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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

As there were insufficient members in attendance on Tuesday March 18th. to form a quorum, it has been necessary to defer the Annual General Meeting of our Society.

The A.G.M. will now be held on Tuesday, April 15th at 7.30 pm in our rooms at 44 Buckley Street, Morwell.

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Annual General Meeting
Tuesday April 15th.
7.30 pm

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17th. January 1952

Engagement Announced at Coming-of-Age Party

A very enjoyable social evening was spent in the Community Hall on Friday evening of last week, the occasion being the Coming-of-age of Miss Joan Mary Soutar.

Joan is the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Soutar, who have been residents of Buckley Street, Morwell, for the past ten years.

Close on 100 people assembled to honor the guest and included in the gathering was Joan's grandfather from Maffra. Other relatives were present from Maffra also Leongatha, Rupanyup and Jeeralang South. The Hon. W. O. Fulton, M.L.A., was also a notable guest.

Dancing took the major part of the programme. The music was capably handled by Miss Carol Thompson. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. P. Phillipps.

During the evening Messrs Phillipps Bros. supplied several items on the bagpipes for some of the old-time dancing.

Vocal items were also contributed by Mrs. Auchterlonie, and Mr. L. McKenzie (of Cora Lynn), formerly of Morwell.

When the time arrived to make the presentation of gifts, the chairman called upon Mr. Fulton to do the honors.

Mr. Fulton said that in his capacity as Minister of Health he had had some pleasing duties, but the one that he had that night "topped them all". He said that he had known Joan since she was a baby. He had lived alongside her relatives in Maffra for very many years and her mother had been in his employment prior to her marriage.

He also had close associations with the family during their residence in Morwell.

During Mr. Fulton's remarks he said that he was very pleased to announce publicly Joan's engagement to Mr. Edward Alan Hopper, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hopper, of Devonport, Tasmania.

Many and valuable were the gifts that were displayed on the table in the hall.

The presentation concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Fulton by Joan's father.

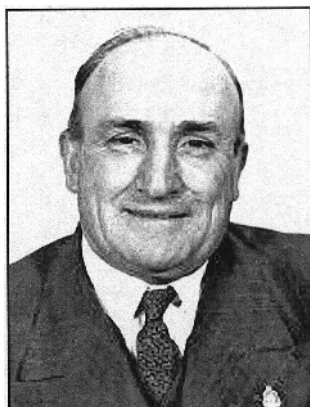
Later the gathering adjourned to the supper room where Mrs. Soutar, assisted by a band of ladies, had provided a delightful supper, which was greatly enjoyed.

On the guest's table was a beautiful birthday cake, made by Joan's mother and appropriately decorated by Mrs. Barton, of Yallourn.

Amid musical honors Joan cut the cake, which was distributed to the gathering.

The toast to the guest was proposed by Mr. Fulton, and that to the host and hostess were honored by Mr. Fred Stuart (of Traralgon). Mr. Hopper responded on behalf of Joan, and Mr. Soutar on behalf of his wife and himself.

The only member of the family not present at the gathering was Cpl. R. Soutar (Joan's elder brother) who is stationed at Cocos Island with the R.A.A.F.



Photograph: Per
Internet

The Hon. W. A. Fulton M.L.A.

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3rd. April 1952

Railwayman's Death Inquest



At an inquest held in the Morwell Court last Friday, the Deputy-Coroner, Cr. D. J. White, J.P., found that Oliver Charles Dawson, of Yinnar, died on January 18th, from injuries received while in the employ of the Victorian Railways Commissioners when he fell from a K. S. motor trolley at the 92 mile peg on the Morwell -Mirboo North railway line.

Medical evidence by Dr. F. N. Bouvier was that Dawson received severe head injuries, and that death would be almost instantaneous.

Lindsay Lee Jacgung, repairer, employed by the Victorian Railways at Yinnar, told the court that on Friday, January 18, in company with deceased and Repairer Colley, he travelled on a K.S. motor from Yinnar to Morwell. On the return journey about 200 yards prior to arriving at the 92- mile post he saw an axe on the deceased's side of the motor moving and he leaned over and placed it in a safe position. As he did so, deceased adjusted other tools, which included an iron bar, with his hands and feet.

