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Annual Meeting

The Society's 10th Annual Meeting was held in the C.W.A. rooms on Tuesday, 8th December 1970. The President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, presented a comprehensive report on a successful year's activities, after which the chair was taken by the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., for the election of officers for 1971.

Mr. Hazelwood, having declined re-election as President, that office is now held by Mr. J. J. Wright, and the 1971 "team" is as follows: President, Mr. J. J. Wright; Senior Vice-President, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood; Vice-Presidents, Mr. O. Schilg and Captain P. Heywood; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss C. Klinge; Minute Secretary, Miss L. Staton; Committee, Mrs. F. Boyes, Mr. N. Douglas, Mr. W. W. Fielder, Miss A. Fletcher, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. L. Quiggin, Mrs. Schilg; Publicity Officer, Mr. O. Schilg; Research Officer and Archivist, Mr. W. W. Fielder; Bulletin Editors, Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Hazelwood; Auditor, Ald. C. E. Bunton.

Before a social "get-together" over a buffet supper, members and friends were entertained by the talented elocution of Mrs. Lance Stark, after which Christmas carols were sung. In view of her departure from Albury, we were particularly pleased to have Mrs. Stark with us, as she has always been a good friend to the Historical Society. Also much enjoyed was the singing of Miss Margaret Porta, a Wodonga visitor. Our carol singing was enhanced by piano accompaniment provided by our member, Mrs. Diffey. The Society expresses its thanks to these three ladies.

Membership

Annual subscriptions, which remain as \$1, now become due and may be posted to the Treasurer — 744 Pemberton Street, Albury, or handed in at meetings. Life membership is \$15.

Folk Museum

Again, by the keenness and loyalty of Society members, the Folk Museum was rostered throughout the school-holiday season. To run a Folk Museum was one of the earliest aims of the A.&D.H.S. The interest of visitors from every part of the Commonwealth is a reward in itself. The water-wheel, naturally, is an added attraction to the many tourists. Though now returning to the usual Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, the Museum will be staffed at holiday week-ends, and we will co-operate with the Tourist Bureau during Floral Festival week. Special requests for opening are always considered.

"Strzelecki's Ascent of Mount Kosciusko - 1840"

(by Lt.-Col. H. P. G. Clews)

Lt.-Col. Clews is well known for his work as a surveyor on the Snowy Mountains scheme for many years. He is now retired, and after considerable research has recently published this booklet. It is the most authoritative work on the subject to have come to light in the last 130 years, and the Albury Historical Society would like to express through its *Bulletin* great pleasure at receiving a gift copy from the author.

With the help of a few pages of James Macarthur's diary, received by the Mitchell Library as late as 1942, and Lt.-Col. Clews's expert knowledge of the terrain, including that from the west of Mounts Townsend and Kosciusko, a complete story is at last possible.

Communications in 1840 were practically non-existent and survival more important than recording dates and reports for posterity. Australia was a rough country in that year, when convict traffic ended. In fact the proportion of free settlers was about 30 per cent. of the population.

At the time of this venture, James Macarthur was a young man of 27, the eldest son of Hannibal Macarthur and Anna Maria, daughter of Governor Philip Gidley King. Hannibal, a member of the N.S.W. Parliament, with big landed interests, was at the peak of his prosperity, which would account for James being able to finance the Gippsland journey so lavishly. The trip, moreover, was apparently not very well planned, as they were held up with lamb-marking on one of the King's properties on the way to Welaregang.

Strzelecki was a man of 43—much travelled, after his reported doubtful behaviour in Poland. He was personable and experienced, so it is little wonder that in the new colony he was feted by Governors, treated as an honoured guest, and had gifts showered upon him. It seems however that it is now left to Polish nations to sing his praises.

"STRZELECKI'S ASCENT OF MOUNT KOSCIUSKO" (continued)

According to his own book, he spent an exceedingly busy five years in Australia before going to England where his book, *New South Wales*, was published in 1845. Some of his views have proved themselves; but it would appear that on the many facets of science he was but an interested amateur, who used a lot of other people's data to compile his lengthy discourse.

Gifts

The Society gratefully acknowledges the following gifts : From City Council—framed sampler; Mr. E. Barker—decorative china tea-pot, jam-jar and honey-jar with spoons and cheese-dish, pair Italian pepper and salt shakers, china jug, two old photos; Mr. G. W. Wilson—aboriginal grinding stone; Mrs. Ralph Ellis—Reminiscences of David Reid (being an historical record of the donor's pioneering family); Lt.-Col. H. P. G. Clews—*Strzelecki's Ascent of Mount Kosciusko*; Mrs. P. F. Seymour (Tumut)—photo of staff of Albury Railway Refreshment Room, 1901); Mr. Red Mold—kit of Chinese cabinetmaker's tools, once used in workroom a stone-throw from the Turk's Head Museum; Mrs. Margaret Court—tennis racquet, used by herself in championship play.

March General Meeting

The Society's first Monthly Meeting for the year will be held on TUESDAY, 9th MARCH, in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m.

Specially chosen for Floral Festival Week, an illustrated talk by Mrs. Frank Boyes will show the early development of Albury as a city of trees and the forethought and history which gave us the Botanic Gardens of to-day.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* of March 1871)

NORTH-EAST RAILWAY.—Mr. Higinbotham, Engineer-in-Chief of Victorian Railways, and his colleague, Mr. Watson, have been staying in Albury for a few days, while making inquiries as to the most suitable site for the Wodonga terminus.

PRISONERS in Deniliquin Gaol are made to saw blocks of wood for the roads of the town at 10s. per thousand, and are paid for their work on leaving the prison.

THE LANDLORD of the Cafe Torque, Ballarat, has been fined £20 for having short-dressed waitresses on his premises.

LAND SALE BY AUCTION.—The following lots were recently sold at the Albury Land Office: Lots R to P inclusive, total 1,030½ acres, Mohonga Run, Robert Rand purchaser, sold at upset price of £1 per acre. Lot Q, 188¾ acres, Bowna, John Hore purchaser, at the upset price of £1 per acre.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO (continued)

BOROUGH COUNCIL.—At a special meeting called to consider tenders received for works at the Bungambrawatha Creek, there were present the Mayor and Aldermen W. J. Jones, Edmondson, Day and McLennan. Two tenders were received, one being that of Mr. Daniel Driscoll for £232 4s., which was accepted. The works comprised in this contract are a pile bridge on the roadway between the Mill and the Hospital corner, the completion of the roadway, the construction of a culvert near the Showyards, and a bridge over the Bungambrawatha Creek. Council specially drew the contractor's attention to the necessity of getting on expeditiously so as to avoid any risk of damage to the present unfinished roadways by the winter rains.

TEN MILE CREEK.—Another effort is being made by the inhabitants of this district to get a telegraph station established here. It has been so often spoken about by our member, Mr. J. T. Fallon, that the public are getting tired of such promises, and are now about to take that matter into their own hands by getting up a petition to be sent to the Government pointing out the desirability of establishing an office in this township.

The projected flour-mill at Germanton promises soon to be an established fact. Preparations are actively going on for its early erection, a portion of the machinery being already on the ground, and it is expected that it will be in working order by August next.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month were as follows: Alex. Groggan, 100 acres at Buraja; Minnie Richards, 40 a., Tooma; James Henry Lund, 100 a., Little Billabong; J. Stephens, 129 a., Huon; Daniel Heppner, 40 a., Gero-gery; James Lawson, 320 a., Germanton; R. Carson, 50 a., Buraja; John Wright, 53 a., Hume; James Sloane, 160 a., Mulwala; John C. Turner, 160 a., Mulwala; Amy Jane Sloane, 40 a., Mulwala; Janet Sloane, 40 a., Mulwala; Patrick Mahon, 118 a., Jerra Jerra; Wm. S. Cheshire, 320 a., Mullengandra; Henry Smyles, 40 a., Germanton; E. W. Bolton, 263 a., Huon; John Gorman, 241 a., Huon; Jas. Walsh, 40 a., Cookardinia; Joseph Vile, 40 a., Hovell; Samuel Appleton, 100 a., Welaregang; Mary Ann Matthews, 40 a., Mullengandra; G. Mair, three selections of 40 a. each, Manus; Honora Dunleary, 103 a., Huon; Chas. Wood, 60 a., Tooma; Jas. Ross, 84 a., Cookardinia; Winifred Mary Keane, 80 a., Forest Ck.; Edward Bolan, 40 a., Forest Ck.; Robert McMicking, 120 a., Manus.

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March Meeting

The C.W.A. Hall was appropriately decorated with floral arrangements, when the Society's special subject for Floral Festival Week, "The History of Our Botanic Gardens: Albury's lovely trees and parklands, and our dependance on the River Murray", was graphically illustrated in word and with colour slides, by the speaker, Mrs. Frank Boyes.

Presentation of Painting

Mrs. Rowena Burt, of "The Manor", Seven Oaks, Kent, England, when visiting Wodonga and being shown the Folk Museum and the water-wheel, expressed the wish to do something for the Society to show her appreciation of what it had accomplished. A suggestion from her sister resulted in her giving to a prominent local artist, Mrs. Judy Stephens, the commission to do a painting of the water-wheel, to be displayed in the Museum. At the March meeting this was presented, on Mrs. Burt's behalf, by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, to the Society. Their thanks to the donor were expressed by the President, Mr. J. J. Wright.

