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President: Mr. Collin McQueen. Secretary: Miss C. Klinge, 744 Pemberton Street, Albury.

Annual Meeting 13th December, 1977. C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street.

In the Unavoidable absence of the Mayor, Mr. John Roach, the Deputy Mayor,

Alan Dunlop took the Chair for the 1978 Elections of Society Officers.

President: Mr. Collin McQueen.

Senior Vice President: Mr. L. L. Rigg.

Vice Presidents: Mrs. L. Quiggin and Miss L. Stanton.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss C. Klinge.

Minute Secretary: Mrs. Anne Davies.

Committee: Mrs. F. Boyes, Mrs. G. Brown, Mr. W. W. Fielder, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood,

Mrs. M. L. Hazelwood, Mrs. D. Heywood, Mrs. J. McDonald, Mrs. E. Thomas.

The Society would like to extend its appreciation to all these people for accepting nomination to office.

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

Publicity Officer, Miss C. Klinge.

Roster Clerk, Miss Stanton.

Bulletin Editor, Mrs. M. M. Hazelwood.

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Mr. Dunlop's talk was very much appreciated, and we register thanks to him for and responses to questions engendered.

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The evening closed with the usual supper gathering and exchange of the end - of - year's good wishes.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS. Members are reminded that 1978 'subs' are due. Unchanged, \$1.50.  
Life Membership \$20.00

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Your Society through the year has upheld all its values for the organisation, but often at the expense of very dedicated work by too few. Unfortunately health reasons and departures from Albury have thinned the ranks for Museum Rostering and the Society would welcome an increased membership to support this really important phase of Albury's cultural life and its very important liaison with the schools. Classes are always arranged for. Two latterly, were from as far as Mitta Mitta and Cobram.

Don't let Albury lack what smaller places through the State achieve.

"Preserving the worth-while past, is a foundation for a worth-while future."

New-comers to Albury & anyone interested in Albury's past AND present are invited to the Society's friendly and informative free monthly meetings.

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Program for First Meeting 1978.

Tuesday, 8.00 p.m., March 14th, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Program of selected color slides by several members, who will comment on the historical aspect of their chosen slides.

Visitors welcome.

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Inauguration & Development of Albury Commercial Club.

The Club was formed in 1892 and occupied premises at the rear of a tabacconist's shop on the site upon which portion of Messrs Hunter & Stelling's business later stood. In 1907 a move was made farther down Dean Street to the premises then vacated by Messrs Emerson, Fowler and Tietjens, Solicitors, and prior to that firm, by the Albury "Border Post" proprietary.

The club had only a limited membership, and was rather at a low ebb during the war years. After that period, when numerous members returned from the war the club entered upon a cycle of prosperity.

Mr. Abe Nathan was President and acquired a vacant block of land adjoining, from the Bank of New South Wales.

Upon this site which was exchanged for the club premises, an up-to-date block of buildings was erected, comprising shops and offices with spacious rooms for the club's convenience, at a cost of P17,000.

This is still known as the Commercial Club Buildings, and is noted for its commanding appearance next to the Bank of New South Wales.

Owing to continued growth in Membership, the committee in 1934, obtained an option over land in Dean Street almost directly opposite, with the view of still further extending the activities of the Club.

Some weeks later, a special general meeting of members, sanctioned the purchase of the land and the building of the first block, known as the Wool Exchange, with tennis courts and a bowling green, at a cost of P16,000.



About 18 months later the Committee effected the sale of the old premises, and immediately set about building the new club. This was a task of no mean order considering the expansion in membership, mainly due to the sporting additions.

In this work, credit and confidence in the future was due to the optimistic outlook of president, Mr. C.W. Hill, and committeemen, Alderman A. Waugh, Mayor of the town, and Mr. C. Lillyman.

The architects were then told by the trustees that they wanted a new Club built with a view to requirements for some years to come; and after various conferences & inspections of numerous clubs throughout several states, our present plan was evolved. "We are proud to say to any visitors to Albury, "Welcome".

The magnificent and elaborate premises were officially opened on Coronation Day, May 12, by Mr. Hill. The total cost of the venture was in the vicinity of P.30,000.

In the advancement & success of any undertaking, the influence of the personal element is always the main spring. In this connection, Mr. Hill, the clubs President was the motivation force.

The expenditure of such a large sum of money aroused, as it would inevitably in every parallel case anywhere, a certain amount of opposition.

To Mr. Hill fell the responsibility of convincing the 'opposition' of the worth of the proposals, and then, by enrolling new members, of justifying his plans.

In succeeding in both, he showed true sense of his responsibility as President & has rendered a service to the town as well as to his club, which should not be forgotten lightly.

The Club gave extensive privileges to its numerous members, who had a real and justifiable pride in their Club.

The Wool Exchange was built by the club on the Dean Street Frontage, behind which the club rooms have been constructed.

(In that Exchange, wool to the value of much more than P1,000,000 was sold annually by the Albury wool brokers).

To cater for members interested in sport, the Club laid down at the rear of the premises, a bowling green & two tennis courts. By this time, the Club membership had increased to 570!

Over the years the Club has prospered and expanded to meet the needs of its members, (now 6972) & to fulfill its role as valuable asset to the welfare of Albury also. Building alterations and expansions have been carried out in recent years and further planned, as the Club carries out its principal activity, as a Registered Licensed Club providing facilities and amenities of various natures for its members.

Sporting amenities include, Bowls, Billiards, Snooker and Squash Courts, run by separate committees for them.

Of late years, women have been accepted as Associate members, a welcome privilege.

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#### Dame Ella Macknight and Bessie and Gertrude Brindley.

