises next to *The Border Post*, Dean Street. W.D., having devoted a number of years to the manufacture of saddles, would particularly invite the attention of the public to that class of goods. Note the address—Wm. Davidson, Day's Commercial Buildings, Dean Street.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during the past month were as follows: James Byrne, 196 acres at Carabobla; Johann Friedrich Ebert (late Adelaide), 77 a., Huon; Gottfried Fischer, 76 a., Jindera; Anthony Edward Morton, 49 a., Huon; August Friedrich, 92 a., Jindera; Henry Taylor, 114 a., Quat Quatta; C. Wood, 40 a., Tooma; Colhoun Crowe, 320 a., Welaregang; Robert Findlay, 320 a., Urana; Wm. Henry Looker, 320 a., Urana; William Waterfield, 132 a., Wyndham; Joseph Larkins, 320 a., Mulwala; Joseph Larkins, 320 a., Mulwala; Johann August Krause, 50½ a., Jindera.

THE VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT.—In pursuance of a numerous signed requisition, a well-attended meeting was held at the Exchange Theatre on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of procuring the establishment of a Volunteer Rifle Corps in the Albury district. The Mayor (Mr. G. Day), who occupied the chair, recommended the object of the meeting as a worthy one, and as a patriotic duty which every man owed to his country. Captain Brownrigg, who was received with applause, delivered a stirring address in aid of the movement. It was unanimously resolved that a Volunteer Corps should be raised in this district, such corps to be named the Albury Volunteer Rifle Corps. As a means of putting into effect the resolutions passed at this meeting, the following were appointed to form a committee: Messrs. J. C. Lankester, J. W. Jones, S. Mudge, G. Day, J. Dwyer, F. Husing, C. Reiff, E. Brown, with W. T. Deverell as secretary. About fifty persons enrolled themselves for active members and about twenty as honorary members.

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November Monthly Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday 10th at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Quiggin, who has lately returned from a comprehensive overseas tour. Visitors welcome.

Hovell Tree Annual Ceremony

On Friday November 20th at 3 p.m., at the Hovell Tree, in the Hovell Reserve, this annual remembrance gathering, sponsored by the Albury and District Historical Society, will again be held. Primary School students and all schools will as usual be invited, and Wodonga West School will take the leading part. The flag-raising ceremony will be in charge of the Senior Scout group.

It is hoped that members of the public, and in particular old residents of the city and district will attend, as we remember the past and look hopefully to the future. Seating is provided, but it is suggested that you bring your own chair where possible.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Society and Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, 8th December, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street.

Our Patron, the Mayor, Alderman C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., has been invited to take the chair for the election of officers; and members are reminded that nominations for office must be in the hands of the Committee by Monday, November 23rd. Members are asked seriously to consider nomination, as the welfare and continuance of the Society depends on them.

Gifts

The A.&D.H.S. thanks the following donors for their interest and their gifts: Mr. Goodwin—treadle grindstone; Miss M. Buckley—silver button-hook; Albury Police Station—death-mask of the "Pyjama Girl"; Mr. R. W. Horsley—half-dozen quaint bottles; Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell—dragon pattern clothes-brushes; Mr. C. C. Hazelwood—speaker's stand.

Remembering a Faithful Friend

The Victorian town of Nhill (in the Wimmera, near the S.A. border, and with a population of 2,252), has in the main street an usual and attractive "statue". It is of a Clydesdale horse. The beautiful figure was cast by Joseph Oscar Swift, of Mitcham (Vic.), for the Nhill Draught Horse Memorial Committee. The inscription on the base on which the horse stands is as follows:

Erected by Horse Lovers of Australia. Unveiled by the Hon. J. D. Armstrong, Minister of Primary Industry, 17th October, 1968. "Let all who stand here, know that a major part of Australia's development was due to the faithful draught horse."

This tribute comes very much to mind if you drive through the wide Wimmera plains and ponder that the horse teams once plodded every acre of cultivation land, year after year, and it is heartening to so commemorate the draught horse who meant so much to country life and its economy, in all parts of Australia including the wheat lands of Riverina, in the history of past years.

"NEW BLOOD"

With empty combines rattling, and with trace chains hanging slack,

Across the homestead pasturage the teams are making back,
And swinging round in unison they breast the final climb,
For well they know the ending of the busy seeding time.

But "Duke" and "Prince" are nearly done; old "Beauty's" blowing hard,

She won't be with the teams when next they leave the stable yard;
Bay "Major's" blind as any bat, and rocky on his pins.