At that time the trolley was travelling at about 15 m.p.h. down a slight down-grade. He felt a bump and saw the deceased being thrown forward ahead of the motor, which passed over the top of him, and at the same time the motor was derailed. Witness stated that he had had experience of this type of machine for only three months, but had never seen any tools previously dislodged.

Arthur Lionel Colley gave a similar version of the accident, but stated that in his experience tools on such a vehicle were inclined to shift about, and he had one previous experience of tools becoming dislodged.

Constable J. J. Brabender gave evidence that it appeared as if a claw bar had worked forward of the motor, dug into the ground and that the other end had become caught in part of the motor causing it to jump. The men had been thrown off and the motor had then passed over the deceased.

He said that, if the tools had been on the platform of the trolley, the rim on the edge should have been sufficient to stop them falling off.

Mr. A. Augustine appeared for the Railways Department, Mr. A. J. Cugan for the relatives of the deceased and the A.R.U. and Senior Constable S. Coish assisted the Deputy-Coroner.

The last train on the Mirboo North Line



22nd. June 1974

Photograph: Whitehead

1942



Firemen and Auxiliary Firemen under Capt R Watson (left)

This photograph appeared in the “Weekly Times” in 1942



Do you recognise any particular member of this patriotic group?

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24th. January 1952

Orange Blossom JENKINSON-LUCAS

At the Sacred Heart Church, Morwell, on January 19th, the marriage of Esther Margaret, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lucas, Morwell Bridge, with Mervyn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jenkinson, Belfast, Ireland, was celebrated by the Rev. Father Walsh.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a gown of silver embroidered frost white lace over tulle and satin, the bodice fashioned with scalloped transparent tulle yoked edge with tiny pleating of tulle, the full skirt falling in soft folds to a full train. A plaited coronet of misty tulle caught on either side with orange blossom held the three-tiered finger-tip French tulle veil and she carried a bouquet of frangipanni.

Miss Hannah Broderick, of Melbourne, the bride's cousin, attended as bridesmaid, her old world gown of rose pink tulle over taffeta, featured an appliqué of pink lace on the neckline of the tulle yoke, puff sleeves and full skirt of four layers of tulle appliquéd with rosebuds of pink lace, the hemline caught with similar flowers over a deeply frilled underskirt. She wore mittens and matching lace beanie with spray of flowers at side and carried a bouquet of lovely pastel flowers.

As trainbearer, Freda Lucas, the bride's sister, looked sweet in a frock of azure blue lace and tulle over taffeta, with tiny pleating of tulle on the cap-sleeves and pointed bodice, and the deep frill of the skirt caught with tiny pink satin bows. She wore a lace beanie with blue flower, and carried a posie of pastel flowers.

Mr. Jack Broderick, of Melbourne, was best man. Mr. David Collins, the bride's uncle, who recently arrived from Scotland, was the organist.

Mrs. Lucas wore a junior navy coat with her tie silk floral frock, white hat and accessories and spray of frangipanni.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where the guests, mainly relatives who had travelled from Melbourne for the occasion were entertained.



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28th. February 1952

Prime Minister's Visit

CERTAIN alterations have now been made in the itinerary as published last week, of the Prime Minister's unofficial visit to the Latrobe Valley on Friday, March 7th. Mr. Menzies will be accompanied by Mrs. Menzies and Miss Heather Menzies.

The new times will be-

12.30 p.m. - Lunch at Yallourn.

1.45 p.m. - Inspection of Yallourn Undertaking.

2.30 p.m. - Depart Yallourn for Morwell (calling at Migrants' Hostel).

2.50 p.m. - Arrive Morwell for Civic Reception by Shire President.

3.25 p.m. - Inspect Morwell Project.

