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Patrons: Mr. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E. Mr. Gordon Mackie.

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

Annual Meeting: Tuesday 12th December, 8 p.m. C.W.A. Rooms, Kiawa Street, Albury.

This was held on December, 12th in the C.W.A. Rooms as usual and became the most remarkable ever held by the A. & D. H.S. or probably by any other Society. Owing to the Hall being taken by another organisation for the previous night, 11th December and the following one, 13th December, the rooms were still set up for their special requirements and the A. & D.H.S. Committee on their arrival were dismayed to find no ordinary Hall light switches operable except the usual kitchen lighting.

Nothing daunted, arrangements were made to have the official table and seating pulled across to get light from the wide kitchen serving window, while the large gathering faced it and sat in an atmosphere of rather "dim religious light" in an attitude of close attention to the business in hand. To improve lighting for the work of the Officers, enterprise noted a collection of bottles with candles in their tops and some of these were arranged along the official table! All that was lacking was a first-rate photographer to record the romantic scene.

Coping with arrangements necessary for serving the plentiful and luscious supper was not easy but with the co-operation of all was satisfactorily dealt with. It was good to once more have Mr. C. E. Bunton O.B.E. in the Chair, officiating in his usual efficient and experienced role of conducting an Annual Meeting (a lesson for all aspirants for that office

member, since he called the Inaugural Meeting that launched the Society, on Tuesday 8th December, 1960, when Mayor of Albury; our Auditor for many years; and a Patron of the Society; Mr. Bunton has always been ready to assist the Society.

We were pleased to welcome, with him, Mrs. Bunton, who is also a Foundation Member. After the reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting and dealing with business arising there-from, the President, Mr. Colin McQueen presented a comprehensive report of an important years activities which also expressed needs and desires the Society has held for some years and still holds, looking to the future.

The Chair was then taken by Mr. Bunton O.B.E. and the election of Officers was as follows:-

President: Mr. Colin McQueen,
 Senior Vice President: Mr. Len Rigg,
 Vice Presidents: Mrs. Lila Quiggin and Miss Lucy Staton,
 Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Chris Klinge.
 Minute Secretary: Mrs. Anne Davies.

Committee : - Mrs. F. Beyes, Mrs. G. Brown, Mr. W. W. Fielder, Mr. C. C. Hazelwood,
 Mrs. M. L. Hazelwood, Mrs. D. Heywood, Mrs. J. McDonald.

Mr. Bunton congratulated the Society for the response of members to the call for office.

Research Officer and Archivist - Mr. W. W. Fielder.

Publicity Officer: Miss C. Klinge.

Roster Clerk: Miss L. Staton

Bulletin Editor: Mrs. M. L. Hazelwood.

Subscriptions - It was decided unanimously that the 1979 Subscription be \$2.00 Members and Friends please note.

Program for first Meeting 1979 Tuesday 8 p.m. March 13th, C.W.A. rooms, Kiawa Street,.
 Guest Speaker will be Mrs. D. Heywood, whose interesting subject will be "Hawksview",.
 Visitors always welcome. Come and hear your district history.

Robert Brown 1st settler at "The Crossing" and so founder of the settlement which became Albury, died 100 years ago at Corowa on 19th February, 1879. To pay tribute to him, members of the A. & D.H.S. held a commemoration gathering in the Botanic Gardens on Monday 19th at 10 a.m. and the recently restored Band Rotunda was dedicated in memory of him. To fit the occasion, the Society President, Mr. C. McQueen, and a group of other members wore period costumes of that era.

The Albury City Council co-operated with the Society's plans and we record our thanks for the provision of seating and especially, morning tea for all, which was served in a shady spot on the lawns near by, especially as this was a welcome opportunity for special guests, the descendants of Robert Brown himself, together and exchange family interests, in the meeting of relations from a widely scattered area, some of whom had not met before. The main speaker was our Historian member, Mrs. Frank Boyes, who with her husband, had travelled from Melbourne to be present. We are especially indebted to her, for she, first of all, with her wide knowledge of historical matters, reminded us that this particular date was approaching and should not be overlooked, as it, with other Centenary gatherings we have held, related to our early history.

In this case, to a man who was our first permanent settler, and remained here and in the local district all his life.

Also she wrote and produced for the Society, the valuable booklet, appropriately titled. "Remembering Robert Brown", free copies were given to all the descendants present and will be presented to all Albury and Wodonga Schools and also Corowa. They may be bought by the general public, if our Secretary is contacted or at the Museum.

The day was perfect and the setting delightful for the large crowd assembled. The lovely period dressing was a real feature and much admired and it was pleasing to have so much representation from the schools.

We thank Mr. Walker and his Band from Albury Public School-- who became the first to play from the new Band Stand.

The Albury Historical Society appreciated the response to invitations to special organisations, as follows,-- Mr. Clarrie Hamdorf representing Mr. Frank Corrigan, President of the Albury Show Society which began with a meeting convened by Mr. Robert Brown at King's Criterion Hotel in Hume Street, and the Albury and Murray River Agricultural and Horticultural Society was formed, on January 13, 1857. Also Mr. Quin, Albury's Post Master. When the first horse-back mail had begun, letters were deposited at Brown's "Accommodation House" near the river and later at the "Hume Inn" built by him.

And Dr. Hogan, superintendent of Albury Base Hospital. Robert Brown having in 1857 made a stirring appeal which resulted in that we have today.

Dr. Hogan spoke on the very early medical plans for Hospitals, which led to the first country ones being considered.

Mr. John Brown then asked to say a few words on behalf of the descendants present and quoted Obituaries to R.B. from Arthur Andrew's Albury history.

