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ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday 14th December, 1976.

At the 1976 Annual Meeting held in the presence of a large gathering, in the C.W.A. Rooms, the Mayor of Albury, Mr. Harold Mair, took the Chair for the election of Officers, which resulted as follows:

President: The retiring President, Mr. L. L. Rigg, because of personal commitments, could not accept the position for 1977.

Senior Vice-President: Immediate Past President, Mr. L. L. Rigg.

Vice-President: Mrs. L. Quiggin and Mrs. A. Davies.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss C. Klinge.

Minute Secretary: Miss L. Staton.

Committee: Mrs. Boyes, Mrs G. Brown, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood, Mr. M. L. Hazelwood.

Mrs. D. Heywood, Mrs. T. Rigg, Mrs E. Thomas and Mr. C. McQueen.

Research Officer & Archivist: Mr. W. W. Fielder.

Publicity Officer: Miss Klinge. Roster Clerk: Miss Staton.

Bulletin Editor: Mrs. M. L. Hazelwood.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: Members are reminded that 1977 subscriptions are due, unchanged, \$1.50, Life Membership \$20.

The Full Story of Two Well Preserved & Interesting Photographs.

ALLIES' DAY IN ALBURY: (As recorded in the "Albury Daily News" on Saturday 11.3.1914)

Magnificent Success. --- Immense gathering at Show Grounds.

The Celebration of 'Allies' Day in Albury must be written down as one of the most memorable events in the history of the town.

The Sydney Executive who had initiated Allies' Day had carried it through with the help of the generous Australian people & the relief of our stricken Allies is the inspiration of efforts such as this to which the public of Albury responded so magnificently. The first photo is of the "Queen" and her Maids of Honor, who were the other seven candidates in the Ballot.

"The Queen", Mrs. James Mitchell, and Retinue - Miss Fanny Ryan, Mrs John Wilkinson, Miss Josephine Allan, Miss F. Wilkinson, Miss Thelma Houston, Mrs A Waugh & Miss G. Shannon.

The scene in the Show Ground in the evening was a remarkable one.

Before 8.00 p.m. the spacious grand stand was packed & it was almost impossible to gain access to the lawn, while a dense crowd still surrounded the ticket box outside. The two ticket sellers - Messrs Flood Nagle & J. Pike, had to be assisted by Mr. F. J. Belbridge & Mr. F. W. Tietys, who relieved matters by taking admission money at the gate and grandstand enclosure.

It is estimated that there were over 5,000 persons on the ground during the evening and about 1,500 securing seats on the grand-stands. The number of children was impossible to estimate but their presence was emphasised when their particular candidate, Miss Josephine Allan, made her appearance on the platform. The arrangements on the lawn were admirable.

The electric lighting scheme for which Mr. C. E. Vormister was responsible left nothing to be desired.

The spacious Stage had been erected and in the centre was improvised an artistically designed and brilliantly illuminated "crowning chamber". On the lawn to the right were seated members of the Allies' Day Choir, (under the baton of Mr. W. H. Callaghan) and the Albury Town Band under bandmaster, Mr. Percy Pogson, was in full strength and well deserved the compliment paid to them by Mr. Neville Mayman, General Secretary, who came from Sydney to supervise the Ceremony.

The 1st part of the programme consisted of selections by the band & pictures - including a laughable comic and a very interesting series of War pictures.

The Coronation Ceremony, under the direction of Mr. Neville Mayman was undoubtedly an eye-opener to everyone present.

As the Royal procession moved from the Industrial Hall to the lawn entrance the Band played 'The Marseillaise' and then, a spirited fanfare proclaimed the entrance on the stage of the FIRST HERALD, Mr. A. D. Vivian, who gave the proclamation of Mrs Mitchell's appointment as "QUEEN".

Another 'Fanfare' proclaimed the approach of the "Archbishop of Albury", Alderman Alf Waugh, whose 'ecclesiastical robes' adorning his portly person certainly looked impressive, even if his countenance did not betoken Hierarchical Solemnity.

He was followed by the Pages - Masters Jeff Woods, Max Laidlaw, "Ding" Addison, and Harold Whitely carrying the crown and Sceptre on cushions.

Next came the "Peers of the realm" - Messrs H.H. Collins, Eugene Hickey, J.C. Gordon, R.A. Roy, who were followed by a Contingent of Cadets under the General, Lieut. N.K. Frew.

Next came the Representatives of the Allied Nations.

John Bull	-	Mr. Percy Edwards.
France	-	Mr. Chas. Sarroff.
Russia.	-	Mr. E. Scanlon.
Italy.	-	Mr. A. Clelland.

"THE QUEEN" announced the "First Herald" - and a scene of enthusiasm greeted Mrs. James Mitchell's stately entrance, attired in Royal Robes." Escorted to the centre of the stage by the "First Herald" and bowing to the cheering multitude, she sat in the crowning chamber.

As she sat there, under the brilliant electric light, one recalled that she was the relict of the district's most picturesque pioneer and a member of a family whose name will ever be associated with the early development of the country, and to the days when the late James Mitchell and his brother John, as boys, lived on Mungabareena Station and joined the blacks in their fishing, hunting and canoeing excursions, what time, what is now known as Albury, was called "The Crossing Place". Following the Queen, came the Maids of Honor, the 7 other Candidates in the Ballot, all beautifully attired, each announced by the "First Herald" and escorted to chairs on either side of the Queen, the band playing incidental music, pianissimo, meanwhile.

The "Archbishop" was proclaimed to perform the Crowning Ceremony. With an appropriate proclamation, "His Lordship" deftly placed the Crown on the good white head of the venerable Queen and handed her the sceptre of power.

The 2nd Herald addressed the 'multitude' returning to them the thanks of "the Queen" for their efforts to contribute to the alleviation of distress in the lands of the Allied peoples.

"Her Majesty commands the Mayor to address the multitude" announced the "First Herald" and His Worship, Alderman P.D. Burrows ascended the stage amidst applause.

