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MARCH MONTHLY MEETING: 8 p.m., Tuesday 11th March, C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street
Our Guest Speaker, Mr. P. Price and his subject, "Early Airways in Australia, and Development".

DECEMBER: After the reading of the minutes of the Last Annual Meeting and short business meeting, a well attended meeting heard the comprehensive Annual Report read by the President, Mr. Colin McQueen, in which he stressed the value of such a Society as this, but pointed out its difficulties and its vital needs for its continuing worth-while future and the aims ahead of us. The committee would like to thank him for some rather unusual "jobs" he has dealt with on the Society's behalf this year, which no one else could have handled.

The Chair for the Election of Officers for 1980 was taken by Mr. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E., who is always a welcome and esteemed guest, whose helpful interest in the Society is much appreciated by its members.

The following were elected:-

President: Mr. Colin McQueen,
Senior Vice President: Mr. Len Rigg,
Vice Presents: Mrs. Lila Quiggin and Miss Lucy Staton,
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss Chris. 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, Miss A. Fletcher,.

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.

This was followed by a talk by Mrs. Hazelwood on Urangeline and conditions of life and work for the everyday running of this big Station in the early 1900's. A comment by Mr. C. E. Bunton, O.B.E. was as follows. "This address gave listeners the opportunity to reflect on the past and on that reflection, to acknowledge the debt of gratitude, following generations owe to the pioneers who blazed the trail to start Australia on the road of progress". The above talk was followed by a short one on modern conditions and difficulties in farming during the War years, when, owing to enlistment in the area, the labour force was chiefly the very young, the old, women and rejected volunteers. The serious side was leavened by humor.

The usual pleasant gathering round the supper tables ended the years program till March, 1980.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1980, now due, remain at Two Dollars.

Museum Roster. Thanks are tendered to all those who rostered the Museum, which opened, as usual, every afternoon of the School Holidays, and now reverts to Saturday and Sunday Afternoons.

Through the year, School, Groups as usual were specially arranged for. This aspect of the Society's work being regarded as important.

ALBURY'S HEAT - In the Spring of 1878, great heat was experienced through the Colony. In Albury a record of 111 deg. on the 9th., 115 deg. on the 10th and 116 on the 11th was made. Bush Fires were to be seen in all directions by these and the want of water, farmers suffered heavy losses.

As you and I in days gone by
Did jog along toge her
Now I and you, dear brother true
The present must not sever.

By "CHIPS"

"TABLETOP" N.S.V.

As the years roll by, and half a century is added to those, when it was a joy to live and feel the elasticity of our muscular manhood, when to mount one's favourite steed and ride the live-long day, for pleasure, sport or duty, was the acme of existence to us brothers; it is still stirring to the languidly flowing stream of life (when the armchair is more suitable to one's present inclinations than the saddle) to sit with old friends under our vine and fig-tree in our green old age, reclining in the true enjoyment of a well-earned "OTIUM CUM DIGNITATE", and recount the many thrilling experiences o'er flood and field when following the amenities of bush life, for, be it known, life's duties to us then were never counted toil, and indeed, what good is there in life when it ceases to interest, either from a moral or physical stand-point.

As this prelude may excite in the reader an interest in bush yarns, I will endeavour to narrate a little incident in brother Jim's and my experience under an able pen might be more vividly portrayed, but the pith of the story, true bush craft, cannot be improved upon, at least, that is the old man's conceit.

Last century in the early fifties, when "Tabletop" was in the occupation of a city lawyer's tenant, we two brothers were notified that a cattle muster was arranged to come off on the adjoining station, where many of the old "Mungabareena" and "Thurgoona" brand - MM - and some of our cousins' brand - Huon - "Woodonga Station", had strayed, some falling into bad company, viz. that of a scrub mob in the ranges and broken country about "Mulyanyarginya" "Tabletop", some of which had never even seen a stockyard, and being therefore unbranded (clean skins) were naturally claimed by the station owners, but a few, more scrupulous in their ideas of "MEUM ET TUUM", sent them to the Pound Yards.

The first day's muster was merely the ordinary gathering of quiet mobs and home cattle, a most satisfactory yarding being made of many and various brands from far and near (fence boundaries were then unknown). When the drafting and general distribution to sundry claimants had been made, some dog scenes in disputation as to ownership of clean-skins taking place, not infrequently in a Mill, not so much over the beast as to the forceful language indulged in (now in these more enlightened times termed unparliamentary) the stockmen from the many runs around took their departure, unaware that there was yet, in reserve, for the chosen few, a "Bonne bouche" in this hill mob afore alluded to as a scrub mob. Thus ended the first day.

Branding the calves and drafting the unclaimed strangers off into a paddock with our stragglers until the close of the muster, occupied the second day, when the crack of the boss's stockwhip and the "allround" cry of the tired, dust-be-grimed, hungry and thirsty men were heard and "sling-the-pot", was the signal to hasten to the home-kitchen where worthy Mrs. K-, the stockman's wife, had a liberal spread of beef, damper and tea in galore for all hands. Then, when the inner-man's demands were satisfied and the bushman's companion the pipe, in full blast, yarns were the order of the evening hour, and you may be sure, not the last topic of conversation was the capture of the hill mob on the morrow. The boss's plans were discussed amid some dissenting voices, the capabilities of the various mounts lauded, and chaff and jokes indulged in, until heavy eyelids claimed rest, and soon all was quiet save when some youthful spirit whose appetite had beguiled him into partaking too of salt beef and damper, was doing his day's work o'er again, riding a nightmare. Early morning saw some seven or eight knights of the saddle fully prepared for the days exploits, appetites appeased on this occasion, for riety, with tea, damper and salt beef, pipes giving forth the fragrant scent "Barrett's Twist" or "Negro-Head", the fashionable brands of tobacco, when obedient to the word of command from our captain to mount, we were all soon going to the scene of action high with sanguine hopes, which were doomed, as, to disappointment by faulty generalship, and thus the day ended in blank failure, for the "scrubbers" to the number of about 40 head, sighted or entered us, and following the old stagers, their leaders, scattered into the ranges and broken country about "Cherry-tree" gap beyond "Yambola".