At the conclusion of the Address by the Mayor of Albury, Mr. John Roach, he performed the official ceremony on unveiling the Plaque -- dedicating the new Rotunda as "The Robert Brown Memorial Rotunda", and the Society Secretary Miss Chris Klinge, laid a sheaf of flowers at the foot of the Memorial Plaque.

A light luncheon for the visitors was provided by the Committee at the home of Miss Lucy Staton, again providing the visitors a much appreciated opportunity "for getting to know each other".

Robert Brown was of Irish birth and parentage. He arrived in the Colony in 1820 at the age of 7 and first lived at Campbelltown with his parents. In 1836 he came to Albury, Mrs. Boyes mentioned in her talk that stations at that time were very large. When Robert Brown took up Collendina (meaning "swirling waters") with the homestead near the River, about 10 or 12 miles below Corowa, it included the later properties of Sandy Ridges, Bull Plain, Cow Pastures, Sanger's Mistake, Dry Forest and Buraja. In 1867, he disposed of the lease and only retained 1,000 acres of his original holding, and in 1878 he disposed of the remainder to W. Hay & Sons. When a private company was established to build a Wooden Toll Bridge at Corowa, Robert Brown was one of those involved. They had the right to levy tolls for 21 years. Robert Brown was not only concerned with cattle, in the early fifties, he had 150 acres under wheat at Collendina and in February, 1857 Robert Brown offered 1,000 bushels of wheat for sale, that had been grown on Collendina.

To Robert Brown --- for his initiative, his enterprise and his accomplishments -- this tribute ---

"One who never turned his back, but marched breast forward".

The A. & D. H.S. is proud to have achieved the contact with so many of this descendant Robert Brown and his wife, Anne, as was the custom of those times, had a large family, but all we knew, was that his eldest daughter, Fanny's name was perpetuated in the name of the Fanny Ceres Flour Mill, Dean Street, Albury. By means of advertisement and assistance from those people who replied and a lot of work by our Secretary, we finally were made happy to gain the response and presence of all those whose names are in the following list.

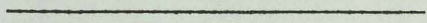
John Brown (Canberra), Alice Gorman (Savernake), Ida Hore (Tocumwal), Debbie Hore (Mulwala), Molly Hehir (Box Hill), May (Tobe) McDonald (Mulwala), Honor McDonald (Mulwala), Roger McDonald (Mulwala), Dianne McDonald (Mulwala), Mark McDonald (Mulwala), Gabrielle McDonald (Mulwala), Hamish McDonald (Mulwala), Bill Mullarvey (Melb.), Jim Mullarvey (Melb.), Mrs. Carolan (America), Bridget Nagle (Savernake), Elizabeth Nagle (Savernake), Lewis Nagle Jnr. (Savernake), Eileen Nagle (Mulwala), Patricia Sinnott (Melb.), Megan Sinnott (Melb.), Tracey Sinnott (Melb.), Shirley Schneider, Christine Schneider (Yarrawonga), Louise Schneider (Yarrawonga), Joan Stickland (Benalla), Mollie Taplin (Box Hill), Vonnie Wharton (Woodstock Q'ld), Eileen Whyte (Albury).

Apologies were sent by the following:- Lewis and Anne Nagle, Brian Nagle, Sister Barbara (Albury), Mrs. James Turner (Melbourne), Mr. & Mrs. McDonald (Bundalong), Margaret Nagle (Melb.), Catherine Nagle (Melb.), Ken and Noel Taplin (Melb.), Brian Field (June), Gordon Mullarvey (Melb.), Ray Mullarvey (Mulwala), Kath Miller (Mulwala), Joan Martin (Melb.)

Bert Brown and Anne Crowe were married at Appin 1842 by the Rev. Dean Goula.

Children of this marriage were:-

Frances Jane Brown	Born	Albury	July 24th,	1843
Edward James	Born	Appin	June 28th,	1846
Agnes Amelia	Born	Collindina	Jan. 9th,	1849
Robert Brown	Born	Collindina	Feb. 4th,	1852
John William	Born	Collindina	Mar. 25th,	1854
Maria Louise	Born	Collindina	June 16th,	1856
Annie Josephine	Born	Collindina	Mar. 13th,	1859
Florence Brown	Born	Collindina	Feb. 12th,	1860
Robert Charles	Born	Collindina	Oct. 4th,	1861
Frederrick George Brown	Born	Collindina	Dec. 3rd,	1867



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Monthly Meeting 8th May, 8 p.m. C.W.A. Rooms, Kiwra Street, ALBURY.

Programme:- Short talks on historical items of interest, brought by members.

Similar programmes have been very popular & items of unusual and valuable historic interest have been shown.

Subscriptions for 1979 - \$2.00 per member, are now due.

At the March meeting, Mrs. Heywood told the authentic story of the well-known "Hawksview" property. The wide range from earliest district settlement, tracing its subsequent history and the people concerned with it over the years was a valuable and fascinating piece of local history.

At the April Meeting - Mr. Cook Clerk of Petty Sessions, was guest Speaker, and we appreciated the trouble he took, in bringing very old volumes both large and small, for us to look at, which illustrated his talk on the keeping of records of the various activities of people through the years, that is a part of the legal work of the Department of the Attorney General and of Justice. It was unusual and enlightening and sometimes amusing!

"No man is an island".

Valued Gifts to the Albury & District Historical Society.

Four old photos of Black Range, Lavington School Groups, from Mrs. Barbara Quirk of Lavington. Her father was the late Lou Schneider, who as a long life resident, was a reliable source of its early history.

