

# THE MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

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## Welcome to the August newsletter

The newsletter features pages from the Morwell Advertiser August 14, 1931. (Readers will note reference to the Morwell Advertiser and Gazette on one page). The photocopying has been done so as to obtain the contents of each page. Hence each page, back to back, represents a page. Please excuse the overlap. The original, from which the photocopies were taken, is well worn and fragile. Members will be interested in the news from 55 years ago. The Bedford advertisement is of some interest as are many of the other advertisements.

The newsletter also begins a "part instalment" from a history of Hazelwood. In 1976, Mrs Kath Huffer compiled a 24 page history of Hazelwood for the Traralgon and District Historical Society. There are not many copies now available. The Traralgon and District Historical Society has kindly allowed this publication to be reproduced for all to share. Readers are encouraged to add to this history. Please reflect back on our excursion to Max Cranwell's property. The first piece describes some of the problems encountered by early settlers in the area.

Some members may have read a report in The Express (Tuesday August 12) concerning the decision not to develop the area behind Mid-Valley Shopping Centre as a V-Line Freight Centre. The article referred to the railway siding behind the shopping centre as the Hazelwood siding. In fact the Hazelwood siding was on the Morwell-Mirboo North line near the Hazelwood cemetery. The article should be corrected since it refers to the Maryvale siding. We must not allow the local history to be distorted.

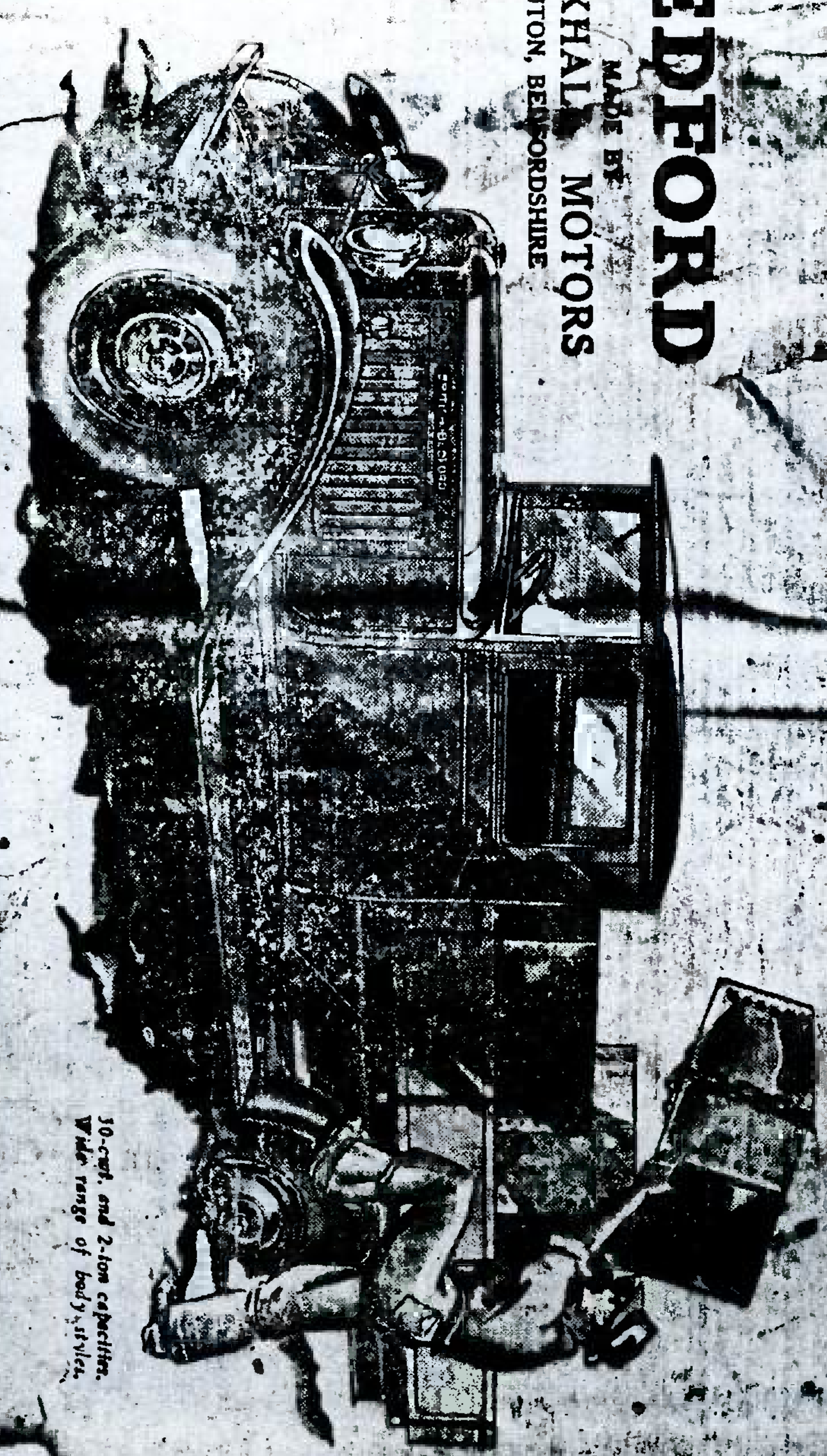
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FOOTBALL.