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The New Year began as usual with the first Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 26th February, 1980.

Monthly Meeting May, Tuesday, 13th , C.W.A. Rooms, Kiewa Street, at 8 p.m.
Guest Speaker.

March Monthly Meeting was on Tuesday 11th, when the Guest Speaker was Mr. Pet Price, T.A.A. Manager, Albury & Wodonga. His talk was "History of Domestic Aviation in Australia". This, recording the men and machines from the earliest flying and Commercial flying in Australia, to the present day, presented a completely informative and fascinating story, which should never be forgotten, as it is part and an important part of Australia's history, and Mr. Price's audience were privileged to have heard it. He brought books and pictures to further illustrate the story. Nor was the least part of the subject, the back ground of Australia's geography, behind some of the early companies locations and concerned.

Monthly Meeting Tuesday, 8th April, as usual in the C.W.A. Rooms at 8 p.m. Guest Speakers, President Mr. C. McQueen and Mr. Brian J. Brewer, Proprietor of the shop in Kiewa Street, well known as "Quest", its specialty Fine Arts and Furniture. His unusual subject was "Background to the History of Carpet making, particularly Persian Carpets." He had brought samples of these carpets and answered a spate of questions following his talk. Mr. McQueen also had brought some of his own, bought by his Father when visiting these countries. Mr. Brewer then issued a cordial invitation to members who cared to visit the shop after the meeting closed and see the large collection of these beautiful carpets - both wool and silk. A large group did so and we thank Mr. Brewer for the generous invitation, we learned a lot more and gloated over the many examples of beauty and remarkable workmanship. It is a sad fact that in the changing world of to-day some of this old "Cottage" type industry will lessen.

AUSTRALIAN STOCKMANS HALL OF FAME AND OUTBACK HERITAGE CENTRE.

Our Society has received information material re the above and is asked to publicise the Proposal for a Cultural Centre preserving and illustrating the development of out-back Australia over the past 150 years. Many months were spent inspecting and evaluating sites and finally selected LONGREACH, central and accessible. The Plan has been incorporated as a non-profit Corporation registered in all States with 12 Directors, well-known people in all states. Quantas Airlines -- launched in the Longreach area in 1920, have become an Official Sponsor.

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"IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS" - Continued from March, "Bulletin".

The day happily ended without serious accident and parties returned dispirited, tired and hungry, their jaded steeds giving evidence of the fruitless gallops after disappearing lots, which would, when hotly pursued, split up and vanish. Each one of course, had some tale to tell more or less thrilling according to the descriptive powers of the narrator and the forcible adjectives at command which always demand attention, but there was not one found to take the blame for the failure which resulted, and our worthy host and entertainer had to endure no end of chaff at our non-success. Some little mirth was introduced at the effect on our friends nerves of the recital of a hunt two of the more youthful of the party were beguiled into (an indiscretion according to bush rules) by the appearance of an old forester (kangaroo) which bounded across their then lost cattle trail, thrilling their hunting blood to an extent that