In the course of a neat speech, the Mayor, thanked all, on behalf of the Committee who had in any way helped to make the proceedings so successful and moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Neville Mayman, hon.sec. of the Sydney Allies' Day Executive, who had come that morning to supervise the Coronation Ceremony and act as Master of Ceremonies. Mr. Mayman said he was deeply grateful for this opportunity of being present on behalf of the Sydney Executive who had initiated the movement.

As the Royal Party descended, from the stage the Band played a Grand March and the proceedings concluded (just on 10.00 p.m.) with "God save the King."

Mr. Mayman had said he was grateful to Dr. & Mrs Woods for their kind hospitality, who had made him feel perfectly at home, not like "a stranger in a strange land".

The 2nd photo was of the whole official party as described in this article, and the two make an important record of Albury and its people.

Gifts to the Society & welcome additions to the Folk Museum, for their special interest, are acknowledged with thanks to Donors.

Mrs Kate Shanahan:	Home-made Apple Slicer for Rabbit-baiting
Mr. Johnson:	Home-made Wool-winder.
Mr. & Mrs Seebacher:	Small-flock Lamb-marking Cradle.
Mrs. Gordon Fraser:	Old Style Ballot-Box.

LOAN: Unusual Small Bottle. Floral China cover for old Dental Powder Jar.

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MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY 10th May, 8 p.m., C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, Albury.

A fine slide showing & commentary on Israel, will be given by Mrs E. Myers.

MARCH MEETING, TUESDAY 8TH.

Mr. Des Martin, our guest speaker, gave a fascinating talk on Harry Morant, "The Breaker", dealing fully with his life and associates and the episode concerning his death during the Boer War.

APRIL MEETING, TUESDAY 12TH.

Guest Speaker, The Hon. T.W. Mitchell, C.M.G., entitled his talk, "Discovery of Australia before Cook," which developed the intriguing possibilities through the voyaging of the early Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch Navigators. Although material gain was undoubtedly an incentive, the courage and skill of these early mariners venturing in their tiny ships into unknown oceans is heart stirring to think on.

"O God - be good to me
The sea is so wide
And my boat is so small."

"We sailed wherever ship could sail". (Tennyson)

Interesting & informative programs given monthly on the first Tuesday of the month in the C.W.A. rooms, are not limited to members & welcome is extended to all interested.

A HISTORY OF REALIST ART IN ALBURY & DISTRICT - FROM ABOUT 1912 to 1971.

Written by Alice Wallace.

About 1912, a Melbourne Painter, Hal Waugh, was commissioned to come to Albury to paint pet dogs owned by people in the district.

He stayed on in Albury, setting up an art class in the Smollet St., C.B.C. Hall or school, (where the C.B.C. larger school is now, in 1971).

On fine days the students hired a cab, and painted at Doctor's Point.

Among the students were Mrs Alex Hill, H.T. Twomey (Harry) and R.M. Twomey (Reg). Mrs. Hill, who died about 1940 had exquisitely painted china, her own work. When or where it was painted is not known.

Some years later, the late Harold Herbert, Murray Griffin, Charles Wheeler, Robert Johnson, Alfred Coleman, Peter Bousfield and others came painting in the district, especially round Yackandandah and Bogong.

Herbert's famous "Blue Hills" and "Higginsons Farm" were both painted near the Bogong Hotel. These are both in the Melbourne Art Gallery.

A few years ago the "Picture of the Year" was a large oil painting of Yackandandah Creek by Robert Johnson.

Mr. Harry Twomey became a painting companion of these visiting artists, absorbing their ideas, and these he willingly passed on to anyone interested, including Jack Bennett, Alice M. Wallace, Colin Angus and many others.

At the Albury Town Hall may be seen the portrait of the Mayor, Alderman Bunton, commissioned by Albury Council and also a portrait of Mr. Padman a former Mayor.

At the Albury Grammar School may be seen the portrait of Mr. Alex Sellars former Head Master.

These were painted by Jack Bennett, as also were some fine still-life studies, acquired by the City Council, through the Albury Art Society.

Colin Angus is now in 1971, a full-time painter, at El Dorado, Victoria, having his own exhibition Studio.

On discharge from the A.I.F., Mr Bennett studied at the Archibald Colquhoun Art School in Melbourne.

Mr. Colquhoun belonged to the Max Meldrum School.

Miss Alice Wallace at one time had a class of children who often sketched at Mrs. Auriel Alford's front gate. Mrs. Alford thought if children could paint from nature, so could she, so when Jack Bennett started a painting class, she joined.

Auriel Alford is a first-class realist artist, and has her own studio in Edmondson Avenue, her main works are paintings of flowers and still life.

ALBURY ART PRIZE SOCIETY.

The present Art Prize Exhibition Society, established in 1947 is largely the result of Mr. Harry Twomey's early efforts.

For the first Exhibitions Mr. Twomey bore the brunt of arranging and hanging pictures and entertaining the Judges.

Before the Art Society was formed Mr. Twomey frequently arranged small exhibitions often in his solicitor's office to stimulate interest.

This helped bring about the formation of the Albury Art Prize Society. At the first exhibition held in 1947, there was a paid door-keeper, and there were 56 supervisors.

Mr. Twomey became an expert in doing illuminated addresses for public presentations.

Cartoonist Maynard, the originator of the "Ettamogah Pub" cartoon is a second cousin of the Twomeys.

In 1967, Wodonga staged its first Art Prize Exhibition, at which Alice Wallace won the local section with a pastel on brown paper, entitled "Hay Stacks, Ben Valley". The Melbourne Judge, Mr. Peter Glass, said, "It was a most sensitive approach from a painter who had used the pastel medium in its best sense."

The A. & D.H.S. is fortunate to have several of Miss Wallaces pictures given by her as a bequest to the Society, of which she was a deeply interested and loyal member.