It is of interest that Mrs. Rowena Burt and her sister, Mrs. Rosemary Martin (mother of our member Mrs. Frank Boyes), are great-grand-daughters of Sir Walter Scott.

April Meeting

The usual monthly meeting will be on TUESDAY, 13th April, at the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m. Mr. J. J. Wright will show, with commentary, a remarkable set of slides showing some of England's oldest buildings and cathedrals, with interior views of the wonderful architecture of these famous places, which go so far back in history.

Looking Back

At the end of ten years, we may well recall that the Albury and District Historical Society began with a Special Inaugural Meeting called by the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, on 26th October, 1960, when about fifty interested citizens were present. The Organising Committee were the following: Mr. W. Bloomfield, the late Mr. B. Patman, Mr. W. Fielder, Mr. J. Henwood and Ald. J. Roach.

In the 10th Bulletin (Nov. 1961) was the following tribute to one of the founders, who should be remembered by the Historical Society of today :

"The Committee has accepted with great regret the resignation of Mr. Basil Patman on account of ill-health, and hopes he will later rejoin the Committee, which has placed on record here its appreciation of his invaluable service, and the following resume of his contribution to the success of the Society is given.

"(a) The Organising Committee which prepared for the setting-up of the Society met at the home of Mr. Patman, who was largely responsible for its ever being summoned. (b) Mr. Patman's experience as a newspaper man and a radio news reader, as well as his personal contacts in Albury and district, gave the Society unrivalled publicity during its formative stages and since. (c) The effective membership drive conducted largely by Mr. Patman was responsible for our healthy position now. (d) This Bulletin was Mr. Patman's 'brain-child', and it was he who produced unaided the first nine issues."

Other devoted members have carried on this valuable work in Albury, which, in preserving and presenting history, has also created much interest for the large number of tourists who visit the city.

Gifts

We record much appreciated gifts to the Society from members and friends: Ald. R. Garland—mortising machine (c. 1870); through the interest of Mr. Alan Staton, from Mr. Reg Bohr—a pack-saddle; Mr. E. Barker—interesting adaptations of the ever-useful kerosene-tin, a cupboard and a flour- or bread-tin, specimen of the cutler's art in the form of a tiny knife on a light watch-chain which was used for cutting cigars, and home-made biscuit-cutter; Mrs. Barton—lady's antique watch; Mr. Reg Anderson (Lavington)—old photo of the Turk's Head Hotel and an early-type vulcaniser used by motorists.

Floral Festival

The perfectly attired huntsman mounted on the well-bred horse leading the procession as marshal on the Saturday of Floral Festival Week was our member, Mr. Eli Barker.

Obituary

We regret to record the death of Mr. Albert J. Williams, M.B.E., who had been one of our members for a number of years. He was born at Maldon, where he began his apprenticeship at the *Maldon Times* about 1893, later going to Dimboola. He was in turn newspaper proprietor and editor at Jeparit, Tocumwal, Newstead, Beulah and Pyramid Hill till retirement in 1945. He was honoured by the Queen for service to country journalism. Other of his interests were music and sport, in both of which he was active as an organiser. He held life memberships with the Bendigo Base Hospital and the Winsor Bowling Club at Albury. His talks at meetings of the A.H.S. were always of interest historically and enjoyed by all his hearers.

Answers to Queries

J.R.M.: The word "bowyang" evidently originated in Australia about 1900, but the article itself was certainly not an invention of our bushmen. The custom of wearing straps or strings around trouser-legs below the knees has long been in use by English farm workers, who know them as "yanks" or "bow-yanks". Labourers in Scotland likewise hitch up their trews with what they call "nicky-tams".

B.K.: In general, the kanakas were South Sea Islanders who, in the later period of last century, were recruited in thousands as cheap labour for the Queensland sugar plantations. They were an intelligent and hardy race, and capable of enduring the tropical heat better than the whites. A prevailing belief is that they are a cross of Indian and Malayan blood.

W.W.F.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* of April 1871)

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month were as follows: Richard Donaldson, 68 acres at Back Creek; John Daly, 160 a., Yambla; Owen Daly, 160 a., Woomargama; Denis Daly, 160 a., Woomargama; Duncan McPherson, 40 a., Cumberoona; W. Kevlin, 100 a., Corowa; C. Shelby, 320 a., Tarramiah; J. D. Lankester, 150 a., Mungabareena; Thos. Curley, 350 a., ditto; Ancrum Heriot, 275 a., ditto; James Fallon, 320 a., ditto; Charles Frauenfelder, 188 a., ditto; James Kennedy, 140 a.,

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ditto; Daniel O'Keeffe, 320 a., ditto.; Thomas Osborne, 52 a., ditto; James Barling 40 a., Bungowannah; W. W. Darke, 40 a., Albury; Wilhelm Johann Werner, eight selections of 40 a. each, Manus; Arthur Eric Mackay, 240 a., parish Hovell; Samuel Wright, 42 a., Huon; Joseph Dick, 50 a., Mungabareena; Sebastian Frauenfelder, 50 a., Mungabareena; Michael Kerin (late of Adelaide), 156 a., Cookardinia; Scott Heriot, 160 a., Carabobla; James Morris, 40 a., Mungabareena; John Stewart, 40 a., Dora Dora; Joseph Nicholson Sayce, 305 a., Manus; John Gallagher, 46 a., Tumarumba; Thomas Wm. Whitehead, 100 a., Welaregang; James Henry Wilson, 40 a., Welaregang.

SOUTH AFRICAN DIAMOND MINES.—A letter just received here from a settler in Natal says that the diamond fields in the neighbouring Free State have already attracted about 11,000 miners, half of them being blacks. He advises people not to leave a certainty in Australia for the purpose of diamond hunting, but if Australians think fit to go to Natal he suggests that the best time to arrive is about April; but he does not give any reasons for preferring this time of year.

THE WHARF.—The contractors, Messrs. Simpson and Hamlin, are getting on apace with the new wharf. The work so far appears to be of a very sound and durable character. The wharf, it is expected, will be completed in about a fortnight. All that will then be needed to make it available will be the water!

SCHOOL DRAWING AND PAINTING.—An application has been made to the Committee of the Mechanics' Institute by Mr. David Masson for the use of the large hall, in which he proposes to conduct a School of Drawing and Painting, and at the same time follow his profession as a portrait painter &c. No doubt the committee will see the desirability of helping a project of this kind, which so directly tends to the education of the young. One of the principal arts intended to be fostered by the so-called "School of Arts" would thus be encouraged, and a public need would be met by the establishment in the town of an efficient art teacher.

Advertisements—

MARRIED, on the 28th March, at Albury, by special license, by the Rev. D. E. Jones, William J. Nixon, of Albury, to Susannah, second daughter of Charles Lake Crisp, Esq., of Albury.

BIRTH.—On the 26th ultimo, at "Hauteville", Albury, Mrs. George T. Fleming, of a daughter.

VACCINATION.—Dr. Cobbett will be prepared to Vaccinate (gratis) children up to ten years of age, on Thursday next, the 13th instant, and each succeeding Thursday till further notice, at his residence, Dean Street, Albury, opposite the Court House, from 9 to 10 o'clock in the morning.

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May Monthly Meeting

On Tuesday, 11th May, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiewa Street, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood will present an illustrated programme of slides from a New South Wales holiday. Visitors are always welcome.

Late Captain P. H. Heywood

The A.&D.H.S. regrets to record the death of Captain P. H. Heywood. At the time of his passing he held office as Senior Vice-President and has been a "corner-stone" of the Society over the years of his membership. His demise is a personal loss to members of the Committee in particular, and leaves a gap the Society will find hard to fill. The Captain and his wife held Life Memberships. The Society's sympathy is extended to Mrs. Heywood.

Membership

A checking of the Society's list of members reveals that a number of subscriptions for this year are still unpaid. In order that our Treasurer's books may be brought up to date, it is requested that members who have so far overlooked this matter forward or hand-in their subscriptions of \$1.00 as soon as possible.

Gifts

The Society is most grateful for the following gifts: From Mr. J. Macauley (Wodonga)—old stock-saddle; Mrs. D. Hume—book, "Practical Home Physician", specially adapted to the Colonies, pub. 1890s; Mrs. H. McGowan (Sydney)—domestic scales of early type, English; Mr. J. L. Gale (Walwa)—mineral specimens; Mrs. Rigg—whisky flask, army issue during Boer War (Talisker Distillery, Isle of Skye); Mrs. Scott (Gippsland)—century-old china plate; Mr. E. Barker—large collection of interesting and valuable material for the Folk Museum.

April Meeting

On Tuesday, 13th April, Mr. J. J. Wright presented, with commentary, colour slides from his last travels abroad, chiefly of wonderful old buildings in England of centuries past, also some of Africa and Greece.

WHAT ALBURY WANTED IN 1862

A public meeting, one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in Albury, took place at the Court House for the purpose of sending a deputation to Sydney (400 miles) to represent the wants of the inhabitants of Albury. The meeting having been called by requisition of the Mayor, that gentleman acted as chairman. It was resolved that the following list of subjects be laid before the Government by the deputation now proceeding to Sydney.

