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EDITORIAL

An epic event in Albury's history was the Conference held in the City Hall on Thursday, 25th January, 1973, to decide whether Albury-Wodonga be developed by the Federal Government and Governments of New South Wales and Victoria into an inland city of considerable population, as a first step to curb the growth of the capital cities. It is the first occasion on which the Federal Government has taken an active part in decentralisation.

The Conference was convened by the recently elected Labour Prime Minister, Mr. Gough Whitlam, and attended by the Premiers of N.S.W. and Victoria, Sir Robert Askin and Mr. Rupert Hamer, with Ministers and expert advisers. Also in attendance were representatives of local Councils.

Sir Robert Askin's first request was that Orange-Bathurst be the next cities considered for similar Government aid.

The Conference decided to go ahead with the project to make Albury-Wodonga the second large inland city, on similar lines to Canberra, with existing surrounding towns, and others, to be developed as satellites. Mr. Whitlam is reputed to have said that "on the outcome of this task the whole future of decentralisation in this country stands or falls".

A feasibility programme is now being drawn up by the Governments concerned, with Local Government taking part. Already, many suggestions are appearing in the local press which has stepped up its coverage, and the re-naming of the complex is being hinted at. May the authorities not overlook the name of Hume who was the first man in Hume and Hovell's exploration party to see the great river; the name which was given by Hovell, but was later changed to Murray.

It is a tremendous scheme, involving much long term planning of the ecology and the saving of the river from pollution.

Growing pains will be many and painful, but, as the project has been decided on, let us all assist, and wish it well.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Society took place at the C.W.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 12th December, the President, Mrs. A. L. Quiggin presiding. There was a good attendance. Ald. Ralph Marks, representing the Albury City Council, was guest speaker, and was accompanied by Mrs. Marks. He also took the chair for the election of the 1973 office-bearers, which resulted as follows :—

President : Mrs. A. L. Quiggin.

Senior Vice President : Mr. C. C. Hazelwood.

Vice Presidents : Mr. Rigg and Mrs. McDonald.

Secretary-Treasurer : Miss Klinge.

Minute Secretary : Miss Staton.

Committee : Mr. Fielder, Mesdames Schilg, Hazelwood, Heywood, Brown, Boyes, Rigg and Davies.

Bulletin Editors : Mesdames Hazelwood and McDonald.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13th, at 8 p.m. at C.W.A. Rooms. Film display and guest speaker—Mr. J. J. Dalinger. Visitors most welcome.

Gifts to the Society

Miss Clare Buckley, Hair-curling tongs; Mr. C. C. Hazelwood and Mr. Cardwell, Loan 4 in hand whip; Mr. Gibbons, Jindera, old post cards of historical interest; Mr. Ken Sloman, Mortdale, copy manuscript letter (details next month).

A collection of articles of value for the folk museum was left by an interested Melbourne visitor, who, on an earlier visit had noticed that we did not have them. The A. and D.H.S. is very grateful indeed for the thought and trouble this gentleman went to on our behalf.

Subscriptions

Members and intending members are reminded that the usual \$1 annual subscription is due for 1973. Life membership \$15.

Obituary

The Society is sad to report the death of our Member, Mrs. Ita Betheras of Melbourne. Her sister, also a member, was killed in a tragic road accident in the district and Mrs. Betheras died shortly afterwards in the Albury Hospital. The Albury and District Historical Society expresses sympathy with her sister, Miss Gibson and other members of the family. Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Betheras were daughters of Charles Gibson of Bulgandra Station, the family also linked with Burrumbuttock Station.

Members, Please Note

The Society wishes to list all old and interesting buildings in Albury—whether for themselves or association with their owners or builders or families related to Albury's past history. Members are asked to list those known to themselves (with relevant facts if known, but this is not necessary) and send it to the Secretary or bring it to a meeting. This will enable a comprehensive list to be compiled, and offer opportunity for further research where necessary. Apart from public buildings, many old cottages may have this interest, yet not be known to many people.

Old-time Memories

(Continuing the story from Mr. G. W. Henderson's notes on early Albury)

"I had a good deal to do with the Sportsground, and was instrumental, of course on a voluntary basis, in having it put on a satisfactory footing. Somewhere in the Lands Department is a three inch thick file of correspondence on the subject, half of it in my handwriting. The turf wicket was beautifully kept in order, as a work of love, by the late Charles Dight, an ardent cricketer and an artist with the scythe. (Readers, note the last phrase—as in the early days in the formation of the Gardens, all mowing was done by scythe, so the keeping of the turf wicket in good order wasn't the easy work of today, and think of Charles Hilton Dight when you pass the drinking fountain erected in his honor in the Albury Gardens).

Another ardent cricketer was the late A. N. Barnett, the strongest P.M. I ever saw on the Bench. Physically he was equally strong. Before coming to Albury he had been specially sent to Broken Hill at the time of the riots. I well remember the trial held in Albury. A body of magnificent policemen were there. It was a treat to see them, headed by Supt. Mitchell, 6ft. 4in., and as straight as a rush—a splendid figure.

I boarded at the Albury Hotel for a time. It was excellently run by the Schmidts, with Miss Gilmore as manageress. I loved to hear old Mr. Schmidt calling the maids in the morning—his rich bass boomed musically through the hotel. His son Charlie was an ardent sportsman and one of the best fellows one could wish to meet, had a magnificent mellow bass, and afterwards sang as one of Melba's concert party. He must have weighed 14 stone, but in the field at cricket he was as swift and active as a bird, a splendid bowler and a lively bat. All was lively where he was. I can almost hear his rich laugh now.

Fred Blacklock got the first car, I think, that came to Albury, a model 'T' Ford. At any rate it was a Ford that I went with him to Holbrook in, and on a good piece of road between Woomargama Gap and Holbrook, we hunched ourselves and let her go! He said she touched 40 miles an hour and I never got better money's worth. The old 'T' Fords were like mob orators when they got going."

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of "The Albury Banner", March, 1873)

NEW BANK FOR ALBURY.—A branch of the Australian Stock Bank is now open at Albury, with Mr. A. H. S. McKee as manager. Premises in Dean street lately occupied by Mr. Davidson, saddler, have been leased for the transaction of general banking business.

REID'S MILL.—The flour mill at Yackandandah, 12 miles from Wodonga, known as Reid's Mill and now in the occupation of Mr. Humphries, has been recently fitted with two steam boilers. The mill is now in production and should prove a great convenience to farmers in that district.

GOLD-MINING AT ALBURY.—Arrangements have at length been concluded by means of which the Nail Can Reef will soon be fully tested. Messrs. Cornish and Co., shareholders, who have lately bought into the claim, have purchased a complete crushing plant at Rutherglen, and the material will be at once removed. It is stated that the amount of stone actually at present in sight at the reef is sufficient to keep the mill going for some years to come.

SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES.—The Rev. Theodore Imanuel Egen, of the Ebenezer Evangelical Church (Walla Walla), has been registered in conformity with the provisions of the Acts of Council for the celebration of marriages.

TOWN IMPROVEMENT.—The new drainage works, now in process of completion in Dean street, are, we fear, scarcely calculated to answer the purpose for which they are intended. The amount of sludge and rubbish which is continually being carried in rainy weather from the surface of the streets would soon block up the channel. A box drain or a of course of drain-pipes would be less likely to become choked, and, if a little more expensive at first, would prove cheapest in the end.

SALE OF CONFISCATED GOODS.—At the Albury Custom-house recently a quantity of confiscated goods, consisting of perfumery, patent medicines and opium were offered for sale. There was brisk competition for the opium by a group of Chinese.

NEW BUILDING.—We are informed that Mr. F. W. Wynack, butcher, intends building a new place of business at the intersection of Dean and Olive streets.

Advertisement—

DANIEL ABBOTT, Coach Builder and Trimmer, Coach Painter, &c. (opposite J. T. Fallon's Wine Cellar). In commencing business in the above line, begs to assure the public that he is thoroughly acquainted with his trade, and is prepared to execute orders entrusted to him in a style that cannot fail to give satisfaction. Repairs of all kinds neatly and promptly executed. Tyres cut and fitted.

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April Monthly Meeting

The April Monthly Meeting will be held in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, on Tuesday 10th, at 8 p.m. An interesting evening is ensured when Mrs. Frank Boys will present the colour-slide programme "Autumn Tour Seeking History".

We are happy to announce a visit has been arranged by the A. & D.H.S., together with Cr. K. C. Webb, J.P., of Ballarat City Council, of Mr. Brian Whykes, Director-Manager of Ballarat Historical Park Association, and the evening's programme will continue with scenes and descriptions by him of the remarkable "Sovereign Hill" project, Ballarat. The A. & D.H.S. will, at the wish of Mr. Whykes and his wife, arrange a tour of some of Albury's historic features. Mr. and Mrs. Whykes will be entertained at dinner before the evening's presentation. This attractive and educational programme is free and visitors are especially welcome. Supper will be served. Members please note.

March Monthly Meeting

As after the 2nd World War, so did 1973 usher in a new era for Albury and its immediate district.

Even the Annual Floral Festival was abandoned this year to give way to a programme of sport and art—all widely dispersed, and losing much of the carnival spirit and street decorations.

In honour of Federation, the first Festival took place in 1951, as a Jubilee Festival. It was continued annually as a Queen Competition and fund-raising effort for local charities. Eventually, it became the baby of Alderman C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., and ended with his stepping down from the mayoral chair in 1972.

Mr. J. J. Dallinger, well-known Albury photographer, filmed many of the festivals, and, on Tuesday, 13th March, at the monthly meeting of the Albury Historical Society, members were privileged to view his film of the festival of 1972, in its entirety.

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MARCH MONTHLY MEETING (continued)

It was one of the festivals at the height of their popularity, as the accompanying words of the compere showed.

It opened on the Sunday with a Band Festival at the Sports Ground, where 6 bands gave a recital, and Albury Marching Girls a pleasing demonstration.

The main street was lined with potted trees and shrubs, and coloured lights were strung across the street. At night, the street looked like fairyland, and the Town Hall, inside and out resembled a garden.