To the Society from our member, Mrs. Avis Pidgeon on her leaving Albury, a copy of "Australia 200", the official book of the N.S.W. Celebrations, commemorating the Bi-Centenary of the Landing of Lieut. James Cook, R.N. at Botany Bay on 29th April, 1770 and also a mounted Bronze Medallion. She was a member of the Women's Committee Executive for the Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations, more than 200 women's organisations worked together to stage a week long Exhibition in the Sydney Town Hall in April, and the re-enactment of Cook's Landing at Kurnell took place on 29th April, 1970. Mrs. Pidgeon's pleasant personality and her valuable work as a member of the A. & D.H.S. are greatly missed.

But the Society appreciates these gifts particularly, which are appropriate possessions for the Albury Society, because of its own outstanding contribution to the Bi-Centenary. On the evening of Friday 6th February, 1970 the A. & D. H.S. was proud to open the Celebrations, in Albury with a public presentation, to a capacity house in the C.W.A. Hall. In fact it was the first official Celebration outside Sydney, and the research and preparation of this presentation covered a period of 12 months. A showing of color slides with commentary by member, Mrs. Frank Boyes) was made possible by help and co-operation from people in all places on the Globe that had any association with the famous navigator. So we are very proud of our Special Cook Bi-Centenary features in our museum, both for their very special value, also value for School Children, particularly our School Classes. This effort towards a fitting part in these Celebrations by the A. & D.H.S. led to the receipt of three important official gifts. The Certificate - presented by the Chairman of the Capt. Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations Citizens Committee, the Hon. Asher Joel O.B.E.M.L.C. and signed by Hon. E.A. Wills, B.A., M.L.A., Minister in Charge of the Celebration, and the Premier of N.S.W. Hon. Askin, M.L.A.

A copy of "The Arms of Capt. Cook" - granted to his widow by King George 3.

A Fine picture of Capt. Cook R.N. - when aged 47, from the original in the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, England, painted by Nathaniel Dance, in 1776. We are fortunate to possess a photo of a piece of the "Endeavor's" Stern Post, held by Mrs. Bolhouse (America) which was to be forwarded to the Capt. Cook Landing place Museum, Kurnell, Botany Bay.

Buckingham Palace, London.

Queens Honors and Awards, 1st January, 1976. Government House, Melbourne.

Mrs. Rosemary Ethel-Wynne Boyes, Awarded the British Empire Medal.

Citation.

In recognition of her outstanding literary contribution for the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations. She earned for the Albury & District Historical Society the Cook Bi-Centenary Citizens Committee Certificate of Honour.

This Certificate offered personally to Mrs. Boyes, She asked that it be presented to the society as a whole.

The only Certificate of Honour granted outside of Metropolitan area to a Historical Society.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

(Extracted from issues of "The Albury Banner" - 1879)

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE - At a meeting of the Albury Volunteer Fire Brigade, held on Wednesday, it was resolved that the body be disbanded, the engine and other property sold, and any balance remaining in hand after payment of liabilities over to the Borough Council. The reason for this step is to be found in the fact that the Brigade has not met with the support anticipated either from the Fire Office or the public. In reply to an appeal to all the Fire Insurance Companies represented in Albury, only one donation was received - 2.2.0 pounds from the National Mutual Company - and the entire money received from the public has only to be one-third of the necessary expenditure. The remainder was raised by getting up sports and concerts, the Members of the Brigade on every occasion being responsible to the extent of 5.0.0. pounds each for the success of the several ventures. (April, 12.)

THE PRICE OF MEAT. - We have received several letters complaining of the high price of meat. One correspondent says: "Good sheep can be bought at 7 s. These, sold at 2½ d. per lb, would yield a profit, including value of the skin, of a least 5/- or 5/6- that is over 70 per cent. And yet we have to pay 4d. ! I believe mutton is sold at the railway construction works for 2½ d. per lb. so why can't the general public obtain supplies at the same rate ? (April, 19)."

A HINT TO DEFAULTERS. - At the last sitting of the Small Debts Court, fourteen persons were summoned for arrears due to the Municipal Council. In most of the cases a settlement was made before the sitting of the Court. In all of the instances, however, which were brought before the Bench a verdict was given for the amount claimed, with costs. The Mayor, we understand, is fully determined to carry out the wishes of the Council with regard to the prompt collection of all outstanding rates. (May, 17.).

ALBURY TO ALBURY RAILWAY. - The Victorian Commissioner for Railways has intimated to a delegation of the Melbourne International Commission that he will complete the railway from Wodonga to the Bank of the Murray River in two months, and will commence work as soon as the New South Wales Government makes a step toward its completion of the line to Albury in time for the Exhibition.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

100,0,0 pounds Reward - The above reward will be paid to any person who will give information that will lead to the conviction of the dastardly scoundrel who maliciously Set Fire to my Run during my absence. Such deeds are akin to Kelly's atrocities, wanting his bravery - B. Gray, Welaregang, Jan, 8, 1879.

WANTED - Bullock and Horse Teams to haul sleepers from the Hawkview and Shelly's Flats Mill to the Railway construction works. (April, 12.)

FOR SALE - A Team of 12 Working Bullocks, with Waggon, Yokes, Bows and Chains; in first class order. For price apply to Owen Daly, Mullengandra. (May, 24.)

AUSTRALIAN WOOL IN JAPAN. - The "Japan Gazette" reports the S.S. Kassa, which arrived at Yokohama on 9th March from Melbourne, brought the first cargo of wool ever received in Japan. This simple announcement is supported by the remark in the "Hio News" that this importation is another instance of the indomitable pursuance of the central Bureau of Industry, (May, 17.)

As promised, we print the words of the Song produced and sung at the Hume and Hovell Annual Ceremony by the members of Year 6 Class from St. Annas School.