LOCAL.—(1) Appointment of one representative in the town of Albury, such member to occupy one of the six seats rendered vacant by the Separation of Queensland. (2) Establishment of the Headquarters of the Police for the S.W. District, at Albury. (3) Appointment of a Government Resident for Albury, being an officer in the confidence of the Government, with similar powers to the late Government Resident at Moreton Bay. (4) Removal of Pleuro-pneumonia Quarantine Regulations affecting the transport of cattle. (5) Establishment of a branch of the Supreme Court at Albury, with full jurisdiction. (6) Extension of the Southern Railway to the Murray frontier at Albury. (7) Settlement of the Murray Customs difficulty. (8) Clearing of the channel of the Murray. (9) Extension of the Albury Town Common. (10) Erection of bridges at 4 and 6-mile creeks on the Sydney road, and grant of £730 for constructing two bridges on the Howlong road, according to the plans and estimates prepared by the Municipal body. (11) Payment of £140, being the Government endowment due to the Municipality for the half-year to June 1861. (12) Vesting of the various Government reserves in the Municipal Council or other local bodies. (13) Transfer to the Albury Hospital fund of the accumulated moiety of police fines, known as the Benevolent Fund. (14) Erection of a Post Office, and appointment of a postmaster having no connection with a store or other place of business. (15) Granting of two acres of land near the Court House for a market place. (16) Extension of the reserved lands open to free selection, to the whole tract of country between Albury and Ten Mile Creek, by a width of 40 miles. (17) Erection of a Court of Petty Sessions and Lock-up at Corowa, and the granting of police protection to the inhabitants of that locality. (18) Introduction of a Bill for free distillation and the free sale of colonial wines. (19) An amended Municipality Act, comprising a more liberal scale of endowment, and

rectifying certain errors connected with the working of the present Act. (20) Introduction of a Bill providing for the destruction of the Bathurst Burr and Scotch Thistle, and empowering Municipalities to deal with this nuisance.

The Mayor and members of the Municipal Council, together with several influential gentlemen connected with the district, assembled at the Post Office to witness the departure of the deputation to Sydney. Hearty good wishes and hopes of success were freely expressed as the coach started on its journey.

At a special meeting, it was resolved that £50 be now voted and paid out of the Municipal Funds to defray the expenses of the deputation, consisting of Ald. Solomon and Mr. George Mott, appointed by this Council and at a public meeting of rate-payers, to represent to the Government the local wants and grievances.

Urge for New State

In January 1884 a public meeting was held at Wilcannia to consider the expediency of raising an agitation in favour of Riverina being created a separate colony. A motion in favour of separation was unanimously carried. Another meeting was held soon after to draft a memorial to the Imperial Government and arrange an organised agitation throughout Riverina. The population of that portion of Riverina likely to join in the movement was then estimated at 70,000.

Snippets from Albury's Past

May 1888 was marked by a plague of mice, which over-ran the districts causing great damage and rendering many places almost uninhabitable.

In November 1890 a plague of grasshoppers caused widespread loss throughout the town and district.

On May 24 1857 occurred what was probably the severest snow-storm ever experienced here.

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Toll, 40 a., Rand; Robt. Colquhoun and Levi West, 40 a., Buraja; John Smith, 40 a., Mohonga; George Anstey, 40 a., ditto; George Hunt, 40 a., do.; John Jackson, 40 a., do.; Wm. Bailey, 40 a., do.; Thos. Davis, 40 a., do.; Wm. Davis, 40 a., do.; Francis Farmer, 40 a., do.; S. J. G. Collins, 320 a., Osborne; G. R. M. Collins, 320 a., do.; Spenser Whiteman, 320 a., do.; Wm. Smith and Wm. Symington, 60 a., Goonambil; Edwin J. Scammell, 180 a., Khancoban and 40 a., Welaregang; George World, 320 a., Little Billabong; Ethel Annie Mitchell, 40 a., Yambla; Nicholas Curran, jun., 40 a., Welaregang; Jas. H Douglas, 220 a., Indi; John Thomas Dornan, 320 a., Moorwatha; Matthew Murphy, 40 a., Morebringer; Martin Murphy, 140 a., Morebringer; Francis F. Elphick, 40 a., Wagra.

LOCAL CENSUS.—By the courtesy of Mr. E. Brown, the Census Enumerator, we are able to give particulars of the number of inhabitants of the district, and we have included the corresponding figures of the census collection of ten years ago. 1871: Census of Albury Police District, population in the Municipality, 2,611; population outside the Municipality, 6,389—total, say, 9,000. Census in 1861: Population in the Municipality, 1,587; ditto. outside the Municipality, 2,184—total 3,771.

HEAVY FINES FOR SCAB ON THE UPPER MURRAY.—At Beechworth on the 18th instant, a number of cases from the Upper Murray district (Victorian side) were tried under the Scab Act, at the Police Court. Mr. McPherson, of the Kangaroo station, was fined in cumulative penalties to the amount of £792; Mr. Irvine, of Annandale station, £632; and Mr. Crisp, of Bungil and Koetong stations, £573. One month was allowed before the execution should issue, the permit of representations being made to the Executive for a mitigation of the fines.

WODONGA FLAT ROADWAY.—Since the floods subsided a few months ago, the contractors for the Wodonga roadway, Messrs. Walker and Halliday, have made good progress with their project of reforming the road and rebuilding the bridges that were destroyed by the great flood of 1867. The roadway is now built up again and the old bridges have been excellently replaced by substantial and well-finished pile bridges. A thick coating of gravel has been laid over the roadway from end to end, and vehicles and horsemen can now safely travel from Wodonga to the Hume Bridge at a level which is well above the reach of any likely flood.

SNAGGING ON THE MURRAY.—On the river between Albury and Corowa there are now three snagging parties hard at work. The increased activity of their operations lately necessitated the appointment of a man to act as "timekeeper"—and we believe that he finds plenty to do!

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June Monthly Meeting

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Annual Subscriptions for 1971

Members and intending members are asked to assist their Society by forwarding their subscriptions to the Secretary, 744 Pemberton Street, as soon as possible, if they have not already done so. The subscription remains at One Dollar, as it has since the A.&D.H.S. was founded.

Last Month's Meeting

At the May General Meeting, members and visitors were treated to a showing of slides and commentary presented jointly by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood, telling of an up-country trip from the Riverina to Katoomba, thence by a different route homewards. Much of interest as history, geography, botany and geology was noted in the byways throughout the whole journey along the Newell and Oxley Highways, the Warrumbungle Range and Gwydir River Valley.

National Trust Visit

On the occasion of the visit to the district of members of the photographic section of Victorian branch of the National Trust of Australia, during the Queen's Birthday holiday week-end, Albury Historical Society is arranging a tour of Albury's historic buildings.

The Country Women's Association of N.S.W.

After the first World War, the women of New South Wales were eager to direct their energies to something constructive for the benefit of women, and the leaders of the movement, for the most part, consisted of women in the country or who had had a country back-ground.

The Division was formed at a meeting at the Country Club, 17 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, on the 18th April, 1922, opened by Dame Margaret Davidson, D.B.E., and the first State President was Mrs. Hugh Munro, of Bingara. Riverina Group was not formed until 1927. Its foundation President was Mrs. W. M. Hammond, of Harefield, a sister of Mrs. D. A. Thompson, of Albury, and it was not long before Albury Branch was formed. Mrs. Norman Welsh, of Brae Springs, was the first President, with Mrs. D. A. Thompson as first Hon. Secretary.

Albury's project was the provision of a Rest Room and Baby Health Centre, and, while the money was coming in, the Branch provided a rented room in Volt Lane for the Government-paid resident sister. One of the many fund-raising efforts was a tearoom upstairs in a building in Dean Street to the west of the Commonwealth Trading Bank.

A block of land, next door to the Fire Station, in Kiewa Street, was found, and a long-term lease arranged with the N.S.W. Government. For the balance owing on the initial cost an overdraft was obtained with the Commonwealth Bank, the guarantors being Messrs. K. G. More, Manager of the Bank, Mr. A. G. Colquhoun and the Mayor. Much effort and thought went into erection of the handsome little building, which was opened by Dr. William Cleaver Woods on the 18th December, 1934. Although a member of the medical profession had opened the building, and introduced this free service to the community, some of the local doctors even as late as 1936 seemed to accept the service with some reservation. From the point of view of the inexperienced mother The Baby Health Centre has proved its worth.

Between the wars, when the local branch of the Red Cross Society had no home, C.W.A. provided many facilities for a number of years, and for these privileges Red Cross is ever grateful. During the second world war, much money was raised for the war effort, and a large contribution of camouflage nets made by members, was made to the forces.

Over the years, the original building often proved inadequate, and Mrs. Arthur Colquhoun, who had been a driving force in its erection, was often sorry that the hall portion had not been of larger dimension, and, in later years, was partly responsible for its enlargement.

More and more branches of C.W.A. within the various groups are still being formed, and in the rural areas have been

COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (continued)

a boon as a regular get-together for women of diverse interests. In the towns and cities the movement has not been so necessary, although the united force — or voice, if you like, of so many women at a State, National and International level has been and continues to be something to be reckoned with.

Our Namesake — the English Albury

The Historic Churches Preservation Trust considers the old Parish Church, Albury, of such importance that it is contributing to the cost of its repair. This earliest record of this church is the mention of it in the Domesday Survey of 1085. William the Conqueror's commissioners, who went all over the country in that year to value the land and stock for the purpose of taxation, described the Manor of Albury, and recorded: "There is a church".

This church, some small parts of which still remain, was certainly standing in the days of Edward the Confessor, and may even have replaced an earlier church, for Christianity was introduced into Britain long before Saxon times. When the Romans left in 410 A.D., Britain relapsed into paganism till the coming of St. Augustine in 597. His missionary priests may well have visited Albury, for, some fifty years after St. Augustine landed in Kent, Surrey was included in the West Saxon diocese under Archbishop Theodore.

