

THE MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Published every month except December.

The Society meets every 3rd Tuesday of the Month 7:30pm Collins St. State School Library

The August newsletter contains "bits and pieces" of historical information. The reproduction of the Morwell Advertiser is interesting - it must be one of the few copies of the Advertiser about. Do you know of the existence of other early copies of the Morwell Advertiser?

A list of Shire Presidents is included. Reading through the list, one notes many early names. Herein we can trace the origin of street names or even be reminded of the contribution to Morwell's history by some early residents.

Any organization is as effective as the interest of its membership. There appears to be extensive interest in the Morwell Historical Society. Do you know of prospective members? Encourage people to our regular meetings. Mrs. Dorothy Taylor has the details pertaining to membership fees.

McLEAN, LITTLE Pty. Ltd.

LIST OF SALES

March
25—Toongabbie Cattle Sale
30—Morwell Yard Sale
31—Morwell Pig Sale

April
1—Yinnar Cattle Sale
7—Yinnar Pig Sale
9—Boolarra Sale

YARD SALE

MORWELL

Tuesday, 30th March

McLEAN & LITTLE PTY. LTD.
will sell on above date, at their
Morwell yards, at one o'clock, as
follows:—

- 20 Fat Bullocks, Cows and Heifers
- 100 Fat Sheep and Lambs
- 25 Fleecy Cows
- 25 Milkers and Springers
- 12 Bullocks, 3 and 4 year old
- 12 Jersey Heifers, 1 1/2 year old
- 100 Head Mixed Cattle
- 150 Good Conditioned Store Lambs
- 200 Mixed Sheep

Morwell Pig Sale

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st

YINNAR Cattle Sale

THURSDAY, APRIL 1st

- 50 Fat and Choppy Cattle
- 50 Mixed Cattle, Springers and
Young Cattle

PIGS PIGS

Weighted, Cased and Paid For at
Scales

FORTNIGHTLY TRUCKINGS

—Bulking Market Values Paid—

NO COMMISSION

Free Freight on Shareholders Bacon Pigs

LOADING AT MIRBOO NORTH,

BOOLARRA and YINNAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 8th

Mirboo North 8 a.m.—11.30 p.m.

Boolarra 12 noon—2 p.m.

Yinnar 10 p.m.—1.30 p.m.

Quality Pigs for Quality Pigs

Approved Co-operative Bacon Curing
Co. Ltd. Dandenong.

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STOCK & STATION AGENTS

MORWELL and YINNAR

Clearing Sales conducted in any part
of the District

LIST OF SALES

April
6—Morwell Yard Sale

Campbell & Watson

TRAFALGAR

NEXT HOUSE SALE

MONDAY, APRIL 5th

Thence First Monday in Each Month.

Country Roads Board

Exhibition Building,

Carlton, N.3.

SEPARATE Tenders, addressed to the
Secretary of the Board and endorsed
"Tender for Contract . . ." (as
the case may be) will be received at
this office until 2.15 on Monday, 5th
April 1937, for the following works:—

CONTRACT 1FM/551A. Supply and
delivery of 1267 cubic yards of road-
making gravel on the Grand Ridge
Road in the Shires of Alberton and
Morwell, between Blackwarry and the
Jeeralang West Road.

CONTRACT 1MFM/550A. Supply and
delivery of 1424 cubic yards of road-
making sand near Gonyah and Ryton
on the Grand Ridge Road and the
Boolarra-Welshpool Road in the Shires of
Alberton and Morwell.

Plans and specifications (for each
contract) available at this office, the
Post Office Boolarra, the Post Office
Buloke, and the Shire Hall Yerram.

CONTRACT 112MFM/351A. Supply
and delivery of 1054 cubic yards of
road-making sand on the Morwell-Mir-
boon Road, between the Boolarra-Welshpool
Road and the Grand Ridge Road, in
the Shires of Morwell and Alberton,
in the vicinity of Boolarra.