On Monday, 4,000 school children marched to the Sports Ground via the Pavilion of the Albury Football Club, where Mr. D. E. Fairbairn, M.H.R., and Mr. D. G. Padman, M.L.A., were introduced by the Mayor. Mr. Fairbairn then opened the Festival. The official party afterwards strolled to the gardens where hundreds of the public were assembled for a first glimpse of the candidates and to watch a programme of music, song and dance, compered by Mr. Tom Roberts.

During the week, garden competitions were going on throughout the city as well as competitions for decorated banks, hotels and business houses.

The always successful Floral Festival Ball took place on the Wednesday evening in the Palais Royale where the decorated tables of the candidates added a colourful note. The winner was Lavington Football Club entrant, Rhonda Lord.

Thursday's special event was the Band Recital in the Botanical Gardens, where flood lighting had been set up, and some of the special settings were particularly beautiful.

Friday night saw the Hampstead Heath, in Dean Street, while, inside the Plaza Theatre, the Albury Horticultural Society staged one of its best ever floral displays.

Saturday was the big day. The street procession started at 2 p.m., and there were thousands lining the route to the Sports Ground where the Mardi Gras took place, and the N.S.W. Canterbury-Duntroon Marching Girls gave a fine display. The 1961 reigning queen, Margaret Ryan, led the parade of floats which included—North Albury-Lavington Olympic Pool, North Albury Football Club, Young Liberals, Albury Schoolboys' Rugby League, Albury & Border Cricket Association, Albury & District Car Club, Albury Football Club, Concert Hall Committee, Albury Base Hospital, Albury Yacht Club, Lavington Football Club, Albury Scouts and Guides Association, Wodonga Hospital, other floats, marching girls, novelty entries and children. All this activity made a very gay and colourful setting for the Mardi Gras.

Saturday evening was the culmination of the 6 day fete, and at 8 p.m. the final setting was the crowning of the Queen at the Memorial Bowl where it is estimated nearly 8,000 people had gathered. The 13 girls arrived in their floats, and an excellent

short concert opened proceedings. Suspense was great, and much excitement reigned when Verna Diffey, the Concert Hall Committee candidate was announced the winner. The former year's Queen, Margaret Ryan, placed the Border Morning Mail sash over her shoulder, and she was crowned by the Mayor, queen for 1972. Congratulations, a pleasant word of acknowledgement from Queen Verna and the National Anthem closed the Festival.

Gift to Society

From Mr. Ken Sloman of Mortdale. Photostat of a manuscript handed to the Mitchell Library for custody. The magnificent hand writing of George Arthur Sloman, aged 17, was a letter written as an entry for boys under 18, in the Albury Show of 1896, addressed to Dr. Arthur Andrews as President, when the Secretary was Mr. Geo. E. Mackay. Spring Show 9th and 10th September, 1896. The writer, uncle of the donor, had been dead some 15 years when this manuscript was found during the clearing up of private family papers.

Advertising in Albury in 1931

Judging by a copy of "The Border Budget" it had the light and happy touch!

"You need the bread to supply me with the dough.
I knead the dough to supply you with the bread."

Civility and attention. Clean business.—Wynne's, Dean Street.

"The V.R.C. is not the only one to give a good stake. Right opposite the Mechanics in Dean Street is A. Wilcox, the butcher. His prices will suit you!"

A big black smudge says: "This is not an ink blot. It is the dust from the heels of the Manager of McLennan's Store, rushing to get some of the goods from the warehouses that have crashed in the city. Bad luck for them, but good luck for the people of Albury (Dean Street).

"What O! Saveloys, Pies, Cakes, Sweets, Fruit, Bread, etc. Everything—including civility—at McClures! Next Wanderer's Club, Smollett Street.

"Wet feet mean colds! Colds mean expense! Stop both by having your boots and shoes repaired by Ned Peacock, Townsend Street."

"Don't let your wife do all the dirty work, and there is a lot of it about, especially this weather! Let the Riverina Steam Laundry do it. Washing, Mangling, Ironing—Save soap, firewood, worry! If you live in the country, simply give your parcel to the mailman. We do the rest."

Joe Assad, Dean Street. "He means what he has said, does Joe Assad. He says now he is having the last days of his striking Sale, and to bring it to a Grand Finale he is making double reductions in prices."

"A good corn cure—Wear WHITE'S boots and shoes!"

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of "The Albury Banner", April, 1873)

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—"The Federal Standard" states that the contractors' engine and trucks are now running between Old Barnawartha and Murray's on the Stockyard. The business of placing the rails is proceeding so satisfactorily that it is expected that they shall welcome the "iron horse" at Chiltern within a fortnight.

SPORTS FOR EASTER.—Mr. Chares Schmiedt, of the Bridge Hotel, has arranged to hold a day's sport on Easter Monday. The programme includes a handicap pigeon match, running and walking races, quoit playing, and that cheerful pastime known as climbing the greasy pole. As the entrance money has been fixed at a low rate, there should be a large attendance of competitors for the various prizes.

ALBURY MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOL.—At the annual exhibition of the scholars of the Albury Public School, the chairman of the Local School Board, Mr. George Day, complimented the headmaster, Mr. Hookins, and his assistants on the efficiency of the pupils and the excellent discipline of the school. Following is the list of prize-takers for general proficiency in the Primary Department: John Pool, Alexander Jackson, Lindsay Whitehead, Frank Heath, Jane Carson, Minnie Jones, Fanny Pembroke, Archibald Rial, William North, George Bird, Minnie Wilkinson, Charlotte Butt, Thomas Kirkpatrick, George Adams, Emily Hunter, Earnest Heath, Charles Englehardt, Eliza Hanna, Meta Reiff, Clara Hunter. Infant Department: E. Flannery, B. Kalbrunner, Sarah Lipsett, Alice Jordan, Horace Higgins, Ernest Sharp, Jessie Kemp, Kathleen North, C. Eisenhardt, Walter Abbott, J. Rheinhardt, Luke Gulson, Jane Hanna, Manie Roe, Mary Caldwell, Fred North, Hans Gulson, Wm. Higgins, Patience Roe, Clara Jones, Mary Abbott.

LAND SELECTIONS.—During the month, the following selections were taken up at the Albury Land Office: Martin Kotzur, 320 acres at Castlestead; Martin Salzke, 120 a., Castlestead; August Heppner, 200 a., Gerogery; Magnus Murchison, 40 a., Argyle; Alexander McDonald, 80 a., Woomargama; Robert Steer, 320 a., Mahonga Forest; Samuel C. Perry, 123 a., Cookardinia; John Thurling, 320 a., Bulgandra; Frank Steer, 200 a., Mahonga; Alice Steer, 120 a., Mahonga; Mary Hansen, 87 a., Bowna.

ALBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL.—The meeting of this body on Wednesday last, again lapsed for the want of a quorum. Aldermen James Day, Higgins, Thorold and Gulson being only present. The new regulation for weekly meetings does not seem to be attended with any special benefit as regards the despatch of public business.

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With the vintage in Albury district now practically completed it is estimated that the total amount cellared will be 100,000 gallons.

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May Monthly Meeting

This will be held, as usual, on the second Tuesday, in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m. on 8th May. Guest speaker will be Mr. James Wells, and his wide knowledge of early and developing Albury will ensure an interesting evening for his hearers. The Society extends, as always, an open invitation to all interested persons.

April Meeting

Our member, Mrs. Frank Boyes, came from Melbourne to present a slide showing with commentary of relevant history, entitled "Autumn Tour Seeking History". By it, we travelled from Western Australia to Albury, seeing and hearing, through glimpses en route, much that was educational, even surprising, as well as beautiful.

The second part of the evening's programme was given by our guest, Mr. Brian Whykes, who, with his wife, had travelled from Ballarat to show by color slides and description, Ballarat's historical re-creation, "Sovereign Hill", of which he is Director-Manager. On 36 acres of ground, "Sovereign Hill" is a gold-mining village with the environment of 1851-1861 and has become an outstanding tourist and educational project. As Mr. Whykes' visit was arranged in co-operation with Cr. Webb, J.P., immediate Past Mayor of Ballarat, it was fitting that Albury City Council was represented by Ald. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., holding a similar position here.

Reminder

1973 Subscriptions are still one dollar per year; \$15 Life Membership.

Folk Museum

The Museum is open during school holidays and special weekends; otherwise, opening days are now Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 5 p.m. The flow of interested visitors from interstate and abroad continues. The Society would welcome any one able to assist with the roster, regularly, or willing to be called on occasionally. It is a rewarding and interesting task.

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FOLK MUSEUM (continued)

It is regretted that we have not space for good display of the really fine collection visitors remark on, though many compliments are received on the lay-out and general upkeep of the museum. Nevertheless, the Society would welcome further gifts to augment, or fill gaps in the range of historical features, and asks citizens that nothing be thrown away, however old or out of date it may seem, without contacting the Albury Historical Society. Your family history is Albury's history and Australia's history.

Mechanics Institutes

Because of the surprising number of queries received at the Museum re these buildings we print the following:—

Mechanics Institutes were organisations formed originally to improve the education of working men and to instruct them in their various trades, but later the aim was broadened and the institute became a popular agency of adult education. The germ of the idea came from a class formed in 1800, by George Birbeck in Glasgow, Scotland, for journeymen mechanics; the first institute in the full sense of the term was organised also by Birbeck in London in 1824.

The earliest attempt to form Mechanics Institutes in Australia was made in N.S.W. in 1826 by the Church and Schools Corporation when it called for applications from persons willing to undertake the management of "evening schools and mechanics institutes for young men", which it was proposed to form at Sydney, Parramatta, Liverpool and Windsor, however, nothing came of this proposal.

Early in 1827, the master tradesmen of Hobart took steps to organise the Van Dieman's Land Mechanics Institutes, the objects of which were said to be "the protection of trade and the promotion of knowledge among its members". The institute was established, and in 1829 the Lieut.-Gov., Colonel George Arthur granted it a piece of land for the erection of a building.