It is recorded in the Domesday Book that in the reign of Edward the Confessor, the Manor of Albury was held by a Saxon named Azor. After the Conquest it was given by William the Conqueror to one of his followers, Richard de Tonbridge, who in his turn, gave it to Roger d'Abernon, whose descendants owned the Manor of Albury till 1551. It was surrounded by a small village, but at the end of the 18th century the area was "enclosed" to form Albury Park, and people moved to the present village of Albury—then called Weston Street.

Rector of Albury from 1610 to 1660 was William Oughtred, the celebrated mathematician. He is notable as being the inventor of mathematical symbols, the plan of which was adopted by Sir Isaac Newton. Interesting to remember that the "plus" and "minus" signs originated from Albury Rectory. Of some renown also was Sir Samuel Horsley, preacher and writer, who was Rector of Albury for the period 1774-1780. As the first cleric to concern himself with increasing clergy stipends, he created a sensation in Wales by his ruling that no curate in his diocese should receive less than £15 a year!

The old church is rather mildewed and damp, but in fairly good condition still, thanks to a local Historical Association. Its key, 600 years old and over a foot long, turns easily in the original lock.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO(Gleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* of June 1871)

FREE SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during June were as follows: John Gregson, 94 acres at Yambla; Benjamin J. Wild, 67 a., Morebringer; Ethel Annie Mitchell, 40 a., Yambla; John Mackay, 320 a., North Goonambil; John Peirce, 300 a., Greg Greg; John McCann, 87 a., Buraja; C. K. P. Jephcott, 60 a., Welaregang; Valentine Coughlan, 289 a., Cookardinia; Godfrey Coughlan, 168 a., Cookardinia; G. Karrer, 105 a., Morebringer; Francis Breust, 40 a., Moorwatha; John Corbett, 58 a., Woomargama; Joseph Crowe, 80 a., Welaregang Run.

SUGAR CULTURE.—A numerously attended meeting of the inhabitants of Bungowannah was held a few days since for the purpose of considering the culture of the Planter's Friend. A general opinion prevailed condemnatory of the usual practice of growing cereals only, and as a supplementary crop none appeared more desirable than a sugar-producing one. Several of those present expressed their intention of giving the Planter's Friend a fair trial, and an aggregate of about twenty acres was promised to be produced. If this was of favourable appearance when nearing maturity, arrangements are to be made respecting the manufacture of the sugar, it being probable that portable machinery will be available for that purpose.

HOME-MADE SUGAR FROM BEET.—We have received a promising sample of syrup made from Sugar Beet by a miner on the Bargo Creek, Tumbarumba. The sample is simply the boiled juice of the root, and has not been treated with lime or any clarifying process, the molasses being still mixed with the sugar. It is exceedingly sweet and resembles good treacle from which it is evident that a suitable root for sugar-making purposes can be grown in this part of the colony.

A **BULLOCK** of the unusual weight of 1428 lb. was slaughtered the other day by Mr. Tietyens, local butcher. The huge animal was appropriately named "Bismarck". Three other bullocks, also of extraordinary size, are on view at the same place. The beasts were fattened on Mr. Pollack's farm at Jindera, but were originally from Mr. Huon's station.

RESERVES FOR RAILWAYS.—Mr. Wrixon, of the Victorian Railway Department, is camped on the Wodonga Flats. The Victorian Government evidently contemplates reserving the land on their side between the Wodonga Terminus and the North-east Railway and the Murray River, so as to allow connection of the Victorian and New South Wales lines to be made at some future date. It would be as well if the Sydney authorities were as prudent and far-seeing in laying out a reserved line between the north bank of the Murray and Wagga Wagga before all the land passes into private hands.

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July Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, 6th at 8 p.m., in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street.
Guest speaker, Mrs. Davies. Visitors welcome.

Last Month's Meeting

The programme for the June Meeting was re-arranged at short notice to take the opportunity of hearing a Sydney visitor, Mr. Robert Nicolson, and Mrs. Davies therefore deferred her programme which we will hear on July 13th.

Mr. Nicolson is the author of the book "The Pitcairners". The dedication is to "The People of Pitcairn Island and Norfolk Island. Pitcairn was discovered during "the Voyage Round the World" by Captain Phillip Carteret in 1767 — "It having been discovered by Robert Pitcairn, son to Major Pitcairn of the Marines, we called it "Pitcairn's Island". Pitcairn is two miles long and a mile wide, area 1120 acres.

After the mutiny, the mutineers had to find an island home, safe, uninhabited, secluded, yet fertile. After sailing over 7,800 miles from the day they left Bligh, they found their future home and "Bounty" her last resting place, as, for safety, they finally burned her. Twenty years later, the mystery of "Bounty" and the mutineers was solved, when an American sealer, "Topaz", arrived at Pitcairn Island.

Bligh's boat journey, Fletcher Christian's in "Bounty" and the whole amazing story including the move to Norfolk Island, 5000 miles from Pitcairn, was one about which our guest answered many questions.

Gifts

The Society expresses its sincere thanks to the following persons for gifts received: Mrs. Moore—Churchill Medal; Mr. W. Mathey (Wodonga)—Illustrated catalogues and price lists of merchandise of the 1880's. Mr. Barker—Quart-pot, kerosene heater, butter-dish, old type can-opener. Mrs. G. Brown—Whisky

decanter. Mr. C. C. Hazelwood—Book, "On the Road to Sydney", by David Martin. Dalgety's, Albury—Map of Bungowannah Park Subdivision, 1906. Mr. G. M. Stedman—Extracts from the sale of the Edmondson Forrest Hill Estate to Messrs. C. H. Griffith and G. M. Stedman for subdivision.

National Trust Visit, 13th June, 1971

Mr. J. J. Wright, President of the A. & D. H. S., arranged for the visit of the Photographic Section of the Victorian National Trust, an interesting tour of Albury's Historic Homes and Public Buildings.

In the unavoidable absence of the President for most of the day, the party was conducted by Mr. C. C. Hazelwood and Mr. W. W. Fielder. Beginning at the Folk Museum and Water-wheel, cameras clicked freely, despite early fog. A very successful day was spent, including lunch in sunshine in the Botanic Gardens.

Let us Now Praise Famous Men

The first medical man to settle in Albury was Dr. John Crichton, who had been a surgeon in the Royal Navy. He lived at Doctor's Point, hence the name that place still bears. This was in 1841.

He was universally respected and his death a great loss to the community. In the early days of Albury, an aboriginal burial ground was known to have been at a place called "The Sandhills", on the east of the then settlement and in that area was also the site of the first burial ground for the white residents of the township.

When a new cemetery was finally established, the remains of Dr. Crichton (as those of many others interred in the original site) were removed to it. Dr. Owen, another prominent figure of these early days (1853), caused a monument to be erected in the Albury cemetery to the memory of Dr. Crichton. This monument bears the following remarkable tribute :

"Sacred to the memory of John Crichton, Esq., Surgeon in the Royal Navy for 15 years, who died at Albury, August 22nd, 1847, aged 41 years.

"He was a judicious surgeon and an excellent man, and for several years practised his profession in Albury with honor and distinction. He was kind and humane to the poor in their sickness and distress, and left behind the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He is justly entitled to that high rank amongst men which our Lord has accorded to the Good Samaritan, who, after the Priest and Levite had passed the wounded man, the Good Samaritan saw him and had compassion on him and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. Reader, go thou and do likewise".

Near this is a small headstone on the grave of Dr. Owen. Messrs. James and Robert Crichton (brothers of the late Dr. Crichton) who had been engaged in pastoral pursuits, having sold their runs, before leaving the district caused a headstone to be erected in the cemetery to the memory of Dr. Owen, thereby acknowledging the compliment that Dr. Owen himself had previously paid, to the late Dr. Crichton.

"Sacred to the memory of James Eugene Owen, M.D. Died the 25th April, 1860. Aged 51 years. Erected to his memory in the testimony of his many high qualities and merit. A good man's deeds live after him".

Notes on Albury Gardens

The land grant given by the Government to Albury for botanic gardens and recreation purposes, covers about 50 acres, and took in the Hovell Tree Reserve, sportsground and the gardens. Our town fore-fathers did good work in commencing to cultivate portion of this land as public gardens. These gardens were begun in 1877, when tenders were called for the fencing of the land, the conditions were that the fence had to be "goat and pig proof".

The contractors for the erection of this fence were William Mangan and James Brougham.

Mr. Matthew Peasley, who died at Noorongong, (Vic.), on July 21, 1918, at the age of 74, was the first curator appointed and formed the early plan of the gardens, laying out and planting of the grounds, which, in his time, included the sportsground. It was he who planted the avenue of trees in Smollett Street, regarded as one of the "glories of Albury".

After Mr. Peasley came Mr. John Howard, who held the position for about 17 years and increased the cultivation of shrubs, trees and other plants. Mr. Howard was the son of an old English gardener, and possessed a considerable knowledge of botany and horticulture.

In 1901 another curator was called for owing to Mr. Howard's physical infirmity, when Mr. J. E. R. Fellowes was appointed. By this time, the reserve and sportsground were separated from the main gardens, which became a genuine Botanic Gardens of 10 acres.