Plans and specifications at this office,
and the Post Office Boolarra.

Preliminary deposit (in each case)
2 1/2 per cent. The lowest or any ten-
der not necessarily accepted.

SHIRE OF MORWELL

IMPOUNDINGS

IMPOUNDED at Yinnar by the Shire
Herdsman, on 19th March, 1937,
from Morwell town streets.

TOWN HALL PICTURES

MORWELL

ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT ON
Saturday, March 27th

The Famous BING CROSBY with
Madge Evans and Louis Armstrong
and his swing band in

"PENNYES FROM HEAVEN"

Folks, it's the grandest, gayest of all
Bing's happy hits—laughs, romance
and glorious rhythm, bundled together
to make this sparkling picture.

The Associate Features Are—

Arthur Lacey and Francis Day in
"PUBLIC NUISANCE NO. 1"

And still more hearty laughs for you.
Filmdon's funniest couple in this fast
moving comedy, set to catchy songs,
peppy dialogue. It's a scream

ALSO A Mickey Mouse Technicolour
Cartoon

"MICKEY'S GARDEN"

"HERALD" NEWS REVIEW

(Full Program for General Exhibition)

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THE EVENT OF THE YEAR

EASTER MOTOR CYCLE CARNIVAL

AT WARRAGUL

ON THE FAMOUS GRASS TRACK
SPEEDWAY

Easter Saturday and
Monday
MARCH 27th AND 29th, 1937

Under the Direction of the Auto Cycle
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Gippsland's Biggest Sports Gathering

Cr. E. E. HENSHALL, President.
HUGH COMLAND, Organizing Sec.

MEENIYAN Chopping and Sports Carnival

EASTER MONDAY, 29th MARCH

1130 BOOGRAMINE 1130

Commencing at 10.30 a.m.

H. S. McDONALD, Secretary.

DON'T FORGET DANCE

IN BOOLARRA SOUTH HALL

THURSDAY, APRIL 22nd

Full Particulars Later

YINNAR BRANCH UNITED COUNTRY PARTY

Annual Social

YINNAR MECHANICS' HALL

WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH

Dancing, Musical Items, Addresses by
Members of Parliament.

Dancing Commences 8.30 p.m. Sharp

"JOYSTEPPERS" ORCHESTRA

GOOD SUPPER

ADMISSION 1/6

T. KEOGH, Secretary.

MORWELL BRANCH R.S. LEAGUE ANNUAL

Basket PICNIC

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1st

ON MR ALF RONALD'S PROPERTY
(Morwell-Mirboe Road)

G. McFARLANE, President
A. BELL, Hon. Secretary

LOST

THREE Ewes and Three Lambs,
branded KC on back. Reward
for information leading to recovery of
same.

C. PAYNE, Morwell.

THANKS

MR CARL SNELL, of Morwell, wishes to THANK his many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy with him while in hospital.

THANKS

MR and MRS GROVER, of Morwell, wish to THANK their many friends for sympathy and kind inquiries after their son, Dick, while in hospital.

THANKS

While Mr Goldingwell is spending his convalescence at Kyabram, his position is temporarily being taken over by Mr J. Cranbourne.



Cycle Carnival

Attention is drawn to the announcement in our advertising concerning the Auto Cycle Warragul on Easter Saturday, the 27th and 29th of March. The Victorian Grass Championship has been decided, and at which known riders will compete. Interest in these events is increasing year by year, and improved to a greater speed, so that of thrilling excitement and the dare-devil round the splendidly at an incredible pace will provide sensational no one should miss.

HIGH CLASS CO.

A highly successful of Morwell and Yallourn was held in the Morwell on Wednesday evening. Excellent entertainment by Miss Molly McHugh, McRae and Mr Martin W. Bourne, supported by Miss Higgins and Mr Tom Yallourn.