We'll have some new blood in the chains when fallowing begins.
For years they've served us loyally, through seasons good and bad.
From plough, and disc, and harvester, but little rest they've had.
There's shelter on the river flats, the grass is green and high,
And there it's up to them to rove, uncollared, till they die.

But stalls must soon be filled again, the first good soaking rains
Will see the cleaving mould-boards in the stubble on the plains.
So lay the strongest gearing out, the stoutest bits and rings;
There's half-a-dozen colts to break before the fallowing.

Ellenvale, Victoria.

Hume Monument

In the November 1969 *Bulletin* reference was made in the article on the Albury Gardens to the original inscription on the Hume Monument. The following substantiates the alteration made after John Farrell's sarcasm:

The Albury Borough Council, 1884.—The Mayor, Alderman Thorold, moved "that tenders be called for for the moving of the Hume Monument and re-erecting same in the Botanical Gardens. Alderman Edmondson seconded the motion and suggested "that the 'hiatus' at present existing in the wording be filled in." The motion was carried unanimously.

"Sennachie"

The full title of the above valuable little magazine received regularly by the A.&D.H.S. is *The Clanalder Sennachie*, published by Clan Alder Archives; editor, John J. Alderson, Havelock, Vic.

We publish the following information from one of his leading articles: "It was the law of Ireland that each King was required to have among its retinue of priests, lawyers, poets, harpers, etc., an historian (named a Sennachie). The duty of that historian was to complete a history of his times and, at the great triennial festival at Tara, the histories of the various historians were examined and a true version entered into the Royal or National history known as The Psalter of Tara. The system also applied to Scotland and the national historian still exists in the person of the Historiographer Royal of Scotland."

The Geelong and Melbourne Railway, 1859-60

From a paper recently given to the A.&D.H.S. we find that this line was first owned by the Geelong and Melbourne Railway Company and that resolutions were passed by the Legislative Assembly on 27th January 1859, authorizing the Government to purchase it.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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MITTA MITTA.—It is intended to establish a Post Office at the Mitta Mitta Crossing, Tallangatta, under the charge of Mr. Waldermar Dyring, storekeeper, on the 1st January next.

MR. GEORGE MOTT, since his departure from Albury, has employed his talents and energy in editing the *Hamilton Standard*, a well-known and influential journal in the Western district of Victoria. We are now glad to hear that the proprietors who were fortunate enough to secure his services have admitted him as a partner in their business.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during November were as follows: Andrew Dominick Whiteman, 15 acres at Moorwatha; George Biddow, 40 a., Forest Creek; James McCandless, 49½ a., Morebringer; William Hendy, 40 a., Bungo-wannah; Hasse Robinson, 100 a., Coppabella; Patrick Parnell, 40 a., Cookardinia; Richard Webb, 40 a., parish Hume.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Borough Council was called for Monday last to take steps to repair the damage lately done by floods to the roads and bridges. Although the subject was one of urgent importance, there was no quorum. The Mayor was the only member in attendance.

MELBOURNE SPRING RACE MEETING.—On the second day of the V.R.C. spring meeting, Mr. Bowler's Valentine (7.12) was placed third in the Melbourne Cup. The race, which was won by Bailey's Nimblefoot (6.12) followed by Lapdog, was run in the record time of 3 min. 37 sec. Valentine next day again ran third in the Spring Handicap, won by Misty Morn with Huntsman second; and on Derby day also took third place in the Hotham Handicap, won by Nimblefoot with Wickens's Mischief second.

Distinguished visitors at the meeting were the Duke of Edinburgh accompanied by Baron Jochmus, a German nobleman. Coming as a private visitor, in a four-in-hand drag driven by himself, His Royal Highness was received without ceremony, and thus was allowed to enjoy the pleasure of the day without the usual exhibition of exuberant loyalty. He witnessed most of the races from the stewards' stand and remained until the last race. It is rumored in turf circles that the Prince lost over £1,000 at the meeting.

ADVERTISEMENTS—

TO SQUATTERS, FARMERS AND OTHERS.—To Encourage Local Industry, sell your Hides, Sheepskins and Tallow at the Albury Tanyard (near Pound Yard). Highest prices will be given for any quantity. Leather of all kinds aways for sale.—August Krueger & Co.

ALBURY BREWERY (opp. Day's Mill).—Thomas Bullock begs to inform the Public and residents of Albury and the surrounding district that he has Reopened the above Brewery, where he intends brewing First-class Ale. Orders received will be punctually attended to. Yeast and Grains on Sale.—Thomas Bullock, Brewer, Dean Street.