Of the 5 daughters of Dr. & Mrs. Conway Macknight, who lived at the corner of Kiewa and Englehardt Streets, Jean & Helen trained at the old Children's Hospital in Carlton with also the Brindley girls, (who were sisters of Mrs Ella McDonald, Albury, and did not return to Albury to live. Gertrude, after several years on the staff of the Orthopaedic Hospital at Frankston enlisted in the Army Nursing Service and was appointed to Bonegilla, at which time the Army had not arranged the type of uniform the girls were to wear or the rank of personnel. From there, she was posted to Adelaide River in the N.T. and thence to Lae 12,000 bed Army Hospital till the end of operations. For that service she was awarded an M.I.D. by the Army, and a Royal Red Cross by the Queen. She was then given a temporary discharge but re-called as Deputy Marton-in-chief at Southern Command in Melbourne during the fatal illness of Colonel Bowe. She also received the Honor of leading the Australian Women's Contingent to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2. Gertrude was also appointed as Matron of the Olympic Games in Melbourne.

Dr. Ella Macknight had a brilliant career at Melbourne University, and when the old Melbourne Hospital was converted to the name of Queen Victoria Hospital, Dr. Macknight became a highly credited Gynecologist to the institution and as Dame Ella, eventually succeeded the Chairman of the Board, Dame Mabel Brookes, on the latter's retirement.

Bessie Brindley remained on the Staff of the Childrens Hospital until she married Dr. Matthew Patrick and in view of her experience was enlisted to the Board of the Queen Victoria Hospital until 1975, when for health reasons she had to retire.

Under Dame Mabel's Chairmanship of the Queen Vic. Hospital Bessie became Senior Vice-President of the Board and President of the Auxiliaries, - the latter with its travelling all over Melbourne, sometimes more than once a week, a back-breaking under-taking.

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#### GIFTS:-

From Mrs. Devine - Large Framed Photo of John Woodland, Silver Shield Memorial at Base.

The Birthday Book from Miss Ella Barnes has the following notes above it. "Book-Covers" are of wood taken from the Royal Palace of Holyrood (Scotland), The Queen's Ancestral Residence.

It was founded in the year 1128 A.D.



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Members please note interesting programmes for the following 2 months.Monthly Meeting MAY 9th, 8.00 p.m. Tuesday, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Guest Speaker will be Mr. George Ward who by profession is a Town Planner, and his subject, "Preservation of Old Buildings and Landscapes."

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Monthly Meeting on the 13th June, as usual at 8.00 p.m. Tuesday, C.W.A. Rooms, and our Guest Speaker, Mr. Harry Boyle, who will speak on "Old Building Methods".

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The April Meeting was "Member's Night". Articles of historic interest were brought by members who gave appropriate authentic commentaries on their possessions. This was a very popular programme with amazing variety and educational interest.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS. for 1978 due and unchanged, \$1.50. Life Membership \$20.00

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"POLLY WOODSIDE".

The National Trust (Victoria) project for the restoration of the 1885 three-masted iron Barque "Polly Woodside" and placing her in the Duke's and Orr's Dry Dock site moves steadily forward. This beautiful little ship is one of considerable importance, since she is one of only about 30 19th Century deep water square-riggers still existing. She is a 600/1000 ton colonial Barque, once a common type of trading vessel and "Polly Woodside" is one of only two of the class still existing in the world.

She was launched in Belfast in 1885 for local ship owner William J. Woodside and named after his wife, "Polly".

She made 8 Westward passages round Cape Horn and first visited Australia in July 1900 at Newcastle to load coal for Chile.

She was saved from destruction, when Mr. Karl Kortum, now Director of the San Francisco Maritime Museum, told the late Dr. E. Graeme Robertson, eminent Melbourne neurologist and leading authority on cast iron work (who was visiting San Francisco in search of the old iron proticos) that he believed the old iron ship "Rona" was still afloat in Melbourne. Dr. Robertson put the proposal to save her, to the National Trust, and on 18th January 1968, "Rona" was sold to the National Trust by her owner, Howard Smith Industries and so became safe from the breaker's yard, but restoration posed great problems and the fascinating story of the search for authenticity in the work can not be told here.

The great interest developed in the project led to many donations of many kinds. The following, brings an age-old historical craft, not exercised on this scale in Melbourne for many years, into play in its standard of workmanship and authenticity, those interested.

On June 23rd 1977, the Assistant Secretary of the Seamen's Union of Australia, Mr. Roger Wilson, presented a cheque for \$3,092, the proceeds of the seamen's "Top Mast Appeal" for the ship, from individual members of the Union in about 50 Coastal ships out of the Port of Melbourne, and will be used for the purchasing and shaping of the wooden Top Masts for the ship.

Two baulks of Douglas Fir timber for the Fore and Main topmasts arrived from Canada on the ship, "Westocean". The baulks are of Admiralty standard spar grade timber and each measures 42 feet in length by 16 inches square.

A further baulk 52 feet long by 14 inches square arrived on the "Parakopi", for the mizzen topmast. Within 2 months the topmasts will be finished and volunteer members of the Seamen's Union will step them and help with the setting up of the standing rigging.

The whole operation has been remarkable for the generosity of all concerned with it.

Through the assistance of "Trend Windows" in Sydney, the timber was supplied at a generous rate by "Sea Board" of Vancouver, Canada.

Customs clearance was donated by Rodriguez and Hall Pty, Ltd., and transport of the heavy baulks was provided by T.F. Transport Pty. Ltd., and J.A.'S Express.

Donations of any size are of course welcome, to complete what will give Melbourne a permanent Memorial to the Sailing Ship and a World Class Maritime Museum.

Public viewing will be arranged as soon as possible.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. (extracted from issues of "The Albury Banner", April and May 1878).

**THE RAILWAY WORKS** - The works in progress at this end of the line are being pushed ahead with great energy. A length of two miles from the Sydney road to the big cutting at Fallon's vineyard is complete.

**THE VINTAGE** - is now fairly over in all parts of the district, and fortunately the picking was completed prior to the recent heavy falls of rain. At the Murray Valley Vineyard the gross yield is a record of more than 30,000 gallons.