Mr. Fellowes re-planned the whole area except for the elm-tree avenue, and the straight path along the south side; his aim being to have curved paths to give a distant perspective of a great variety of trees and shrubs. (He was a great tree lover). The old fernery was built (I think) in the time of Mr. Howard and was situated where the present lily ponds are. About 1909, the present residence was built by Mr. W. Stewart after the old weatherboard cottage was demolished. About four years previously, some of the townspeople decided to form a bowling club and a portion of the gardens was fenced off for the green which proved a great success.

Notes on Albury Gardens (continued)

The nursery was enclosed by a cypress hedge (some of which still exists) and all street trees and seedling shrubs were propagated at the western or creek end. To revert to the old fernery; it was built of timber posts and laths with creepers covering it (lovely for nesting birds, mice and even snakes); it enclosed a lake with an island in the centre on which grew different bamboos and pampas-grass, which was a haven for two black swans, a wedge-tail eagle and smaller birds. When the fernery was pulled down owing to age and decay, Mr. Fellowes drained the lake, filled in the hollow, laid turf and then made three water-lily ponds, into which gold-fish were introduced and a small garden of trees, shrubs and iris formed the surrounds. This was all part of the re-formation of the gardens.

Following Mr. J. E. R. Fellowes, his son, Mr. Wally Fellowes, was appointed curator, and in his time the tree nursery was moved to an area in Wodonga Place, opposite the sportsground. The memorial gates at the main entrance were erected to the memory of Mr. R. M. Wilkinson, (Mayor 1903-05) and an appropriate entrance path was made. In the formation period of the gardens, all mowing was done by scythe, but afterwards a "push and pull" mower was purchased — manned by the curator and his staff of one, Mr. George Wilson.

The two tall palms in front of the residence are over 70 years old. Others grown from seed were propagated in the nursery. The Hume monument was moved from near the Hovell Tree and placed in its present position; opposite it is a gum planted in memory of a descendant of Hamilton Hume. The Schmidt monument has no significant meaning other than that Mr. Charles Schmidt bought it in Germany, thinking it would enhance the appearance of the gardens; it was known to children as "The lady with the dagger".

Our gardens have certainly come a long way from the days of M. Peasley, J. Howard, J. E. R. Fellowes, W. B. (Wally) Fellowes, George Bennet, Bert Smith, Ray Steward, B. Dangerfield, to Mr. Croft. May his term last as long or longer than J. E. R.'s, which was just on 36 years. I would like to add that Mrs. Browne (Mrs. Rolf Boldrewood), who was a fine botanist of Australiana, helped my father considerably.

The cement sealing of the Hovell Tree was done about 60 years ago after a very severe storm split a part of the tree away and termites made their appearance.

— O. E. FELLOWES

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Obituaries

Our Society has sustained a real loss by the passing of two members, in the persons of Mr. Joseph Wright and Mr. Arthur Roy. The sudden death of Mr. Wright came as a shock to his many friends. He was a foundation member and as President of the present term he is going to be greatly missed. Mr. Roy, born at Albury 88 years ago, also was widely known. Prior to his departure for Morang (Vic.), he was a member of the committee and is well remembered for his talks on Albury of earlier years.

July Meeting

Mrs. R. B. Davies, a member of the Society, was the guest speaker, and, in company with her husband, presented a very fine set of slides showing panoramas of Sydney today and its outlying beauty spots, including many of its beaches, waterways and the Blue Mountains. A very delightful evening.

Next Meeting

The August meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th, at 8 p.m. at the C.W.A. Rooms. Visitors welcome. The guest speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Horace Harrison, recently returned from a world tour. His commentary, with slides, will include interesting facets of his visits to London, Albury (in Surrey), Germany and Moscow.

Additional Gifts to the Society

Mrs. Alf Post—photographs of Springfield Girls' School, Albury (on loan); two interesting card albums; a beautiful sleeping doll, with outfit in the fashion of 1910.

Mr. Eli Barker—two horse brasses, handsomely mounted by Mr. R. C. Bohr.

Mrs. J. E. Sherbrook—early model "Singer" sewing machine, and an ebony ruler.

N.S.W. Housing Commission in Albury

For purposes of record, the editors of the Bulletin include in this number a brief history of the Commission's activity in Albury. In all urban centres there is a need for housing at a minimum cost, and so the Commission entered the field in Albury in 1946.

Since then, an Advisory Committee to assist the local Housing Representative has been composed of the Mayor, as chairman, and a nominee from each of the R.S.L., Trades & Labour Council and Women's Organizations. Mr. Cleaver Bunton, O.B.E., has acted in this capacity for the whole of the period, but there have been a few changes in the other personnel. The late Mrs. D. M. Cozens was the first woman on the Committee, followed by Mrs. R. H. McDonald, who has acted for some 17 or 18 years.

After War I, returned soldiers' applications for housing were given preference over others, and a ballot system was instituted; but, in these days, priority of application is the first requisite.

The categories range from one-bedroom flats to four-bedroom cottages. 107 units were built in 1970, making a total of 528, of which 47 were for the aged, and a number in all categories are being progressively added, making the Housing Commission the biggest land-lord in Albury. Unfortunately, however, the demand is always greater than the supply, and a long wait for accommodation in a Commission home is sometimes necessary.

From small beginnings, the offices of the Commission locally were first located in the stair-well in the T. & G. Building, an upstairs office in the Colonial Mutual Building, and now in a palatial front suite in the Dean Street Government Building.

He Serves us Well

Mayor of Albury, Alderman C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., returned recently from a round-the-world tour with a party of business men, in search of manufacturing firms likely to expand their operations to Australia — or Albury in particular.

Concluding his round of visits to Europe's industrial centres, Alderman Bunton crossed to the U.S.A., making a brief tour which took him to Merced, bearing a message of good-will to its people from the folk of their sister city in Australia.

A welcome-home dinner at the recently renovated Albury Hotel was tendered to the Mayor and Mrs. Bunton by a large number of civic and business associates and their wives.

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RIVER NAVIGATION.—The “Waradgery” and the “Jane Eliza” both arrived at Albury on Wednesday morning, Mate and Co. being the agents for the former, Heath & Blackwell for the latter. Both steamers sailed again on the following day. The “Waradgery” brought about 60 tons of cargo, being mainly rock-salt, the rest of the freight being goods for various persons. The “Jane Eliza” also brought about 60 tons, being mostly consignments to a number of storekeepers.

Mr. A. Boyle, of Howlong, has made arrangements with Mr. Hillson to run the steamboat “Wahgunyah” between Tocumwal and Echuca in connection with the coach between Albury and Tocumwal. Passengers can therefore book at Albury every Tuesday at 10.30, arriving at Tocumwal on Wednesday, leaving for Echuca on each Thursday morning per the “Wahgunyah”. The through fare is £3.10s.

The Murrumbidgee steamer “Victoria” will be despatched from Echuca for Hay, Narrandera and Wagga Wagga on the 17th inst. The “Murrumbidgee” has been up to Tubbo, and passed Hay on the downward trip from that place on Monday last; and the “Province”, from Wagga Wagga, on the same day.

SUGAR-MAKING.—The first effective step towards the introduction of sugar-growing as a new agricultural industry in Riverina has been taken by the enterprising people of Wagga Wagga. It has been shown that the cane has not only been satisfactorily grown in that area, but that sugar of good quality has been put through the manufacturing process even without the aid of complete machinery. A fine sample of sugar has been obtained by Mr. Chapman, by means of a centrifugal, from syrup manufactured by Mr. Jacob. Samples of the Wagga product can be seen at all the town’s principal stores.

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Illustrated Travel-talk

At August Meeting Mr. Horrie Harrison shared his recent world tour with members by adding a racy commentary to films of Disney Land, America, England, The Ober-Ammergau Passion Play in Bavaria and Red Square in Moscow.

Next Meeting

The September Meeting, will be held in the C.W.A. rooms on Tuesday 14th, when the talk will be "A Country Boy's Memories". Visitors are always welcome.

Obituary

This month we again sadly record the passing of two members—the Misses Irene and Josephine Allan, who were sisters and had been in ill health for some months. To their bereaved relatives, the Society extends it's very sincere sympathy.

Personal

Though nowadays we seldom have an opportunity of seeing Mr. John Henwood in person, we do at least have the pleasure of hearing and seeing him each day in giving his reports over radio and television. John, whose home-town is Albury, is remembered as one of our Society's most active members in its formative years. It is of interest to know that television personality, Bill Peach, formerly of Albury, is a cousin of John.

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Much missed from our recent meetings is committee member Mrs. Frank Boyes, who is staying at Rosebud while her husband is receiving specialist treatment for an illness. Mr. Boyes also, is one of our members, and we all wish him an early return to better health.

Information

J.B.: The Junior Football Association was apparently formed about 1905. It comprised second-grade players of four local clubs known as the Britons, Hopetouns, Grammarians and Advance Australia. In the local history section of the Turk's Head Museum is to be seen a group photo with names of the Advance Australia team as winners of the 1908 premiership.

We are endeavouring to obtain names of the players on your old photo of the Britons team.

The "Y" in Albury

It must be most exciting for the organizers of the expansion of Y.M.C.A., locally, to find the monetary response of recent weeks has been so encouraging. But it is of the Y.M.C.A. in Albury that I was privileged to take rather a unique part in its beginning.

During the second World War when Bonegilla Camp was growing and there was much movement of A.W.A.S. in the district, the Army requisitioned Bonegilla House at the corner of Kiewa and Wyse Streets for an overnight centre for Army girls on short leave. The house was a large one, with potential, and was lived in by Miss Joe Cooper, daughter of a former partner of the Albury "Banner". Miss Cooper then sold up and moved to Sydney.