Miss Wallace presented to the City Council a pastel portrait, "The Old Model", by G.S. Watkins in Jan. 1965.

G.S. Watkins began his studies at the famous Colarossi Studio in Paris, continuing them & completing them here at the Sydney Royal Art Society.

He later was head of the largest art classes in Australia. His students are represented in Sydney & Adelaide National Galleries and have exhibited all over the world, he himself represented in all the Australian Galleries of note.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL - COMMERCIALLY.

Bradford, (Yourkshire) receives millions of pounds worth of wool from many parts of the world each year. And adhering to it are vast quantities of seeds and burrs which have to be removed by cleaning and scouring.

It may be news to Australians, who supply the greatest quantity of wool to Bradford, that 120 alien plants have been found growing in the mill surrounds, on waste land & near sewage works where much of the effluent from the scours is often dumped.

Botanists have found increasing interest in these plants.

Among them, the most common of all were Bathurst Burr, *datura ferox*, *erodium* (Wild geranium in Australia), *Hordeum* (Barley Grass), *Nicandra Physalodes* (Apple of Peru) wild verbena, Mexican poppy and Devils Claw (*Ibicella lutea*).

All these are common in our sheep country.

THE ROCK.

Before its discovery in 1834 by Charles Sturt, local aborigines referred to The Rock, as "Kengol". Since then it has been named "Hanging Rock" (1867), Yerong Trig, Station (1880) and now "The Rock" and now the centrepoint of the 900 acres Rock Nature Reserve No. 24 under the control of the National Parks & Wild Life Service.

A walk or climb on the "Yerong Nature Trail" to the top of the Rock is not considered difficult, and takes about 3 hours.

From the township of "The Rock", the railway branches from the main Melbourne-Sydney line to Oaklands.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. (Extracted from issues of the "Albury Banner" of April & May 1877)

Albury Improvements:

The building trades are just now in a very active state in town, a good many large works being either in progress or on the eve of commencement. In Dean-Street alone the buildings in progress occupy a large number of hands. Thus at the corner of Dean and Kiewa streets we have the new bank; on the opposite corner extensive alterations and additions are being made at the Court House; lower down towards the intersection of Townsend-stree, is a row of shops in the course of erection for Mr. Barlow, which should have the effect of materially enhancing the value of property in the neighbourhood. Besides these, commodious business premises are about to be erected by Messrs. Downie Bros., on the site formerly occupied by Dr. Cobbett, and though last not least the new Post Office will before long be commenced. Several pretty cottages have been built within the past few months, and tenders have been invited for the erection of others.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Advertisement.

The Borough Council of Albury offers a bonus of 100 pounds for the Best Design - full plan and specifications in detail and estimate of cost - for the supply of the Town of Albury with pure water. Designs etc. to be sent to the Mayor of Albury on or before the 22nd May, 1877, endorsed "Water Supply Design". Further particulars may be obtained from the Town Clerk - Samuel Mudge, Town Clerk.

The July Monthly Meeting has been cancelled.

June Meeti. Tuesday 14th. C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street.

The unusual and interesting program was provided by members who brought articles of antique & hisroic interest belonging to them, giving the story known of them.

Monthly Meeting AUGUST Tuesday 9th 8p.m., C.W.A. Rooms Kiewa Street.

Arranged program unavoidably postponed, but meeting as usual, subject can be ascertained by ringing Secretary.

The Hume Highway -- (Requested Information).

Prior to 1928, the Hume Highway was known as the Great Southern road (Main Road No.17) In 1928, the Main Roads Board adopted the principle of giving each important State Highway the same name through its length, and after consultation with the local governing bodies concerned, arranged with the Country Roads Boards of Victoria for the renaming of the road from Sydney to Melbourne, via Albury, as the Hume Highway. The name was adopted as a tribute to Hamilton Hume, one of the two pioneers who had led the first exploration party overland to Port Phillip, much of the route of the Highway being along that followed by Hume and Hovell on their Journey.

With the passing of the Main Roads Act in 1925, the Great Southern road became ligible for assistance from Main Roads Funds.

Since 1925, the highway has been improved throughout, including the construction of many deviations.

By 1940, it had been provided with a bituminous or other dustless surface over its full length in N.S.W. 375 miles and similarly on through Victoria to Melbourne. Step by step, over a period of 150 years, the Hume Highway has been developed and improved.

Annual Subscriptions. If any member has still overlooked this matter, this is a reminder. Your society needs your help.

Interesting gifts we have lately received are historic records in various ways of the pioneer way of life, and the ability shown to devise and construct with the tools & materials at hand something to meet the immediate need.

The article given per Mrs. Quiggin has been identified as a means of slicing apples for poisoning rabbits with strychnine. This method, the baits dropped along a shallow furrow, was of course, in the days long before modern chemical advances made controls easier and more effective. Anyone who during the severe drought in the War years (World War 1) spent hours cutting up potatoes for stock feed can appreciate that man's self help!

Again the unique early model lamb-marking cradle. Probably for one person working alone, as the cradle would be loaded with a lamb, pivoted round for castrating and tailing of the lamb, then pivoted again & the lamb let go in the mothering yard.

Pillars for the Bethanga Bridge over the Murray. (From the B.M.M., Sept.8th, 1928.)

There are 9 sets of pillars, including the end structures.

The Pillars are 10 feet in diameter and have a bore of 6 feet. Some are as high as 105 feet and others less, according to the contours of the country. This portion of the work is being carried out by Victorian Authorities and the wood and steel superstructure will be in the hands of 2 Melbourne Contractors, one to supply and the other to erect the material. When the Weir is full, the water will rise to within a few feet of the tops of the pillars. The cost of the Bridge will be approximately 200,00 pounds and the position is about 4 miles above the Weir by road.

* The Quarry is passed on the way to the bridge.

QUARANTINE.

Albury had, in earlier times, a Quarantine Station, which was where the Technical School is today.