In February, 1833, Major-General Richard Bourke, Governor of N.S.W., wrote to the Rev. Henry Carmichael of Sydney on March 1st, 1833, when a provisional committee was formed and a code of rules drafted for the proposed organisation. It was decided to hold classes in various subjects on four nights a week, to organise a series of lectures and to establish a library. A house on Church Hill was provided by the Government for the use of the institute. In 1840, the sum of £200 was placed on the estimates as a subsidy for the organisation.

In 1835 a Mechanics Institute was formed at Newcastle and a building to house it was erected in 1841. Institutes were established in Adelaide in 1838 and in Melbourne in 1839. By 1880, N.S.W. had nearly 70 Mechanics Institutes, or Schools of Arts, as they were later called.

For many years, these organisations played an important part in developing adult education throughout Australia. In addition to providing library facilities, courses of lectures were delivered on a wide range of subjects, including science, literature, history, music and art.

In 1879 the Sydney Mechanics Schools of Arts founded a technical, or working-man's college, and from this developed the Technical College, now conducted by the State Department of Education.

In the course of time, in spite of the provision in many cases of some Government subsidy, the institutes found difficulty in paying their way and many of them built billiard rooms to augment their income. They also began to cater for popular reading tastes by purchasing more works of fiction, and ultimately abandoned the idea of providing educational facilities for their members, becoming merely recreation halls, in which capacity they still exist in some places. They are a legacy of a movement of great importance to adult education and library facilities in the 19th century, beginning in Glasgow in 1800 and spreading in Australia from the 1820's to the 1880's.

Photos in the Museum

Sent to the A. & D.H.S. by Mr. H. A. Godson of Adelaide. Further details re two of these are as follows:—

Murray Steamer, Albury, pictured probably at the west end of Hume Street where a wharf was later built not far from the Hume and Hovell trees.

The Testimonial—signed by the following does not show occupations of the signatories. They were as follows: Hereward Atkins (Police Magistrate), Henry Calder (Agriculturist), J. T. Fallon (wine merchant, who became Albury's first Mayor in 1859), J. E. Owen, M.D. (his grave and memorial in Albury cemetery), W. S. Evans (Manager T. H. Mate's), James McLaurin (flour miller, owned the Fanny Ceres mill which stood on land about the neighbour of Nicolson & Smith's jewellery shop), Jeffery J. Keatinge (Surgeon), John Pearce (grazier and first secretary Albury Show Society), John Roper (first Clerk of Petty Sessions. He built the Globe Hotel in 1860. His occupation as Clerk of Petty Sessions being probably part-time). This testimonial was printed, and as there was no newspaper in Albury until a year later, the work was probably done at Beechworth. The signatures are in the men's own hand writing.

Notes on Old Albury Buildings

In the Railway Guide of 1884, the passenger railway station was described thus: "It is built at the end of Smollett Street, about ½ mile from the Post Office and is the handsomest structure of its kind in the Colony. It is constructed of red and white bricks of exceptionally excellent manufacture, dressed with cement,

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OLD BUILDINGS (continued)

roofed with slate and surmounted by a clock tower 80 feet high. It is 300 feet in length and 46 in width." William Bayley records, "the Great Southern Railway was opened to Albury on February 3rd, 1881, but the station was not completed in time for the opening, and it was first used on Sunday, February 26, 1882."

"Valetta"—This old house was demolished when the full scheme for Albury's Civic Centre was at last completed. It had been the home of the late Dr. Woods and was built by French-born Mr. E. A. Schuller, father of Albury Technical College principal, Mr. C. Schuller. He was born in Lyons, France, his people later settling in Paris. He came to Albury at the turn of the century at the request of an architect, another Frenchman named Usher, to do some work which included building Valetta. He stayed a few years here (doing work for the Catholic Church and for the Falkiners at "Boonoke" station, in the Conargo district). His elder children were born in Albury, one daughter being named Francoise Olive Chelvey, 'Olive' was for Olive Street, and 'Chelvey' for the Olive Street home, which later became the old Mercy Hospital. The Schullers left Paris and came to Australia at the time of the Franco-Prussian war. Mr. Schuller senior, died in the 1920's.

Donations

The Society acknowledges the following gifts of items for its Museum and Archives, and tenders grateful thanks to the donors. Received from Mrs. I. Male, two woodwork models enclosed in narrow-neck bottles, tie-pin made of Q.V. sixpence, two neckerchief rings (carved bone), flat-iron stand made from horseshoe (all foregoing items c. 1880's), cast-iron kettle, washing board; Mrs. A. Burton: Photo of Empire Day procession in Dean Street (1913); St. Andrew's Opportunity Shop: Bead-work satchel for spectacles; Mrs. D. North (Leura): Photo of pony high-jump record at Albury Show; Mrs. J. Rosborough (Nowra): Sailmaker's tape measure in brass reel (c. 1870): Estate late Mrs. G. Junor: Six celebration badges.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of "The Albury Banner", May, 1873)

NEW OMNIBUS.—In anticipation of the traffic likely to arise between Wodonga and Albury on the completion of the railway line, another omnibus proprietor has entered the field. With three such carriages now plying on the road at 6d. each way, we certainly cannot complain that facilities for communication between the townships are wanting.

N.E. RAILWAY LINE.—The works on the North Eastern Railway line are steadily progressing. Last week the rails were laid from the Wodonga division to the Chiltern Town boundary, though not to the Chiltern station; and trial trips have been made with a locomotive.

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June Monthly Meeting

The June monthly meeting will be held in the C.W.A. rooms, Kiowa Street, on Tuesday 12th, at 8 p.m. A wide range of Australia's pioneering history will be covered in the subject matter for this meeting, "Historic Homesteads and Buildings". While some of these have passed, or are passing away, they all play an important part in the steady growth to Australia's present prosperity. Color slides and commentary—Mr. C. C. Hazelwood. Visitors are cordially invited.

History for Animal Lovers

Wilpena Station in the Flinders Ranges was originally opened as a lease of 154 square miles, which, by 1863 with additional leases became 800 square miles. By 1924, the old run was subdivided to form 5 stations, but Wilpena was still then a large area. The homestead is set in beautiful surroundings, an oasis among the hills, with magnificent red gums growing not only along the creek bed, as is more usual here. Fortunately, old early buildings in the area have been preserved. In a corner of the homestead garden are 3 oblong concrete slabs side by side, each with its inscription, remembering 3 loved friends: "Tim" 1957-72, "Musterer's Dream"; "Felix" 1953-1964, "The Wonder Cat"; "Stumpy" 1938-1950, "A Mighty Sheep Dog".

Monument to Brave Men

In Sturt Park, Broken Hill, is a monument unique in Australia, but of significance to all. "Erected by the Citizens of Broken Hill as a memorial to the heroic Bandsmen of the Steamship "Titanic", who, playing to the end, calmly faced certain death, whilst women, children and their fellow-men were being rescued from the wreck of that ill-fated vessel off the coast of Newfoundland on April 15th, 1912." Across the centre of the white shaft is the line of music (in 3 flats, stave and notes) with the words, "Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee", and the names of the Bandsmen—W. Hartley, Bandmaster; G. Krins, R. Bricouk, J. L. Hume, W. S. Brearley, P. G. Taylor,

MONUMENT TO BRAVE MEN (continued)

J. F. G. Clarke, J. W. Woodward. Total number saved, 705 out of a total of 2,340 souls. Honorary Architect for the memorial, E. Barton Hack. Erected by Citizens' Committee. Unveiled by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman T. F. Hynes, J.P., December 21, 1913.

May General Meeting

A change of plans shortly before the Society's meeting of last month resulted in Mr. Claude Hazelwood being our speaker for the occasion in place of Mr. Jim Wells, who had been called upon to serve as a juror at the local police court then in session.

Taking as his subject "Station Dogs", Mr. Hazelwood had an appreciative audience for a series of stories selected from the memoirs of his father, the late Mr. Henry James Hazelwood, who in a bygone era managed Mahonga Station. As one of Riverina's richest pastoral runs and then much larger, this holding was normally stocked with immense flocks of sheep, all of which were shorn at the Urangeline section with its shed covering almost a full acre and with a set-up of 76 stands of shearing units.

Benefited by his early experience in the handling of sheep under all conditions, Harry Hazelwood was aware of the need for a number of suitable working dogs. On the assumption that one good dog could do the work of three men, he realised how important to the sheep industry were kelpies and collies; and so took in hand a few young dogs for careful schooling. He met with much success and after a time became widely known for his team of intelligent and reliable workers—not only in workaday operations at shearing-time and droving, but also in the more serious business of sheep-dog trials at district shows, where competition was very keen.

Unfortunately, space does not permit of more than this summary of delightfully interesting talk presented by Mr. Hazelwood, who incidentally had also spent a good number of years on the station mentioned above.

Pleasing variety was added to the evening by Mrs. Hazelwood in reading two poems appropriate to the occasion: "Banjo" Paterson's "The Mountain Squatter" and Will Ogilvie's "Kelpies".
—W.F.

Earlier Albury

(Further notes by Mr. G. W. Henderson, a leading solicitor in Albury then)

"A lot of us bachelors used to take up a good deal of space at the big hotel table (Schmidt's Albury Hotel), Stephen, Stacy, Busby, McIllree, Hanson, Matheson, Charlie Schmidt himself. I was the first of those bachelors to become engaged to be married and had to stand champagne. What a merry meeting that was! Stacy was a fine cricketer, swimmer and cyclist. He was one of the first to ride in knickerbockers, and one day came in much amused, because out in the country a lad asked him,

"where's the rest of your pants?". I heard Malcolm McEachern singing in his early days in Albury. What a bass! He improved immensely afterwards, but he was great then. Stephen brought golf to Albury, giving a demonstration of the swing in his bedroom over the temporary bank, and a fine style he had, too. He and I began a search for links, and my wife suggested the Lavington (the old links, brought into play in recent years as the Hume links). Out we went, and there she drove the first golf ball ever driven in Albury, and a jolly good shot, too. She became the first woman Champion of the Club, which played on the old links for many years. Stephen was honorary secretary of the club for many years and it flourished. I enjoyed golf as a weeping girl enjoys a tragic play, but I deeply regret I did not take up military work instead. Only a few realised the things that were to come.