SONG - "HUME AND HOVELL" (Chorus after each verse)

CHORUS

Hamilton Hume and William Hovell In Eighteen Twenty Four
 Came down from Sydney Town and opened up the door.
 With a dream in their hearts they'd had from the start,
 And a gleam in their eyes, what's more, On the Murray there's a city, thats oh so pretty.
 We've a lot to thank them for.

The son of a supervisor, and a Captain of the sea,
 Loaded up their Gov'ment Stores on October Seventeenth, Left Lake George on that day
 Using Compasses to show them the way. We've got a lot to thank them for.

They crossed the Murrumbidgee, 'gainst a swirling water's flow,
 Set up a camp each night and talked round the campfires glow.
 Watched by the Snowy Mountains, Headed Southwards once again,
 We've got a lot to thank them for.

Further South the party crossed over a broad stream,
 Hume saw that river first, so Hovell named it after him. Carved a mark on the Hovell Tree.
 Its still there for us to see. We've got a lot to thank them for.

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Monthly meeting Tuesday the 10th July, 1979 - is Cancelled.

May Monthly Meeting: Society members brought articles of historical interest about which they gave short talks relating to their origin and historical background, resulting in a very varied and interesting display.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 1979 - so easily overlooked, so needed by your Society.

The Society records with thanks the notification from the Publishers of the Reprint of the books, "First Settlement of the Upper Murray" and "The Border Post Albury Almanac, 1877 - 1878".

" MY OLD HORSE, 'ROVER'". (From M.S. 1850 - 1)

Referring to a Memoir anent the dry seasons of 1850-1, I find a tale relating to my horse Rover, and his history and fate; but as no one has thought a dumb animal of sufficient moment to read about, I will jot down for my own amusement my old favourite's career when we took our different roads in life, to fulfil our separate destinies; mine among the Lilliputians, his among the Brobdingnags.

Rover lost his mother at birth, and was reared, a pet, on cow's milk, at Dora-Dora, the Revd. Redhall's station on the Upper Murray from Albury.

When travelling to the mountains (From whence flows the Kiewa River) with 3,000 sheep, two septagenarian shepherds and their dogs, Rover was my companion, and a faithful one he always proved; never wandering from the camp, and staunch to his duty, carting the camp necessities - pots, pans, and comestibles for the daily menu, etc.,. Occasionally we hunted the wild cattle off the sheep run, Rover seeming to take as much delight in the fun as I; or we would hunt an old man kangaroo an outcast from his tribe, until he sat up defiant. It was a relief from the monotony of life under the Bogongs, which lasted for five months till the drought broke up in May, '51. On leaving the mountains for home "Thurgoona", I met a lady, Mrs Cobham, mother of Frank Cobham of the police force, who told me of the discovery of gold in N.S.W. at Aral in Lambing Flat, Louisa Creek etc. This discovery was the cause of many changes in Australia, and when in 1852-3, gold was discovered in Victoria at Mt. Alexander, Friars' Creek, Bendigo etc., my old horse Rover was requisitioned by my brother Edward, who with S.A. Meyer, my uncle Charles Huon, and five others, were off to the "Rush". The party had a black boy with them who picked up a nugget in a creek at Eaglehawk, and this being considered sufficient indication, the party pegged out two claims; but as the mining laws did not allow them to hold more than one claim at a time, they had to give up one, which at bottoming, proved the richest. Some months elapsed, and one morning Rover was not at his usual place for his feed. Alas! he had been stolen! Weeks ran into months, and no one came to claim the reward for his recovery.

Six months later, Mr. Meyer had to go to Melbourne on business. One day, when walking down Collins Street, with Captain Standish, he saw Rover in a vehicle passing up the Street, and called Capt. Standish's attention to the fact. Capt. Standish, who was Superintendent of the Police, stopped the man, who, when questioned, could only say that he had bought Rover. Man and horse were given in charge. Horse-stealing then was so prevalent, that a law was passed that after twelve months you could not claim your horse, and Meyer had to prove to the court that the horse was stolen under the year. This proof was easily available, as day and date of the loss was produced from diary. However, proof of identity was necessary before the rightful owner could make good his claim. There was a strictest enquiry at the court house next day. The magistrate told the claimant to tell the court how he knew the horse. Mr. Meyer explained the brand that had been on the near shoulder, which was 7; and when it was pointed out that the brand was now 17, and he was asked how he accounted for the difference, he said "Your worship, the brand has been 'faked'; a stroke with a hot iron has been placed so as to make 7 into 17 the recent burning of 1 being quite plain to an expert". Meyer was told that he must bring further proof. "Well, your worship", he said, "I have provided that in some new milk. Rover was reared a pet, and will drink milk, which no other horse, not so reared, will touch".

The magistrate said he was willing to accept this as a proof, if the horse would

drink the milk. Meyer then told an officer to bring the milk that he had ordered, and taking the bucket and going to the old horse, spoke to him. Rover, true to his early training, drank the milk and would have liked more! The magistrate declared the case proved. The defendant did not like to part with so valuable a horse, and offered a substantial price, which Meyer under existing circumstances, was obliged to accept.

So far, so good; but note the irony of fate. But a few weeks after this change of ownership, when Rover was standing in a vehicle in the street, a bolting horse ran the shafts of the cart to which he was attached, into the chest of poor old Rover, and so ended his days - and my tale!

"Chips"- J.F. Mitchell.

AUSTRALIA IS AN ISLAND.

Attack on Darwin. About 9.25 A.M. the high angle gun on H.M. "Platypus" poop deck began firing rapidly when loud explosions could be heard across the harbour as the first bombs were dropped. The Air over the harbour was full of Japanese dive bombers and fighter planes. There seemed just enough room between each to allow the next to manoeuvre. The first stick of bombs to be dropped fell around the main Darwin Wharf. S.S. Barossa and M.V. "Neptuna", inner and outer berth, were berthed on either side of the wharf.