All stock had to go there and be tested for Pleuro, before allowed to cross the River. There was a big shed there to hold them.

TREE PLANTING.

Mr. Higgins, draper, of Dean Street, has been the first to set the example of tree planting in the business thoroughfares. On Saturday last (April 7) he caused a fine elm, which had been built over in the progress of works for the extension of his business premises, to be carefully removed on to the side of the roadway in Dean-street. The present is not exactly the proper season for transplanting trees, but as care was taken to leave a large ball of solid earth round the roots, there is every possibility that the tree will flourish apace. We hope Mr. Higgins's example may be generally followed by local traders during the ensuing winter.

LAND SELECTIONS.

Conditional Purchases made at the Albury Land Office during April and May including the following:

Thos. Mitchell, 80 acres, Woomargama;	Wm. Hore, 160 acres, Wagra;
Jas. Kelly, 50 acres, Mullengandra;	Walter Mott, Craven;
Christian Lehmann, 40 acres, Hovell;	Jas. McLaurin, 160 acres, Narra Narra Wa;
Geo. Jephcott, 40 acres, Welaregang;	E. Jephcott, 240 acres, do.;
John Garvin, 574 acres, Henty;	E.W. Westby, 362 acres, Henty;
James Bruce, 66 acres, Germanton;	John Cusack, 200 acres, Carabobala
E. Post, 272 acres, Cookardinia;	Peter Mitchell, 270a, Bringenbrong
Mary Watson, 200 acres, Gerogery;	W. Schiltz, 640a, Burrumbuttock;
W. Polson, 640 acres, Woomargama;	John Waitz, 60 acres, Wagra.
W. Piltz, 400 acres, Piney Range.	

WEST GATE BRIDGE. But Who is for the Ferry!

Port Melbourne to Williamstown 5 /--.

Among the aborigines of Central Australia, it is the custom to light a signal fire, the smoke of which conveys messages to watchers miles away. This primitive means of communication probably survives only in the wilder parts of Australia, but less than 100 years ago, it was the regular means of summoning a Ferry to cross from Port Melbourne to Williamstown, as witness the following advertisement in Victoria's first Newspaper, John Pascoe Fawkner's, "Port Phillip Advertiser":--

"the under-signed begs to inform the Public that he keeps a Boat and 2 men in readiness for the purpose of crossing and re-crossing Passengers between Williamstown and the opposite beach.

Parties from Melbourne are requested to raise a Smoke, and the Boat will be at their service as soon as practicable. The least charge is five shillings and two shillings each when the number exceeds two.

H. McLean.

Williamstown. Feb. 19th 1838.

COMFORT IN 1908! (Advertised in Wodonga & Towong Sentinel, Friday Jan 31. 1908.)

Federal Coffee Palace Hotel, Largest Hotel in Australia.

Rooms from 2/- per day, 10/- per week. Meals from 1/--. Cafe - Three pence and Sixpence

Situated close to Stations, Steamers, and the Centre of the City.

Special term for families and permanent boarders.

Reading, Writing, Smoking, Drawing and Reception Rooms for the use of all visitors.

Hot and Cold Baths -- New Safety Electric Lifts.

Early Breakfasts for Morning Trains.

Cafe open day and night.

IN REMEMBRANCE. -- THOMAS PASCOE. -- Teamster and Horsemaster, of Daysdale.

A small lean bushman, white moustache, keen alert eyes, accustomed to scanning long distances through heat, dust and mirage. A day for an 80 years old, breakfast at his Daysdale home at 4 a.m., a lift to Corowa in a motor transport loaded with horses for Wodonga sale yards. Terribly hot day. From Corowa to Albury-Wodonga per service car for his big day out among the draughts, the hacks, the ponies, -- just for old times sake, men, horses, dogs and dust.

He began his teamster career at 13 when his father died, and finally owned three crack wagon teams - two 18 horse teams and one 14 horses. Delivered some of the really "biggun" loads of Riverina wheat and wool to Wahgunyah railhead and Albury wool stores in the old URANGELINE AND MAHONGA station days. On one occasion he piloted a 24 horse wagon load of baled straw along Dean Street to Albury railway station.

("I never at any time used reins and I never had a horse with a sore shoulder.")

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An interesting evening will be provided by Guest Speaker, Mr. Gordon Dowling, whose subject will be, "the Production of a Newspaper". Come and hear what procedures provide you with your daily paper.

The August Meeting featured a talk by Mrs. Frank Boyes on a famous Australian, Norman E. Brookes, his life story and his outstanding tennis success, which put Australia 'on the map' in many countries, even among people who were not necessarily tennis players.

Also showing the quite remarkable success he had in other sporting activities in cricket, for the St. Kilda Cricket Club, and winning Golf Championships. In 1907 Norman Brookes and Anthony Wilding won for Australia the 1st. time ever, the famous Davis Cup, and retained the Cup in 1908 and 1909. From 39 games he played in England in 1907, he won 36. In 1939 his long service to tennis was recognised by King George sixth, with the bestowal of a knighthood - Sir Norman E. Brookes.

We are very grateful to Mr. & Mrs. Boyes for making the trip from Melbourne to fulfil this engagement and the well-attended meeting showed its appreciation of the informed & educational matter of her address, given in the usual bright & friendly way so typical of our historian member.

This is a feature that assists her in her so successful addresses to schools -- a service to history and the children, that she continues to give, at least twice weekly, in response to constant requests from the many schools.

Through this, also the Albury & District Historical Society becomes known far & wide, and often children tell her of having visited Albury and the Folk Museum and Water Wheel.

Programmes for succeeding Monthly Meetings will be as follows:-

October:- Guest Speaker. - Mrs. Macholinski, Subject - "Indonesia."

November:- Guest Speaker. - Mr. Colin McQueen, Subject - "Historical Aspects of India".

Visitors are cordially invited to all these interesting evenings.

L I F E M E M B E R S.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. (From issues of the "Albury Banner" of 1877).