To Be a Well Dressed

You must have a machine with all modern machinery for laundry. Buy the machine which gives the right results, price and with a view to the 20 Year Service for full details.

PERSON

Miss Reville, of the State school, advises to try a warmer winter, has been transferred to State school staff.

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The friends of Mr Morwell will regret that his mother is a patient in hospital, Melbourne. The week was performed. Though Mrs. proving, she is still in hospital.

After five weeks in Hospital, Mr D. died at Morwell on Saturday. Many friends will be glad to hear he is steadily improving. He has to remain in hospital.

1st visit
a school
in 1931

INSPECTOR'S REPORT BOOK.

Grade 1-2
I will
draw
children

School No. 1768 At Hazelwood Ridge

Date of Visit Feby | 16 | 1931 Time spent, from to

J. S. Bacon Inspector of Schools.

	First Visit 1931	Present 18
Grounds	The grounds are enclosed securely & subdivided for the various purposes. Tree planting is being continued - many little cypress trees seem to be making good headway. The garden has had a fine display of flowers of various kinds - it adds much to the appearance of the school. The play pavilion is today. The flag pole is in use today. Boys are under close supervision.	

Bldgs etc

The school room is well lighted & well ventilated. The walls, both in school & porch, need to be swept to free them of the summer's dust. Furniture is sufficient for present requirements. Equipment is fairly good - senior pupils can make additional articles in occup' periods. The library contains a good number of suitable books - if separated into groups suited to each grade, choice of books by pupils will be made easy. Permanent decorations is meagre - there are no really good pictures. The posted drawings of the Head Teacher are attractive. Sun tops & flowers are used freely & with good effect.

Records Grades for 1931 are needed in the Pupils' Register.

Organizⁿ

All grades are represented among the 18 pupils present today. Ages are approx normal except in the case of one girl who has, prior to entry here, been out of reach of a school. A suitable Line Table is in operation - sequences are suitable & time allotment good.

