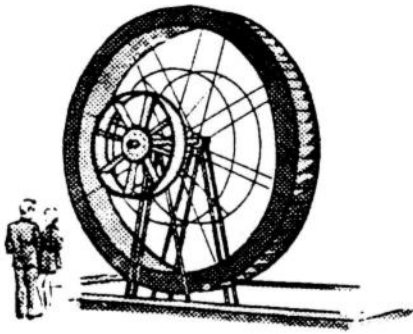


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APRIL 2004

GUEST SPEAKER Ms **CHRIS STEWART**, Regional Tourism Manager
on "*Tourism & History for Small Regional Communities*".

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What happened to the Chinese miners after the gold mining days (1850's) finished?

FUTURE EVENTS

- ① Albury Regional Museum -closed April 2004. Open again in May.
- ② Easter, Fri. 9th – Sun. 11th April.
- ③ April 24 to May 2,

HERITAGE FESTIVAL WEEK

Wed. 28th April, 7pm at Albury Library.
The Library & A&DHS present a talk by
Gerry Curtis & Ray Gear, on "**The Works
of the Gordons, Architects 1868-1913**".
Slide show, supper, display of maps & plans
of buildings around the QEII Square Cul-
tural Precinct.

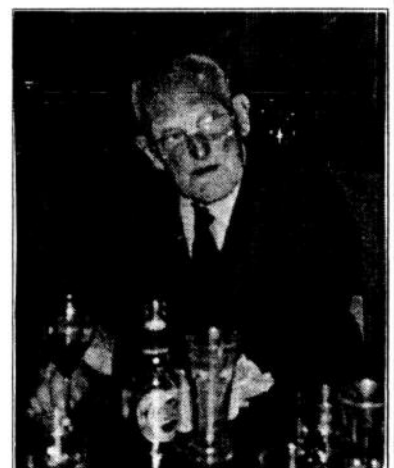
- ④ 1-3 May, Stockman's Hall of Fame,
Landsborough Highway, Longreach Qld.
"**..Outback Muster & Drovers' Reunion**".
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PHARMACIES REPORT ON THE MARCH MEETING IN ALBURY

The Society was addressed by *Jack Friedlieb* on
the topic "*Pharmacy Days in Albury, late
1920's to 1950*".

Jack Friedlieb was in the
Pharmacy business at the **Olive St
Pharmacy** Albury for about fifty
years, from the 1930's, through
WWII, to 1973. *Jack* was born in
1914 at Rokeby Hospital in
Albury, & then lived behind the
pharmacy until 1930 when the
family shifted further up Olive St.

In the 1920's when *Jack* was at
school there were five Chemist
shops in Albury. Bob Blackie's
was the biggest; he had two chem-
ists working for him, Mr Gil Japp
& Frank Thomas. When Blackie
died Thomas carried on; he retired & sold the business to Ian &
Margaret Watson when the shop was shifted to the Globe Hotel in
Kiewa St. Claude Lillyman had a Chemist shop in Dean St just
west of Kiewa St; Alan Bryan & Brian Fairbridge took over
on his death, & in later years Don Felton & Margaret



Mr Jack Friedlieb

PHARMACIES IN ALBURY

Savanyo were there. Mrs Burt was on the corner of Wilson & Olive St; it was not a real pharmacy, it was more of a dispensary & had two doctors opposite her, so it kept her pretty busy. Jack Kenna worked as an apprentice, till he qualified in the early 1930's.

Jack's father came to Albury & opened up a Pharmacy in the Globe Hotel from 1906 to 1910, & then at 504 Olive St until his death in 1933. It stayed in the family. His sister carried the business on after she finished her degree in Melbourne & she was a pharmacist there until 1938. She then travelled overseas. While she was running the business, Jack was training to be a pharmacist as well; when he finished his degree in 1937 he worked as a locum around the district & he then took over from his sister & worked there until 1973 running **Friedlieb's Pharmacy**. The fittings from the Olive St pharmacy ended up in Simon & Kathleen Horsfall's Thurgoona pharmacy.

There was another pharmacy up the north eastern end of Dean St called Hanson's; he sold out to Peter Rowe during the early 1930's.