with "view-halloo" they gave chase, throwing discretion to the winds, pursuing their quarry until his age and consequent distressed feeling of bellows-to-mend, caused him to take a fighting attitude, in which position they were fain to make him their bow of adieu, for both knew well what an ugly customer they had to deal with in him without dogs. (New-Chums have not infrequently found to their discomfort that an old forester can be a rough playfellow when it comes to grips). Well! the recital of the hunt kindled our boss's ire, and making an unreasonable charge against the young fellows, that their "blooming" hunting up-set his day's plans, brother Jim spoke up in their defence, pointing out that their act could have had nothing to do with his failure of plans. This statement did not tend to improve our friend's temper, and when Jim said that "he and his brother Jack would yard the "flyers" within the week, if left undisturbed to return to their grazing grounds and camp". (Cattle in summer usually come to camp about 11 a.m. and move off about 4 p.m.) his rage so conquered his usual good nature, that he offered to bet a pony to a ring-tailed 'possum', that we would never see them for dust, and as no one accepted the bet, he went off to bed where it is to be hoped his disappointment was soon forgotten. Early next morning we took our stragglers home, branded the calves, paddocked the wanderers and taking things easy for a day or two to give the wild mob at "Yambla" time to reunite Jim and I mounted the two best stock-horses we had (indeed, there could not be found two better in the X district, and everyone knew Jim's cream coloured pony, B brand, and my old favourite "Wisdom" of the old Camerton blood) and before any of the hands were astir at "Tabletop" we were at the stock-yard seeing that the entrance gates to the receiving yards were open; then we quietly rode off to the Gallows-Creek cattle camp, where we let our "mokes" rest for a few hours and partook of a crust of bread ourselves. Towards midday, making sure that some quiet home cattle were lazily camped on the general "randy", the stock-man's abbreviation for rendezvous, we headed for that part of the range or mountain known as the "Pulpit", between which and "Tabletop" proper - "Mulyanyarginya" - was situated the camp of the "Wantigongers". Oh! now do I feel the want of the descriptive powers of Gordon or Patterson to tell how we captured this "Warragul" mob, but my kind readers must not forget that Gordons and Pattersons are not as plentiful as "Geebungs" (a blackfellows' fruit) so beg they will take the will for the deed and accept what must appear tame to the admirers of these poets. However the time had arrived when to mature our plans was necessary, and silence and caution being an indispensable feature in the programme if we would be successful, we took counsel in a quiet nook and mapped out our work. As we had not divulged our intentions to any-one on the station ('tis said "birds telltales") our failure to yard this mob, if unsuccessful could not be known, while our success would be received with much 'eclat' for this unruly mob had worsted many stockmen before, hence their notoriety. To return- we halted at the rise of the hills on which the cattle camp was situated and feeling sure the mob had again mustered on their favourite rendezvous, to approach it without being seen, heard or scented were all contingencies to be reckoned on, for neglecting to observe any of these, would spell failure. Reining up our horses in the quiet nook afore mentioned I asked Jim to disclose his plan, if he had one, and he replied "I think the best way is, that I should go well round by the "Pulpit" gully up to the base of "Tabletop" and getting well above the camp, come down with a rush and a war-whoop on the startled camp. My sudden dash on them will be sure to cause a stampede, the leaders will certainly break off in the opposite direction to that which they have been accustomed to, and hitherto baffled man and horse making good their retreat into the fastnesses of the hills, and by keeping the laggards well up to the leaders, force them down the steep slope, a difficult bit of country to negotiate as you know, which trends to the creek below. You, Jack, will wait at a point we will go and choose and if my plan succeeds, we will make a good haul; therefore, as soon as you see the leaders, charge down on them with whip and shout, and wheel them across the creek and so into the camp of home cattle now quietly chewing the cud, which being startled by the rush of so rowdy a mob of strangers and our wild shouts and whip-cracks, will make off to their beat in the vicinity of the homestead, where we will have more open ground. By keeping the lot well on the move they will follow the lead of the quiet cattle and as soon as we get our "Warraguls" off their beat we have them hoof and horn. The plan seemed to me so well thought out that no amendment was needed and we went about to carry it out.

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July, Meeting: 8 p.m., 8th July, C.W.A. Hall, Kiawa Street, Albury.

Speaker: Mr. Robin Brown, society member and Construction Manager at the Australian Newsprint Mill who will talk about the coming of the mill and some historical aspects of the paper industry. Please come along.

MRS. MARGARET (MAY) HAZELWOOD: It was with great regret we heard of the death of our esteemed member and personal friend, Mrs. Margaret Hazelwood, on the 17th May. Our sincere condolences are extended to her husband Claud, who with Margaret enjoyed 46 years of marriage together. Margaret was born in Geelong, but spent most of her early life in the country, where her father was a station manager, and then moved to Urangeline with Claud on their marriage in 1934. On Urangeline, Margaret did a man's work "in fact, two men's work", especially during the time of the War. During shearing time, she mustered all the sheep, as well as providing all the meals for the shearing teams, treating fly-struck sheep, etc. She was also expert at handling teams of horses. She was active in church affairs at Urana Presbyterian Church and in the C.W.A.

In 1962 Claud and Margaret Hazelwood sold Urangeline and "retired" to Albury. Here they made many friends. Margaret was first elected to the Committee of the Historical Society in December, 1966 and has been Joint Editor or Editor of this Bulletin from 1967 until her death. Her friendliness, industry and enthusiasm for the Society have been an inspiration to us and she will be sadly missed by us all.

Some years ago, as a result of much research, Margaret gave the Society a talk on the establishment and history of the Hermansburg (Finke River) Mission Station in central Australia. following are some extracts from her talk on:-

THE HERMANSBURG MISSION STATION.

In February, 1835 the British Government set up a board of South Australian Commissioners, including George Angas, a London merchant and ship owner.

Angas was very sympathetic to the Lutherans who were suffering persecution from King Frederick William of Prussia. By 1851 Angas had assisted over 8000 Lutherans to migrate to South Australia.

The Lutherans were industrious and deeply religious, and keen to develop Missionary work in Central Australia. In due course, the South Australian Government granted them 900 square miles to the Finke River area for Mission purposes.

In 1875, two newly-trained pastors, Kempe and Schwarz, arrived in utth Australia from Germany to start the Mission. Within six weeks e missionaries had been donated the necessary wagons, 33 horses, 17 tle and 3100 sheep and started on their epic journey north.

Men and animals were to battle for nearly two years through ough, heat, starvation, exposure and sickness. Eleven hundred sheep ed of thirst in one area where it had not rained for 12 months and ngoes decimated the flocks at night.

After many, many adventures, they finally arrived at their chosen ot on the Finke River on June 4th, 1877. They named the place the nke River Mission.

THE HERMANSBURG (FINKE RIVER) MISSION. (Continued)

As with all pioneering experiments, it was not all plain sailing on the new station, and they had to learn the hard way about many aspects of the life and work; not least, how to understand and teach a primitive people.

The Missionaries burnt and made lime, hauled rocks from the Finke River and built walls that are still standing firm and strong. They thatched the roofs first with grass in a clay compound. Two small Mission buildings were completed. The aborigines (of the Aranda Tribe) were moving in, curious, sick and confused, a few in anger, defiant and troublesome

Mrs. Hazelwood's talk continued the history of the Mission.