**LAND SELECTIONS.** - Conditional purchases made in recent weeks at the Albury Land Office included the following: T.J. Gibson, 320a., Burrumbuttock; S. Watson, 170a., Castlestead; F. Corrigan, 40a., Wagra; H. Hawes, 84a., Bringenbrong; J. Fletcher, 320a., Manus; R. Smith, 200a., Greg Greg; Alice Parker, 100a., Manus; J. Goldspink, 100 a., Tumberumba; Owen Daly, 116a., Mullengandra; John Cusack, 50a., Carabobala; Bank of n.s.w., 40a., Mountain Creek; Hastings Cunningham & Co., 270a., Cumberoona; Wm. August Zeppi, 320a., Gerogery; Emily Gibson, 320a., Burrumbuttock; John Pierce, 100a., Greg Greg; T. Doogan, 84a., Burrumbuttock; W. Wellock, 100a., Burrumbuttock.

**SQUATTERS ARMS HOTEL.** - Cookardinia. - William H. Post begs to intimate to his friends and the general public that he has opened the above hotel. The house is large and commodious, and it will be the chief care of the proprietor to afford every convenience and comfort to travellers. The stables, in charge of a careful groom, are always kept provided with the best horse feed. Paddocks for the accommodation of travelling stock. Wines, spirits and beers of the best brands always available.

**N.S.W. MEMS.** - During last year the sheep population of the State decreased by some 3,750,000 in consequence of one of the longest droughts ever recorded.

In 1867, coal was sold for shipment at 8s. 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. per ton in N.S.W., and no strikes. In 1877 it was sold at 12s. 2d. per ton, and strikes are the order of the day.

The four 80-pounders for fortification at Newcastle are in position, and ready for immediate use. Colonel Roberts supervised their erection.

Sheep-stealing has greatly increased on the Bogan. Five thousand have been stolen from one station within the past few weeks.

**VICTORIAN MEMS.** - Mr. D. Ferguson, collector of Customs at Wodonga, has been appointed keeper of the powder-magazine at that town.

"The Age" (Melbourne) announces that the large increase in its circulation has necessitated the erection in its printing-rooms of a third "Victory" press.

The new addition to the Melbourne Art Gallery is attracting crowds of visitors. It is a work of colossal degree; and though facetiously described as "Moses putting the heavy stone", it is popularly regarded as a fascinating piece of art.

News from the "Loch Ard" wreck states that a heavy gale is blowing there. No more bodies have been washed ashore, but the vessel appears to hold well together.

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St. Albans Stud -- near Geelong.

In view of the recent sale of this old established property and famous Thoroughbred Stud, the following is of interest.

Notes of Sires who stood here.

"Bill of Portland", imported, by St. Simon - Electric Light. 50 guineas, Terms.

"Wallace", by Carbine - Melodious. Terms, \$50 guineas.

"Havoc", Terms, 20 guineas.

Apply William Yuille. Bourke St., Melbourne.

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Imperial Hotel, Albury. Advertises.

J. Kilfoil, Proprietor, begs to inform the general public and Travellers, Squatters and others from Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide that the very best accommodation will be found at the above hotel.

Cleanliness and Comfort guaranteed.

Private rooms for families.

Stabling and Livery Departments well supplied with the best Forage.

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Racing

Mr. George Russell is giving notice that he will move at the Annual Meeting of the V.R.C. members next month, that the rules of racing be altered so that no hurdle race under 2 miles shall be allowed. (!!!)



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July Meeting June 13th, Guest Speaker, Mr. Harry Boyle, whose subject was "Old Building Roads", the talk illustrated by his own Color Slides, some of which were of very old historical paintings, showing graphically the towns and areas as they then were.

July Meeting 8.00p.m., Tuesday 11th, C.V.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street,.  
The Speaker will be Mrs. M.L. Hazelwood.

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The A.&D.H.S. recently organised a series of four bus trips:- "Know your Old Albury" with National Trust recordings and classifications of old & historically interesting buildings. These trips were well organised and well patronised, Adults and Schools taking part, the 4th trip being exclusive to members of the newly formed and elected members of the Junior Council. The Society expresses thanks to the Corporation for their assistance, and also to the driver of the bus.

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#### A District Pioneer Passes On.

One of the oldest and highly respected residents of the Walbundrie district, Mr. William Gilbert Macartney, "ELLIMO" passed peacefully away in the Corowa Hospital on August 9th, 1972, aged 88 years.

The late Mr. Macartney was born at Lake Rowan, (Vic.) in his parents home, as was quite common in the country districts in those days, the neighbours wives usually assisting. All the mother was fit enough and able to take charge again. He was the ninth of 13 children born to the late Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Elizabeth Macartney, formerly of Northern Ireland.

The very little schooling that Mr. W.G. Macartney had was in the Lake Rowan District, where he remembered quite well the teenagers and the younger children catching possums by the hundreds and selling the skins to stores at Lake Rowan and St. James at about 3/6, to 4/- per dozen. This was the only pocket money most of them had. Work was almost unobtainable and his first job was on a dairy farm at 5/- per week.

In the late 1890's, his father and elder brothers came to N.S.W. looking for work. On the first night, they camped on the Buraja Government tank where it cost one penny to give their horse a drink and get a billy of water to make tea. The family later shifted to "Boomerang", Coreen, then owned by the late John Gray, where they had obtained share-farming. Mr. William Macartney later worked with his father on "Woodlawn", and his brother who had selected blocks on Mahonga and Coreen Settlement.

He was amongst the first Office-bearers of the Coreen Football Club, being the last remaining first-year player. At one stage, Coreen fielded two Senior Teams & players would contribute 1/- (one shilling) at every home match for a visiting player's tea.

Mr. Macartney was also a prominent member and held office, in the Coreen Cricket Club & the Coreen Hall Committee in the early years.