During the depression years there were quite a few chemist shops opened up in Albury. Blakes was the first; he was well known as "soapy Blake" as he was always rubbing his hands together. He had quite a connection with people; he invited customers to come & to be interviewed & give advice. He later sold the business to Mr Richards. Jack Kenna, who had been working with Mrs Burt, opened during the 1930's in premises now occupied by Evans Shoes in 541 Dean St.

During the 1930's, Blackie's Pharmacy, just below Harangozo's jewellery shop, was taken over by the Richard's family. They shifted a few shops eastwards. John MacLennan had the property where Florence chemist shop was, on the corner of David & Dean St. It was later purchased by the Richards family.

Gissing & Denison also opened a pharmacy in the west end of Dean St close to Nolan Bros Sports Store.

In the 1940's quite a lot of chemists came along. In 1938 Fred Willson-White came to Albury & opened a pharmacy in Ryan's Hotel building. He carried on for quite a while & then moved up near Mate's corner, & sold out to Ron Leith years later, who in late years sold to Rod Pike. Rod Pike is now on the corner of Dean & Townsend St. Ern Russell moved into his premises in the Ryan building, selling out later to Paul Wallace. John Wanklyn now operates Lillyman's old pharmacy in West End Shopping Centre.

Mrs Pearson opened up a shop in Mate St Nth Albury which was later taken over by Peter Carrick after WWII.

A lot of them didn't open up until

after the war. Mrs Rene Norman opened up opposite Peter Carrick in Mate St. Don Felton also opened a pharmacy in the eastern end of Dean St in the 1950's.

There were fifteen chemists in Albury over the last few years. Of late with all the closing & amalgamations of the pharmacies there are half the chemist shops in Albury that there used to be.

Pharmacies in those days were different to what they are now. Jack worked 8.30 to 7.30pm every day & Friday night opened till 9pm, Saturday 9 till 12 noon & 7pm to 8pm, & Sunday was 10 to 12 noon & 7pm to 8pm. Jack was averaging about 12 hours per day. The work was different altogether; these days you hand a prescription in & they would take the item off the shelf, put a label on it & they might give you a bit of advice. In the earlier days a prescription might have three or four different items on it; each would have to be made up & would be handed to you. Instead of waiting five or ten minutes as you do now, you would have to come back in half an hour or an hour. People didn't mind.

Jack had a lot of country customers who would ring him up & write in for a prescription; not only did they want a script, they also wanted some groceries or other goods to be sent out on the mail car or would be picked up by friends that had come into town. Jack would put it onto their account & hope that he would get paid some day.

Jack enjoyed the pharmacy those days. Later on when it modernised it wasn't the same

game. He enjoyed mixing up complicated mixtures of cream; occasionally you would get a batch of pills. Very rarely would you get a batch of suppositories to make, you would have special machinery for all those prescriptions. While you were open 12 hours a day you had time to speak to people. They would come in from the country & have a yarn; you can't do that these days you're too busy (& would get the sack).

Those days there were a lot of patent medicines which you may remember. Wood's Peppermint Cure, Heame's Bronchitis Cure, Heame's No 7 Mixture, Bido-mak, Buckley's Canadiol, Bex & Vincents APC's Powders, Blackie's Cold Cure, Lillyman's Footrot Liniment, Friedlieb's Nevakof, Friedlieb's Ferrona Iron Tonic, Friedlieb's Sulpha Hair Restorer. Well known remedies sold over the counter included Acriflavine Paint, Mercurochrome Paint, Iodine Paint,

Photo: J. B. Thomson p 3



Photo: Mr R C Friedlieb's (Jack Friedlieb's father) Pharmacy in Olive St Albury

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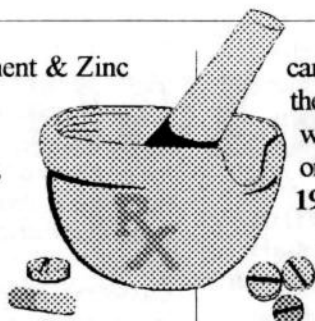
All those sorts of things, & occasionally you would have a batch of powders to make, such as Aspirin or Quine; they would take quite a while as you would have to measure out all the ingredients & mix them in the mortar & then measure them on a set of scales. You would cut up little bits of white paper & push the ingredients onto the paper & roll them over & put them over a little roller. You would be lucky to get 20 cents or two shillings for them, that is how things were.