June Meeting: Theo Charles-Jones, Community Liaison Officer with the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation talked and showed slides about Iran. His talk was fascinating, showing insights about Iranian people and history. His renditions of the call of the Persian donkey man and the Muezzin from the minaret nearly brought the house down!

Thank you, Theo.

ALBURY RAIL STATION: Albury Station celebrates its Centenary on the 3rd February, 1981. An ad hoc committee has been formed to organise an appropriate celebration. Any suggestions, comments, or interesting historical snippets you may have would be most welcome. Please contact Colin McQueen.

The Society has written to the Transport Commission, suggesting some improvements which could be made to enhance the appearance of the Station. One of the major things we would like to see done is to have the lovely original front verandahs, with iron lace, restored. These were filled in about 1910 to provide office space, much to the detriment of the appearance of this grand building. And does the tower need a clock?

"THE CHOSEN CITY - The First Ninety years" by Jean Macdonald,
With pen drawings by Beth Klinge.

Mrs. Macdonald has written a most entertaining history of the Albury and Wodonga district. Miss Klinge's skilful drawings are amusing and apposite. Mrs. Macdonald is a local Historian and long standing member of the C.W.A. The Book is being printed privately and will be launched by the C.W.A. at their Hall in Kiewa Street, Albury on the 11th September, 1980. More details in the next Bulletin.

The new Editor of the Bulletin, - assisted by Committee members, is Colin McQueen. He would be pleased to receive items of interest for inclusion in the Bulletin.

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Mr. Gordon Mackie.

Hullo to you all: Spring is here again, so we can look forward to flowers and lots of warmer weather.

August Meeting Mrs. Marje Wehner from the Jindera Museum spoke on the development of their Museum and showed slides of the work as it progressed. She also showed some excellent slides taken from old photos and postcards of Albury. Those present thoroughly enjoyed the talk. The many questions indicated people's interest.

June 5th. Mrs. Frank Boyes' latest book "From the Murray River to the Botanic Gardens" was launched at an indoor Picnic Lunch at the Provincial Hotel in Wodonga. It was a lovely setting for an enjoyable lunch and the large crowd was treated to talks from many people, including among them Cleaver Bunton, Tom Mitchell, Cliff Chamberlain and Rex Chamberlain. This book, with written and drawn sketches is available from the Turk's Head Museum or from Miss Klinge at 744 Pemberton Street, Albury. Mrs. Boyes has again generously offered to split the proceeds between the Society and the Wodonga R.S.L., for which we are very grateful.

COMING EVENTS

September meeting 8pm. 9th September at C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, Albury.

Mrs. Boyes is going to talk on "ALBURY - CHANGES OVER THE LAST TWENTY YEARS". This is a very timely topic, as it will remind us that history is not just what happened 100 years ago, but is being created every day.

"THE CHOSEN CITY - The First Ninety Years". Jean McDonald's book, with illustrations by Beth Klinge, will be launched (provided the printing goes as planned!) at a function at the C.W.A. Hall on the evening of Thursday 11th September starting at 7.30pm. We are looking forward to obtaining autographed copies of the book. Members are invited, and if you are planning to come please phone Mrs. Quiggin on 21 3830. The book will cost \$4. 10/- discount for 10 copies and will be available from the C.W.A., the Historical Society or from Mrs. Quiggin, 721 Forrest Hill Avenue, Albury.

Donations. Mr. C. C. Hazelwood has given an Australian and a United Kingdom flag to the Society and some "Murray River Charts". They are received with thanks.

President Moves North. Our President's departure for Lismore (God's own Country, as the locals like to call it) was not unexpected, nonetheless we regret it. He has been a keen member, and we could ill afford to lose him and his enthusiasm. Our thanks, and best wishes to you Colin, Stephanie and Amelia in your new home. We hope you become keen members of the Richmond River Historical Society!

New Committee Members. We welcome two new members to the Committee of the Society.

Robin Brown joined the Society a few months ago. He is a very busy person, being in charge of construction of the Newsprint Mill at Ettamogah, so we are very pleased to see his interest in the Society.

Lois Humphreys is a history teacher at Albury North High School, and in an indirect way we also have the coming of the Newsprint Mill to thank for her presence. Lois has kindly offered to edit the Bulletin. She has previously been a member of the very active Casino Historical Society.

We welcome them both to the Society.

Bulletin. It is very important that members support the Bulletin. If you have any interesting news about yourself or other members, local affairs both contemporary or historical, please send them to the Secretary at 744 Pemberton Street, Albury. Or send your copy typed if possible, to Society or Committee meetings.

MR. PERCY BURROWS.

It is with deep regret that we report the death on 3rd. July 1980 of Mr. Percy Dutton Burrows at the great age of 101 years. He retained his faculties right up to his death and his memory for facts was amazing. He was a foundation member of our society.

He was born on 16th May 1879 at Barnawatha, Victoria. Youngest son of John and Eliza Burrows. His mother's love of reading and her big collection of books provided all nine of her children with a appreciation of literature. His father was a flour miller who started a mill in Wangaratta in 1860; six years later he bought Indigo Mill and the family moved to Barnawatha. John Burrows bought land in Dean Street, Albury in 1870 and built the Hume Flour Mill. The family moved to "Kingsley" in Dean Street - Percy and the clerk at Indigo Mill rode ponies and led the house cow to Albury. He attended Albury Grammar School, riding to and from school on his pony and enjoying wild races with schoolmates. The school was co-ed and had 45 pupils. The population of Albury was about 5000. He spent a year in Melbourne at an Engineering Works and Night School and in 1897 went to the Chiltern Mill for a year, riding his bicycle each weekend the 23 1/2 miles to be in time for the start of the mill at 7am. In 1909/10, the Dean Street Mill was demolished because it was too far from the railway and the bricks used in the building of the Mill in Young Street. The silos were built in 1912 and were the first concrete silos to be built in N.S.W. Percy Burrows was Manager of the Hume Flour Mills from 1908 until it was sold in 1946.