"Swan" was berthed on the outer side of "Neptuna" for the purpose of taking in explosive stores from that ship and a Naval oil lighter was berthed on the outside of "Barossa" for the purpose of taking in oil, fuel from the oil pipe line which ran along the wharf from the oil installations near by,

"Swan" cast off and steamed out into the harbour. British tanker, bombed, burnt and sank in harbour. "Mauna Loa", U.S. Troopship bombed burnt and sank in harbour.

"L.A.S.", U.S. Troopship, bombed, burnt and sank in harbour.

"Neptuna", passenger and cargo ship, bombed, burnt and sank in harbour after blowing up along side wharf. "Zealandia", troop-ship, bombed, burnt and sank in harbour.

"Peary" U.S. Destroyer, bombed, burnt and sank in harbour, leaving no trace.

"Mavie", R.A.N. lugger, near miss, and sank in harbour. "Barossa", Cargo ship, bombed and burnt in harbour, but salvaged and two months later was towed to Brisbane by a tug.

"Port Mar", U.S. Troopship of over 3,000 tons, machine gunned, beached with hull holed in many places, but salvaged and refloated.

"Tulagi" Troopship, near missed, machine gunned, beached, but later refloated.

"Kelat", Coal hulk, sank in harbour. Remnants of one of "Swan's" signalling flags, full of shrapnel holes, used on the 19th February, now in Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

"Florence D." U.S.A. Supply ship, bombed and sunk 60 miles to the North of Bathurst Island. 8 other ships damaged.

BATMAN & FAWKNER STATUES. The R.H.S.V. President, Director, several councillors and members attended the unveiling of two statues, one of John Batman, the other of John Pascoe Fawcner both founders of the city of Melbourne, at the National Mutual Plaza on 26th January, 1979. The ceremony performed by Cr. Ian Stewart, Chairman of Melbourne Parks and Gardens. The statue of John Batman was undertaken by Stanley Hammond, M.B.E. and the statue of John Pascoe Fawcner was undertaken by Michael Meszaros. The statues were completed in clay and finally cast in bronze by Peter J. Morly, bronze casters of Victoria. A commemorative bronze plaque is located near the statues outlining all relevant details.

TURKS HEAD HOTEL BUILDING. Note from Bulletin, May, 1964.

The recent report of the City Council's plans to convert the Old Turk's Head building into a Museum is encouraging indeed. All members look forward to the day when the Society shall have a building set apart for the housing and display of the many items of historical value which are being placed in its trust by district residents.

JUNE, 1862 N O T I C E. - Persons having relations or friends interred in the Old Burying Grounds, Albury are hereby requested to decently remove such remains and re-inter them in the New Cemetery, within two months from this date.

By order of the Municipal Corporation, June, 14, 1862.

Henry Brooks, Town Clerk.

What relief must those "Persons" have read the following:--- "September, 1862 Notice" as Allan begs to inform all persons having relatives or friends interred in the Old Burying Ground at Albury, that he is prepared to re-inter the same in the New Cemetery at charges very moderate.

Thomas Allen, Undertaker, Albury.

The Old tennis racquet, in splendid condition, in the Folk Museum, was presented by Mrs. Gertrude Murray and used by her in her girlhood days and in 1979, is quite 87 years old.

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September Monthly Meeting 8 p.m. Tuesday 11th September, 1979.

Guest Speaker will be Mrs. L. Quiggin and her subject, "ANTARCTICA".

3 STATES N.S.W. VICTORIA AND SOUTH AUSTRALIA, HONOUR STURT.

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

As this Society's tribute to Sturt in this year, 1979 marking the 150th Anniversary of the commencement of Captain Charles Sturt's epic Murrumbidge Murray journey, we hold a special commemorative meeting on the 9th October, 1979. Our Historian member, Mrs. Frank Boyes B.E.M., will present a travelogue, Contemporary and historical, on the Murray River, from Albury, where Hume discovered it, to its mouth in South Australia, which, of course was explored by Sturt.

This very scenic programme will also show the Overland route taken along the Murray bank in 1838 by Sturt, as it is today, showing cities of today a great contrast to when Sturt explored the region.

It will be realised that Sturt as an explorer has special relevance to Albury and District and he had been associated with Hamilton Hume. Oxley, before he died, sanctioned "Sturt's eager offer to continue to find a solution to the riddle of the Rivers". And the vitally necessary cause, of the exploration of the interior of N.S.W. On his first journey Sturt took Hamilton Hume as deputy leader ... "whose experience will qualify him for the task". "Sturt's journey drove a penetrating shaft along a hitherto unconsidered route".

The A. & D.H.S., as its special tribute, is producing a 20 page booklet telling of his, also Hamilton Hume's River explorations. This booklet will be 'introduced' on October 9th, prior to Mrs. Boyes colour-slide story presentation. Supper will be served at the conclusion of the Programme. Visitors welcome. Come early and stay for supper.

August Monthly Meeting: Mrs. J. Munro - "Teaching history in Schools"

Be changed and still changing methods of history teaching, so far removed from older methods, are most important to know and the present curriculum right over the range of school years. We thank Mrs. Munro for the complete and graphic handling of her subject and for all the material she brought to demonstrate it and make her audience aware of today's approach to the whole subject for the pupils of today.

An Educational Summer Holiday.

"Adult Education Tasmania" will be conducting a Residential "summer school" from January, 5th to 12th, 1980.

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ALBURY IN 1913.