New Flour Mill. -- A new flour mill recently erected at Jindera by Mr. Humphry may well be regarded as the most important happening in this district for some time. The mill, which is 22 feet in height, 42 feet in length and 22 feet in length, contains three floors. Framing is provided for three pairs of gristing stones, though for the present only two pairs have been installed. The grain is not handled from the time it is shot into the hopper until it finally spills out in the form of fine flour into the sacks prepared to receive it, prior to its despatch from the mill.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. (cont)

The Sydney Coach. -- The mail coach now arrives in Albury at six o'clock in the morning, in time to catch the first train from Wodonga to Melbourne. To effect this a considerable reduction has been made in the number of stopping places on the road, the coach now halting nowhere between Tarcutta and Albury. In order, however, to provide for the mail service between Ten - mile Creek and Albury at intermediate places, a second coach will leave Germanton at 4 a.m., arriving in Albury at 9 a.m., and returning to Germanton in the afternoon.

Earth Tremor. -- It is reported in the Adelaide paper that on Sunday, 17 June, a shock of an earthquake was felt in Clare (S.A.). Houses were caused to shake, and there was a dull rumbling noise not unlike thunder, the sound travelling from west to east.

Land Selections taken up at the Albury Land Office during recent weeks included the following:

J. Pierce, 240 acres at Greg Greg; J. Davie, 320 ac, Dora Dora; D. Pabst, 80 ac, Carabobala; S. Robinson, 547 ac, Buckaginga; F. Habermann, 320 ac, Piney Range; P. Jordan, 320 ac, Thooma; C. Blackburn, 200 ac, Indi; H. Weisner, 140 ac, Burrumbuttock; J. Whitehead, 640 ac, Bringenbrong; Charles Bloom, 40 ac, Mullengandra; Owen Daley, 260 ac, Mullengandra; N. McEachern, 80 ac, Wyndham; P. Egan, 225 ac, Meragle; James Nugent, 50 ac, Hay; Dominic McHugh, 80 ac, Tumberumba; Thos. Simpson, 640 ac, Carabobala; John Reid, 180 ac, Hay; L. Thurling, 100 ac, Talmalmo.

Notes re "William's Town". (With acknowledgement to "The Living City.")

An 'ad' in last Bulletin related to what should have been called William's Town Governor Bourke and Robert Hoddle, two men important to Australia, disembarked in Port Phillip in March 1837 and the interest of Governor Bourke was taken by a number of huts which had been built on Gellibrand's Point opposite the mouth of the Yarra River. Bourke felt the site offered better possibilities than a settlement further up stream which had been established around sites chosen by John Batman and John Pascoe Fawkner.

Bourke called his favored site "Williams Town" after the reigning British Monarch and the other settlement became Melbourne, after the Prime Minister of the day. Time, of course, has revealed the error of Bourke's judgement and it is Melbourne that has grown into a major city with "William's Town" remaining one of its suburbs.

The 1st land sale was conducted in Melbourne on June 1-1837. 100 half-acre allotments in Melbourne and 7 in William's Town, they realised P3,842 or a little over an average of 35 pounds an allotment.

Early History of the Albury Club.

These notes taken from a record published by the Club on the occasion of it entering its hundredth year. Unfortunately as with so many old organisations, the earliest records have been lost or destroyed, and information dates from a record of members in 1892 and the earliest minute book available, 1906.

It was one of the first 30 clubs in N.S.W. and was exempt from the licensing act till about 1912 when private clubs lost this privilege. Dr. Andrews records that it was formed in 1875 and that the Club Rooms were located at the Club Hotel, which was known later as the Carlton Hotel and now the Travel Lodge.

The present site was purchased, it is thought, in 1876 and the first club house was built to be opened in 1877. Unfortunately no details of purchase and date of the building can be traced. From a description, the original club house was a small 4 roomed brick building set well back from the street, with two or three hitching posts for horses, at the edge of the road.

Those were the days of 'mutton - chop' whiskers, 'side-boards' and beards, long tailed coats, top hats, peg top trousers and button up boots, of kerosene and oil lamps, water from wells and rain water, of the then type W.C.s, bullock waggons, buggies, sulkies, horses and horse-back travel.

Foundation members mentioned in 1877, George T. Fleming, original member of the firm, Fleming, Henderson and Stedman.

A. H. Emerson, Solicitor, Partner of Emerson, Fowler, later Emerson and Tietjens, now Tietjens, Angl and Jackling.

C. H. Douglas, Walla Walla Station. James Hayes, Flourmiller.

J. Walker Jones, Manager, Bank of N.S.W.

Wm. Lyne, later a member of Parliament as Sir Wm. Lyne.

V.F. Nagle, Founder of the old established legal firm, V. Flood Nagle & Nagle.

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November Monthly Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday 8th November, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiawa Street,

Guest Speaker will be Mr. Colin McQueen, and his intriguing subject,

"Akbar the great Mogul Emperor."

The Society welcomes visitors to these free monthly meetings.

At the **HOVEL TREE** in the **Hovell Tree Reserve** on **Friday, 18th November, 3.00 p.m.** the Annual gathering will be held, at which schools & citizens pay tribute of remembrance to the courageous men, who the 1st. white men to find this place, laid the foundation for all we know and have here today.

The Mayor of Albury, Mr. John Roach, will be Guest Speaker and Mr. Rex Chamberlain Mayor of Wodonga, is also invited to attend.

The Hume Public School has accepted the special position to give the Oration and we hope other schools will be represented to hear them.

The usual arrangements will be carried out and the date will be advertised. You are asked to be present if possible and so give your support to the work of the School. If you can bring a folding chair, please do so.

September Monthly Meeting, Our Guest Speaker, Mr. Gordon Dowling. We thank both him and Mr. John Dallinger for making the arrangements for this evening's unusual programme, including a special filming of the various processes in modern newspaper production. Mr. Dowling's address covered a very wide range from earliest aspects of communication to the latest and still quite rapidly advancing techniques, which produce the daily paper on which we depend for knowledge of current events and our own community affairs in particular. Much information was also given in Mr. Dowling's generous replies to many questions.