His first wife, Vera Jean Lithgow, was a fine singer and their musical evenings are remembered. They had a son Charles and two daughters Edith (Brooke) and Jean Laycock) Over 40 members of his family were at his 100th birthday. With his second wife, Mary Dinsmore, he enjoyed 33 years of marriage.

Mr. Burrows was associated with so many activities in Albury: the Albury Trades School which became Albury Technical College; with Rotary, being foundation member and third president of Albury Rotary; on the Council from 1912 - 1920, and Mayor in 1916/17 when his interest in electricity lit the Town; Albury Rifle Club; Agricultural Society; Albury & Hume Golf Clubs; Bowling Club and with our own Society. He was a great conversationalist and in demand as an after dinner speaker.

We are indebted to Horrie Harrison for most of this information about his good friend Percy Burrows.

The Imperial Bushel measure dated 1827, in the Turk's Head Museum, was in use at Burrows Flour Mills and presented by Mr. Burrows. Also in the museum there is an informative historical advertisement of "John Burrows P/L" (which is rather difficult to read being in the back of a cupboard) and a photograph of the old mill in Dean Street. The museum is open from 2 - 5pm. on Saturdays, Sundays and public and school holidays. More members of the Society are urgently needed for the Museum Roster. Phone 21 2394.

Some Signs of Aboriginal Occupation.

Ray Maher is a local resident with many years experience of 'knocking around the bush' and has a keen interest in the daily life of the aborigines before the intrusion of the white man. A few weeks ago he took me for a walk around the shores of Lake Hume at Bowna to look for signs of aboriginal occupation. "What you have to look for" Ray said "is a stone out of place - a stone that has been brought from elsewhere. There's a good chance it will have been brought there by an aborigine."

The shores of Lake Hume are ideal for looking as the waters have washed off the surface dirt, leaving stones exposed.

It was remarkable the evidence we saw. Ray had found a large pounding stone and base with traces of red material still on it. This was presumably ochre. There were many spots, along slight ridge-lines, where generations of campfires had hardened the earth - so these spots stood out in contrast to the rest of the area where softer earth had been washed away. We saw many pounding stones and pounding-stone bases, a large black stone which had been used for knocking-off pieces from which to make axes, and stones with flat sides that had been used as anvils. We also saw a small stone with a smooth hollow which had probably been used for sharpening axes.

Seeing all these things in a couple of hours walk brought home to me in a personal sense how this area must have been inhabited by aborigines for a very long time.

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Turk's Head Museum: Wodonga Place. Open 2p.m. - 5p.m.
Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays.

Membership Fee: \$2.00

Meetings are held in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, (next to the new Council Chambers) at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

NEXT MEETING: 14th October, 1980.

SPEAKER: Alan French.

Alan, a resident of Wooragee near Beechworth, has extensively studied the history of gold and tin mining in the Wooragee Valley. He will talk on the history of this valley and show us some of his extensive collection of slides.

- Supper will be provided.

SEPTEMBER MEETING: The President's Inaugural Address

Robin Brown emphasised three initial areas in which the efforts of members should be concentrated:

- obtaining larger premises for exhibiting artifacts in the museum.
- having a central archive to house the historical documents of the district.
- encouraging a larger and more active membership.

MEMBERSHIP:

Meetings are to be advertised more widely, and the "Bulletin" (which is again to be published monthly) is to be distributed this month to all those who might be interested in joining the Society.

encouragement is given to present members and newcomers to take an active role in the Society. With active participation, our first two objectives can be fulfilled, and as well, we could enjoy finding out much more about the district and its people, and systematizing our knowledge.

THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

We are writing to the RAHS regarding expansion of the museum, establishing archives and funding.

From correspondence, it is apparent that the Court House will not be available for a museum. A sub-committee is to set up to investigate how museum facilities can be expanded and improved.

RAILWAY CENTENARY, 1981:

A submission on the colour scheme for the painting of the Albury Railway Station has been sent at the request of the State Rail Authority. We are going to have the help of local architects, Derek Skues and Lester Sawyer.

Robin Brown is chairing a sub-committee for the displays of historical material for the Centenary. Activities will take place in February and March in conjunction with the Twin Cities Festival.

ADDRESS BY MRS. BOYES:

"Twenty years of the Albury and District Historical Society".

Mrs. Boyes spoke of the work of the Society since its inception in 1960.

The society has been concerned with classification of buildings for the National Trust, an Historic Homes photography competition, visits to schools, commemorative visits to the Hovell tree each year and the establishment of the Turk's Head Museum. In 1969, the water wheel was restored and erected in Noreil Park. The Society has taken part in historical centenar-ies and has honoured the pioneer, Elizabeth Mitchell.

Members of the Society have written the following publications:

"Overland to Port Phillip Bay", "Albury 1912-1972", "Matthew Flinders", "Remembering Robert Brown", "Charles Sturt", "Albury - Murray River to Botanic Gardens", Two new publications have been recently launched, "The Chosen City - The First Ninety Years", and "A Tale of Twin Cities".

A mere reporting of these activities cannot exhibit the empathy among the members who took part. From Mrs. Boyes' talk, we could sense the adventures, misadventures and pride of achievement in what had been accomplished.