Changing Times

Inspector's Report, Coreen Shire Council, August, 1924.—"A good deal of Pattersons Curse to be seen on two local properties. The owners were notified to take steps to eradicate same and Council is cutting the weed on some of the roads in the area." BUT—but 1945, at a meeting of the Hume Shire Council, completely diverse views, 'blessing, or menace', were aired!

Albury Municipal Council, August 15

The Lands Department stated that if the Council desired the road through the old Gaol Gardens, it would be notified as a public road. Council favoured this. It was decided, when delegates were attending the Local Government Conference in Sydney, they should urge upon the Railway Commissioners, the necessity for the overhead bridge at the top end of Dean Street, Alderman Wooding thought the Railways Commission should build the bridge at their own expense. The matter was of the greatest importance, as land was now being built on extensively over the railway line.

Football, Year 1895

"Ovens and Murray"—Umpires to be paid £1-1-0 per match and pay their own expenses. A new rule—that players must reside within a radius of 15 miles of their club.

May 11, Rutherglen v Wangaratta

A Rutherglen player secured a mark as the gong sounded, he was allowed his kick. The ball was touched going through the posts. The goal umpire waved one flag, but the field umpire, thinking the man on the mark ran over the mark, brought the ball back and gave Barclay another try, this time the ball going through the sticks, without any attempt being made by Wang. players to stop the ball as the goal umpire had previously given his decision! Wangaratta protested against a goal by Barclay.

June 1, Border v Chiltern at Chiltern (1.5—0.4)

Border travelled by Crawford's Coach with 5 horses, but half way to their destination, rain commenced to fall and continued the whole afternoon and turned the game into a mud and slush scramble (note the scores).

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of "The Albury Banner", June, 1873)

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday of last week a Chinaman named Ah Loy was accidentally killed on the North-Eastern Railway near Barnawartha. The deceased, it appears, was in one of a number of trucks that were being propelled along the line. His hat falling off, he made a jump from the truck to recover it, when he fell on the rails and, the other wagons passing over him, he was instantaneously killed.

RIVER TRAFFIC.—Owing to the dry weather prevailing last week, the river has again fallen considerably; and there is therefore no chance of steamers getting through to Albury at present. Last week the "Corowa" managed to get as far as Wahgunyah, but her load was very light. Goods have, however, begun to accumulate at down-river ports in anticipation of a regular service being established at an early date.

GOLD-MINING.—A company has been formed to work the alluvial ground at Black Range Creek, under the title of Excelsior Gold-mining Company. Excellent prospects are said to be obtainable in the claim, but so much water has to be contended with as to render an engine necessary for pumping. The capital of the company has been fixed at £4000 in 4000 shares of £1 each.

THURGOONA.—Efforts by the residents in this locality to obtain a post-office have so far been unsuccessful, a report having been forwarded to the Postmaster-General stating that only twenty persons would benefit by the application being granted. The request is to be renewed, and the absurdity of the report to be pointed out to the authorities.

MINING AT COTTON TREE CREEK.—For some time past several parties have been engaged in prospecting in the vicinity of Cotton Tree Creek, on Bungil station. Although no crushing of stone has yet been obtained from this locality, we learn that a parcel of about fifty tons of quartz is now ready from the claim of Messrs. Conness and Co.; one of the partners of which, Mr. Conness, was the original prospector of several of the leads opened at Chiltern 15 years ago. Another party at work is that of Messrs. Colman and Co., from Dora Dora. In this claim they are engaged in sinking their shaft, and are down about 30 feet.

WALLA WALLA.—Our correspondent reports that a very handsome Bible has been presented by the German congregation to Mr. Klempke for his services in conducting Divine worship during the past four years in the absence of any resident clergyman. The Bible is a large one and beautifully illustrated.

UPPER MURRAY MAIL RUN.—The tender of Mr. John A. Kennedy has been accepted for the conveyance of mails to and from Bowna and Welaregang, via Cumberoona, Wagra, Dora Dora, Talmalmo, Maracket, Jingellic, Ournie Diggings and Ournie twice weekly for three years at the rate of £120 per annum.

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General Meeting

The next meeting of the Albury and District Historical Society will be held at the C.W.A. Rooms, on Tuesday, 10th July, at 8 p.m. when the guest speaker will be Mrs. H. Endicott, whose subject will be "Early Settlements to 1838".

Last Monthly Meeting

At the June meeting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood entertained those present to a rare treat, Mrs. Hazelwood acting as compere. They showed films from Bunbury, W.A., several early station homestead ruins in South Australia and old and beautiful homes in New South Wales, some being nearer home—those of Urangeline, Coree, Coonong, Mahonga, Murnong, Walbundrie, as well as The Hermitage and Bonegilla. The film showing ended with an interesting shot, taken from an up-stairs window in the old Mechanics' Institute, in 1915 or 1916, facing east, and showing a large flower bed from where the town's fire station had not long been removed to its present site in Kiewa Street. It also showed rather a stark view of a newly formed Dean Square with a little dark coloured rotunda and newly planted lawn and shrubs. The rotunda was later painted a light colour which, when the shrubs grew, formed an attractive corner against the Technical College wall.

"Friday Mount"

The Albury Historical Society congratulates Mrs. Douglas Carnegie on the launching of her book "Friday Mount" which took place at Holbrook on Friday, 22nd June.

Gifts to the Society

Gifts have been received from the following: Mr. L. Waters, an 1873 electric telegram; Mrs. Gordon Fraser, child's iron; Mr. David Barton, bottle, on loan.

Albury-Wodonga Complex

The following state of progress at this date will be interesting history in future years. Since the inaugural conference between the newly elected Prime Minister, Mr. Whitlam and the Premiers of N.S.W., Sir Robert Askin, and Victoria, Mr. Hamer, on the 25th January, last, daily activity in the area has been intense. An interim zone map of Albury has been distributed, and the search for land for industrial and other development is proceeding. Many key blocks in the inner city have changed hands at prices in sellers' favour.

A site for a jet aerodrome and the diversion of the Hume Highway, both of which have been under consideration for some time, have yet to be resolved.

Conferences of town planners, conservationists, industrialists, labour bureaus, trade unions, etc., have been much in evidence, with the ultimate pattern still quite obscure.

Satellite towns outside Albury and Wodonga are being encouraged, and Wangaratta is already looking forward to gaining some reflected benefit from the project.

Much controversy is going on in respect of the low grade state of the Albury City Council Abattoir, its future location, and the removal of the Albury sheep yards and Wodonga cattle yards, all of which now find themselves in the heart of Albury-Wodonga.

As a Historical Society, we trust that the plan which is to show itself by September of this year, may be free of any unseen pressures which may spoil the area as a pleasant place in which to live.

Correspondence

M.B., Blackburn, Vic.: The Riverina town of Brocklesby is situated on what was formerly part of Brocklesby Station, an area of more than 51,000 acres with a frontage to the River Murray, and covering the sites of Corowa, Howlong and other towns. The station was formed in 1839 by Charles Cropper, who is believed to have named it after the English town of Brocklesby.

M.St. L., Wahroonga: It is recorded that the St. Leon's Circus performed at Albury on September 16 and 17, 1885 (the two nights of the annual show). The company's visit made in 1888 was postponed from June 15 to June 18.—W.F.

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EXTRACT FROM "THE BORDER WEEKLY BUDGET AND SPORTING GUIDE"—(July, 1873); Albury and District Football League. This league was formed last year and for the first season consisted of teams representing Henty, Culcairn, Holbrook and Albury Rovers. A very successful season was experienced, the premiership being won by Henty, who became the first holders of the beautiful Kennedy Memorial Gold Cup. This season, Brocklesby have joined up and everything points to a successful season.

TICHBORNE RELIQUES.—Tumut rejoices in the possession of a veritable Tichborne relic. It is no other than the identical sausage-machine which the Butcher Baronet made use of when supplying the inhabitants with what are technically termed "small goods". It is an ancient weather-beaten affair, brass bound and fastened; and, despite the touching association connected with it, is for sale at considerably under cost price. Are there no antiquarians public-spirited enough to step forward and rescue this memento?

A PARIS CORRESPONDENT WRITES: "Wigs are coming into fashion!—a committee of ladies have come to that resolution. Chignons, they say, are so uncomfortable, and often awkward to dress, that wigs will be easier and, in every way, more convenient. They can also be changed in colour, according to the colour of the dress with which they are to be worn; thus, one day a lady may appear rouge, another blonde, another brown, another black. (Mary Queen of Scots revival—as history tells us that she had a wig for every dress). I saw a lady with a fair curled wig a la Marie Antoinette at the theatre last week, and, loath though I am to acknowledge it—(with my abomination of false hair of any description)—I am compelled to state that she looked positively charming. It is thought that, if the movement takes, gentlemen may also adopt wigs a la Louis XIV."

Customs officials have made another seizure of goods per the riverboat "Waradgery" at Mulwala; the boat also is likely to be seized.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 14th August, at the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. Speaker, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood. Visitors are always welcome.

July Meeting

At the conclusion of general business, the speaker was Mrs. Hilary Endicott, historian and young former Albury girl, daughter of the late Mr. Basil Patman, one of the founders of the Albury Historical Society, and Mrs. Patman. Mrs. Endicott's subject, part of a thesis she is writing for her M.A. degree, was the settlement of the Upper Murray to 1838, covering the native population, conditions and penetration of land south of Goulburn and Yass to the rich south land, on both sides of the Murray River, by overlanders and squatters. Many names of stations and settlers such as the Mitchells, Huons and Ebdon in the Albury and Wodonga districts are well-remembered, but John Jobbin, of Talgarno, is of the past. As squatting was getting out of hand, the Government realized the need for depasturing licences, and in 1836 made changes in land legislation. Commissioners and surveyors were appointed, and had to travel long distances to enforce the law.