His passing was, in a sense, the passing of an epoch, the last words from a page of history that can never be written again. There are few today who can recall the hardships endured and overcome in the building of our nation. He carried with him all his life the memories of the harsh times of those early years but his philosophy of living remained firm to the end for those who would follow. That he achieved this vision is self evident in the Walbundrie district. His quiet help for a neighbour in trouble, to assistance to someone passing "on the track" was always there. One of his life-long ambitions was to leave the world a better place than it was when he came into it.

His dedication to the advancement of the district and the zeal and honest of purpose with which he laboured for any cause he thought good and just, brought him into contact with many in prominent positions and the holding of office in most district affairs and organisations, including the Walbundrie Technical Advisory Committee. He was a J.P., and he was interested in youth and in helping the growing generation.

He was always very interested in the R.S.L. and its affairs.

In World War 1, he had enlisted in the 38th Battalion and served mostly over seas till wounded at Villiers Bretonneaux in May 1918 and was discharged medically unfit late in March 1919.

At the Walbundrie Subdivision, he drew a block of 418 acres, to which he moved late January 1920 and which he still owned, worked and lived on till his death. He built up a high reputation as a horseman, having bred some of the top Welsh Ponies and Clydesdales in the district, prize winners at local Shows but his failing health led to a dispersal sale in 1936.

On Black Friday, December 10, 1926, a large fire burnt out several of the new settlers Mr. Macartney arrived with a hand-pump fitted with a hose to his Furphy water cart and put out the fire in a heavy wheat crop owned by Mr. A. Kerr.

At a meeting called by Mr. M. Attenborough and the settlers on December 19, 1926, the South Walbundrie Bush Fire Brigade was formed. It was on Mr. Macartney's property and he was elected Captain.



This was one of the first Bush Fire Brigades formed in New South Wales and their Committee was responsible for having a combined Shires meeting held at Burrumbuttock, a resolution sent forth, that each Shire divide its area into sections, with each section forming its own Fire Brigade, as it is today.

On June 18-1924, Mr. Macartney married Miss Elsie Jamieson at the Baptist Church Ballale, she now lives with her daughter Lavinia, (Mrs K.G. Schulz) at Benalla.

"Ellimo" and adjoining land which had been added over the years, is now run by the Macartney's son, Trevor, who besides his interest in the land, is interested in collecting and preserving historical information on Walbundrie and adjacent districts, as did his father in his life time.

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GIFTS: - MR. E. BARKER, Model Coolgardie Safe.

MR. BERNARD HARPER, Old Newspapers with World War 1 news and important events. Supplement, Captain Cook Centenary. Large Illustrated book, British Air Forces. Booklet "Battle of Flanders,"- Ian Hay.

MRS. GAINWARD, per MR & MRS. ALLAN, Fine photo, F. Quintrell's Orchestra. Photo - Ladies Hockey Teams, Albury, Goulburn, Cootamundra 28/6/15.

Known Orchestra personnel: Lester, Will Quintrell, Fred Clarkson, Mrs. F. Quintrell, Ken McLennen, Frank Shannasy, John Hodgson, Georges P. Frere, Chas. Smidt, Gertie Jones, Harry Brumm, Lurline Bowden, Chas. Wilkinson Junior, G. Wilkinson, John Blowers.

Should anyone know others who were members, would you please let Miss C. Klinge, 744 Pemberton Street, know the names, please. There are eleven others.

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#### GAYFER

In the early years of this century, Chiltern had reached its zenith as a mining town. But then mining started to decline. Many people dependent on the mines for a livelihood were leaving the district.

In an effort to establish a new industry, a group of prominent towns people formed a company under a local physician, Dr. C.F. Harkin. The industry they chose was wine-making. The site selected for the enterprise was 150 acres a mile south of Chiltern on the left of the Hume Highway. Planting started in August 1913. No vines had been planted on the property before. It had been a mixed farming business owned by a family called McLean.

The man appointed to manage the business was Mr. R.N. Gayfer, who had formally been a manager of a station at Belranald. He hadn't produced wine before, but he had grown grapes. In the years that followed the vineyard became known for its fine dessert wines and full bodied reds.

Initially, 65 acres of vines were planted, and Mr. Gayfer manufactured his wines in what had been the engine house of a gold mine. Vats and casks were manufactured in the district, or purchased from wineries that ceased production, and the plant was complete with the exception of a roof to the cellar, which wasn't erected until Mr. Gayfer had made his second wine. The building is a hundred years old this year, and is still used as a cellar by Mr. K.B. Gayfer, the present owner. It was located at three different pit heads above mines in the Chiltern Valley before being shifted to its present site in 1919.

In time Dr. Harkin bought out his business partners and worked the property until 1948, when he sold to the Gayfer family.

At present there 45 acres of vines, and new stock is being planted as the original plants reach the end of their effective bearing time.

Dessert wines produced include sherries and ports, and in addition there are dry reds, Chablis, and Sauterne. Over recent years the vineyard has won several awards including First Prize for a vintage port at the 1966 Rutherglen Show and First Prize for a red sweet at Rutherglen in 1967.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO - (Extracted from issues of the "Albury Banner", June & July, 1878).

Bethanga Copper Find: - Relin, Davis & Co. have come across a good strike of copper on their claim along the Welcome line. The new find consists of a patch of gold-bearing stone running parallel with the copper lode. About 70 tons of the stuff is ready to grass, and is being crushed at Martin's mill. Two of the furnaces of this company are now in full work, and last week turned out three tons of nearly pure copper.

Municipal Endowment: - The Mayor (Ald. Jones) has received an intimation from the Treasury to the effect that, Parliament having sanctioned an appropriation for the payment to country municipalities of a sum equal to half the rates collected from the Municipal year ending 4th February, 1878, the amount due to the Borough of Albury was now available.

A Good Idea: - Since the beginning of the recent cold weather, Mr. Powell, of the Rose Inn, has set an excellent example by providing a serve of hot soup for his customers. This is now obtainable for the very moderate charge of 6d., between the hours of 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.