The house was hastily added to by erecting rooms on verandahs and balcony, and has remained so to the present day. An attractive, well appointed and newly carpeted office, entered to the north of the front door, was where I for a few weeks went of an eveing to answer the telephone and take bookings to allow the manageress to have a few hours off. She, incidently, was a civilian who had been a factory manageress in Melbourne, and was preparing Bonegilla House for the A.W.A.S. to take over themselves. This, natually, was when I was no longer required. Soon after this a representative of the Y.M.C.A. was appointed to the area and remained for the duration.

Possibly, because of my involvement in this little episode, one Saturday morning, out of the blue, Mrs. Killen, an Executive of the Y.M.C.A. in Sydney, rang me to say they were thinking of starting a Branch of the Association in Abury, and would I be their first President. I declined, but mentioned Mrs. Arthur Colquhoun who I thought would fill the bill admirably. Mrs. Colquhoun became a most interested and successful leader, and I am sure she didn't ever know how she came into the picture.

With the establishment of Boortkoi and the provision of accommodation for a limited number of young men, Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A. have prospered over the years, but that is a story which must be written by somebody better informed on the subject than I.

—E. McDONALD.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of *The Albury Banner* of September, 1871)

TOWN IMPROVEMENTS.—The increase of Albury goes on so steadily as to require from us every now and then a short chronicle of the changes that take place. Among the improvements that are now new we have to mention the fine two-storey premises, opposite the Bank of New South Wales*, where Mr. J. Mitchell intends in future to carry on his storekeeping business on a larger scale than was possible in his old premises. Equally large and roomy stores and dwelling premises have also been erected for Mr. Higgins, a new arrival, who intends to compete public patronage as a general draper. Yet another new business is to be noted—namely, that of Mr. Hunter, who has erected a splendid store between the office of this paper and that of Mr. S. F. Blackmore, for the purposes of the ironmongery trade. Mr. G. E. Robinson, coachbuilder, from Beechworth, is also about to establish himself here, and intends to build suitable premises at the corner of Smollett Street. Mr. E. Loebel, from Mansfield, also notifies his intention of setting up business as a draper &c. in the premises in Townsend Street lately occupied by Mr. J. Mitchell. Among the buildings that are going up we must not omit to mention the handsome brick structure now almost completed for the Church of England Sunday School. The magnificent stone building of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church continues to progress, and now shows a sufficient elevation to give a fair idea of the beauty of the proposed building. The Presbyterian congregation, it is reported, also intend to erect a building for a Sunday School as soon as more funds can be collected for that purpose. A number of private cottage residences have also been built within the last year. New premises in Dean Street are being put up by W. J. Jones.

* The stone building in Townsend Street now known as "Kia Ora".

NEW INDUSTRY.—The "Warrnambool Advertiser" reports that the very satisfactory result of kangaroo preserving on a small scale by a local company has induced the management to arrange for the processing of regular supplies of carcasses during the winter months, the period when the animals are at their best, and when the temperature is sufficiently low to insure freshness if their carcasses should require to be brought from any distance.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up during the month at Albury Land Office were as follows : Thos. Baker, 40 acres, Castlestead; John McGrath, 160 a., Castlestead; Alex. Grogan, 50 a., Buraja; George P. Smith, 60 a., Quat Quatta; David Swan, 100 a., near Burranong homestead; W. J. Dent, 40 a., Pullitop; A. F. Dent, 40 a., Jarah; John D. Lankester, jun., 40 a., Mungabareena; John Dunne, 102 a., Tarramia; Sarah Jane Dent, 40 a., Pullitop; Denis Foley, 100 a., Howlong; John McFarland, 100 a., Tooma; Levison Granville Keith Collins, 60 a., Mohonga run; Alex McKay Masterson, 320 a., Wilson; Emily Gibson, 200 a., Bulgandrie; John Palmer, 45 a., Bungowannah; John Cutler, 159 a., Moorwatha; Josephine Gibson, 100 a., Bulgandrie; Albert Bryson, 100 a., Morebringer; George Foster, 100 a., Tarramia; Jas. Smith, 60 a., Huon; Roger Ryan, 50 a., Howlong; Nellie Elizabeth Greene, 80 a., Tooma; John Ferguson, 174 a., Moorwatha; Thos. Osborne, 60 a., Mungabareena; Charles J. Morgan, 50 a., Richmond.

Advertisements —

EMPIRE HOTEL, Albury.—Board, per week, 16s.; Meals and Bed, 1s. Each.—E. Negro, Proprietor.

REAPERS & STRIPPERS.—Farmers requiring T. Robinson & Co.'s Side-delivery and other Reapers and Strippers should give their orders early, and ensure timely delivery. Apply to the Agent.—John Burrows, Hume Mill, Albury.

WANTED.—1,000,000 Customers to buy German Sausages. Also Pork, Ham, and all other kinds of Sausages. Only Dairy-fattened pork will be used. Remember, none of the Slaughteryard-fattened Pigs will be allowed in the shop.—F. W. Wynack.

FOR SALE by Private Contract.—The Wahgunyah Punt, with Boat and Gear complete. The Punt is in excellent condition, and is capable of carrying a full-sized Yankee Waggon and team. The Punt will be delivered on completion of the Bridge, in about four months' time.—Apply John Foord, Wahgunyah.

Briefs —

The following clergymen have been registered for the celebration of marriages : Roman Catholic Church, the Rev. John Dunn, Albury; Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Rev. Gottlieb Klemke, Walla Walla.

An enormous Murray Cod, weighing 130 lbs., and stated to be the largest ever caught in the Murray River, has been on exhibition at a fishmonger's shop in Bourke Street, Melbourne.

Permission to purchase about 18 acres of land has been granted to Mr. J. F. H. Mitchell, the situation of the land being on unnecessary roads at Thurgoona.

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September Meeting

At the close of business at last Monthly Meeting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood gave a vivid picture of life on the big Urangeline Station, and especially that of a schoolboy, some 50 or 60 years ago. They illustrated the talk with a number of interesting slides.

Next Meeting

Guest speaker at our general meeting this month will be Mrs. Endacott, whose subject will be "Aborigines of the Upper Murray". The meeting will as usual take place at the C.W.A. Rooms, on Tuesday, 12th, commencing at 8 p.m. Visitors are always welcome at these meetings.

Obituary

It is with regret that we record the death on the 28th September of Miss Alice Wallace, an interested member of the Society, and who played her part in the musical and artistic life of the community. Two of her pastels — "Noreuil Park" (1959) and "Allans Flat" (1960) were prize-winners, and are in the Albury Art Gallery's collection.

A Wonderful Woman

Mrs. W. E. Connors, of Wangaratta Golf Club, mother of Hazel and Charles, all champions in their day, came from Melbourne to Wangaratta Club last week-end to celebrate her 100th birthday. She frequently played at Albury Club, and the last occasion was when she was 84. Those who accompanied her on the round said the only difference in her play was that she might have been a little slower. And what a personality she was on all occasions. So revered was she at Albury Club that she was honoured by a Life Membership, and her name can be seen on the Life Membership Board at the Club House.

The "Y" in Albury (contd.)

Unfortunately there were some typographical errors in the first instalment on this subject in last month's Bulletin.

The article outlined specifically the beginning of the Young Women's Christian Association: the Y.M.C.A. did not enter the field until much later, and has no connection with the Wyse Street projects. In 1965, a survey was made, and it was found that there was a need for Y.M.C.A. to be represented in Albury. Then, in 1966 the mayor called a public meeting, the outcome of which was that Albury was to have a branch on a 4 year probation basis. Plans progressed, and Y.M.C.A. Albury received its charter in Adelaide earlier this year, 1971.

Following is a brief history of Albury Y.W.C.A. after Mrs. A. G. Colquhoun was nominated as its first president.

Mrs. Colquhoun, supported by the late Mesdames Padman, Strong, Burrows, Cozens and many other enthusiastic workers, called a public meeting to discuss the purchases of a home for the girls who would be homeless on the sale of Bonegilla House. The meeting, comprised of men and women, decided that such a scheme could not be financed, and departed.

Mrs. Colquhoun then gathered her women workers together, and, determined to carry on, they accepted the late Mr. Douglas Thompson's offer to loan money, at ruling bank interest rate, to purchase a house suitable for a hostel.

"Boortkoi" Private Hospital came on the market, and was bought. Several army huts were erected in the spacious grounds at the rear of the main home; 68 girls moved down from Bonegilla House, and Y.W.C.A. in Albury was established, Miss Manners being the first supervisor.

Affiliation with Melbourne was sought, and a board of directors elected from main body of workers. Those members not elected to the board became the "Auxiliary", and later the "Homemakers' Club" was created.

The old army huts deteriorated with time, and, at considerable cost, were replaced in 1954 by a concrete block of 15 rooms, with amenities, for 30 girls.

Two more years of careful management had reduced the considerable bank overdraft, when, in 1956, the brick cottage on the eastern side of "Boortkoi" came on the market. This was an opportunity that might not occur again, and the board of directors was once again faced with making a hazardous decision. Could they again increase their overdraft? After due deliberation, this band of courageous women decided to go ahead and buy. Then came a decision of another kind — the proposal to give the newly acquired house to accommodate young men! This indeed was a departure from custom, and opposed by some members as rather a dangerous venture. However, it was decided to accommodate nine young men and to call the house "Darjon" (meaning Jon's Home). From its opening date in March, 1956, it was fully occupied, and had a continuing waiting list. Finance was tight, but it was very evident that an extension of Darjon was necessary; so, once more to the bank for funds to provide further accommodation for a total of 24 men.