Albury can boast of an exceptionally fine town Band, whose services are always freely given in the cause of charity. Recently, another Rotunda has been erected in a central position in Dean Street, principally through the energy and perseverance of Alderman James Allan who worked indefatigably in securing donations towards its erection. It is a handsome and striking rotunda in the midst of a reserve, which, having been planted with choice plants, should be decidedly pretty this spring. Generally, the effect will be in the further adornment of the main thoroughfare. The energetic President and Secretary are Messrs. James Allan and W.J. Lester respectively.

One Hundred Years Ago.

(Extracted from files of the "Albury Banner", Aug. - Sept. 1879)

The New Clip - The first of the new season's wool reached Wodonga on Monday last (16th Sept.) in the form of 15 bales from Mr. Robert Rand's station. It is anticipated that the clip generally throughout the district will be an excellent one in the way of quantity and quality.

The Albury Railway - In an article urging the Government to push on with the Southern railway, a Sydney contemporary says: "We know there is a narrow jealous fear that by completing the line to Albury we may facilitate the traffic from Riverina to Melbourne. The period has passed when there was much fear of this. The policy of the Victorian Government and the heavy border duties will drive most of the business of the district to Albury. At present the border duties prevent the vigneron and other producers around Albury from trading with Victoria; and, as there is no other outlet, the vineyards are allowed to run to waste, and so trade languishes."

The Kelly Gang - Two armed men, believed to be members of the Kelly gang, made a raid on the township of Lancefield (near Kyneton) recently, holding possession of the place for several hours. Meanwhile they stuck-up the Commercial Bank, taking £500 cash, and cut the telephone wires. Their appearance was so sudden that no resistance was offered.

Mining at Black Range - The Black Range Company, during last week, complete another crushing, which has given promising returns. The parcel treated consisted of 34 tons, yielding 47 ounces of gold - resulting from the efforts of nine men for eight weeks.

Advertisement - Tenders Wanted for erecting five miles stringy-bark top-rail and 3-wire (Sampson) fencing. Posts 7 ft, 4 x 10 inches, 4 x 6 mortice; 10 ft ordinary lengths, 8 x 4. Also, about 6 miles Chock-and-log fencing. For particulars apply H. Mcillree, Beggary, Corryong.

The Australian Asbestos Company at Gundagai, now in full work, despatched another consignment of more than two tons of this valuable mineral last week. As the works extend, employment will be provided for many more willing hands. The mineral is now being used extensively in the colonies, and already patents have been taken out in Victoria for asbestos manufacture. Italy has hitherto had the monopoly of this mineral, but experts have pronounced that which is being exported by the Gundagai Company to be equal, and in many cases superior, to that which is imported from Italy, Corsica and other places.

The "Melbourne Herald" describes a scene which happened at the Mint a few days since. Recently the Mint has been furnished with electric bulbs, which, when touched, will alarm the whole building. The Master, in order to test the ability of his defence corps, sounded the alarm, when all the clerks at once grasped their revolvers and rushed to the bullion room. Some of them, however, had become rather "scared", thinking no doubt that the Kellys were upon them.

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MONTHLY MEETING: Tuesday 13th November, 1979, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street,
Guest Speaker; Mr. Haisman.

THE HUME & HOVELL ANNUAL gathering at the Hovell Tree Reserve will be held
at 3 p.m. on Friday the 16th November, the nearest Friday to the actual date
the Explorers were at this spot. It is a public meeting and we hope that
Citizens of Albury will augment the Schools attendance and hear the Guest
School give their tribute to the men of the past.

11th DECEMBER

ANNUAL MEETING, on the usual monthly meeting date, Tuesday 13th November,
Please note that nominations for Committee should be in the hands of the
Secretary, 14 days before the meeting.

Monthly Meeting 11th September, 1979.

Our member, Mrs. Quiggin spoke on her unusual experience of a one-day 747
Quantas Charter Flight, with 360 people to "Antarctica".
Favored with good weather, they had every chance of appreciating the fantast
scenes as they passed along the huge ice-shelf. The speaker was able to con
to us the realisation of the magnificence and mystery of the Sub-Continent,
and the very real necessity of it being preserved from the modern world's
possible advances in scientific and commercial schemes and activities.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Proposed addition to the By-Laws of the A. & D.H.S.

Should the Society close or cease to exist. All items listed as on Loan
to the Society be returned to the owners and, where possible, Gifts given to
the Society be returned to the Donors.
All other items be handed over to a body or other Society to be decided by a
general meeting of the Albury & District Historical Society and confirmed by
a second general meeting of the A. & D. H.S.
This includes all items held by members of the Society in their private homes
or any other place. All monies held by the Society be dispersed according
to directions from the afore said general meetings.

MONTHLY MEETING 9th OCTOBER, 1979.

The Society held a Special Commemoration Programme to honour the 150th
Anniversary of Captain Charles Sturt. Our member, Mrs. Frank Boyes, gave a
comprehensive lecture and colour-slide showing, the latter beginning at the
point in Albury where Sturt's exploration of the Murray (Hume) began.
The attractive Booklet, "Captain Charles Sturt" presented by the A. & D.H.S.
and written by Mrs. Boyes, was introduced that evening. A copy has been
present to all Albury & District Schools, both Author and Society feeling the
importance of placing such authentic and readable history in the hands of all
the local children.

The first white man recorded as having passed through the site of Corowa in
1838 was Charles Sturt who wanted to prove that the river at Albury called
the Hume, was the same river that he had named the Murray, at the Murrumbidge
junction. The cost of a Cairn to be erected in recognition of Sturt's jour
down the Murray from Albury was contributed by the Corowa & Yarrawonga Council.
When the Yarrawonga Weir was constructed in 1937, this Cairn had to be re-si

Council was responsible for Sturt's Tree at Mulwala being fenced in and
preserved and an inscription placed on it, but the tree is no longer
identifiable. A Memorial Cairn to explorer Charles Sturt was erected at
Mulwala, with a plaque (dated) inscribed:- Capt. Charles Sturt,
The Explorer
Passed here.