Arrangements for the **October Meeting** have been postponed to a later date.

Thomas Alexander Browne (Rolf Boldrewood).

The Editor gratefully records thanks to the **"SYDNEY BULLETIN"** for their much appreciated permission to print the following:- which speaks for itself, - in 'our' bulletin.

"ROBBERY UNDER ARMS"

A letter written by Rolf Boldrewood (T. A. Browne) to J. G. Lockley ("Redgum"), who used to run Lockley's Library in Hunter-street, Sydney, has been brought to THE BULLETIN by Mr. H. H. I. Massie, a grandson of Robert George Massie, who married Annette Browne, the novelist's sister.

Obviously in reply to queries from Lockley, it gives precise details of who was who in *Robbery Under Arms*, shortly to be made into a film by the J. Arthur Rank organisation, and also settles the question of the exact location of "Terrible Hollow," the gully where the stolen cattle were hidden: it has been reported that Rank agents flew to the Kimberleys to look for a suitable gorge.

The Massies themselves, apart from the connection with Boldrewood, were—and are—quite a family. Mr. H. H. I. Massie is a leading Sydney architect and consulting-engineer. His father, H. H. Massie, played Test cricket for Australia at the Oval in 1882; and another of the family, R. J. A. Massie, was also thought to be of Test standard until he was wounded on Gallipoli.

Robert George Massie was one of a family of 22 children; of whom, while one married T. A. Browne, another, Lucy, married Sir Frederick Darley, Chief Justice and Lieut.-Governor of N.S. Wales.

Boldrewood's original letter came back to the Massie family from Lockley's hands; and, until her death last year (at 81), was in the possession of Miss Hester Massie.

Here, signed T. A. Browne, is the letter:—

18th Sept., 1907.

Dear Mr. L.,
I have your letter of 13th and am gladly acceding to your request. I remember you very well at Mr. Lockley's, and, noting your intelligent

management of the library business, prophesied a rise in life for you—I trust it has satisfied your aspirations.

With reference to "Robbery Under Arms," the leading actor, "Starlight," was made up of several characters whose adventures I worked in—for instance, Sergeant Wallings, of the Dubbo police, was shot dead by a man (known) as "Midnight" in the same way as "Starlight" shoots Goring in the book.

The Marston brothers were portraits—the men very fine specimens of the "native born" Australian who had taken the wrong road—more's the pity! If the Boer War had been on at the time they would have distinguished themselves.

I saw a horse come to a goldfields meeting and win the big handicap much as Rainbow does in the story. He was stabled in a tent where the owner (a groom, an old jockey) slept himself. One of the stewards told him he would be late and to hurry up. "Never was late in my life" (he croaked). "Won't yer start at the advertised time?" taking out a big old watch. He mounted with great deliberation and won—"by the length of a street." A protest was entered, but no sufficient evidence was furnished that he was entered in a wrong name: so the old man saddled up, took his money and went off. I never saw him again.

"Midnight" was tracked up by the police to the Queensland boundary. They shot his horse and mortally wounded him. He refused to tell his real name to the police when he was dying.

The father of Dick and Jim was drawn from an old-hand that I knew, said to have been transported for poaching.

The four warders that were shot in cold blood belong to "another story," also the bank-robbery.

"Terrible Hollow" is a real place on the Gwydir River, New England, New South Wales. I knew the inspector-of-police who arrested the Queensland cattle- and horse-stealers who planted stolen cattle and horses there. The walls were said to be 3000ft. high there, and there was a narrow stony gully the only pathway into or out of it. The convicts knew it in old times, but for many years no one else.

The stealing of a thousand head of cattle from the Mount Cornish Inn, where at that time there was said to be sixty thousand head, was a fact, and, with such immense herds of cattle as were then known to be in Queensland, was quite possible.

In the winter the cattle "made back" in great distances, and were not mustered until spring, so that it was comparatively easy to build yards and muster a large lot without any of the people "on the frontage" being any the wiser. As a matter of fact, I saw the man who was credited with being the leader and manager of the expedition—the imported bull fixed the evidence. The real culprit was a splendid bushman and a grand-looking fellow.

The Australian girls Bella and Maddie Barnes, also Aileen Marston, were specimens of the ordinary bush natives, many of whom are remarkably good-looking and superior in appearance, education and refinement to the average of the female British peasantry.

A man named Pelly, known as "Major Pelly," who died in West Australia, and a bushranger named Frank Gordon (Gardiner?) were both erroneously said to be the models for "Starlight"—but such was not the case.

ROLF BOLDREWOOD was the pen name of Thomas Alexander Browne (1826 - 1915), the son of Sylvester John Browne, employee of the East India Company. He was borne in London on 6th August, 1826, and accompanied his parents to Australia as a child of four. He received his education at Sydney College, under W.T. Cape. At the age of seventeen he took up station life in Western Victoria, and from 1844 to 1856 was the owner of Squattlesea Mere station in the Port Fairy district. He later purchased other station properties, but suffered such heavy losses during the droughts of 1866 and 1869 that he abandoned squatting altogether.

A few years later he became a Police Magistrate and Goldfields Warden at Gulgong (N.S.W.), and was afterwards transferred to Albury from Armidale in 1885. From 1870 he contributed to Sydney and Melbourne periodicals under the 'Nom de plume' of "Rolf Boldrewood". An ardent admirer of Scott, he tells us that he "fell across these lines in the introduction to the first canto of Marmion:

"And that Red Kin, who, while of old
Through Boldrewood he chase he led
By his loved huntsmans arrow bled."

"The name took my fancy. So much so, prefacing it with a Norse or Saxon one I adopted it permanently."