Obituary

The Society regrets to record the recent death of the following esteemed members: Miss H. Ferguson, Bungowannah; Miss Ailsa Gibson, East Malvern; Mrs. F. Spurr, Abury; Miss J. McCormack, late of Brocklesby Park; Mr. Ralph Ellis, of Albury.

Gifts

Thanks go to Mrs. Took, of Redesdale, Vic., for the gift of photographs of Mr. Robert Rand and members of the Rand family.

Subscriptions

Members' Subscriptions for 1973 are now due.

"Flow Gently Past"

Members of the Albury and District Historical Society wish to convey to Mr. Brian Burton their congratulations on the launching of his book on Corowa and district.

The Convict Era

This is the sad side of Australian history, and, perhaps it is well sometimes to take stock of it.

The majority of the following story is taken from the Founding Fathers in the book, "The Australian Legend", by Dr. Russell Ward, the well-known historian.

In Australia, it started with the first fleet of over 1,000 persons of whom 750 were under penal servitude. Sydney's record seems bad enough, but when one considers that of Norfolk Island and the many settlements around the coast of Tasmania one is appalled at man's inhumanity to man. With nothing to start with, droughts and other hardships, the settlement plodded on, with further shipments arriving from time to time. Transportation ended in 1840.

From the outset, the convicts banded together in a strong underground brotherhood whose organisation centred around the Convict Oath. It was a terrible thing, and was never broken without occasioning the death of someone. The plight was taken by crossing and recrossing hands, and the foot of one pressed to the foot of the other while they chanted the eight verses of the oath:—

“Hand to hand,
On Earth or Hell,
Sick or well,
On sea or land,
On the Square ever.”

being the first verse.

A marked convict trait was resourcefulness, the ability to make adjustments in changing circumstances, and to make rough and serviceable implements from whatever scanty material was available.

After 20 years, when Macquarie became Governor, in 1810, he began to use the skills of the convicts to improve the primitive colony. Neither the Home Government nor its representative in Australia approved of the move, and, in 1819, after 9 years in office, Macquarie wrote to J. T. Bigge, stressing the fact that nine tenths of the then population had been convicts or children of convicts; that they were the people who had submitted to the laws and regulations of the land; had tilled the soil, built the houses, ships and bridges. His action was never condoned, and from then on he was a disappointed man, always hoping for some recognition of his achievement.

By this time, the currency and freed convicts were emerging into a hardy lot; this was their country, and they had no wish to return to the land of their fathers. Indeed, as late as 1828, the ratio of convicts, emancipists and currency to free immigrants was 7 to 1. Chain gangs still did the work. Freed men, who were

enterprising, became what was called "old hands", and were chosen by explorers and overlanders, as they didn't mind going into the bush. Some even became overlanders and squatters themselves.

Writing of the state of affairs in 1843, John Hood wrote—"If the truth must be told, the fortunes of many of the exclusionists themselves were not acquired by the purest means. Close contracts, the gin and rum shop, embarrassment wilfully created by insidious loans and ejectments and other crooked paths were used equally by both parties, bond and free."

In 1850, ten years after transportation ended, a letter from the Convict Department to the Colonial Adjutant-General stated that "of the 60,000 odd prisoners transported to New South Wales, during the whole period of the system, 38,000 are now filling respectable positions in life and earning their livelihood in the most creditable manner. Of the residue, death and departure from the colony will account for the greater part, and I am able to state that only 370 out of the whole are now undergoing punishment of any kind."

By 1841 free immigrants numbered 43,621—37% of population.

By 1851 free immigrants numbered 73,530—41% of population.

Very early, the convicts had established for themselves a customary right to the more euphonious and dignified title of "Government Men". Charles Rowcroft wrote in 1843—"But, first, I must warn you that we never speak of the convicts in this country by this term; we always call them government men, or, on some occasions, prisoners. We never use the word "convict" which is considered by them as insulting. The expression, therefore, by right-minded persons is carefully avoided.

The aim to kill the stigma of penal servitude by all sections of the community, the search for land, hard work, the inrush of immigrants into the country, before and after the gold rush, and the settling down afterwards was the beginning of Australia's prosperity.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

NEW POLICE BARRACKS.—Considerable disappointment has been expressed at the delay that has occurred in the calling of tenders for the new Police Barracks at Albury. We learn that the delay has been caused by the fact that the sum voted is insufficient to meet the probable cost of the building. £1000 was granted, and the estimate of the Colonial Architect for the erection of the barracks according to the present plan is £3000. To get over the difficulty, it was suggested that fresh plans should be called for, with a view to the construction of a building for the amount already in hand. However, owing to the exertions of the member for the district, a building more in keeping with the magnitude and importance of the town is likely to be erected.

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(One Hundred Years Ago continued)

N.S.W. FLOUR.—Flour from this district seems to be able to compete successfully not only with that manufactured in other parts of the Colony, but also with most of the Victorian brands. Albury flour has before now been highly praised in Melbourne, and we learn by a report from the "Daily Telegraph" that the manufacture of the Howlong Mill is attracting attention there also.

ALBURY SOAP WORKS.—A. and J. McGovern announce having begun the manufacture of soap and candles, and are prepared to supply storekeepers with a good article at the lowest of prices. Top prices are paid for tallow, or soap and candles given in exchange.

TEN MILE CREEK.—Mr. J. E. Spurr informs us that he has now opened his new Lincoln Flour Mill at Germanton. Complete with all the latest improved machinery, the mill is capable of keeping the storage of flour, bran and pollard in full supply; and handling gristing orders at 1s. 2d. per bushel.

THE HAWKSVIEW REEF.—A crushing of 114 tons of stone from this claim was completed at Mt. Martin's mill recently. The yield was a little over 8½ ounces. Since the last crushing from this reef, two new leaders have been discovered which appear very promising. Arthur Norris & Co. are also making a trial crushing from their claim on Mr. Mitchell's run.

JINDERA SCHOOL.—This school has now lost its teacher, after having for some time progressed very favourably under the direction of Mr. Pohrt, who left the district recently for Russia. The vacancy is to be filled by Mr. Sommer, who is already well known in the locality as an able teacher.

NORTH-EASTERN RAILWAY.—Hopes are still entertained that through communication with Melbourne will be established before the end of November. At the Wodonga terminus the works are going ahead steadily the foundations for the new goods-shed and passenger platform being already laid. A large number of masons and bricklayers are at work.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY.—Successful tenderers for the extension of the Great Southern Railway to Yass are Williams and Blunt, the contract to be carried out at £3,590 per mile. The total length of the line to be constructed is 56½ miles of thoroughfare and 2¼ miles of siding, the whole to be completed within two years. Employment will be given to a thousand men.

TOBACCO GROWING.—Chinese on the Upper Murray are succeeding admirably with the cultivation of tobacco in various parts of the district. During the past week a ton and a half, the produce of one grower, was disposed of at Wodonga at the rate of 10½d. per pound. With an average crop this price is said to be quite remunerative.

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Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, 11th September, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. Mr. James Wells, whose talk to the Society in May was unavoidably postponed because of his call to Jury duty, will now be presenting the verbal picture of an Albury so well known to him in earlier years, and therefore of value to all his hearers. This should be of interest to all Albury residents, to whom the A. & D.H.S. extends a welcome to be present.

August Monthly Meeting

The night of Tuesday, 14th August, which earlier threatened to be a "wash-out" following a very wet day, proved to be a most enjoyable evening for the large gathering which attended to take advantage of the repeat programme, "Old Homesteads of Riverina and Beyond". Our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hazelwood for presenting these precious historical color slides which with accompanying authentic and most interesting commentary were much enjoyed. We also want to thank specially Mrs. Anne Davies, another enthusiastic member who ably assisted with the commentary. The coverage of the slides was well 'beyond' Riverina, and included buildings, etc., of historical interest as far as Bunbury (W.A.) and S.A. and Victoria. Mrs. Heywood, in moving a hearty vote of thanks, also praised all the folks who braved the elements and came along to join us. The evening closed with supper and fellowship.

The A. & D.H.S. wishes to express its grateful thanks, to Mr. Kevin Wighton, Mr. Keith Orford and the Lions Club for services rendered to the Society.

Obituary

The Society regrets to record the death of Mr. Jim McCormack, late of Brocklesby Park, which followed shortly after the death of his sister, Jean, a few weeks earlier. Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Frank Boyes in her recent bereavement, her mother, Mrs. Martin, took a keen interest in the work of the Society.

"Kia-Ora"

This is the interesting old house on Hospital ground in Townsend Street. Built of stone brought from Eastern Hill, it was opened in 1859 as the town's first Bank of N.S.W. The balcony, with false pillars, is a later addition. *WESTERN*

"As It Was In The Beginning"

*The "Albury Banner & Wodonga Express"—Prospectus
Wednesday, July 4, 1860.*

In this age of progress and enquiry, no apology need be offered for the opening up in Albury another channel for the expression of public opinion, inasmuch as the establishment of a free and enlightened press in any town or district must ever promote its advancement and prosperity. It is certain therefore, that the advent of another paper in this, the Federal City, free and fearless to represent our views and to advocate such measures as will prove conducive to the welfare of the entire community, without being tinged with the influence of local faction, and without prostituting itself to the purposes of private pique or party intrigue, will be hailed with pleasure and satisfaction. Believing this, we now issue a new bi-weekly paper, to be called "THE ALBURY BANNER & WODONGA EXPRESS".

This paper will give no uncertain sound when uttering its voice in reference to public affairs, and public men, whilst, with regard to local matters, the interests of the towns of Albury and Belvoir (Wodonga) will be thereby promoted. The doings and sayings of the Municipal Council will be fully and faithfully reported and commented on, and the tendency of the leading columns will be to excite amongst the inhabitants of the town and district a spirit of enterprise and union. In a commercial point of view, the conductors will spare no effort or expense to render the paper a faithful digest and concise epitome of the news of the day, thus obviating the present necessity of wading through 3 or 4 journals before a knowledge of the doings of our neighbours can be obtained. It will be published on the Wednesday and Saturday mornings of each week and will contain the latest news, per telegram, from England, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. It will be the constant endeavour of the paper's conductors to provide for their contributors the latest and most authentic intelligence on all matters of public interest. (Printed in reduced fac simile of 1st issue of Albury Banner, July 4, 1860, as supplement to Albury Banner 1st July, 1910).