It is time to pay tribute to their splendid work during the past twenty years, and in particular to acknowledge those members who have manned the museum at week-ends, during school holidays and at every special request which has been made for the museum to be opened. Editor.

NOTABLE FIRSTS: - By W. Fielder

The Colony's first performance of a play was given by a group of convicts in a hut fitted up for the occasion. They were permitted to amuse themselves in this manner on the event of His Majesty's birthday in 1789, Farquhar's comedy "The Recruiting Officer" being the piece selected. Forsaking the theatre as an actor, George Farquhar wrote several plays, all of which were performed at Drury Lane during 1698, the forementioned one having been staged at Drury Lane in 1706.

Established on 8 April 1817, the Bank of New South Wales was the first of its kind in the Colony. It began with a paid-up capital of £1,000,000, with a reserve of £450,000.

The Young Men's Christian Association was first established in Sydney in 1853, with John Fairfax as its president.

Australia's first sample of wool to go to England was taken by Macarthur in 1803. So encouraged by the favourable opinions of the best judges, Macarthur purchased from the flock of King George III two rams and four ewes, with which he returned to Australia in 1806. In the following year 524 lb. of wool was exported from the Colony, fetching up to 10s 4d. per lb.

The Sydney "Monitor" of 25 July 1829 reported for the first time that soldiers in the Sydney barracks amused themselves by playing a game called "football".

Contributions to the "Bulletin", whether questions or articles on historical matters, should be sent to Mrs. Lois Humphreys. 48 Buronga Drive, Albury

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Meetings are held in the C.W.A. Hall, Kiewa Street, (next to the new Council Chambers) at 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

NEXT MEETING: 11th November, 1980

TALK: Dr. David Denholm and students from the Riverina College of Advanced Education will speak of their research into the local history of Albury and District.

OCTOBER MEETING:

ATTENDANCE: Twenty two people attended, including the speaker and his wife, and nine newcomers. Now that the evening weather is so pleasant, come along and enjoy the meetings! As well as your enjoyment it will add to the morale of those who are putting a lot of effort into the Society because they believe it has a worthwhile and responsible function. There are many ways that we could expand, but this must not become burdensome for the few stalwarts - offer your help, too!

ARCHIVES:

It was moved and carried that Council be asked to house in the Library the documents of local history now held on behalf of the Society in various homes. These invaluable documents need professional care and should be available, when processed, for research and general reading to all members of the community.

TALK BY ALAN FRENCH:

"Mining in the Wooragee Valley". His interesting talk showed that Alan had a tremendous amount of research on the history of this valley, six miles from Beechworth. He was able to tell us not only about gold and tin mining, but about the early runs and education in the valley. Alan's talk was illustrated by apt slides which he had taken. WOORAGEE means Place of the Peppermint Gum Trees.

TOUR:

Alan has invited members of the Society to take part in a tour of Wooragee Valley on Sunday November 30th. He suggests a picnic lunch at 12.30, meeting at Wooragee Hall.

For members wanting directions, there will be committee members leaving from the C.W.A. Hall in Kiewa Street, at 11.30 a.m.

Anyone wanting transport could contact Lois Humphreys, phone 256057.

GENERAL:

ANNUAL HOVELL TREE PILGRIMAGE:

Friday, 14th November. Descendants of all the members of the Hume and Hovell Expedition have been invited to attend this year's commemoration at Hovell Tree Reserve. The suggested time for a picnic lunch is 12.30, and the ceremony starts at 1.30.

VISIT TO LAVINGTON EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL:

At the invitation of teachers, Ann Davis, the Minutes Secretary, entertained (and therefore instructed) two classes with artifacts from the museum on the theme, "Before Electricity".

POST OFFICE BOX:

Our new address is P.O. Box 514, Lavington. NSW 2641

THE CENTRAL MAPPING AUTHORITY:

The Central Mapping Authority has available maps of the colony in 1834 and of Sydney in 1807. The cost is \$1.50 for each map.

MUSEUM SUB-COMMITTEE:

Investigations are being made into possible sites for a new museum, or expansion of the Turk's Head.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION:

A late reminder! 65 of our 132 members have not paid their subscriptions for 1980. Please send your sub. to P.O. Box 514, Lavington, or bring it to the November meeting.

PUBLICITY:

The Border Morning Mail has given the Society excellent publicity during the past month, including Saturday's "Interest" page on the Railway Centenary, a report of the October meeting, and an encouraging editorial.

Robin Brown has also had an hour-long interview with Kath Davey on Radio Ettamogah.

GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY:

Gifts to the Society, for which we thank the donors.

Tony Convey	The Days of Gold
Rosemary Boyes	The Worth of an Historical Society
Jean Macdonald	Albury-Wodonga - The Chosen City
Telecom	The Palace of Winged Words
	(marking the centenary of the telephone in Australia)

MRS. M. G. SEYMOUR:

Mrs. M. G. Seymour has sent in reminiscences of the Railway Refreshment Rooms when her Father, Hugh McCutcheon, was licensee during the First and Second World Wars.

The Society has much work to do in tape-recording such reminiscences of Albury's history, but in the meantime we are very pleased to receive your letters.

CAN YOU HELP?:

The Bulletin is a useful and willing vehicle in finding answers to queries on local history. If you know some answers, would you write or phone the people who have sent in these queries:

MARIE ANEY, 804 DELANY STREET, GLENROY. - Phone 253618.
Wants additional information on the descendants of Edward Crisp.