His book, 'The Squatter's Dream', was published in London (1878), under the title 'Ups and Downs'. Then followed 'Old Melbourne memories' (1884). "My friend George Henry Cox said to me one day, "You would write a good bushranging story". So I said I would try. 'Robbery under arms' was the result. It first appeared as a serial in the 'Sydney Mail' during 1881. According to Browne's own statement, the main facts of the story are true, though often changed as to time and place. Though he continued to produce till 1906, and wrote in all nearly twenty books including 'The Miners Right' (1890), and 'A Sydney Side Saxon' (1891), it was 'Robbery Under Arms' that established his reputation in the literary world, and by which he is most widely known. It is a well constructed novel with a definite plot and thoughtfully organised development.

Brown knew and believed in his adopted country. "Australia birthplace of my soul, more loved than even my native land", he said "thee and thine I claim to know". And in this time; he inspired faith and optimism in the country at a time these were sorely needed even among Australians themselves. And though he loved and extolled suburb and hazardous daring, he did not condone the wrong-doing of the bushranger, for he made his heroine say; "I wonder that any man should be content with a wicked life and a shameful death".

As members know, Mr. Browne spent 10 years of his life, from 1885 - 1895 in Albury, During this time, he had been promoted from Chairman of the local Land Board to Magistrate of the local Court.

Mrs. Ella McDonald's valuable article on him in our Bulletin of August 1970 with much authentic detail relating to his family and his writing is of special value to local readers. In 1891, the Murchison Goldfield in Western Australia was discovered. Arthur Wellesley Bayley (a Victorian) and John Ford (from Queensland) were attracted and in April 1892 they left Perth for Southern Cross and thence to Coolgardie where they found gold. The resultant rush brought, amongst others, three newcomers from the eastern colonies, who also on their way to Murchison. They were Gordon Lyon, Everard Browne & Sylvester Browne, Everard's uncle and 'our' Thomas Alexander Browne was Sylvester John Browne's son. Sylvester Browne's name later was better known in Sydney and Melbourne and he later bought largely of early Melbourne land, now worth millions, only to fall a victim to the depression of the eighteen forties. It should be heartening to writers to know that Thomas Alexander Browne suffered publisher's refusals for his book before, at last, the "Sydney Mail" accepted it published in serial form. Success was immediate. Instalments were eagerly read. Circulation of the paper rose as copies were eagerly sought to read the next episode. It is said men on a station at the N.S.W. - Queensland border - not having received their regular copy - telegraphed the nearest post office to ask what happened to 'Starlight' in the encounter with police at Dunn's Plain hold-up' near Bathurst. In 1889, Macmillans of London, who became Browne's regular publishers, published an edition and in all, they are said to have published 1,000,000 copies. All English reviewers praise of "Robbery Under Arms" is quite amazing. Rolf Boldrewood was 64 years of age when this success came to him. Macmillans were the publishers of the firms famous "Colonial Edition". "The Squatters Dream" is partly autobiographical and in a copy of it, again in that "Colonial Edition", belonging to the writer of these notes, in my mother's handwriting at its conclusion, when as a girl, she gave the book to my father, himself an 'up-country' man, she wrote, "I have enjoyed this so much & am so glad that poor Jack found prosperity & happiness after so much suffering", this "New Edition" was published in 1890.

"The Miner's Right", a story of the Australian goldfields has been thus described, "the interest of the book centres mainly in the account given of life at the diggings, the various types of humanity that strut- or in those days used to strut, across that strangest of the world's stages, an Australian gold field, are capitally touched in, for he can draw a man as well as tell a story". Some passages in this book are delightful and show his love and real sensitivity to beauty of the Australian scene.

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ANNUAL MEETING, December 1977, 8.00 p.m. Tuesday 13th, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa St.,.
Tonight, after a short business meeting, the Senior-Vice-President, Mr. Rigg, will present the Annual Report, after which Mr. John Roach, Mayor of Albury will take the Chair for the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

A short programme of selected color slides by several members, who will comment on the historical aspect of their chosen slides, will precede the usual end-of-year social 'get-together' round the supper tables.

The Society Cordially welcomes members of other organisations and any interested friends and visitors to Albury.

ANNUAL REPORT 1977.

The Society has held the usual monthly meetings at the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa St., Albury and the following programs were presented to members and guests during the year:-

Dec. 1976,	Annual Meeting - "The Melba Story"	- by Mrs. F. (Rosemary) Boyes, B.E.M.
Mar. 1977,	A soldier of Fortune - "Harry Morant"	- by Mr. Des Martin.
Apl. 1977,	Discovery of Australia (Pre-Capt. Cook)	- by Hon. T.W. Mitchell, C.M.G.
May. 1977,	Slides and Talk on Osrael	- by Mrs. E. Meyer
June 1977,	Items of Historical interest	- Members Exhibits.
Aug. 1977,	Sir Norman E. Brookes, life story	- by Mrs. F. (Rosemary) Boyes, B.E.M.
Sept. 1977,	Modern Newspaper production	by Mr. Gordon Dowling
	and Process Filming	- by Mr. John Dallinger.
Nov. 1977,	Historical Aspects of India	- by Mr. C. McQueen.
Dec. 1977,	Annual Meeting and Members Slides	- Historical.

Our Thanks are extended to all who have assisted in presenting the above mentioned programs, with the usual high standards we endeavour to maintain.

Committee meetings have been conducted at members residences and we thank those who have generously offered their homes for this purpose.

The membership list has been maintained at the 140 - 150 figures, but we would like to see members assisting us to increase these numbers.

We extend our sincere thanks to those members who have loyally assisted on the museum duty roster, but we again call for more volunteers on the duty roster. This is a matter of urgency and important to our continuation.

The number of visitors to the Museum has been well maintained and several parties of School students have been conducted through during the year. Students are most welcome as we desire to create with them an appreciation of historical records, and items.

Donors of items for the Museum are to be thanked for much valuable material, and we request folks not to destroy that "old item" which may be a valuable Museum piece.