The board of directors of Y.W.C.A., Albury, look back on the achievements of the past, and do not doubt that there will always be women of wisdom, courage and tenacity to go forward with faith, accepting whatever challenge the future holds.

There is still much to be done!

—A. L. QUIGGIN.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of the "*Albury Banner*" of October, 1871)

LAND SELECTIONS.—The following land selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office during October; Hobart Hampden, 250 acres at Mulwala; George Mair, 120 a., Mannus; Matthew Allison jun., 40 a., Kentucky; Henry Hilliar, 40 a., Wagra; Thomas Proctor, 80 a., Moorwatha; Simon S. Whitehead, 220 a., Welaregang; Thomas Keighran, 100 a., Doodle Cooma; Johann Matterun, 40 a., Morebringer; Mary Marcilla Murphy, 87 a., Jerra Jerra.

RIVER NAVIGATION.—Messrs. Smith and Banks, owners of the "Jane Eliza", advise that this fast-sailing and commodious steamer will ply regularly (river permitting) between Echuca and Albury during the present season, carrying cargo and passengers at current rates.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO (continued)

For the time being the "Waradgery" has been withdrawn from the Upper Murray Line.

Depending on the river height, the Albury-owned steamboat "Cumberoona" and barge "Howlong" will regularly run between Albury and Echuca, carrying passengers and goods, both up and down stream. Master of the craft is Capt. Barnes, while the agents are George Day (Albury), R. Craig (Corowa) and John Orr (Echuca).

ALBURY BREWERY.—Mr. James Liddle announces he has now commenced to brew his celebrated Pale Summer Ale. The fact of his having brewed the ale chiefly consumed in the district during the past five years ought to be sufficient guarantee that only a first-class ale will be supplied to the public.

G. HUNTER, ironmonger, timber merchant and dealer in agricultural implements has opened the new and extensive premises lately occupied by George Day, Esq., situated in Dean Street. He invites the attention of squatters, farmers, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, building contractors, painters, coopers, gardeners, splitters and others, to his large and well-displayed stock of requisites. The furniture department contains the widest range of household ironmongery ever offered for sale in Albury.

TEN MILE CREEK MEMS.—Mr. Henry Palmer, Ten Mile Creek*, is calling tenders for the crushing of 1000 tons of quartz at the Mittagong Reef, 41 miles from Albury. The quartz will be delivered at the machine ready for crushing, there now being 700 tons at grass.

* Now Holbrook.

Mr. H. J. Bowler's horses Valentine and Mormosa, say "The Weekly Times", have arrived at Flemington, and now occupy two of the snug boxes at Flemington racecourse. They are under the care of W. Yeomans, who formerly rode and trained for Mr. Bowler, and the Cup horse Valentine is more likely to have justice done to him than on the former occasion of his visit.

The Prince of Wales's Birthday race meeting will take place at Ten Mile Creek on 9th November. Prize for first race will be a meerschaum pipe, value £21; second, silver coffee service; third, Storekeeper's Cup, a magnificent tin pannikin, presented by the town's storekeeper, J. Simmons, Esq. Saddles, bridles and a concertina comprise the other trophies. Entries to be made at Powell's Criterion Hotel.

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October Monthly Meeting

Guest speaker, Mrs. Endacott, gave a talk of great interest to a well attended meeting. Her hearers appreciated the opportunity to gain such well-researched authentic information on a subject, "Aborigines of the Upper Murray", which has long been of interest to this Society, yet one of which it has hitherto been difficult to gain the story.

Society members will be interested to learn that Mrs. Endacott is the daughter of Mr. Basil Patman, one of the founders of the A. & D.H.S.

November Meeting

Tuesday, 9th November, 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. Mr. C. C. Hazelwood's personal story of life in early station days, will be continued. Visitors are welcome to these meetings.

Gifts

The A. & D.H.S. is grateful to the followings friends — Mrs. Charles Took, Redesdale, 100 year old work-basket, belonging to Miss Rand (Mohonga), Mr. F. E. Moore, early model Mix-master, Mr. J. Burton, group photo of local interest, the "Britons" football team.

The "Thoroughbrace" Coach

The principle of the "Thoroughbrace" coach was used in the Cobb & Co. coaches in Australia. The first use of leather braces in vehicles was in Hungary, and stage coaches with bodies swung on heavy leather straps began to be used on the continent in 1640. Similar vehicles were used in England, about 40 years after this. One method, using leather loops, on the Lord Mayor's State coach, 200 years old, may be seen in old pictures. In 1827, Lewis Downing, in the U.S.A. began building the highly efficient thoroughbrace, which was 6 to 8 thicknesses of stout, broad, bullock-hide, which extended beyond the ends of the body, before passing around iron brackets which secured them to the under-carriage. There is a fine Cobb & Co. coach in the Bathurst Museum.

Early Days on a District Station

In summer, bushfires were a constant menace.

At Urangeline, there was a look-out at the homestead, and two others at differing points of the property, forming a triangle. These look-outs were generally a tower with a staging at the top, with a central post on which was set a metal plate showing the points of the compass. These plates were set by a surveyor.

A reading from any two stations was generally enough to find out where the fire was. When the same or nearly the same reading was got from two stations, the third reading was a 'must'. There was a special map of the station at the office that the reading could be set out on, to show where the fire was, as it is notoriously hard to tell the distance of smoke by the eye.

The look-out at URANGELINE was 35 feet high, reached by two ladders, the first to a staging about 15 feet up, where a man was stationed during real fire weather, but not often, then by a long ladder to the top. It was built on 3 pine poles, the poles forming a tripod, and it swayed considerably at the top in a strong wind. But once you were up, you forgot about the sway as you took the compass bearing of the smoke, then back to the office to get the other readings by phone and measure out where the fire was. When you consider that the area was about 100,000 acres and about 15 miles across each way, you had to have some way of finding out if a fire was on, or near, station property. Also to find the best way of getting there.

I have seen the advance in fire fighting equipment from a 100 gallon tank on a dray, with a 3/4 inch semi-rotary pump, then bigger pumps, still semi-rotary. Then came the fire-cart, this was a special cart with two big iron wheels, and fitted with shafts, the water being carried in a cylindrical tank set fore and aft across the axle, the weight being sprung. This allowed it to be taken at a much greater speed, and it was more manoeuvrable. One light delivery horse could trot along with the tank full of water, the tank holding about one hundred gallons. The all-iron wheels gave no chance of the wheels catching fire, as there were no wooden fellies or spokes to burn. The carts were fitted with 5 inch by 5 inch low-down pumps, which required two men to give a high pressure on the hose, but for all ordinary work, one man was enough.

The early 5" by 5" pumps were very heavy to work, as they had too much volume to be able to get much pressure in the hose. They were used with a pressure chamber (or air-dome) and a 3/4 inch hose. Any heavier hose would have been too heavy

for the man on the hose to handle. An experienced man would always remove any metal fitting on the end of the hose so as to be able to get whatever shaped jet he wanted from the use of his thumb and fingers, and he could do this instantly with no fiddling about. These early pumps were direct coupled to the handle, which would be about 4 feet from the fulcrum to the top of the handle. Later model pumps had a cog gear between the handle and the piston rod, and gave a greater leverage and were a bit easier to use. They were set fore and aft because on the narrow fire-cart there was not enough room to get the full throw of the handle, if they were set across the cart, and quick short strokes did not give as steady a flow of water as when the full throw was used, as well as being much more tiring on the user. To get at the lower, or inlet valves of these old pumps, one had to completely dismantle the whole pump, later they were made with side placed valves that could be got at. The early pumps had a cast iron cylinder, while the later ones had brass liners in the cylinders which made the pump easier to work, and did not wear the buckets so quickly. It was later found that a 3 inch cylinder pump with a 5 inch stroke would give all the water wanted and at a higher pressure, with less effort on the man working it.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from files of the "Albury Banner" of November, 1871)

MR. W. H. MOULDER, late Hards & Leverett (Melbourne) and R. C. Thomson (Abury), announces he has taken over the Wodonga Saddle and Harness Manufactory, next to Bambrick's Railway Hotel; and, from his long experience, feels confident of fulfilling all orders entrusted to him.

THE ALBURY ACCLIMITISATION SOCIETY held its committee meeting during the week, and resolved to begin operations by introducing trout to district streams. An expenditure of £30 was anticipated for this project. Some hares have been promised to the society, and they are expected here when some of the Albury visitors to the Melbourne races return. A circular will shortly be sent out inviting co-operation from squatters and others.

RAPID RIVER VOYAGE.—One of the fastest passages, if not the fastest on record, has been made by the "Cumberoona". She left Albury on Thursday (26th October), for Echuca, and was back again at her moorings here the following Tuesday night 31st. This remarkably quick work included stoppages of all kinds, and the loading and unloading of full cargoes each way. She left Albury again on Wednesday afternoon last, taking a cargo of wool, and a number of passengers for Echuca.