SHIRE PRESIDENTS

1892/93	Cr. D. Shaw	1931/32	Cr. W. Townsend
1893/94	Cr. D. MacMillan	1932/33	Cr. J. McInnes
1893/94	Cr. E. Kelleher	1933/34	Cr. M. F. Walker
1894/95	Cr. E. Mulcare	1934/35	Cr. G. Auchterlonie
1895/96	Cr. E. Kelleher	1935/36	Cr. A. Hall
1896/97	Cr. D. MacMillan	1936/37	Cr. D. J. White
1897/98	Cr. S. Vary	1937/38	Cr. T. Quigley
1898/99	Cr. G. Firmin	1938/39	Cr. A. L. Hare
1899/00	Cr. J. Hall	1939/40	Cr. A. L. Hare
1900/01	Cr. D. MacMillan	1940/41	Cr. D. G. Williams
1901/02	Cr. S. Vary	1941/42	Cr. A. Coleman
1902/03	Cr. S. Vary	1942/43	Cr. G. A. Auchterlonie
1903/04	Cr. W. O'Grady	1943/44	Cr. A. Hall
1904/05	Cr. T. Watson	1944/45	Cr. D. J. White
1905/06	Cr. J. Hall	1945/46	Cr. D. J. White
1906/07	Cr. J. Manning	1946/47	Cr. M. F. Walker
1907/08	Cr. G. Roy	1947/48	Cr. J. Catterick
1908/09	Cr. J. Hall	1947/48	Cr. A. L. Hare
1909/10	Cr. J. Hall	1948/49	Cr. A. Hall
1910/11	Cr. J. S. McLean	1949/50	Cr. A. W. Ronald
1911/12	Cr. J. S. McLean	1950/51	Cr. A. L. Hare
1912/13	Cr. A. F. McDonald	1951/52	Cr. D. J. White
1913/14	Cr. J. Edney	1952/53	Cr. A. Hall
1914/15	Cr. D. T. Latter	1953/54	Cr. A. Hall
1915/16	Cr. J. English	1954/55	Cr. V. Hourigan
1916/17	Cr. D. Dunbar	1955/56	Cr. A. Hall
1917/18	Cr. W. Ritchie	1956/57	Cr. W. J. Pettigrew
1918/19	Cr. D. Dunbar	1957/58	Cr. A. L. Hare
1919/20	Cr. W. J. Penaluna	1958/59	Cr. A. L. Hare, O.B.E.
1920/21	Cr. J. F. Daly	1959/60	Cr. M. F. Walker
1921/22	Cr. J. Hall	1960/61	Cr. L. W. Bond
1922/23	Cr. D. McKay	1961/62	Cr. A. L. Hare, O.B.E.
1923/24	Cr. T. White	1962/63	Cr. A. Hall
1924/25	Cr. D. J. White	1963/64	Cr. W. J. Pettigrew
1925/26	Cr. T. Quigley	1964/65	Cr. A. L. Hare, O.B.E.
1926/27	Cr. G. A. Rae	1965/66	Cr. K. White
1927/28	Cr. E. Walkley	1966/67	Cr. A. Hall, M.B.E.
1928/29	Cr. D. G. Williams	1967/68	Mr. L. W. Bond
1929/30	Cr. E. Heesom	1968/69	Mr. L. W. Bond
1929/30	Cr. M. F. Walker	1969/70	Cr. F. W. A. Hall
1930/31	Cr. M. J. Bolger	1970/71	Cr. J. C. Vinall
			1971/72 Cr. J. C. Vinall
			1972/73 Cr. W. J. Pettigrew
			1973/74 Cr. J. C. Vinall
			1974/75 Cr. F. W. A. Hall
			1975/76 Cr. K. Quigley
			1976/77 Cr. W. J. Pettigrew
			1977/78 Cr. E. J. Grimpukel
			1978/79 Cr. W. C. McRoberts
			1979/80 Cr. K. Quigley
			1980/81 Cr. J. C. Vinall
			1981/82 Cr. W. F. Rutherford
			1982/83 Cr. W. C. McRoberts
			1983/84 Mr. K. G. Hamilton

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COUNCIL JOTTINGS

GENERAL

Cr. Long pointed out that mistakes were often made by motorists on their way to Mirboo North not taking the left turn before reaching midway line in Boolarra township, owing to the finger-post being on the wrong side of the road. People frequently crossed the railway and took the wrong turn at Ashley's Hotel. He suggested that the finger post be removed to a spot where it could be more readily seen by motorists.

It was agreed to have the said sign shifted as suggested by Cr. Long.

Cr. Hare drew attention to a bad spot on road leading to Fox's bridge, in Boolarra Riding. To be attended to.

Cr. Ronald referred to proposed lawn in the main street, Morwell, opposite railway goods sheds. He pointed out that permission had been given by Railways Commissioners to make use of a small portion of railway ground. A hedge and shrubs had been planted and he thought it now a suitable time to prepare the lawn. He suggested that the lawn be fenced off with concrete posts and chain. From enquiries he had made he found that 100 yards of second-hand chain could be purchased for 18.

The Engineer to inspect and submit report re cost, etc.

Cr. Hall said he had been asked to ascertain if the sanitary service at Boolarra Mechanics' Hall, and cost of same could be reduced.

It was considered that no alteration could be made in the present service.

Cr. Hare drew attention to the danger caused by pedestrians walking along roadway leading to Morwell Recreation Ground when football matches and other functions were being held in the Grounds. He suggested that a footpath be made for people to walk on instead of having to go along the roadway.

The Engineer said a footpath had been made on the south side of road, close to fence, but nobody ever used it.

Cr. Auchterlonie: You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.

Cr. Ronald: Well, I didn't know the path was there, but I am glad it is.

Cr. Walker suggested that scrub on some sharp bends on Jumbuk Road, near Ritchie's, be cut, as in their present state, the bends were dangerous. To be attended to.