UNION INN.—Richard King begs to inform Travellers and the Public that he has opened the above Hotel, and would take this opportunity of informing them that every attention will be given to make all comfortable who may be pleased to patronise him. Wines and Spirits of the best brands.—Richard King, Proprietor.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF TEN MILE CREEK, Back Creek, Tumbumba, and its Vicinity.—Owing to the heavy floods, Messrs. Knight, Day & Co. have not been able to get Conveyances, as advertised. Knight, Day & Co. are prepared to supply Albury and Ten Mile Creek with all classes of Buggies, Spring Carts, Tip Drays and Waggon, at 25 per cent. less than Albury firms. All orders left with Mr. Palmer, Cheddar Farm, Ten Mile Creek, will be punctually attended to. One good Waggon and five Horses, with Harness complete, for Sale. Trial of horses given. N.B.—All horses running in Messrs. Knight and Day's Conveyances will be branded with my registered brand HP.—Henry Palmer.

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Annual General Meeting

The Society's 10th Annual General Meeting will be held on TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER, in the C.W.A. Rooms, beginning at 8 p.m. Members are asked to make an effort to be present at this important meeting—the last for the year.

Supper and a social gathering will follow, and well-wishers and interested members of the public are cordially invited.

Lady members — a plate, please.

Monthly Meetings of October and November

At these meetings, members were provided with a wealth of history—ancient and modern. The early, and surprisingly important history of Australia linked with the Nepean Peninsula, was detailed by Mrs. Frank Boyes at the October meeting. Colour slides showed all these historical points and monuments now recording them, followed by a general overall cover of the 300 square miles of "Victoria's Peninsula Paradise": its rich farming areas, its recreational and residential holiday aspects and the growing industrial development, not forgetting pictures of the tragic setting of Cheviot Bay and Beach, where Mr. Harold Holt was lost.

In November, with our returned traveller, Mrs. Quiggin, "The Glory that was Greece" was set before us, the classical world of ancient grandeur and glories—architecture, "whose perfect development has never been surpassed", myth—reaching back into centuries B.C., among the lands where the sun of ~~one~~ our civilisation arose.

Looking at the famous Corinth canal—the name Corinth reminded us of St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, and pictures showed the actual places where he walked. All these things set in the surroundings of the Greece of this day and age.

Friendly Service

The Society thanks Mr. Tom Chubb, Sports Store, Albury, for re-stringing the 1919 model Slazenger tennis racquet given to the Museum by Mr. J. J. Wright.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1970

Another year has passed since my last report, and I am glad to say it has been a successful one.

We regret the passing of two of our members: Mrs N. E. Roseby and Mr. Arthur Burton.

On July the 8th this Society was honoured by a visit to the Folk Museum by Her Excellency, Lady Hasluck, accompanied by Mrs. D. E. Fairbairn

We have had good attendances at all our monthly meetings and have had many interesting speakers. On the 6th February this Society started the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations in this area with a talk entitled "Cook, the Man", written and narrated by Mrs. Frank Boyes, followed by a series of slides showing the places in the world with which he was associated; it was given to a full house despite the hot weather.

A Certificate of Honour was awarded to this Society by the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Citizens Committee of N.S.W. for its effort on this occasion. In March, in response to many requests, the slide section of the previous address was again shown.

In April our speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Percy Boyes of Leneva, who gave an illustrated talk on Tonga. Mr. N. Douglas was the speaker for May, his subject being "Fish — The Life of the Trout". Dr. and Mrs. Symonds entertained us in June with slides of South-east Asia and Japan. In July a programme of regional history in picture and story was presented by Mrs O. Schilg. The August meeting was taken by Captain and Mrs. P. Heywood, whose illustrated talk on a tour through the Flinders Ranges was of much interest. Speaker for September was Mr. P. Webb, who used colour slides to good effect in describing a caravan trip to the Ord River region. In October, Mrs. Frank Boyes gave a slide showing and talk on the historic Nepean Peninsula. In November, Mrs. A. L. Quiggin gave us her impressions on Greece and the Aegean Islands; this talk was illustrated by slides, with emphasis on the old historic ruins.