Edward Crisp came to Albury in 1847, probably from Lower Minto. He became the second landlord of the Hume Inn and also, with his brother Charles, carried on the business of wheelwright in Townsend Street. In 1849 he bought largely at the first land sale held in Albury and it was on his land where George & Crisp Streets are today that the first grape vines were planted by Messrs. Rau, Schubach and Frauenfelder. He also built the hotel at the Eight Mile (Wagga Road) called "The Farmer's Home". He died in December 1868. The former Crisp home is still standing in Banff Street. Crisp's paddock was subdivided in 1881.

IAN SPENCER, A.W.D.C. - Phone 240239
Wants to know the background of Correy's Road.

KATH BAGGERIDGE, 327 CHEYENNE DRIVE, LAVINGTON - Phone 252639
is researching "Riverboats".

MRS. C. A. CARTER, 84 BOWEN STREET, ROMA. QLD. 4455
says: I am researching my ancestors, the Heelan and Dunne families who lived around Little Billabong during 1870's-80's. James Heelan is believed to have driven a coach about 1871-73 and his wife Elizabeth looked after the Inn. This is at Little Billabong, Four Mile Creek via Albury. When James died in January 1875, the informant on his death certificate was a Charles F. Duchatel, hotel keeper of Albury. Do you know anything of this person?

With regard to the Dunne family, at least two of these girls married Stuckey. However there were also boys in this family, Edward, William and I would be pleased if you have any reference to them, or their mother Anna Maria Dunne.

WHATS IN A NAME - PARTICULARLY A STREET NAME?

How would you like to live in Memory Lane or Galah Street - Frogs Alley, Wombat Way or Margaret Court (pun intended!). These are some of the suggestions received as suitable for street names in Albury-Wodonga.

The Development Corporation takes street naming reasonably seriously however and has not taken up any of these particular suggestions.

The actual business of naming neighbourhoods and streets is undertaken by the "Street and Place Names Committee", a group comprised of community representatives, local government, and Corporation. The rationale used by the group is to choose a neighbourhood name of some local significance if this is possible, and then to use a theme associated with this name for the streets.

By way of example, one of the new neighbourhoods at Thurgoona might be looked at - St. Hilaire.

The St. Hilaire homestead at Thurgoona is probably well known to many members of the Historical Society as it has been the subject of a number of articles on the wine industry of Albury. So when development was planned around the old homestead, it seemed opportune to name the new neighbourhood "St. Hilaire".

Choosing a theme for street names was obvious - the viticulturalists and winemakers who played such an important part (and still do) in the overall prosperity and early development of the region.

The street names to be used in St. Hilaire will be based on the names of pioneer winemakers or their vineyards. Unfortunately the giants of the Albury wine industry have already had streets named after them - Fallon, Frauenfelder, Schubach, Rau - so we are left with the names of some of the early vineyards -

Valverde
Daysdale
Annefield
Hauteville
Maryville

Apart from the name of Captain Lankester, there seem to be few names left of these early grape growers and winemakers of Albury and so we have to move further afield to Rutherglen and the North East of Victoria and use the names of the pioneers who established this region as one of the premier wine making areas of Australia.

And it is surprising to look at these pioneers and see how many of their names still prominent today - a quite remarkable achievement when considering over 100 years of continuous operations.

They are still going strong - the Chambers, Campbells, Morris's Sutherland-Smiths, Browns - now into fourth, fifth and sixth generation winemakers and grape growers.

In many cases the old houses and wineries still exist and are increasingly of tourist interest - "All Saints" modelled on the castle of Mey in Scotland from whence George Sutherland-Smith emigrated, the dirt floors at Chambers, the gracious "Fairfield" and "Mt. Ophire" - all bear testament to the vigour and energy of those early men and women.

At this stage, the committee has a list of around 20 or so names suitable for street names at St. Hilaire (easy to spell, pronounce and euphonious!!) but would greatly appreciate any additional names, particularly those associated with the wine industry of Albury. Any suggestions on this or possible leads on sources, would be greatly appreciated by Ian Spencer, telephone 240239 work, 214897 home.

Once the neighbourhood name is chosen and approved by the Corporation and local government, a plan of the area is sent off to the Geographical Names Board of the appropriate State for approval. The name is then gazetted and if no objections received, becomes the formal name.

As a matter of interest, the name Thurgoona, dating back to the aborigines was not an "approved" name according to the Geographical Names Board of N.S.W. and so action had to be taken to have the name formally assigned. Dr. Arthur Andrews advises that Thurgoona means the "rocky place" and was a place where it was possible to cross the Murray during periods of low flow. It does not mean "emu droppings" as a local journalist recently claimed.

The street names are approved by either the Corporation or Council and are chosen to avoid duplication of existing street names (as well of course as being euphonious, easy to spell and pronounce).

All in all, Placé Names and Street Names provide a unique opportunity to remember our past - pioneers, places, events - and it is no doubt an area where the Historical Society could play an important part in helping to provide information and authenticate details.

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NEXT MEETING: 9th December, 1980. Annual General Meeting and Christmas
Dinner. (Please bring a plate).

NOVEMBER MEETING:

Mr. David Denholm from the Riverina College of Advanced Education spoke on research into local history being undertaken by students. Wagga is better equipped than Albury in the availability of primary sources which are held in the Archives of the College. These include government documents and private collections, both large and small.

Mr. Denholm suggested that the Society could begin by compiling a Register of sources available in Albury.

To obtain a broad historical picture, Dr. Denholm concentrates on land ownership, transport and family trees which indicate the occupations of members.

Well as local government documents, buildings, cemeteries and obituaries provide further bases for investigation.