Attention was drawn to a dangerous spot on road side close to J.

Wombat Bonus

A letter was received from Traralgon Shire agreeing to pay wombat bonus under same conditions as Morwell Shire, but suggesting that Rosedale Shire be included and asking that Morwell Shire convene a conference of group of Shires.

The President mentioned that the Narracan Shire had recently paid over £130 in bonuses on wombat scalps.

Cr. Ronald: That goes to show that wombats are increasing, and something should be done to deal with them.

Cr. Walker: There is a big crop of wombats to come off and I don't think we should rush into the matter.

The President: All the adjoining Shires must be in it, before we agree to

the matter. The Council had first taken actions in the matter and it was resolved to refer the letter from Traralgon Shire to Warrego Shire and suggesting that they convene a conference.

Celebration Medals

A letter was received from Acting Premier stating Wednesday, 12th May will be a public holiday for the Coronation and medals will be presented to school children.

Cr. Auchterlonie: Is it necessary for any celebrations.

The President said that as an expression of loyalty, he thought something should be done. He suggested that a gathering be held in the Town Hall, where addresses suitable to the occasion might be delivered and children presented with medals.

Cr. Hare said it was likely that the King's Birthday Sports Committee would hold a sports meeting on that day. The medals could be presented before or during the sports.

It was said that if the medals were to be presented at the sports, a charge for admission could not be made.

Cr. Hare said a sports meeting could not be held unless a charge were made as a good deal of expense would be incurred.

Cr. Auchterlonie said he did not think a sports meeting would be a suitable place at which to present the medals.

Cr. Quigley said the usual sports meeting was of little interest to small children.

Cr. Ronald said he would like to see an impressive function.

Cr. Hare said they could not expect children from Jumbuk, Jeeralang and other outside places to come to Morwell to receive a medal.

Other councillors were of the same opinion.

Cr. Walker said school committees of the various schools might handle the matter.

Cr. Coleman suggested that a public meeting be held to consider the question, and after some further discussion it was resolved on the motion of Cr. Coleman, seconded by Cr. Hare, "That a public meeting be convened in the

Wandering Stock in Morwell at Night

Cr. Ronald moved: "That while appreciating the efforts of the Road Ranger to carry out his work satisfactorily, he be instructed to enforce more strictly the Council's regulations relating to wandering cattle and horses in the Morwell area at night."

In support of the motion, Cr. Ronald said that all ratepayers had contributed toward the cost of several hundred young trees that had been planted in various streets of the town, and which would in a few years become a valuable asset to the town and ratepayers just as those in Hazelwood Road, and other streets, had done. Yet, for the sake of slight personal gain, about one per cent of the ratepayers saw fit to turn into the streets at night, horses. These had already smashed down several trees and thereby damaged the assets of the other 99 per cent of ratepayers. To say the least, it was not an act of good citizenship and the Council could lead in creating a public opinion which would be a greater deterrent to offenders than Council Regulations.

Anti-Cancer Campaign

A letter was received from the Anti-Cancer Council setting out Morwell Council's quota at £200 and suggesting that municipalities combine their efforts.

Cr. Ronald said he would like to know what other Councils were doing in the matter and, if Yallourn would contribute their quota.

Cr. Hare asked if the quota stated had to be paid in one amount, or be spread over two or three years.

Cr. Auchterlonie did not think it was a matter for the Council to finance.

In answer to question as to whether the Council could legally vote money for the purpose suggested, the Secretary said that they could.

Cr. Walker said the subject was of great importance and could not be passed over lightly.

The President said the fight against cancer was in his opinion a national one. Action was taken with a view to bringing about national security and large sums were being spent by Federal Government on armaments, etc., for the defence of Australia. He thought it a matter for the Government to put up money to fight against the cancer plague. He contended that it was an obligation upon the Federal Government to do so.