The "Water Wheel" has operated satisfactorily during the past twelve months, since being re-sited, and has recently been repainted by City Council Staff. The move has proved to be a good one, as it is now a prominent and well known landmark of the City. Don't forget we have "Water Wheel" cards for sale at 10cents each, with envelope. They can be used for Xmas or Greeting cards.

The Society conducted the 15th annual "Hovell Tree" ceremony on Friday 18th November at 5.00 p.m. to commemorate the discovery of the Hume (now Murray) river by Hume and Hovell on 17th November, 1824.

Alderman John Roach, Mayor of the City of Albury was our guest speaker. The narrative was presented in tableau form by a party of Hume Public School students and the Flag was raised and then finally furled by a party of 2nd Albury Guides.

Our thanks go to all participants in the program.

The Society extends thanks to the many people who have given valuable assistance and support during the year, in particular to;

Albury City Council and The Mayor, City Parks and Gardens Staff and Mr. Croft, Border Morning Mail; A.M.V.4; 2AY: 2CO: Wodonga Express, and also many individuals, who have contributed time, money and much personal effort towards our activities.

Finally the Society conveys sincere thanks to Members and Committee for their combined efforts during the year.

My personal thanks are extended to Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretaries, Editor, Archivist Auditor, Committee members and Roster volunteers, who have all co-operated in promoting the work of our Society.

I would also take this opportunity to extend to Members and Readers, on behalf of Mrs. Rigg and myself "Greetings for the Festive Season of 1977" and good wishes for a "Happy Prosperous New Year 1978".

L.L. Rigg.

Im. Past and Senior Vice-President.

The First Annual General Meeting was held in the Council Chambers, Dean St. on 11th ember 1961, and we ask, as then, that "a goodly attendance of members would be appreciated it is now, that each & all give serious thought to the business of the night & the future care of the Society, while happily reviewing the past years work. A change of venue & was made by the Society for its Ann. Meet. 1964 which ever since then has been held in A.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, Albury

SUBSCRIPTIONS: now due - Annual £1.50, Life \$20.00

GIFTS: Thanks are here recorded to those whose thoughtfulness has given the A.D. & H.S. the opportunity to preserve the listed articles.

Mrs. Cumminham - Book, "Zoology For Boys" by Captain Mayne Reid, 1872.

Miss Ella Barns (memb'r) - 19th Century Birthday Book.

Mr. A. E. Barry, - Photos & Records of Order of Druid's Lodge (Albury Branch)

Mr. S. A. Lansdown (Epping) - Book of Family History.

Mr. Bob Bye, - Albury, Farrier's Nail Box.

(Recorded) From Mr. Alan Harper, Wodonga, Knitting Machine in working order, used by his late Mother, and instruction Book for same.

DONATIONS:

From Mrs. R. Dunsmore, (Eastwood), Twelve Dollars.

From Mrs. Rosemary Boyes, B.E.M., From continuing sales of the Book, "OVERLAND", and a further generous contribution towards "Bulletin" costs.

The Society appreciates the interest in its welfare and financial support.

WHAT FUN! (100 YEARS AGO, FROM THE ALBURY BANNER OF 1877).

Fashion Notes: Hoop-skirts and bustles; "To be, or not to be?" is the question with regard to crinoline; for whether it be easier to suffer the pains and aches the backs of women and heir to, or by the use of crinoline, adapted to the pretties style of dress, to alleviate or end them? Hoop-skirts are now made with no bustle, no springs about the region of the loins and sweeper, to carry out the weight of the skirts from the limbs, to accelerate the chance of walking conveniently, and for preserving the heels of the boots from being rubbed through by the stiff facings, braid, and other materials used to finish the skirts of dresses around the bottom. Though we may be disposed to banish crinoline, the balayeuse, in imported costumes, shows the demand for something to sustain the hold put the skirts of dresses must perforce, not only be considered, but retained in use to a greater or less extent.

The Water Supply Scheme: We understand that a competent engineer has signified his willingness to inspect and report upon a proposal to supply Albury with water, upon the following terms: - Four guineas per day as personal remuneration, expenses of travelling to and from Melbourne, and the wages of any laborers who might have to be employed in taking levels or other measurements.

Timber Supplies: Having secured a lease of the Hawkswiew saw-mills, Messrs. Henssler and Radcliffe announce that they are now prepared to accept orders for red-gum and other hardwood timbers in any quantity that might be required by builders throughout the district.

The New-Post Office: The amended plans for the new post-office are now on view at the Court-house. The main plans, so far as the interior of the building and the accommodation are concerned, are not materially altered from the original design, but a marked improvement has been made in the apperance of the building by the addition of a parapet to the walls, and a clock-tower surmounted by cupola and vane. The clock will show four sides.

Church Architecture, Collins Street Independent Church Melbourne.

Founded in 1839, it was the first permanent church in Melbourne. The building is regarded as an important example of Joseph Reed's polychrome Lombardic brick work and the design insp red by the churches in Northern Italy. Among the early parishioners were the pioneer John Pascoe and John Gardiner of "Over-landing" fame.

HOVEL TREE CEREMONY: A pleasant day set the picture for the successful 1977 observance. The 2nd Albury Guides provided the Color Party for the Flag Raising Ceremony with Patrol Leaders Sue Haberfield & Lisa Williams & their team, Bronwyn Gibbs and Sandra Roach, and the sufficient breeze spread the Flag beautifully above the gatering as the National Anthem was sung.

A contingent from Scots School, with Mr. Peter Graham & another from Lavington East with Mr. Barry Peterson were present to enjoy with the general gathering, the fine 'production' by 17 children from Hume Public School, of the Hume & Hovell exploration party and their arrival here, (as a play) which redounded to the credit of the participants and to their teacher, Miss Lewis.

For the benefit of late-comers and to the pleasure of everyone, at the request of Mr. Rigg, the "players" repeated their acted story.

The lowering of the FLAG concluded the ceremony.