"The Albury Banner"

It appeared July 4, 1860, launched by Mr. Samuel Fry Blackmore, who practised as a solicitor in Albury at that time. Placed on the market for sale, in April, 1862 Mr. George Adams acquired the plant and business and he guided its destinies for over 50

years. He died in 1918, aged 83. Mr. Foster Cooper, identified with the literary side for about 50 years, was the Editor and is said to have held the same editorial office for longer than any other editor in Australia! The "Banner" had a wide circulation in country districts and was sometimes referred to as "The Farmer's Bible"! Its children's pages, under "Uncle Jeff", were a source of interest and delight to many children, who wrote enthusiastic and affectionate letters to their editor. In some cases, the first encouragement to the art of writing for publication began here. Under different ownership more than once in later years, finally when a local weekly found no place in changing times, to the regret of so many regular readers, publication of the "Banner" was discontinued after 90 years and ceased on May 26, 1950.

"Daily News"

The 3rd of the best known and long-lasting papers of Albury was the "Daily News". In the publication of Monday, 6th October, 1919, it calls itself 'The Pioneer Daily Paper' established in 1888. Price four pence. Publishers then W. J. Mangan & Co., Dean Street. The "Daily News" has also held a distinguished position in journalism, and its influence on the town and district was felt far and wide. It ceased publication in 1924, when acquired by the Border Morning Mail. Mr. Duncan McDonald was for 20 years associated with the "Daily News" as a partner, and Mr. W. W. Darby was also a partner for over 20 years.

Other editors of Abury papers through the early years were Mr. W. M. Sherrie of the Daily News, who occupied the editorial chair for 15 years; Mr. E. P. Kelly of the Border Post, and other journalists were James J. Mangan and Mr. Bert Mudge. Mr. V. C. Thompson also of the Daily News.

Amongst those on the printing side of paper work was Mr. A. J. Pike, of the "Daily News", to whom the A. & D.H.S. is grateful for the bequest of his books of quite remarkable local football records over the years.

Last — our present "Border Morning Mail", established in 1903 by the brothers, Hamilton and Decimus Mott, carried on by succeeding members of the family and now published in the name of the "Border Morning Mail Proprietors Ltd.". (Details and dates taken from old issues of these papers).

Heading—"Border Post" for 1872 (March 9, 1872) Sixteenth Year

One pound sent to this office will ensure a copy of this journal being sent to any address, Post Free, for 12 months.

Notice to Advertisers and Subscribers wishing to discontinue their subscriptions, or withdraw their advertisements must give notice in writing to the Business Manager.

Notice.—This journal will be published every Wednesday and Saturday during the General Election.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of "The Albury Banner", September, 1873)

LAND IN WODONGA.—As an instance of the increasing value of property in Wodonga, we may mention that for a small piece of land in a back street, bought a few weeks since for £25, an offer of £40 a few days ago was refused. In the principal streets, however, the value of land has increased during the past year in a much greater proportion. Holders indeed refuse to sell except at extreme prices.

A NEW REEF was discovered a few days since at the Black Range, by Messrs. Osborne and Miller; and three claims representing six men's ground have now been registered on the line. This new discovery was made on the west side of the hill and promises to be a valuable prospect.

MR. JOHN ROBERTSON, the late Minister for Lands, has written to the "Sydney Herald", showing the necessity of the Government to put a stop to "dummying" amongst the free settlers in the Riverina, where the practice continues on a large scale.

SNOW STORM.—As an indication of the severity of the weather during the past week, it is reported that a heavy fall of snow took place on Thursday (4th inst.) between Gerogery and Walla Walla. It is not often that snow lies for any length of time in this neighbourhood, but on this occasion the ground was covered to a depth of an inch for many hours.

THE "CUMBEROONA" riverboat, so long the property of Albury owners, J. T. Fallon and Partners, now belongs to an Adelaide firm, and seems to be engaged in opening up a trade between South Australia and Riverina. The steamer recently took a full load of goods from Adelaide to Wagga Wagga. The merchandise was not consigned to anyone in particular, but was in charge of a salesman, who managed to clear out the cargo among the traders and squatters in the neighbourhood.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during the month included the following:—Sarah Jeanette Huon, 200 acres, Yambla; Eugene Skinner, 40 a., do.; Kate G. Mitchell, 80 a., do.; George Huon, 80 a., do.; Henry Huon, 80 a., do.; Walter Huon, 120 a., do.; Oliver Hore, 320 a., Cumberoona; Angus McDonald, 40 a., Mullengandra; Wm. Petts, 40 a., do.; Sydney Jephcott, 320 a., Cumberoona; W. R. Ellis, 280 a., Brocklesby; George Higgins, 50 a., Mullengandra; Alfred Higgins, 50 a., do.; Susannah Keane, 200 a., Forest Ck.; Patrick Hore, 320 a., Cumberoona; Edward Wright, 157 a., Cookardinia; Thos. Harvey, 85 a., Mullengandra; Richard Taskis, 80 a., do.; John Daly, 161 a., Yambla; Wm. Daly, 164 a., do.; John Wenke, 60 a., Walla Walla; Wm. Plunkett, 320 a., Cumberoona; John T. Dight, 320 a., Bungowanah; Charles H. Dight, 320 a., do.; Margaret Whitehead, 200 a., Welaregang; John T. Waite, 320 a., Dora Dora; George Perry, 226, a., Cookardinia.

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October Monthly Meeting

The October Monthly Meeting of the A. & D.H.S. will be held in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Miss Jean Ross, and her subject will deal with her visit to Mexico, illustrating with color slides, Ruins of Ancient Culture in Yucatan. Visitors are always welcome to the Society's Monthly Meetings.

September Monthly Meeting

At short notice, an attractive and varied color slide programme, with appropriate commentary, was given by Miss L. Staton.

How We Got Our Roads and Bridges

From a list:—Detail Statement of Proposed Expenditure on Roads and Bridges, 1859, Victoria. Making about 7 miles of road between Violet Town and Benalla, £10,000, a most urgent work—the road is at present axletree deep and almost impassable; Benalla to Wangaratta, bridge over creek three miles S.W. of Wangaratta on main Sydney road, £2000; Wangaratta to Beechworth, clearing 16 miles of road, commencing at Wangaratta, most urgently required, £1600; Improving the roads through the ranges ten miles from Beechworth, £6000; Beechworth to Albury, making a raised road over river flats from Belvoir (Wodonga) to the Murray and bridging the lagoons and branches, £8000, a low country subject to inundation and intersected by deep and dangerous lagoons often impassable; petitioned for by a very large number of the inhabitants of the district.

NOTE: At this time the main overland route from Melbourne through Albury to Sydney swung north-east through Beechworth and on to the border town, not northerly as it does today. Furthermore, in early times, Beechworth was considered "near the Murray River and the Murray now navigated from Adelaide, Beechworth tapped the River Trade."

First issue Albury Banner advertisement, July 4, 1860: "Tenders required—For the construction of approaches to Albury Bridge, up to the 10th July.

Journalism In Albury

Albury's first newspaper was established by Mr. George Mott, under the title "The Albury Post", with its first issue, 4th October, 1856.

George Mott, in addition to journalistic work, gave time to municipal affairs; and was Mayor for a term in 1868. A hard hitting journalist of the old school, he did not spare criticism of public men and institutions when he felt it was for the good of the community, who benefited thereby. The last proprietor of the paper was Mr. Thomas Affleck, and the paper ceased publication in 1902.

It is interesting and amusing to note, in all these older newspapers, before the reporting limitations of today, the free and lively reporting of the very free and lively interchanges, far from complimentary, that occurred in the various affairs of the day—in the Municipal Council—such as those over the moving of the saleyards, and other questions that arose regarding local town affairs—the views and advertisements regarding local candidates for elections—very, very outspoken, by Candidates, supporters and detractors, who, no doubt, became the best of friends again when "the tumult and the shouting died".

Even advertisements carried a livelier wit than now, as witness the following, from the first issue of the "Banner", 1860:

500 KILLED — 500 KILLED

Hundreds wounded and the enemy completely routed
in one night! Not human beings, but Bugs, Fleas,
Cockroaches and Beetles—by—Kruses Insecticides!!
To be had at the Post Office Store, 10 Mile Creek.

Another Par. from the same paper:

"A New Trade?—Tenders are called for, in the Government Gazette of June 22, for "Repairing Dolphins In The River Yarra. Now, who can say our Victorian neighbours are not progressive, after this?"

Horses Remembered

"NORSEMAN", Western Australia:

In 1895, two prospectors from Dundas, Sinclair and Allsop, discovered a gold reef, and named their find for Sinclair's mount, the grey stallion, "Norseman".

"TARCOOLA":

A siding on the Trans-Continental Railway was named after a winner of the Melbourne Cup — "Tarcoola".

"DELAWARE":

Nearer home, the well-known local property also was named after a horse, "Delaware".

Advertisement for School

(1st issue "Banner", 1860) —

Vineyard House, Albury. Academy for Young Ladies. Conducted by Mrs. Edwards, assisted by a competent Governess. The regular course of Instruction will comprise Reading, Writing, Grammar, English Literature, Arithmetic and Geography—with Plain and Fancy Needlework. Terms per quarter:— Day pupils under 8 — £2.2, Day pupils above 8 — £3.3; Resident Boarders, under 8 — £12.12, Resident Boarders above 8 — £16.16. The following will be considered as extras: French £2.2, Piano £3.3, Singing £2.2, Harp £4.4, Washing £2.2. Vacations:—A fortnight at Christmas and mid-winter and one week at Easter. Particular attention will be paid to the religious and moral training of the pupils, to their health, comfort and deportment. References are kindly permitted to the Rev. D. H. Ballantyne, S. F. Blackmore Esq., Mr. Moffitt and Mr. Evans, Albury and to Mr. Chauncey, Belvoir (Wodonga).