Cr. Auchterlonie asked if the Anti-Cancer Council had approached the Federal Government about the matter. The President said he did not know. It was eventually resolved to hold

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This pioneer farmer's work has stood the test of time

The importance of farm buildings, more than any others, lies in their relationship with the ground they stand upon, the people who built them and the crops and animals for which they were designed.

So concluded Dr Miles Lewis, Melbourne University lecturer in architecture and building and judge of this year's best old or renovated farm building competition at the Gippsland Agricultural Field Day at Warragul.

The competition, sponsored by the Australian Dairy Corporation, was run in conjunction with Victoria's 150th anniversary celebrations.

A total of 27 buildings were entered from west and south Gippsland, which is a significant area in relation to rural Victoria's past.

For instance, Churchill Island — just off the western shores of Phillip Island — was the site for the first farming enterprise in the state and the first European building in 1801, well before the settlement of Melbourne or western Victoria.

The area is also unique for its old farm milking sheds, as the competition revealed.

More often than not, old farm buildings — such as milking sheds — are still standing, purely by luck rather than good management.

Some farmers haven't bothered to pull down the old and have simply build the new right beside it. In other cases, they haven't been able to afford new buildings and have had to do with the old, while other buildings have been left because the rural industry they once served has ceased to be viable — take chicory, for instance.

An old milking shed on a property in Drimfield, south of Traralgon, won third prize in the competition and was described by Dr Lewis as a "more typical Gippsland farm building".

Dr Lewis and the present owner, Mr Frank Lawless, said the former 20-bale milking shed was constructed entirely of saw or axe-cut timber, probably from mesquite trees on the property. "There were no sawmills here at that time," Frank said.

The timber was felled by the original farmer, Christopher Walsh, and probably cut by hand with a large cross-cut saw.

The massive wooden beams in the shed were about 30 cm wide and made from logs which were squared up with an equally massive broad axe.

The studs were of a similar dimension. All were fixed together with mortise and tenon joints made by a hand-held mortising axe.

The main hand-made partition wall was made by splitting cut timber into very slender boards with an axe and a mawl — a large wooden mallet — and then nailing boards to the studs.

Roof purlings — similar, but longer than ordinary shingles — were made in the same way.

Some still survive, but are now covered with corrugated iron.

The hay-loft system for feeding cows in the milking stalls below is still partially intact.

Up in the loft, a chaff-cutter was used to cut hay and the feed was then shovelled down a chute and into long feed bins in the milking area.

Standing in the shed, seeing the huge, hand-cut and squared beams conjures up images of the men, their families and their work.

The milking shed still stands testimony to the builder's wish that it be built to last.

The Lawless family also has a collection of furniture made by Walsh which, presumably, he built after working in the shed all day.

Each piece has his initials carved into the wood.

But how would he have found time to do the extra work when, as Frank Lawless pointed out, in those days "they were up and out to work before dawn and home in the dark"?

Today the milking shed is also littered with what, to some, would be piles of junk. To others, it is a fascinating gold mine of artefacts.

There are small, hand-operated butter churns, empty piano boxes from the Brash's Company of 1920 and, of all things, a tin of Griffiths Brothers' tea which celebrated Victoria's 100th anniversary! Old farm machinery — such as a superphosphate spreader — was also stored in the shed.