Chemists used to have to make their own preparations of cough mixtures, & you would get away with murder. They would be calling them **cures**, which you could not call anything now. Neva Cough, Cure-Em-Quick, Fer-rona Iron Tonic & lots more I can't remember. Our specialty was Friedliebs tomato sauce essence that was for making tomato sauce; I can still remember the formula.

For the **supply of goods** there was no local depots & you would rely on commercial travellers. They would take the orders & the goods would arrive by rail & then the local delivery drivers, Tom, Dick & Harry or Harry Mudge would deliver them to the shop. They would always come in wooden crates (a great waste of timber) & you would have to get out the hammer & chisel to levy the boards off. It would take over an hour to unpack & sort everything out & put everything in its right place.

Often some mixtures would have to be **delivered**. Before WWII we didn't have cars or buses; we had a messenger boy on a bike & he would have to deliver all of the medicines all over Albury & hope that he wouldn't drop them on the way. That was our way of keeping in touch with the customers. Once WWII started & blackouts came in we had to close early at 6pm & all the chemists cheered when that happened. That is when rationing came in; films & things of that nature were rationed, & you had to be careful not to offend your customers, or give things to the wrong people. After a few years Fred White said that we were a lot of stupid people for all working on the weekend, so we adopted a roster during the mid 1940's & early '50's; only one chemist shop worked on the weekends, & we had some recreation at weekends.

The **drugs** those days were nearly all organic preparations. In the late 1930's in the war years we were very fortunate that the sulpha group of drugs came on the market; sulphanilamide, sulphadimide, sulphadiazine, sulphathiazole. They changed things quite a lot. Instead of having all of these different mixtures you would give them a dose of sulpha tablets. Then in the 1950's the penicillin preparations



came on the market & it was a God send. Most of the preparations became obsolete; when I sold out we still had a lot of drugs & bottles of medicines on the shelves. I am not going any further after 1950 because after that all the pharmacies changed. A lot of **cosmetics** came into the game. In the early days we had a few cosmetics on the counter; Ponds creams & face powders. As the supermarkets arrived most of them disappeared.

-Jack Friedlieb 10/3/04

-To be continued in BULLETIN 435 - "How a prescription was made in the early 1930's".

Max Barry - What was the significance of the old style "coloured" medicine bottles? **J.F.** - Safety was a consideration. The castor oil was in blue bottles. Liments were in the brown bottles, so people wouldn't drink them. In those days nearly all of the bottles you would have to buy in crates from Melbourne, or you had to clean the ones that came back to the shop from customers. The messenger boys cleaned them with the brush & soap.

Ron Braddy - Did the red & green bottles have particular significance? **J.F.** - no! When Don Felton was here he had some beautiful carboys; he brought them from Claude Lillyman's shop years before. Before he died he was offered £3,000 for them. Unfortunately ours got smashed & I was unable to cash in on them.

Ron's grandmother would pour "4711 Eau de Cologne" from a pint bottle into the bath (it is now worth \$89.00 per pint (0.57 litres).

Geoff Hamilton - Were there drug problems in those days? **J.F.** - We use to use heroine, morphine & cocaine. We had to keep a record of what we sold. There was a lady who use to come in once a week & I think she went to every other chemist shop in Albury. She would buy half a dozen bottles of "Lawson's Bronchitis Cure" which had a little bit of heroine in it. She was living on that heroine for a long while. There was a doctor here for a while & he was writing out morphia scripts for his wife & he got into trouble over that.

There was a poisons cupboard too. Strychnine was supplied to country people to poison rabbits; you had to keep a record of all that.

J.F. - Some of the old cough medicines seemed to be extra good in those days? **J.F.** - Codeine & caffeine were in a lot of the mixtures. They got away with murder.

John Craig - In the early 1940's, families would live in flats above the Pharmacy shops. They would sleep in the balconies over the footpath, but these were later replaced by cantilever awnings.

ANSWER TO QUESTION OF THE MONTH (March)

When was the first Court House built in Albury?

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SPEAKING AT A MEETING? Please write it down and give it to a Committee Member. Photographs (originals or small photocopies) are welcome. Also, quote your sources.

Drawing by Jan Martin: A&DHS p 3



Old Albury Court House (8/1860)©

① The requirements of the law caused the establishment of a Court of Petty Sessions, the appointment of a Clerk of Petty Sessions (John Roper 2.) on January 1, 1847, & the establishment of the first court house 'at the foot of Hume St' on Wodonga Place 3., in a small slab building on the reserve 4. (date built?)