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Guest speaker, Miss Lucy Staton, her subject, "Reminiscences."

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Monthly Meeting, July 11th. Mrs. M.L. Hazelwood was Guest Speaker and began by reading a letter written over 100 years ago by a young Scottish school teacher in an American country school, and detailing succour to a young negress, who with her baby, was fleeing from persecution.

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Monthly Meeting, August 8th Mr. Mervyn Franks gave us a detailed talk on his subject, "Aboriginal Tribal Life."

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### ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

#### HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS:

Mrs. F. Boyes.

Mr. C.C. Hazelwood.

LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS: Mrs. Buckmaster, P.D. Burrows, Commercial Club, W.H. Chambers, Mrs. D. Carnegie, Albury City Council, Belbridge, Hague & Co., Crooke & Sons, N.D. Douglas, Mrs. Derkenne, W.W. Fielder, F.C. Griffith, B.A. Geddes, Mrs. B.A. Geddes, Mrs. D. Heywood, Hon. T.W. Mitchell, O. Moll, Mrs. O. Moll, Mrs. O. Odewahn, G.C. Mackie, D. Martin, Mrs. M. Perry, Mrs. J. Read, Mrs. R.A. Siems, Peter Sutherland, Mrs. E. Schneider, Tietjens, Angel & Jackling, S.F. Webb, Mrs. S.F. Webb.

LIST OF FINANCIAL MEMBERS. (Ordinary) Mr. & Mrs. A. Allan, Albury & District Chamber of Commerce, Colin Angus, Mr & Mrs. J. Anderson, Miss E. Barnes, D.A. Bryan, D.J. Bryan, C.E. Bunton, Mrs. C.E. Bunton, A.T. Butt, Mrs. E. Batstone, Mrs. H. Ballahuse, E.L. Barker, Mrs. G. Brown, F. Boyes, Ald. M. Barry, J.B. Barton, W.E. Colley, T. Chubb, A. Colquhoun & Co., Commercial Banking Co. Syd. Christian Bros, Aquinas College, Mrs. H.S. Diffey, Mrs. R. Davies, I.C. Davis, Mrs. R. Edwards, Mrs. V. Ellis, Mrs. H. Edwards, Mrs. H. Endacott, Mrs. W. Fielder, Miss A. Fletcher, Miss O. Fellowes, G.S. Frauenfelder, Mrs. L. Godden, Darryl. G. Guy, Miss M. Gibson, Mrs. M.L. Hazelwood, Mrs. E. Henwood, J. Henwood, F. Heath, Mrs. L. Heath, F.B. Higgins, J.D. Hunter, Mrs. E. Holloway, S. Hume, Mrs. I.E. Hovell, J.H. Hovell, K.J. Irons, Jindera Pioneer Museum, Mrs. J.A. Jewell, Miss C. Klinge, B. Klinge, J. Kiley, Mrs. J. Kiley, Mrs. C.F. Laycock, John Livsey, Mrs. J. Livsey, Mrs. R.H. McDonald, C. McQueen, Mrs. E. Moll, Mrs. G.C. Mackie, Murray Valley Development League, Mrs. N.H. Morley, Mrs. J. Macdonald, Mrs. L. Maudsley, Ald. A. Mair, Mrs. R. Millwood, P.L. Nugent, Mrs. M. Nicholson, North Albury High School, R. Nicolson, Mrs. E. Paech, Mrs. M. Patman, Mrs. C.S. Paton, Mrs. L. Perry, Mrs. A. Pidgeon, Quota Club, Mrs. A.L. Quiggin, John Roach, Mrs. A. Robinson, L.L. Rigg, Mrs. L. Rigg, Basil Ryan, Mrs. G.H. Stedman, Miss L.A. Staton, Mrs. O. Schilg, H. Stelling, Mrs. J. Student, W.A. Smith, Mr. E. Smith, Mrs. P.F. Seymour, R. Snow, Mrs. R. Snow, St. Joseph's High School, Miss M. Staton, Miss K. Thompson, Mrs. D.A. Thompson, The Scots School, Mrs. E. Thomas, Miss M. Vernon, P.G. Vickers, Mrs. A.D. Watson, Miss P. Watson, K.D. Williams, Mrs. Ian Watson, Ald P. Wallace.

#### THE MACKNIGHT FAMILY.

The family history from a short paragraph from "The Australasian." Charles Macknight, mounted on a thoroughbred, & wearing patent leather boots reaching to the knees, was a familiar figure in the Western District. He always wore high boots. He was a 'man of parts'. He had been trained in science and possessed a flair for music. "With some knowledge of the element of science & a love of music, no man need shrink from the loneliness of the bush", he would say.

Macknight was killed in a bushfire by a falling limb from a burning tree. All his 6 children were living (at the time of this article). Dr. C.C. Macknight, (Warrnambool). Dr. Conway Macknight, (Albury) Dr. W.C. Macknight (Auckland). Mr. A.C. Macknight (Architect Rutherglen) Mrs. Riordan (Aramdale) and Mrs. Newton (Warrnambool).

Doctor Conway Macknight was the Doctor at Urana for some years. He always drove a buggy with very good horses. It was through his influence that the Urana Golf Club was formed. He later bought Dr. O'Shaughnessy's practice in Albury on the corner of Kiawa and Eaglehardt Streets, and lived there with his family. Daughters followed in the family medical tradition and Dr. Ella Macknight has had a distinguished career as a gynaecologist in Melbourne & in 1970 was created a Dame of the British Empire.

After Burgoyne bought the Mt. Ophir property, they brought in Mr. A.C. Macknight F.R.A.I.A. of Rutherglen (Vic) and Corowa (N.S.W.) as architect for the enlargement of the cellars & building.

He possessed that rare Scotch mixture of commonsense and Romanticism & apparently a leaning to the architecture of Normandy & French Chateaux, for his towers were things of beauty.