(EDITOR — Any information re location of this school, please and where was the Ten Mile Creek, mentioned above).

Gifts

The A. & D.H.S. acknowledges with thanks a small Frame Saw from Mr. A. W. Schulz; from Mr. B. J. Klooster, Queensland Section of Illustrated Atlas of Australasia; from Mr. K. A. Page, Photo Albury Public School Cadet Corps.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

(Gleaned from the files of the "Albury Banner", 1873)

MULLENGANDRA.—Members of the Church of England congregation of this little town have commenced to raise funds for the purpose of erecting a building for public worship. The site on which the church is to be built is a two-acre allotment given by Mr. Morris of Mountain Creek.

BOROUGH BY-LAW.—The last "Gazette" contains a notification of the passing of the by-law by the Albury Council with reference to the height of verandahs.

NEW BRIDGE.—The tender of Mr. Pettiford for the erection of a bridge over the Mitta Mitta, for the sum of £700, has been accepted.

THE "TYRO" river steamer arrived on Monday last (Sept. 29), and left again on Tuesday, taking over 500 bags of wheat, flour and bran; about 3,500 gallons of wine, and a quantity of miscellaneous cargo including tin ore from Koetong.

THE RACECOURSE.—On Wednesday (Oct. 1) several members of the committee of the Albury Turf Club proceeded to the Albury racecourse to peg out the site for the new grandstand, and to mark off the alteration in the running which has been decided upon. The contractors for the stand (Messrs. Hill and Frew) have already commenced operations. The bricks for the new structure will be made on the ground.

WOOL SALES yesterday (2nd inst.) in Sydney attracted large attendances. Competition was keen. Greasy brought 8d. to 11½d.; fleece, 1s.5½d. to 1s.8d.

COWS EXPORTED.—The "China Mail" says: The British ship "Harlaw" has brought a number of first-class milch cows from Australia, and so eager is the demand for them that although she is still at Woosung waiting till the bar becomes practicable, we hear that the cows have already become the property of the Shanghai Dairy.

ODIUM TUCKERII.—It is reported that this dread disease has already made its appearance in some parts of the district. Vignerons will do well to be on the look out for symptoms, in order to apply the remedy without the loss of time. Experience shows that the safest and most certain cure is the sulphur treatment.

ALBURY POLICE BARRACKS.—It has been decided to proceed with the erection of the new Police Barracks, without further delay. The proposed structure—plans and specifications which arrived recently—is a plain modest building, somewhat after the style of the old-fashioned station homesteads, or bush public houses. It comprises quarters for the sergeant and men, two rooms about 17 feet square; and two more, 14 feet square, with front and back verandahs 6 feet wide. The roof, it is proposed, shall be of shingles; but as roofing slate of good quality can now be produced in the district, a change in this portion of the specifications will be recommended. Included in the general design are officers' quarters, lockup &c. The new barracks will be erected facing Olive Street, on the ground adjoining that of the Mechanics' Institute. Tenders for the work are invited by an advertisement in another column.

LAND SELECTIONS taken up at the Albury Land Office during October included the following: Lilian Wright, 113 acres, Cookendina; Joseph Pratt, 240., Wagra; Annie Roach, 200 a., Carabobla; G. Hull, 80 a., Woomargama; Edward Wright, 162 a., Cookendina; Thos. Mitchell, 40 a., Woomargama; Mathew Hore, 100 a., Cumberoona; Andrew Hore, 120 a., Cumberoona; Geo. Coleman, 200 a., Wyndham; Baker Vincent, 285 a., Wagra; John Crisp, 100 a., Cumberoona; Mary Jane McLaurin, 320 a., Coocock; John Hayes, 200 a., Ten Mile Creek; F. Purtell, 89 a., Mountain Creek; James Tynan, 40 a., Jindera; Joseph Shipard, 200 a., Brocklesby; Mary E. Devine, 120 a., Yambla; Edward Culnane, 320 a., Thugga; John Clarke, 100 a., Bowna.

MAIL SERVICES.—In the last "Gazette" tenders are invited for the conveyance of mails for one or three years from 1st January, 1874, between the undermentioned places: To and from Ten Mile Creek and Tumberumba (twice a week). To and from Corowa and Wahgunyah, six or more times a week (contractor to provide proper means for crossing River Murray when bridge is flooded).

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November Meeting

Mr. James Wells' talk on old Albury, unavoidably deferred till now, will be given at this meeting. It will bring to life an Albury unknown to many of his hearers.

Visitors welcome.

Hovell Tree Remembrance Ceremony, 1973

On Friday 16th November, at 3 p.m., the Annual gathering at the famous Hovell Tree will again be held.

Schools take an important part in this function and citizens of Albury and District are asked to support it by their presence.

This year, HUME PRIMARY school, one of our newer schools, opened in 1971, will take the leading part and the Flag Raising ceremony will be arranged by the Senior Scout Group.

In these days of change, it is particularly important not to forget our historic past, built through the years by the lives of all who followed in the footsteps of the first white men to reach this spot.

The Mayors of Albury and Wodonga, Mr. T. Pearsall and Mr. L. Stone have been invited to address the meeting.

Please note, although seating is provided, it is suggested that you bring a folding chair if possible.

Important Reminder

The ANNUAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday 11th December, 8 p.m., C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street. Nominations to be in Secretary's hands 15 days before this date. Members are asked to consider accepting Office in your Society.

October Meeting

Guest Speaker, Miss Jean Ross; who, with her color-slides and commentary, took us on her travels to YUCATAN Peninsula, which, with the Peninsula of Florida, partly encloses the Gulf of Mexico. Viewing this little known terrain and seeing the evidences of its ancient civilisations and its remarkable old buildings in the setting of the life of today, accentuates the

realisation of the long development of human endeavour over generations, and Miss Ross' ability and willingness to provide further information in answering questions, was appreciated.

Albury-Wodonga

After nine months of intense deliberations since the inaugural meeting of the 25th January, the very important second visit on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1973, of the Prime Minister, Mr. Gough Whitlam, Sir Robert Askin, Premier of N.S.W. and Mr. Rupert Hamer, the Victorian Premier, with their ministers, marked another step in the promotion of Albury-Wodonga.

One of the largest assemblies of parliamentarians ever to visit the district together with aldermen, shire representatives and local residents completely filled the Wodonga Civic Centre for the meeting.

Since negotiations began in January, and, in view of the interim decisions of the 4th July, many local protest meetings have been held in the district — especially on the matter of land tenure and land prices control, and Albury City Council is reported as having received 150 protests from rate payers. Various submissions have been sent to the I.C.C. by local organizations seeking some guide-line for the future.

The 23rd October Agreement had been drawn up on the terms of leasehold tenure for both commercial and residential land, and, although this had been rather unacceptable to the N.S.W. Government, Sir Robert Askin, to get the project under way, was agreeable to sign. However, Mr. Hamer, a member of a well known Melbourne family of lawyers, and a man who is proving himself an able parliamentarian, refused to sign. After a private meeting, this deadlock was resolved. The plan is now to be that commercial land is to be leasehold, and residential land freehold or near freehold, in terms of the Federal Government's commission on land tenure, now pending.

The Agreement contains a detailed plan of Commonwealth and State Governments' involvement in the scheme as well as Local Government and district participation, the whole to be controlled by a five-man corporation — 3 executive members and 2 part time members representing the two municipalities.

In their addresses to the audience the Prime Minister and Premiers expressed the desire for the utmost participation of Local Government and the people who had built up both Albury and Wodonga over the years. The Prime Minister said he hoped the complex would grow into a "strong and effective entity".

"Friday Mount"

Interested readers have now had time to fully assess the value of Mrs. Douglas Carnegie's book, *Friday Mount*, which, added to Mrs. Frank Boyes' booklet, *Overland to Port Phillip Bay*, and the recent talks to the Albury Historical Society by Mrs. Hilary Endacott, gives a very comprehensive early history of the Albury district.

Details of Hume and Hovell's epic journey — Tumbarumba to Table Top, with creeks running north, south, east and west, as they sometimes do, in their courses to the Murray River and the Billabong, are well defined, and it will be noted that the explorers were often perplexed. They, however, being bushmen of no mean order, nearly always found an answer.

With its family histories, early place names and land settlement, Friday Mount is not a book to be read from one's library but one to keep on one's shelf.

The scanty records of the first settlers in Australia is of extreme importance to history. Their stalwart efforts in clearing and tilling the land is so often forgotten or not even known by the present day population who take it all for granted, and so often think the towns make the country.

The introduction of successful wine growing by the Smith family at Humula and the Fallon family at Albury — the first south of the Sydney area is indeed interesting reading.

Friday Mount, expertly researched, is the first and only book yet to cover so fully Albury's N.S.W. countryside.

"The Ten Mile"

The query in last months Bulletin is answered by the following extract from Margaret Carnegie's "Friday Mount"—historically a "mine of rich ores". "Holbrook was not born in the Riverina district as Germanton. The original name was "Ten Mile Creek", or "The Ten Mile", taken from the creek which sometimes flows through the town".

Gifts

The Society expresses thanks to Mrs. Welsh, Artarmon, for a photo of the John Burrows' flour mill, 1910. This was the second concrete building in Australia, the Geelong Woollen Mills being the first.

William James Wye

At the last Committee Meeting at Mr. Hazelwood's home, a poem, "The Wonga Springs" by W. J. Wye was read. It is surprising that so little was really known here of his poetical ability — yet, the Bread and Cheese Club of Melbourne, under its outstanding leader, J. K. Moir, knew of it and arranged a collection of his verse. Two books were published, "Souvenirs of the Sunny South", and "Bush Minstrelsy". "The Wonga Springs" show its author to be a man with deep love and understanding of the beauty of Australia as a countryman sees it, and a philosophy that finds the best in life.

William James Wye died in Albury in October 1952, at the age of 86, and when he was 82, the following is an excerpt from a Melbourne paper in the late 1940's written of him by a visitor. "An old man who is among the last of Australia's bush poets is living at "The Wanderers Club" in Albury.