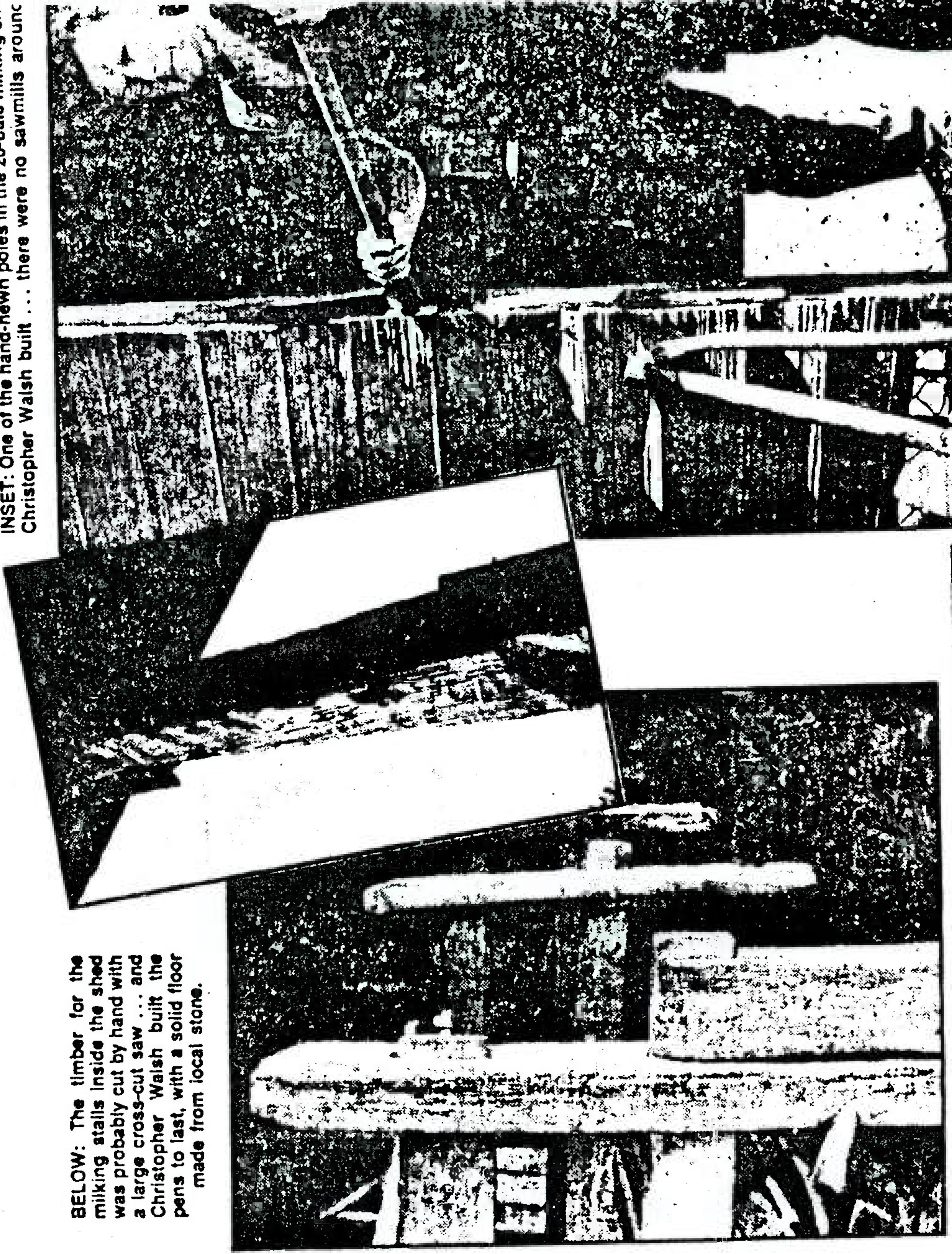
The sole surviving child of the original builder, now 86, still lives in Traralgon — but she has trouble remembering those days, Frank said.

The last of the two Walsh sons used to talk in great detail to Frank about the old dairy before his death four years ago.

"I regret I didn't listen more carefully when I could and write it down," Frank said.

Perhaps that's a worthwhile message for others.

BELOW: The timber for the milking stalls inside the shed was probably cut by hand with a large cross-cut saw ... and Christopher Walsh built the pens to last, with a solid floor made from local stone.



INSET: One of the hand-hewn poles in the 20-bale milking shed Christopher Walsh built ... there were no sawmills around

PHOTO BY RAYC