The Heritage Commission is particularly interested to know the location of graves outside major cemetery areas.

Once a broad historical outline of a region has been gained, students attempt to obtain more detailed information. Two of Dr. Denholm's students at the local College of Advanced Education outlined their research topics. Mrs. Langlands is doing research on the Docker Family of the Wangaratta district and Mrs. McCulloch is investigating the development of woolstores in our area.

HUME AND HOVELL'S ROUTE 1824:

Mr. John Eggleston, Department of Lands, Wagga Wagga has been researching this route for 18 months and plans a Walking Track from Yass to Melbourne. He and his assistant have been studying Hovell's Journals and other reports and have translated them on to geographical maps. Mrs. Margaret Carnegie and Brigadier Fitzgerald have helped. Mr. Eggleston is checking in the field now and spoke to the Society at our meeting on 11th November. As a start three loop tracks for family walking are planned:

- a) 5 km along the Goobarragandra River, Tumut
- b) 15 km at Tumberumba and
- c) 7 km at Thurgoona to the Hovell Tree, Albury.

The Walking Tracks will be mostly on Crown Land and will follow Hume and Hovell's route as closely as possible. Leaflets will be written to explain the historical interest.

RAILWAY CENTENARY:

The renovations and painting of the Railway Station are well underway, with the Station Master's house already freshly painted and looking most attractive. The corrugated iron roof on the awning over the long platform is to be replaced with pre-painted aluminium sheeting and the ornate cast-iron support are now being sand-blasted and painted.

ARCHIVES:

We are very pleased that Council has accepted our request to house the Society's collection of documents in the Upper Murray Regional Library. Now that there is more room available in the Library, the Senior Librarian, Mrs. Anne Holloway, is considering setting up a special room for Local History.

So begins our Register!

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Predictably inflation has caught up with the Society's running costs and the Committee has recommended that the Annual Subscription be increased to \$3.00 per annum. Despite this substantial increase, our Society must have one of the smallest annual subs. charged anywhere.

FEBRUARY BULLETIN:

Our next Bulletin will be published in February 1981, giving details of the February Meeting. To be included: some "Can You Help" correspondence on the Hayes family, and "The Boomerang Girls" of 1919!

HOVELL TREE PILGRIMAGE - DEDICATION OF BRONZE PLAQUE:

This year's Hovell Tree Pilgrimage, held on Friday 14th November, was most successful. This day being chosen to dedicate a bronze plaque, placed by the Society, to honour ALL the men of the 1824 exploratory party, Hamilton Hume, Captain Hovell, Henry Angel, William Bollard, James Fitzpatrick, Thomas Boyd, Thomas Smith, Claude Bossawa. The Society extended invitation to their descendants and relatives to attend, resulting in 47, including children, attending to honour their ancestors travelling from all parts of Australia.

Society President, Mr. Robin Brown conducted the ceremony, Mrs. Frank Boyes B.E.M. told the significance and history relevant to the plaque

also, along with Miss Beth Klinge, presented the descendants of the explorers with engraved souvenirs and books. The value placed on these is shown as many were presented at the 1974 sesqui centenary celebrations and proudly kept their souvenirs from that occasion whilst the Hovell family still have souvenirs presented in Albury during the 1924 centenary celebrations.

Special mention must be made re the two girl "Venturers" Scouts who so ably handled the Flag raising - the Albury Junior High School Band, who provided such excellent music - and the Grade 6 students of the Scots School who provided the oration and the delightful vision of the trek to Albury - complete with period costumes, rucksacks and even dogs. Congratulations to all these students and their teachers, and also the thanks of the Society, for these young folk truly make the day what it is.

Patron of the Society Mr. Cleaver Bunton O.A. O.B.E. spoke re the explorers - whilst Mr. John Hovell and the Hon. Tom Mitchell C.M.G. spoke on behalf of the descendants and relatives. We are delighted that we have three new members who joined that day - Mr. John Bollard, representing the Bollard family, Mrs. Isobel Ireland, descendant of Henry Angel, and Mrs. Isobel Morris, relative of the Hume family. The ceremony ended with the unveiling of the plaque by the Major of Albury, Ald. John Roach, a foundation member of the Society.

In her speech Mrs. Frank Boyes remarked how the Society appreciated the manner in which Dignataries and school children alike braved the heat and humidity to attend - special mention being made of students from Albury North High School, also how Mrs. Jean Macdonald - author of "The Chosen City" was unable to be present due to an unfortunate accident, recalling also that the first Pilgrimage, suggested by Society member, the late Joe Wright, commenced exactly seventeen years ago - 14th November 1963 - becoming an annual event. Over 100 people, apart from those involved, attended this year.

Mr. Robin Brown thanked all for coming and invited all to afternoon tea at the "Hume Inn" opposite the Hovell Tree Reserve. Here, the descendants found a "Souvenir Cake" to be cut for all descendants and relatives to "take home a piece".

The Society, specially wishes to thank Mrs. Sylvia Walsh, Vice President, Wagga Historical Society, for the wonderful work she did in contacting the many "Angel" descendants; Mrs. Gertrude Buik, granddaughter of Henry Angel, who, naturally not a young woman, travelled from Wagga to be present, and Mr. Bob Croft, Curator, Albury Botanic Gardens and his staff, for the beautiful condition of the grounds of the Hovell Tree Reserve were in and for the placing and removal of seating and dais. Without this co-operation, plus the affixing of the plaque, the Society would not have such a pleasant Pilgrimage. The Society also thanks all media for coverage, as this publicity shows the whole district the manner in which the Society works.