This last year we have been hard put to keep the Folk Museum open three afternoons a week, and every day during the school holidays. Many members are willing to help with the roster, but have no transport of their own, but are ready to help anyone who is going on duty at the Museum. The Museum has been open 187 days (sometimes all day) and 4421 visitors have been through it. There have been some special visits. We have had the following schools visiting the Museum: Khancoban, West Albury, Thurgoona, Monaro High School (Cooma), also

the North Albury Cubs combined with the Peakhurst Cubs (Sydney).

Much work has been done at the Turk's Head, including wire screens to protect some of the exhibits, and heavy wire grills placed on the windows. Previous to this the Museum had been entered twice by way of windows. The Society thanks all those who have worked there, and specially the women members who have always kept the rooms tidy. *CLEANED.*

Without the donations from the Museum, the \$1.00 membership fees would not keep the Society solvent; so it is incumbent on us to keep the Museum as a going concern. Gifts to the Society have included some valuable items, but we are unable to display them owing to the restricted space available to us. During the year we received a canoe tree, which is at present stored by courtesy of Allfarm Ltd. in their building opposite the Turk's Head; and we thank Mr. J. West for his assistance in getting it into place there. In the archives section, too, there have been some worthwhile contributions; but at present we have no suitable or secure room to catalogue and store them.

During the year the river flood submerged the electric motor on the waterwheel pump, putting it out of action for some time.

We held the usual ceremony at the Hovell Tree, Wodonga West School taking the leading role. This is the first time Wodonga has taken part in the ceremony, and we were happy to have with us the Wodonga Shire President as well as the Mayor of Albury. We are indebted to Mr. L. Haberfield and the Senior Scouts for raising the flag at the gathering.

Your executive has held 10 meetings during the year, with the attendances as follows: 10, Messrs. C. Hazelwood, W. W. Fielder, Mrs. C. Hazelwood, Misses C. Klinge and L. Staton; 8, Mr. O. Schilg, Mrs. O. Schilg; 5, Capt. P. H. Heywood; 4, Mesdames R. H. McDonald, F. Boyes, A. L. Quiggin (leave of absence); 3, Messrs. N. Douglas and J. J. Wright (leave of absence).

The Society thanks the Parks Curator and his staff for the placing of seats, &c., at the Hovell Tree; also D. J. Munro & Co. for their work in trying to save the waterwheel pump, radio stations 2AY, 2CO AMV 4 (television), the *Wodonga Express*, and the *Border Morning Mail*. We extend a special thanks to our Publicity Officer, Mr. Schilg, for the excellent work he has done.

In conclusion, I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

—C. C. HAZELWOOD,
President.

Hovell Tree

This anniversary was held in perfect weather and the gathering of school children and citizens with a sense of historic values, made an attractive picture under the old tree.

After the raising of the Australian flag by Senior Scouts and the singing of the National Anthem, the President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, introduced the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, and the President of Wodonga Shire, Mr. Terrill, who gave short addresses before the main role was taken by Wodonga West State School 6th grade pupils, Alison Cross and Tony Vukasinovic, who shared the reading of the historical story prepared by them.

Folk Museum

Members are asked to consider the needs of the Museum roster. Now winter is over, we revert to three days a week and hope to again open every day of the school holidays. This depends on your assistance. If anyone could nominate definite dates, it would greatly assist the roster secretary. The A. & D.H.S. wishes to express its thanks to those friends—non-members—who have helped at the Museum.

Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now due for the ensuing year, \$1.00—or Life Membership \$15.00. Subscriptions may be posted to the Treasurer or handed to members of the Committee if more convenient.

London-to-Melbourne Air Race

The death in Melbourne last week of Mr. Arthur J. Newnham, who, when in Albury, lived in Grafton Street, brings to mind the spectacular and important part he, as radio official, and others, played in the safety of the Dutch passenger plane, Uiver, and its winning of that section in the London-to-Melbourne Air Race in 1934. By Morse code messages to the plane and the lights of many cars which had been directed to the racecourse, the landing in the wet night was a miracle.

The co-pilots, Parmentier and Moll, crew and passengers, who included a woman journalist, spent the night as guests of Mr. Ecker, of the Globe Hotel, and all looked immaculate at the racecourse, ready to take off in the morning. In the water-logged ground first efforts to move the plane were unsuccessful, but eventually a cheer went up when the large plane took the air.

As Mayor of the town, Alderman Waugh, with Mrs. Waugh, was invited to visit Holland. He accepted, and Queen Wilhelmina and the Dutch Government showered gifts on the town and those responsible for the rescue and successful ending.

Some of the gifts take pride of place in the City's Council Chamber.