Also, Sturt became the first white man to set foot on the site of Wagga Wagga
and is honoured by a "Captain Charles Sturt" obelisk erected in Sturt Street
and the naming of that Street.

Sturt was born in Bengal on the 28th April, 1795, son of Thomas Lenox Napier Sturt, -- a Judge in the service of the East India Company. He was 32 when he arrived in Australia with his Regiment the 39th, (Dorsets) and was a Captain in the Army.

He married Miss Charlotte Greene at St. James Church in Dover on the 20th September, 1834 and they sailed almost immediately for Sydney, where he started farming in 1835.

Historian Mr. G.V. Portus (Adelaide University) describes Sturt as the greatest and gentlest of all Australian Explorers and said, --- "his patience under hardship, his sympathy for others, his consideration for his men, for the natives and for the horses, his kindness and good humor and above all, his humbleness and modesty lift him high in the ranks of the heroes."

The aborigines had experienced a varying treatment according to the humanity or otherwise of settlers and overlanders in the area. Charles Sturt had found them amiable and had received assistance from them, but overlanders travelling through the country after Major Thomas Mitchell's journeys generally found the tribes suspicious and hostile, due to the savage attacks they had suffered at the hands of Mitchell's men. Sturt's policy of tact and discretion was significant and the result that not only did he and his men never take a single native life but he was not involved in an affray. But he realised the danger of leaving small parties exposed to the hazard of attack. When Sturt and party had reached the confluence of the Murray and the Darling, they rowed into it for a short way till they were checked by a net or fence of stakes. Despite the curiosity which tempted him further, he turned back, -- "it would have been unfair," he says, "To have passed over it disappointing the number who apparently depended on it for sustenance." The thoughtfulness was typical of Sturt.

Sturt was much disturbed by the deterioration in the Aborigines condition since his earlier trip.

In May, 1844, Sturt with a large well-equipped party, was approved to explore to the Centre of Australia. The summer was one of the most intense on record and 150 miles from his goal, Sturt was compelled to retrace his steps, beaten by the Stony Desert and the acute water shortage. He himself became utterly worn out and had to be carried in the dray as he could no longer sit on his horse. He recovered to work again but his days of exploration were over and he retired on a pension in 1851 and lived quietly in England till his death in 1869.

The books "Two expeditions into the Interior of Southern Australia" were published.

A fine bronze statue of Charles Sturt erected from public subscription, was unveiled in Adelaide on the 21st December, 1916 and stands near that of McDouall Sturt in Victoria Square. It shows him with his telescope in his left and in his right hand shading his eyes from the sun as he gazes towards the horizon.

A Tribute. Sturt had already met young Edward Eyre in Sydney and a firm friendship and mutual admiration soon developed. On that occasion Eyre had written --- "My friend, Capt. Sturt, with his usual nobleness of character and earnest desire to help others, assisted me in the most gracious manner possible in every way he could.

Ernest Scott, in his "History of Australia," writes, "Sturt was one of the most heroic and daring of the Australian Explorers.

The discovery of the Darling and the exploration of the Murray to its mouth the laying down upon the map of the main arteries of the enormous spread of river-veins which take the water from 414 - 253 square miles of territory, the opening of a new, rich, well-watered province for British Colonization this was the consummate achievement of Sturt's career as an Explorer. Withal, he was a kind and considerate gentleman, a leader of men, who was followed by his chosen band in any task because he was trusted and loved. Exposure, anxiety and severe labour on these expeditions, brought on bad health and a period of blindness and he never received adequate recognition and honour for what he had done.

The great achievements of Sturt cost an insignificant amount, for Sturt -- not only did wonderful things but was an explorer of real genius. The combined cost of equipping Sturt's first 2 Expeditions was only £475-15-12. Sturt lost his vision for 4 months but gradually regained it. The beautiful and very unusual wildflower *Clanthus Dampieri* or as generally known to us as "Sturts Desert Pea". commemorates his name.

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ANNUAL MEETING: The Annual Meeting of the Society will be held 8 p.m. Tuesday 11th December, in the C.W.A. Rooms Kiewa Street,. The Annual Report will be presented and the important Election of Officers, (Without whom the Society could not continue) will take place. The Society welcomes all interested members of the Public. Being the last meeting of the Society's year, 1979, the usual social gathering and supper will conclude the evening.

The Society takes this opportunity to wish all members and friends, near and far, a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and prosperous New Year.

ALBURY & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL REPORT.

1979 has been an interesting year for the Society.

As usual, our monthly meetings have been held at the C.W.A. Rooms in Kiewa Street, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and we enjoyed a variety of speakers and activities at these meetings.

MARCH - Mrs. D. Heywood, Subject - "Hawksview".

APRIL - Mr. Cook, Clerk of Petty Sessions, "Legal work of the Dept. of the Attorney General and of Justice.

MAY - Members brought along historical items of interest.

JUNE -

JULY - Monthly meeting cancelled.

AUGUST - Mrs. Jan Munro talked on history teaching methods in High Schools.

SEPTEMBER - Mrs. Lila Quiggin spoke on her plane trip over "Antarctica".

OCTOBER - Mrs. Boyes gave an illustrated lecture to commemorate the 150TH Anniversary of Capt. Charles Sturt's voyage down the Murray River.