—continued overleaf

One Hundred Years Ago (continued)

ALBURY CHORAL SOCIETY.—Following a meeting held at Whitehead's Commercial Hotel on Wednesday night (23rd) it was decided that a musical society be formed at Albury. The following were suggested as officers and have signified their willingness to serve: President, Capt. Brownrigg; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. W. Jones and J. F. Skinner; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Bradley; conductor, Mr. Hugo Alpen; organist, Mr. Edmondson; librarian, Mr. Down; Committee, Messrs. Heath, Ridgway, and the office-bearers ex-officio.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Board during November were as follows: Edward Ramsden, 320 acres at Tarramia; Joseph Gowden, 40 a., Greg Greg; George Albert Patterson, 40 a., Cumeroona; Isabella Florence Smith, two selections of 60 a., Howlong; William Gill, 54 a., Mullengandra; Thomas Carswell, 84 a., Mitchell; Mary Culnane, 115a., Thugga; Joseph Birch, 55 a., Gerogery; Samuel Appelton, 50 a., Welaregang; William Appelton, 50 a., Welaregang; John Alexander, 50 a., Richmond; John Dunn, 100 a., Mulwala; John Purtell, 40 a., Mountain Creek.

THE RAILWAY.—Fresh tenders are to be invited at once by the Victorian Railway Department for the construction of the last section of the north-eastern line from Benalla to Wodonga, as Cain, Dalrymple & Holten, the lowest tenderers, upon being requested to abate their schedule of prices, have declined to do so. The amount of their contract (£356,100) is considered as being in excess of the estimate of the department.

Our Wangaratta contemporary, the "Dispatch", says that at North Wangaratta, from the swampy nature of the soil of the Ovens Flats, the work will be very heavy, and this section will necessarily cost more than either of the others.

RATES FOR SHEARING.—At a meeting of squatters held at Echuca for the purpose of fixing the rate to be paid for shearing in the lower Riverina during this season, it was decided that that the rate be 11s. per 100 sheep where rations are provided, and 14s. per 100 where shearers provide themselves. In the event of any shearer leaving the particular shed in which he is engaged before the end of the shearing, or when he may be discharged from such shed, either for bad conduct or bad shearing, 2s. per sheep shorn by such shearer shall be deducted from the gross amount of his earnings.

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Annual Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday, 14th December, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. The Annual Meeting is the culmination of the Society's year, and the most important, and it is hoped that members will endeavour to be present. The Election of Officers (without whom the Society could not continue) will take place and the Annual Report be presented.

Some featured entertainment, a social gathering and supper will complete an evening to which the Society welcomes all interested members of the public. Lady members a supper plate please.

Last Month's Meeting

At the November Meeting Mr. C. C. Hazelwood's personal story of life in the 'hey-day' of station life in earlier days was continued. Much of this story preserves a way of life that is gone for ever and is of value to historians.

Hovell Tree Annual Gathering

Under the famous old tree, adults and a large gathering of children from Albury schools, took part in this remembrance of our particular historical past. We congratulate Albury West School for the re-enactment, presented so well by three of its scholars, Stuart Carlin, Mathew Gowan and Ian Cosser of the arrival of the explorers, Hume and Hovell at the spot, and thank the Mayor, Ald. C. E. Bunton, our guest speaker, for the way in which he emphasised the importance of our heritage through the years, past and to come.

Senior Vice-President's Report for 1971

The end of 1971 sees the Society regretting the death of many valued members. Mr. J. J. Wright president of the Society, Capt. P. H. Heywood a Vice President, Mr. A. J. Williams O.B.E., Mr. Arthur Roy, Mr. E. Henwood, the Misses Irene and Josephine Allan, the Misses Alice and Grace Wallace.

Attendances at monthly meetings have been good, there being a slight falling off during the coldest months. We have had speakers for every monthly meeting and some interesting and informative talks have been given. In March, Mrs. Frank Boyes spoke on the early development of Albury as 'A City of trees', this talk being illustrated by colour slides. In April, the president Mr. J. J. Wright presented a slide showing and commentary on some of England's oldest buildings. May was given to Mr. C. C. Hazelwood for a slide showing with commentary, on a trip through central and northern N.S.W. In June Mr. Robert Nicolson spoke of Pitcairn Island, (Mr. Nicolson is the author of the book "The Pitcairners"). In July, Maj. and Mrs. Davies gave us an excellent slide show and commentary. August, Mr. Horace Harrison showed us some slides and spoke of his recent world tour. September was given to Mrs. C. Hazelwood who gave a reading from the memories of C. C. Hazelwood. In October we had a very interesting address from Mrs. Endacott entitled "Aborigines of the Upper Murray." November saw a continuation of the September subject by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood, suitable slides were shown at both these readings.

During the year we had a visit from the Photographic Section of the National Trust, Victorian branch. The itinerary was arranged by Mr. Wright and in his unavoidable absence I deputed for him in conducting the tour; and Mr. Fielder acted as historian, giving the visitors the history of the places that were visited. The morning was foggy but quickly cleared and during the visit a picnic lunch was enjoyed in the Albury Botanical Gardens. We escorted the visitors on to Jindera where they were to view the Museum and have a barbeque tea.

Many valuable gifts have come to the Society during the year, including maps and old records, which for lack of space we are unable to display. I feel I must mention one gift in particular, a painting; Mrs. Burt, a visitor from England was so impressed with the work that the Society was doing that she commissioned a local artist for a painting of the waterwheel, which painting is now in the Folk Museum.

There have been nine executive meetings held during the year, the attendances are as follows : Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood 9, C. C. Hazelwood 9, Miss C. Klinge 9, Miss A. Fletcher 9, W. W. Fielder 7, Mrs. R. H. McDonald 7, O. Schilg 6, Mrs. Schilg 6, Mrs. A. L. Quiggin 4, Miss L. Staton 7, J. J. Wright (dec.) 5, N. Douglas 1.

This Society needs some younger members to keep it alive, much good work has been done by the committee and members, but new members are needed to help. The membership is 147 which includes 27 life members. While we are in general keeping our membership up we urgently require more workers as we look to the future.

Attendances at the Folk Museum are down a little this year, but are still good for so small a museum, at the time of going to print 3,370 visitors have been to the Museum. The members who have staffed the museum are as follows : Mrs. Frank Boyes 35 times, Mrs. C. Hazelwood 33, C. C. Hazelwood 33, O. Schilg 31, Miss A. Fletcher 29, J. J. Wright (dec.) 20, Mrs. A. L. Quiggin 18, Mrs. Browne 11, Mrs. Davies 10, Miss C. Klinge 11, J. Anderson 10, Miss L. Staton 9, W. Fielder 8, D. Bryan 7, J. Wells 7, Mrs. O. Schilg 5, Mrs. McDonald 4, Capt. P. H. Heywood (dec.) 3, Mrs. Heywood 3, Mrs. West 3, Mrs. Wells 2, Miss B. Klinge 2, Mrs. Ralston 2, Miss S. Kroeber 1, Mrs. Robinson 1. As all these attendances have been on an honorary basis, the thanks of the Society are given to all who have helped to make the Museum a going concern, especially do we thank those who have attended at the Museum although they are not members of the Society.

Some of the members have been asked by other Societies to repeat addresses given to this Society. They are Wodonga, twice and Rutherglen.

The electric pump that drives the waterwheel has had to be removed twice this year owing to flooding of the Murray River. This servicing is now done by the City Council. Also during the latter part of the year, vandals have torn down the sign over the door of the Museum, Mr. Wells replaced it but it was torn down again and destroyed.

The usual Hovell Tree ceremony was again held this year, Mr. Schilg very capably taking charge of the proceedings. The narration was done by the pupils of the West Albury school and we thank them for an excellently done representation. We thank the Mayor of Albury, Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E. for his address to the gathering. We also thank Mr. L. Haberfield for arranging with the scouts (North Albury Seniors) to raise and lower the flag, the gardens Curator and his staff for the dais and seating.

This Society thanks radio stations 2CO, 2AY, and AMV 4 television station, The Wodonga Express and the Border Morning

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Mail for the publicity they have given the Society. Our special thanks go to Mr. Schilg for the splendid job he has done as our publicity officer.

I give my personal thanks to all those who have helped me during the year, especially the officers of the Society and I trust that they will give the same help to my successor. In closing I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

C. C. HAZELWOOD,

Senior Vice President.

Sound Advice

When Professor Ernest Moll, revisiting Albury from U.S.A., addressed the A. & D.H.S., he complimented the Society on the work it had undertaken and stressed the importance of securing records of local and national history in all its forms. "The records of the past are fast disappearing", he said, "and members of Historical Societies were urged to search out and rescue such valuable material. Societies in U.S.A. were being richly rewarded for their work along these lines." This preservation of historical material of all kinds (whether archive material, books, papers, letters, photos, etc., tools, things of domestic use) is always one of the chief aims of this Society.

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With the *Cricket* Season upon us the following Cricket history from an old newspaper cutting from the "Argus", date unknown, is pertinent.

W. Bardsley, run out	24
V. Trumper, B. Newman	9
M. A. Noble, run out	0
W. J. Whitty, B. Newman	1
P. McAllister, B. Newman	27
W. W. Armstrong, C. Mead,	
B. Newman	9
S. E. Gregory, C. Bowell,	
B. Newman	3
C. G. Macartney, B. Newman	4
R. J. Hartigan, B. Newman	1
H. Carter, not out	0
F. Laver, C. Remnant, B. Newman	0
Sundries	5
Total	83

Bowling : Newman 8 wickets for 43; Mead none for 23; Llewellyn none for 12.

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MEMS.—The A. & D.H.S. regrets to hear of member, Mr. Barker's accident and sojourn in hospital.

The Society and the Bulletin editors in particular, thank Mr. Fielder for continuing to arrange for the printing and posting of the journal each month.