THE MACKNIGHT FAMILY CONT.

The three-storeyed round tower was added, to serve as an office & storerooms, the ground floor being equipped with solid oak furniture, (after all, Burgoynes were English!) The brick walls of Mt. Ophir, by the way, were 13 inches thick.

When the Albury Golf Club decided to build a new Club House, 'Sandy' Macknight was engaged as architect & so the well-designed Club House came into being. (with R. Gould as builder) Despite all this, Mr. Macknight was a staunch advocate & a tireless worker in the cause of 'Pisé'. Many fine modern pisé homes in the Riverina & Murray Valley districts are monuments to his 40 years of Architectural service. Pisé (pronounced "Pee-zay") is the rammed earth method of construction. Soil in the nature of sandy loam, in a moist but not sloppy or muddy condition, packed hard by ramming into a mould or form, in position on the wall. Pisé was introduced by the Romans into Normandy where it was known as 'Pise De Terre' & was later adopted in England, & such homes are found in many countries of the world. There is or was a pisé church in Leston, N.S.W. & houses in both Corowa & Rutherglen. Up to a few years ago the remains of very old buildings could be seen at Walbundrie & near Bulgandry. "ADOBE", (pronounced "ADOH- BEE") is sun dried mud block construction. In Chapter 5 Exodus, where Jehovah commanded that the Children of Israel should not be given straw to make bricks, that was the work they were set to do, and those were Mud Bricks — Adobe Bricks, and they needed straw. For thousands of years the method has been used. In California the most pretentious, modern & up-to-date houses are to be seen.

Straw, in length from 4" to 6" is mixed with the wetted mass, distributed throughout the mix as evenly as possible. Modern homes, both single & two storey, of these two types of construction are common in the Eltham district, Victoria.

The following (by kind permission of the Melbourne "AGE") is of interest. "An adobe home on 10 acres near Healesville is valued at \$504,000. Its owners, have moved to Ballarat, are planning another 'adobe' house, 7 main rooms, which include a large main room, 3 bedrooms, an office, dining room & kitchen. The owners of another house at Eltham are planning extension in 'adobe', to provide more sleeping accommodation & a games-room to take a full-sized billiard table.

"Pisé"—, painting with ordinary oil paint or resin-based paint is probably the cheapest method of providing a water-proof finish of reasonable durability to the walls. Oil paints adhere well to the surface of earth walls. A better finish is either clear raw linseed oil or thin paint. The wall must be thoroughly dry & the surface rubbed to remove board marks. With a paint brush linseed oil is then applied, brushing it well in at the rate of about 3 quarts to every 100 sq. feet, after which 2 coats of standard paint should be applied Adobe walls may be coated in much the same way as pisé.

100 years ago:

W.W. Fielder.

Town Street Lighting. — After a lengthy discussion at the recent meeting of the Borough Council on the question as to the number of street lights required, it was decided to lift the lamps from the Club Hotel down to the turn of the road to the hospital; to a lamp in Wodonga Place; to remove the lamp from Mr. Justice's shop; and to light two lamps at the intersection of Dean and Kiewa Streets.

David Street Footpaths. — It is plainly evident that the reason chosen by our Council for reducing the footpaths in David Street to one uniform level, is a rather unfortunate one. After the late rains the newly formed paths are nothing but beds of slush, and the middle of the roadway on a wet day is incomparably better walking, no matter how muddy it may be.

Land Selections:— Conditional purchases made in recent weeks at the Albury Land Office included the following: A. Krause, 299A., Burrumbuttock; David Pabst, 42A., Carabolbala; C. Terlich, 26A., Burrumbuttock; Thomas Smiles, 64A., Germanton; t.h. Mate, 180A., Castlestead; Edgar Sheather, 320A., Greg Greg; A.T. Hamilton, 400A., Munderoo; W.S. Cheshire, 480A Mountain Creek; Gilbert Logan, 400A., Round Hill; Jno. Herbertson, 150A., Corryong; W.O. Manning, 120A., Billabong; Wilhelm Hof, 104A., Burrumbuttock; E.M. Williams, 640A., Little Billabong; J.G. Kalms, 40a Bungowannah; Andrew Hore, 80A., Cumberoona; P. Gordon, 150A., Tooma; H.E. Incartney, 400A., Tooma.

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DENTISTRY: Mr. Ernest W. Morgan, Bourke Street, Melbourne. April 27th. 1888.

Surgeon & Mechanical Dentist.

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desire to intimate that I am bringing the "Laughing" or "Nitrous Oxide Gas" with me this trip. Next visit, April 26th or 27th.

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Bully Meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday 14th November, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, ALBURY.

Guest Speaker: - Mr. Cliff Chamberlain.

September Monthly Meeting, Programme, "Reminiscences" Miss Lucy Staton.

Miss Staton joined the Victorian Bush Nursing Association to work in a special field, with what was called a riding centre, in Gippsland in the Toora, Welshpool, Yarram area. The nurse must be able ride to fully service an area with a 5 mile radius from where she was stationed. The location and poor roads made this necessary. There had to be a doctor within call of the Sister's territory, for urgent serious cases and child birth. Miss Staton's story was both full of interest and amusing.

October Monthly Meeting's Speaker was our member, Mrs. Frank Boyes, whose subject, the Cook Story was illustrated with colour slides, and dealt with little known aspects of his boy-hood, early life and remarkable career. It seemed fitting that this lecture followed the Wodonga afternoon's photographic story of the development of our main arterial highway, the Hume, which really carried on a basic story even from Cook's Australian venture. For through the many phases of Australian Development, in this particular case from the walked track of the early explorers, Hume and Hovell, across still un-known country, this chapter dealt with the difficulties and outreaching from primitive road conditions through the two main Australian States, to the ease and safety of 1978, and the Defence importance of that, carried on Australian History. A long reaching-out through time. The careful restoration of Cook's Cottage in the Fitzroy Gardens, Melbourne, and as far as possible, the authentic furnishing of the cottage was completed in time for the 250th Anniversary of Captain Cook's birthday on Friday 27th October, 1728, when, in 1978, Sir Zelman Cowen performed the re-opening ceremony. The Anniversary was celebrated in England recently with the opening of the new Cook Museum.