William James Wye (continued)

Once his name was widely known and his verses recited round hundreds of camp fires. He wrote for bushmen of the things they knew best. I went to see Mr. Wye at the "Wanderers Club". It was with hesitant politeness that he showed me to the room where he lives, but the hesitancy evaporated as he talked; the old fashioned courtesy remained. Two suitcases were dragged eagerly from under the bed and spilled manuscript to the floor. Here, and in 3 paper-covered volumes was much of 70 years writing, sometimes scribbled on horseback, often at out-back camps.

It was of fading family photographs that Mr. Wye wanted to talk — of his brother recently found dead in Western Australia's wild Leopold Ranges; of his father — orphaned at six years and brought up by a tribe of Victorian blacks; of his verse-writing son.

But the manuscript, in shapely, careful writing, told of wild horsemanship, stampedes, and brumby chasing; of trail blazing through trackless country, and the beauties of virgin bushland . . .

*"Oh the joys of moonlight riding, where the clean skin cattle are;
Where the wild bush bulls are hiding, 'mong the wilgas and belar,
What a stirring scene of battle was the muster on the plain
As the restless, wild-eyed cattle, dashed for liberty in vain;
How the stockwhips rang in chorus, as we started with a shout
With a thousand miles before us to a station further out."*

Mr. Wye told me of his days as boy and youth prospecting for gold in the big hills of Gippsland and north-east Victoria; of half a lifetime wandering between Melbourne and the Gulf of Carpentaria as overlander, coach driver, horse trainer and buckjump rider. In the lapel of his coat was the big, horseshoe shaped badge of the Cobb and Co. Coachdrivers' Association. "It would take weeks to tell about those days," said Mr. Wye. "I've just finished writing my memoirs, and I'm told they should go to the Mitchell Library. I've seen as much of Australia as any man alive".

As a boy of nine, he spent a night at Ned Kelly's home (and heard Ned's mother deplore the wildness of her boys.) But history was forgotten when son George prompted, "Read that last thing you've written, Dad." We sat on the beds and listened. The old man stood, leaning a little forward as he held the pages, and read with gentle eagerness. Cantering rhymes brought glimpses of sunny open country and high-mettled horses into the room. The old man read on, oblivious of everything around him. His mind was filled with better, long-past things.

The Albury and District Historical Society is happy to be associated with the present endeavour to honor a gifted old resident of Albury by placing a suitable monument at his grave-side.

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Annual Meeting, 1973

The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 11th December, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street. The Mayor of Albury, Mr. T. Pearsall, will take the chair for the election of officers.

The important reviewing of the past year's work and the Society's future plans will interest both members and friends. No organisation can carry on effectively into the future without an influx of new members and it is hoped that interested friends, and newcomers to Albury, will become members of this cultural body and further its work with their interest and knowledge.

Preserving the worthwhile past is a foundation for a worthwhile future. After the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. P. Webb will show colour slides of their travels in North and Western Australia and tell what is going on in development of our land.

The Society cordially welcomes members of the public. At the conclusion of the evening's program, supper will be served.

November Monthly Meeting

The two guest speakers, Mrs. C. Davies from England, and Mr. James Wells, provided information and interest on subjects of which most people know little or nothing—"Inn Signs of England" with reference to the Turks Head, and a detailed history of "the Hotels of Albury". A further report of these addresses will be included in a later Bulletin.

Hovell Tree Gathering, Friday, 16th November

About 200 school children of Albury and Wodonga paid tribute to Hume and Hovell, when they attended the Annual Hovell Tree Gathering. The President, Mrs. L. Quiggin, welcomed all present, especially the Hume Public School and its Principal, Mr. Turnell. This school took the leading part and their School Captains, Tracey Dunn and Wayne Burr gave the "Narration". Mr. Darrell Hore was in charge of the Flag Raising ceremony, carried out by two Senior Scouts from the Albury

Adventurers, Graeme Bye and Geoff McLelland. In the absence of the guest speaker, Mrs. Heywood addressed the gathering, outlining the significance of the area's past from the arrival of Hume and Hovell and stressing to her young listeners, that it lay in their hands to carry on in the future, a fine tradition. The day's program ended with the official lowering of the flag.

Gifts

The A. & D.H.S. expresses its gratitude to the following friends, Mrs. L. Patterson: Boxed set silver shoe-horn, button and glove-hooks; Mrs. Wells, Carrington Street, per Mr. Dave Bryan, Book of photographic reproductions of famous paintings, unusual very old walking stick, dance programme card; Mr. Arthur Allan, valuable collection (mounted) of cartoon drawings of leading Albury men.—"Border Personalities", by Dudley Gordon; The Department of Attorney General and of Justice, Dock from Albury Court House.

President's Report to Annual General Meeting Albury and District Historical Society

11th December, 1973

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

It gives me pleasure to present the 13th Annual Report of the Albury and District Historical Society.

I wonder how many people realise how constant is the flow of correspondence through the hands of the Committee? Letters asking questions relating to property, or people of the past. Often it is a request for identification of some precious possession. A bell perhaps! Is it Condamine bell, made in Australia? Or a Mongan bell — made in Albury — or (hopefully) a Barwell bell. Any Barwell bell is a museum piece — beautifully made in Birmingham, England. Rarely do any of these requests go unanswered by the Albury and District Historical Society.

Letters, old manuscripts and such treasures, go into the careful hands of our archivist, for these are records of the past, and must be faithfully preserved. There are few people better fitted for this task than our Watty Fielder.

Many are the gifts that come to the Turk's Head Museum. Some of these need restoration, and here is where the talents, and ingenuity of Claud Hazelwood come to the fore. Claud is seldom at a loss to know how a thing works—or what it needs to set it right!

We are but a small band, but we manage to man the Museum Wednesdays, at weekends and every day during school holidays. It is rewarding work. One meets people from far and near, and always one learns something fresh.

It is frustrating too, when we know that we have so much to show people, but no space to display the gifts which come to us. We are feeling particularly frustrated these last few days. We have been given the "Dock" from the Court. This is a beautiful piece. But it is large — even when dismantled, it still needs a good deal of space in which to store it till we have a room where it can be set up. When I gaze upon this lovely wood, and wrought iron creation, I feel it is almost a privilege to stand therein! However the law of the land has decided that there will be no more "dock" in the Courts. So this becomes a Museum piece. One of great value! One day I hope we will have a large quiet room where we can set this up, with a library where people can examine all these old letters and papers. Where Mary Gilmore's table and chair take pride of place with the old bent-wood chairs. When the walls will be decorated with pictures of people and places of the past.

But—I am supposed to be reporting upon the year's work—not dreaming of the future!

The A. & D.H.S. Bulletin reports an Epic Event! On 25th January, 1973 a Conference was held in the Civic Hall to decide whether Albury-Wodonga would be developed by the Federal Government and the Governments of N.S.W. and Victoria into an inland city of considerable population. The Bulletin further reported this Historic Conference. Report "Bulletin", March, 1973.

Programmes at the monthly General Meeting have been most interesting, and we do thank those people who have provided these programmes. *March*: Mr. J. J. Dallinger took us back to the 1972 Floral Festival in its lovely entirety. The last Floral Festival. *April*: We had Mrs. Frank Boyes present her colour-slide programme "Autumn Tour Seeking History". Followed by Mr. Brian Whykes, Director-Manager of Ballarat Historical Park Association, who showed slides, and gave a description of Ballarat's remarkable "Sovereign Hill" project. Mr. and Mrs. Whykes were escorted around some of Albury's historic spots during the afternoon, and entertained to dinner before the evening programme.

May: After a somewhat lengthy business meeting, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood gave a reading of his Father's writing on "His faithful servants—his sheep dogs" on Urangeline Station.

June: After the June business meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood gave us the benefit of a great deal of research and fine photography when they presented colour slides with commentary "Historic Homesteads—and other buildings".

July: Mrs. Hilary Endacott—well remembered daughter of Mrs. Patman, gave a most interesting talk—this the result of research done for her thesis "Settlement of the Upper Murray to 1838".

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued)

August: We were favoured with a repeat (by request) of Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood's programme "Historic Homesteads".

September: Miss Staton took us with her on a holiday to lovely Norfolk Island, with excellent slides of historic buildings and places.

October: Miss Jean Ross gave a most interesting talk—with slides taken as she travelled the Yucatan Peninsula with its ancient buildings and primitive life style.

November: Mr. Jim Wells led us back through the years as he told of the early Hotels of Albury—with many humorous tales of the past. We hope that Jim Wells will give more of his memories to be recorded in our archives.

The Annual Gathering at the Hovell Tree was held on Friday, 16th November. We were delighted to have so many children present, and do thank the Headmasters, and staff of the schools who brought their pupils to take part in commemoration of the crossing of the Hume—Murray River, and the marking of the Hovell Tree on 17th November, 1824. Hume Primary school took the leading part this year, and the Flag Raising ceremony was performed by the Senior Scouts. We are grateful to Mrs. Heywood for taking at short notice the address to the people.

I wish to express the thanks of A. & D.H.S. to 2CO, 2AY, AMV4, the "Border Morning Mail"—and especially to Chas. Wilkinson and Co. for consideration in the printing of "The Bulletin". Our thanks go to "The Express" for their interest and support of the Society. Our sincere thanks to Ald. C. Bunton for auditing our books. My personal and very sincere thanks to Senior Vice-president, Mr. Hazelwood, for all he has done during the year—and those other office-bearers and members without whom the Society could not function.

A very big thank you girls, to Minute Secretary, Lucy Staton and Secretary-Treasurer, Chris Klinge and the Committee for their support during the year. In conclusion, I wish all members and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Successful 1974.

A. L. QUIGGIN, President

New Year's Day Sports

We are glad to notice that some effort is being made to render the town attractive during the ensuing holidays. A nice programme of athletic sports, open to all, has been arranged to come off on New Year's Day in Mr. Crisp's paddock. The prizes will consist of a splendid silver goblet for each event. An excellent band will be in attendance, playing dance music during the day. Admission to the ground is one shilling.

—"The Albury Banner", December 21, 1872.