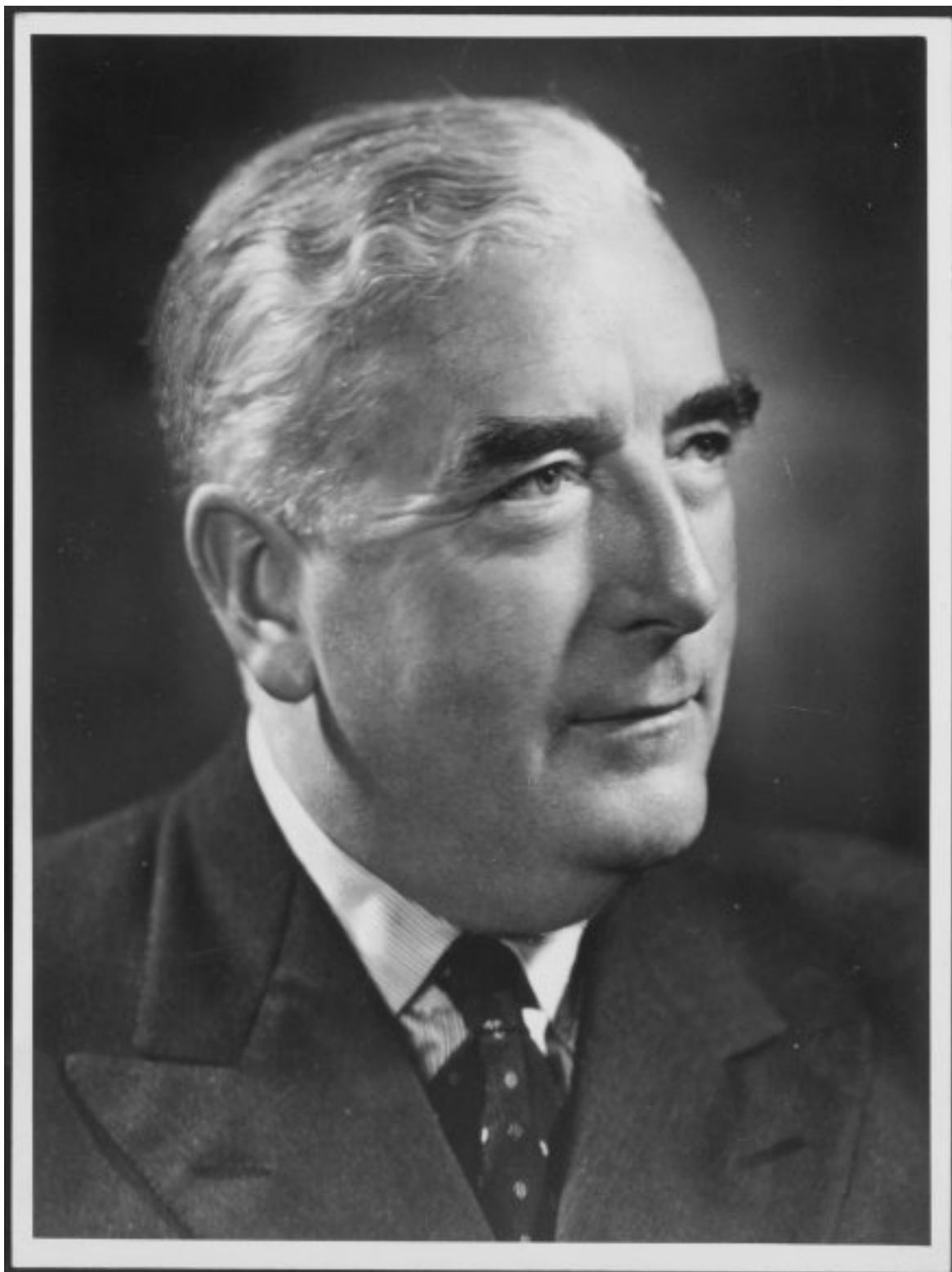
4.05 p.m. - Visit to A.P.M.

4.50 p.m. - Depart Morwell for Warragul, stopping over for a brief call on the Narracan Council at Trafalgar on route.

The party will be met at Morwell by Sir Norman F. Brookes, Chairman of Directors, and Mr. Charles S. Booth, Managing Director of the Australian Paper Manufacturers Limited, who will accompany the party to the Maryvale Mill.

The original arrangements for Mr. Menzies' attendance at a Civic Dinner to be given him by the shire president at Warragul and at a L.C. P. Social Evening later have not been disturbed.





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**This photograph of Mr. Menzies taken in 1952
was sourced from the Internet. S. H.**

Meeting Dates 2008:

Tuesday 7.30 pm at 44 Buckley Street

February 19th

March 18th

April (A.G.M.) 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

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Morwell branch (First Manager)

1952-1955

Secretary of Benevolent Society

Secretary and Treasurer of Morwell Club