Lansdown Slattery & Company, Mona Vale N.S.W.

We note that this firm announce the long awaited re-print of the monumental Historical Record of N.S.W. as well as other re-prints of valuable historic material.

From the "Australasian" of June, 1915 re the Drought of 1850 - 51.

In 1915 a constant topic of conversation during the last few weeks has been the relative severity of the recent drought as compared with some of its predecessors. The conditions of the country now are so totally different to what they were then, that one can only make deductions by reading of the experiences of some of the early pioneers. It seems necessary to go as far back as 1850 - 51 to find a counterpart of this last episode, so far at least as regards to what is now known as Riverina. The period referred to dealt with the shepherding days.

The writer of the following was John Francis Huon Mitchell, 3rd son of William & Elizabeth Mitchell, who often signed himself "Chips". Mr. John Mitchell left Mungabeena (?) at the age of 19, in June, 1850, to act as pilot to 5 men and 5,000 mixed ewes and lambs into the then unknown outside country. At the outset, finding here and there a few waterholes in the Billabong Creek, fairly satisfactory progress was made as far as Gunnongbill, now Goonambill. At this point the party had to turn off into other unknown country, where there was grass and saltbush, and one miserable little waterhole. The country around was flat, with occasional sandy ridges covered with scrub, saltbush and herbage and a species of rib grass. A camp was formed on a sandy ridge on the fringe of a low depression, which was named Gum Swamp. This, at the time, was a dry waste, but in winter would hold two or three feet of water and be covered with all kinds of waterfowl. Hardships of every description were encountered, but, in consequence of the weather being so dry, the process of camping under a few sheets of bark erected tent fashion, was not such an inconvenience as it might otherwise have been. Water, however was very scarce, the daily supply having to be carted in two 10 gal. kegs, with a bullock dray over a distance of three miles. The reservoir from which this supply came was a claypan, known as Mobalon, the capacity of which, being fairly small, necessitated great economy. This clay-pan, like others in the district, had been dug out by lubras with yam sticks and had been filled by a passing deer storm. It had fortunately been discovered some time previously by Mr. Mitchell's father, Mr. Charles Huon, when out looking for pasture, and had been passed on to Mr. Mitchell's father to meet their immediate needs. The party remained there 4 months, during which time they had to put up with varied privations and experiences, much aggravated by the wild dogs, which were in packs and very daring, necessitating constant watching of the sheep, both day and night. Through all these hardships none of the party suffered a day's illness, and all their troubles were temporarily forgotten on return to the head station, Thurgoona and a dip



continued.

in the River Murray.

### "CAMBOURNE"

When David Fletcher Jones parents migrated to Australia they settled in Golden Square, Bendigo. When he himself was on leave from a Military Hospital, Cambridge, in World War I, Fletcher Jones travelled down to Cornwall, the land of his fore-fathers. He went to the end of the line looking for the little town of Pool, --- not knowing its name was changed to CARNBRAE.

He met an old school mate of his fathers who became his host and tourist guide and at Cambourne saw the little old stone house which the Jones and Oxenham families had shared. The solid brick house in Wodonga known as "Cambourne" was built in c 1890 by the Albury Builders & Architects, Gordon & Gordon, for Mrs. Rebecca Sarah Carkeek and is now owned by her great-grandson, Mr. John S. L. Potter. The house received its name from above mentioned "Cambourne" township in Cornwall, England, from where the Carkeek family migrated.

A National Trust publication describes "Cambourne" as a fine intact example of a late boom style Italianate villa in transition to Queen Anne, with columns in pairs and unusual use of ornamental cast iron in verandah gables.

The firm Gordon & Gordon, Architects & Surveyors, also built the Smollett Street home built for F. A. Selle in 1899.

### GIFTS FROM FRIENDS AND WELL - WISHERS.

Old type washing board from Estate Mr. W. Small.

Mrs. Cotterill Davies, an English visitor to relatives in Albury brought with her this special Souvenir of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1837 - 1897.

An attractive "Farthing" folder containing pins.

Aldine Centennial History of N.S.W. 1788 - 1888. Vols. 1 & 2 from Mrs. L. Patterson.

Three Posters depicting old housing styles, from Mr. Harry Boyle.

### MELBOURNE CUP NEWS.

"ARCHER". This horse walked 550 miles to be among the 17 starters in the Melbourne Cup. After walking from his stable in Novra N.S.W. the great "Archer" won the 1st Cup by 6 lengths & then went on to win his second successive Cup in 1862, a feat that was to remain unequalled for more than a century.



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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th December, at 8 p.m. in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, ALBURY.  
The Mayor of Albury, Mr. John Roach, will take the chair for the Election of Officers. The important reviewing of the past years work will be brought before you in the reading of the Presidents Report.  
Nominations for Office must be in the hands of the Secretary before the Meeting.  
This is the last meeting till March, 1979, so supper will be served and the end of the year Social gathering will conclude the evening and interested members of the public are cordially invited.

The agenda will be as follows:-

Reading the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in December, 1977.

Presentation of the President's Annual Report.

The Mayor of Albury will then take the Chair for the Election of Officers for 1979 - President, Senior Vice-President, 2 Vice Presidents., Secretary - Treasurer, Minute Secretary, Publicity Officer, Research Officer, Bulletin Editor, Auditor, Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT 1978.