② Subsequently a two-roomed brick building on the north-east side of Kiewa St just along from its junction with Dean St 5 on a one acre reserve 6., was the Court House.

③ The Customs House (built 1851 7.) at the corner of Wodonga Place Reserve then became the Courthouse (c1853). This Court House also served as an Anglican Church & Council Chambers & later became a lime & salt store for T. H. Mate 8.. It was demolished in 1885 9..

④ 1859 the "present Court House" had just been built, & the officials moved in 10..

⑤ A new Court House was built by 15/8/1860, (now known as the "Old Court house" in Dean St), by Thomas Allen 11..

⑥ The new Court House was built in Olive Street in 1987.

- Geoff Hamilton

GENERAL NOTICES

1 Greg Howard was unavailable for the March Meeting.

2 Everyone who receives a "BULLETIN" please post the A&DHS your Email Address, if you have one.

3 REPORT ON THE FEBRUARY MEETING (Notes)

Hume & Hovell had departed from Lake George & because of the hilly country abandoned their two-wheeled light cart. They crossed the Murrumbidgee River by converting their carts to punts 12.. Because of the heavily timbered country they abandoned their carts. They had trouble crossing the Murray River near Albury in Nov. 1824. They had pack horses & cattle 13. (but no bullock wagons). Thomas Boyd 14. swam across the river with a rope, & then towed their possessions across in a sapling framework covered with tarpaulins 15, 16.. They later had several other rivers to cross (Mitta Mitta, Little River, etc.) 16..

-Gerry Curtis & Roslyn Webb

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4 June Shanahan (Ph 02 6025 1324) purchased a tape recorder & remote control playback machine for the A&DHS, so that members can engage in the recording & transcribing of oral history. June transcribed this Bulletin.

5 ♣ Mrs Florence McCann died in Melbourne on 14/3/04, aged 95. ♣ She was the great granddaughter of Robert Brown, Albury's first settler. She was instrumental in having the Robert Brown plaque re-placed near the Cum

beroonia after the Noreuil Park Kiosk was demolished.

6 Gerry Curtis reported that he attended a two day reunion for the Head family. On 6th March 2004 they met at Mullengandra, & on 7th March they met in Smollett St Albury. Edward Head married Susannah Hamilton in 1866 in the original Presbyterian Church in Smollett St Albury (where St Patrick's Church Hall now stands). In 1905 the Church on five acres (2 ha) land was purchased by the Catholics. In 1925 the old church was demolished, but a fig tree still remains after 140 years. In 1874 bagpipes were heard in Albury for the first time at this church, & they were played again at the reunion. A book, "Head into History" has been produced.

JOURNEYING THROUGH THE JOURNALS

compiled by John Craig

This list has been compiled to help members find items of interest. These journals can be viewed at the Albury City Library - History Resources Room.

ALBURY/WODONGA VOLUNTEER

RESOURCE BUREAU: February 2004

1. O.H.&S. Induction for Volunteers, May 6th '04.

ARGYLE BULLETIN: Goulburn H S & F H S Journal February 2004

1. World's First Pony Express - Launceston / Hobart 1816.

BORDERLINE NEWS: Wodonga F H S Newsletter February 2004

1. Gillian Kelly Will Speak of the Lacemakers From Calais (France) Who Migrated to Australia April 1848 - (at the April 20th Meeting).

DEVONDALE NEWSPAPER: No. 12 December 2003

1. Coverage of the 100th Anniversary of Eskdale Butter Factory.

INSITES: Historic Houses Trust NSW, Autumn.

1. Calendar of Events & Exhibitions for Mar/ Apr/ May '04.

2. Red Gold - Early Red Cedar Industry in the Colony.

3. Under One Roof - Unearthing of Earthenware Pipes Under Old Coining Factory.

LINKS 'N' CHAINS: Liverpool F H S Journal February 2004

1. The Custom Department Pre-Federation Australia.

2. Members Interest Directory 2004.

NATIONAL TRUST AUSTRALIA (NSW):

1. Heritage Festival Program of Events 24th April - 2nd May

WAGGA WAGGA HISTORICAL SOCIETY Newsletter Feb./Mar. 2004

1. President's Report of Think Tank Meeting, Looking at the Future of the Society.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

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