NOVEMBER - Mr. Brian Haisman talked on the Murray River from its source to its mouth.

We appreciate the efforts of these speakers who are willing to come and share their knowledge with us.

During the year, various other activities took place. Undoubtedly the historical highlight of the year was the function held on February 19th to commemorate the Centenary of the death of the 1st settler in Albury, Robert Brown. This Gala occasion was held in the Botanic Gardens on a beautiful morning. Many members dressed in period costume and a large number of relatives and descendants of Robert Brown came from as far away as Townsville for the occasion, many renewing long-lost acquaintance with each other.

Mrs. Frank Boyes, addressed the crowd and presented her booklet on the life of Robert Brown. Dr. Hogan and the Mayor Alderman Roach also spoke entertainingly and Ald. Roach opened the restored band Rotunda in the gardens as a memorial to Robert Brown. The occasion was followed by morning tea in the gardens, provided by the City Council and lunch at Miss Staton's.

Another important happening was the visit of the N.S.W. Heritage Council, to Albury for their meeting and a public discussion, which was attended by several of our members. Council members were taken on a conducted tour of central Albury and were very impressed with its historic trees and buildings and became aware of the development pressures on these buildings. Subsequently the Heritage Council placed some 50 buildings in Central Albury under demolition control, which greatly improves their chances for conservation. Our Society has the resources, I think much useful work could be achieved documenting central Albury's historical buildings and their History in a planned manner.

The general public is slowly becoming more aware of the importance of our historical importance, as was evident by the large number of submissions to Council supporting the need for conservation of Historic buildings in the new C.D.O. and the public's response to the Albury City Council's removal of a group of lovely trees in Swift street. We hope this consciousness will keep expanding. Donations and loans of interesting old items keep flowing in to the Society but our small Museum is choc-a-bloc already. A city the size of Albury should have a substantial Museum and this is sure to be a point of much

debate and hope in the future. In the meantime, we thank those who have donated items and look forward to displaying them as soon as possible.

The Hovell tree ceremony on November, 16th attracted a small crowd this year. Lavington East School entertained us, and the Mayor unveiled a plaque recounting the early discoveries of the Murray River by Hume, Hovell & Capt. Charles Sturt.

Many thanks to those hardworking members who keep the Society running smoothly. The bi-monthly Newsletter is the means for keeping all our members in touch and this time-consuming task has been very ably carried out by Mrs. Hazelwood. Miss Chris Klinge ably performed the task of Secretary & Treasurer, as also did Mrs. Anne Davies, Minute Secretary, Miss Lucy Staton, the unenviable task of organising the Museum Roster, Mr. Wattie Fielder our Archivist and the other members of the Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Hazelwood kindly "opened house" for all our Committee Meetings. Mrs. Frank Boyes has been tireless in her Personal and financial support and initiative, we greatly appreciate her dedication to the Society and the wonderful work she does in promoting of our Australian history in schools throughout Victoria. Thanks also to the Albury City Council for their general support. It is unfortunate to have to say that there is still not much active support for the Society from the younger members of the community. Unless this support develops, the society will not be able to keep functioning effectively in the long term.

To those members who are not well at present, best wishes for a speedy recovery and to all members and friends a Happy Christmas and New Year for 1980.

Colin McQueen - President.

The Hume & Hovell Observance, Hovell Tree Reserve - Friday 16th November.

A pleasant day, and beautifully mown lawns by the Garden staff, set the picture for the 1979 Ceremony. This year the day happily co-incided with the actual date of the Exploring Party's arrival here.

After the Flag raising ceremony, for which we thank Mr. Gorrington and Scout David Burke, (5th Albury St. Davids,) and the singing of the National Anthem, the President, Mr. Colin McQueen, welcomed the Speakers, the Mayor of Albury, Mr. John Roach, Mrs. McLean representing the Wodonga Council and Mrs. Frank Boyes, B.E.M. The School taking the special Oration, was Lavington East, with their teacher Mr. Phil. Clarke and the five children responsible, who were - Maree Kilpatrick, Trevor Benson, Darrell Johnson, Steven Tamnikar and Terry Robinson. A unique feature of their work was the production by them of a large painting (including, on two corners, Hume & Hovell (remarkably good), and showing their route from Gunning to Corio, the various rivers crossed and present day towns along the route, and other features.

We compliment them on their work and enterprise. It means a great deal to the Society to have the work and interest of the schools, which is one of the Society's aims.

After the lowering of the Flag at the conclusion of this programme, all re-assembled on the River bank, where, to record Capt. Charles Sturt's beginning at this spot of his exploration down the Murray, the A. & D.H.S. has had a suitable plaque attached to the wall of the pumping station that serves the area, feeling this gap in History should be recorded at Albury, as till now it has never been. Everyone who views it will realise the suitable and comprehensive wording on the Plaque, and for this the Historical Society is indebted to our Historian Member, Mrs. Frank Boyes. B.E.M.

From the Presidential Address of Mr. Justice R. Elsie-Mitchell, quoting Mr. Ian Grant, an English architect, "Every civilised country requires tangible reminders of the past, to give to its members the sense of continuity which is required for the development of a healthy and well-balanced culture and Australia will ignore this fact at her peril".

GIFTS: The Society expresses its appreciation to The Washington Family for their gift of a varied collection of old Historically interesting items.

The A. & D. H. S. is very pleased to hear that Lavington East children called in at Radio Station 2 CO and recorded their speeches, which were played back at 5 to 4 p.m. and heard by the children. We compliment 2 CO for this service.

From an Official Souvenir Publication in 1938. The first days of Spring bring into tiny leaf the great planes and elm trees which line Smollett Street almost throughout its length, making it the finest Avenue in a town famed for its tree beauty.