1978 has been very interesting for me to be in the Chair for the Society's activities. The monthly meetings, as for the last 14 years, have been held in the C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street,

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| March     | - | Member's slides.   |
| April     | - | Member's items of historical interest.                                     |
| May       | - | Mr. George Ward, A.W.D.C. on preservation of Old buildings and landscapes. |
| June      | - | Mr. Harry Boyle Old time building methods.                                 |
| July      | - | Mrs. Hazelwood.  |
| August    | - | Mr. Merv. Franks local aboriginal culture.                                 |
| September | - | Miss Lucy Staton, Reminiscences of bush nursing in Gippsland.              |
| October   | - | Mrs. Frank Boyes, The Captain Cook Story.                                  |
| November  | - | Mr. Cliff Chamberlain Aspects of early days in Albury.                     |

Many thanks to all those enjoyable speakers.

During the year various other activities occurred. One day in July a very successful series of "Historical Tours of Albury" were carried out, in which various people participated, including many school students. The bus and driver were very kindly supplied by the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation. It has become apparent that nowadays our Museum is rather small to attract large members of visitors, if we are able to develop a bigger, brighter Museum, I am sure more people will be interested to join the Society, (and also some members will have a lot more room around their homes). It is a great disappointment to me that there seems to be very little active interest in historical activities amongst younger people in our community. We must attract more younger members to provide a solid base for the future of the Society. There has been much discussion about the future of the Museum this year, and various 'possible' buildings have been examined - the Court House, the old F & G. building, the old Town Hall and the Technical College. I think, in one location or another, in a couple of years time we will have a big challenge on our hands in developing a new museum. Thanks to those members who helped so willingly on the Museum Roster. The Hovell Tree celebration on the 17th November, was very successful, with a good crowd in attendance and a delightful 'professional' singing performance from the pupils of St. Anne's School.

This year has also seen a rash of the most important historical buildings in Albury come up for sale. Firstly, we need to educate the community about the importance of preserving some of these buildings and the character of central Albury for future generations. Secondly, important legislation, the Heritage Act, has become active in N.S.W. this year, which gives legal backing to the preservation of these buildings. Thirdly, I think we need to press for overall planning to preserve the character of central Albury. Owners could possibly be encouraged to maintain historical properties by being given rate relief by the Council. I am sure by persistence, we can make a big contribution in this area. Remember, "The Squeaking Wheel gets the Grease".

Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Quiggan attended a Seminar in Goulburn on publishing local histories. Lets hope that in one way or another Mrs. McDonald's book on the history of Albury can be published.



Many thanks to those hard-working members who keep the Society running smoothly. The biggest and most important task, producing the news-letter to keep members in touch, has been wonderfully maintained by Mrs. Hazelwood. Thanks for your efforts in a task that takes up so much time for so little reward.

Miss Chris Klinge has ably performed the task of Secretary-Treasurer, Anne Davies, Minute Secretary, Miss Staton for organising the Museum Roster, and thank-you to other members of the Committee and members who assisted the Society this year. Despite her distant home Mrs. Frank Boyes untiring zeal and financial support has been an inspiration to us, and the launching of her "Hume Highway" book and The Hume Highway photographic exhibition, both in Wodonga were highlights during the year, as was her suggestion that the Society have a plaque erected at the Hovell Tree site. Thanks also to the Albury City Council for their general support and the Mayor, Alderman Roach, for addressing us at the Hovell Tree ceremony. It is with great regret that we record the deaths of members of our Society and to any members who are presently not well, then best wishes for a fine recovery and a Happy Christmas and 1979.

It has been a pleasure to me to be President of the Society this year and I look forward to continued membership of the Society.

Colin McQueen.

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#### MONTHLY MEETING 14TH NOVEMBER.

Guest Speaker, Mr. Cliff Chamberlain spoke on many facets of conditions and events in the early years of Albury, and his racy pictures of some of them (much enjoyed by his hearers) did not destroy the completely factual background of the incidents. A most interesting cover of the times.

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THE HUME & HOVELL remembrance day this year fell on the actual date, 17th November. The Programme was in charge of the A.D. & H.S. President, Mr. Colin McQueen who, after the Flag Raising Ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem, introduced the Mayor of Albury, Mr. J. Roach and other guests and then the officiating school, St. Anne's. The unusual presentation by the St. Anne's Group of history depicted in song, was greatly appreciated by all those present, and we thank them and their teacher Mr. R. Stocker. Also Michael Murtagh of the "Albury Venturers" in charge of the important Flag raising Ceremony and Mr. Martin Schilg who attended to the necessary arrangements for this. The A. D. & H. S. expresses thanks to Curator, Mr. Croft and his staff for their work in preparing the area.

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#### DEDICATION.

An important feature during the afternoon's ceremony was the unveiling and dedication of a plaque and its attractive base, situated near the Hovell Tree and the tree planted by Mrs. L. Quiggin, the Society President on the occasion of the Hume & Hovell Sesqui-Centenary, November, 1974. This tree, being of the same species, may to retain history in years to come replace the Hovell Tree. At that time group planting of other trees by descendants of the Hume & Hovell families took place. Since then Mr. Ross Hovell has died. Till now there has been no information on the spot, of the relevance of these trees, and the joint effort by the Historical Society and the City Council is to be applauded as giving further significance to the area.

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The original idea of planting these trees was suggested by Mrs. Frank Boyes.

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Members of Year 6 Class from St. Annes, who produced and sang their Hume and Hovell song at the 17th November Annual remembrance gathering.

Julie Allen,  
Gerard Butts,  
Katrina Caton,  
David Cooper,  
Jan Cruikshank,  
Jeannie Denpsey,  
Angela Drake,  
Laurie Farrugia,  
Donna Hills,  
Fiona Hore,  
Diane Hunt,  
Tracey Keely,

Peter McGoverne,  
Beth Miller,  
Tania Naughtin,  
Bev. Odgers,  
Michael Ofak,  
Helen Robinson,  
Roger Smith,  
Paula Stevens,  
Susan Struck,  
Kathryn Tane,  
John Vogel,  
Karen Worsley,