YINNAR'S GOOD RECORD

Yinnar, by defeating Boolarra, on Saturday last, have gone through the First, Second and Third Rounds without a defeat and are consequently have won the Yinnar Premiership. The performance is a very creditable one, and on their part, they are almost certain to win the Premiership. If they do so, it will be a new record for them as Yinnar have won more Premierships than any other club in the Association. The other three clubs in the four, who will take part in the final, are Boolarra, Coal Mine and Tarrin Valley.

BOOLARRA v. YINNAR

Keen interest was taken in the contest between the above clubs, on Saturday last, when Boolarra were at home to Yinnar. Boolarra is a much improved team, and as they were only beaten by a few points on the previous occasion when they met the "Magpies," they were very hopeful of turning the tables on them, on Saturday.

TAARWIN VALLEY v. COAL MINE

Coal Mine defeated Tarrin Valley, on Saturday last, after a good game although the result was a very doubtful affair at the time.

BOOLARRA v. OVAL QUINN

The match between Boolarra and Coal Mine, that had recently taken place in consequence of the "Magpies" turning up, has been a very interesting affair, and the result of the game is not likely to alter the position of the clubs, and as the final is held up the final games, it was resolved to abandon the game.

LATE NEWS

(Councillor) suffered in a motor car accident on Tuesday last week, died at St. Helen's private hospital, Sale, early on Friday morning. He was elected to the Sale Town Council in 1914. He was elected mayor in 1919 and served in 1928 continuing in office until the time of his death. On one occasion he contested the Gippsland North seat in the Legislative Council. Councillor Brennan was a director of the Gippsland Woollen Mills and a member of the board of management of the Sale common. He took a keen interest in all sports. He resigned from the Education department many years ago to take up farming.

MAGISTERIAL INQUIRY

The adjourned inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of the late Mayor of Sale (Mr. A. E. Brennan) was held on Wednesday afternoon by the Deputy Coroner (Mr. R. J. Cherry, J.P.).

Rupert William Little, auctioneer, said he was driving with deceased on the morning of 4th inst. When about 2 1/2 miles from Sale on the Port Albert road, deceased leaped forward and used the windscreen wiper as the screen had been smudged by the fog. Whilst doing so the car eddied towards the side of the road. Deceased gave the wheel a quick turn to the right and the car quick turn to the left. The car continued to speed very quickly as if it had been on the accelerator. The car then hit the bank over the bank drain in the east side of the road and continuing went under the limb of a tree which tipped the bonnet off and smashed the windscreen. Concluding the car hit a post in the bank and then slowed across the road and stopped against a stump. The car was then towed to the side of the road. When the car was being towed away, the windscreen wiper was wiped the car was being towed away. When the car was being towed away, the windscreen wiper was wiped the car was being towed away.

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BOOLARRA.

...ing cherry, had very much to do with the success of the match, and although a really easy game, he failed on each occasion to hit the coveted opening. A good rally by the home-side was formed, play by opposite end, where Grover (better known, perhaps, as "Mickey Mouse"), who is a particularly clever forward and a recent acquisition to Boolarra's team, got a single from a free kick. Shortly after King—another recent—started adding to the team, marked a long way out, and with a beautiful place kick that went true, he scored the first goal of the day, and put his side four points in the lead. They, however, did not hold it long, for a few minutes later Norm Stoeck snapped a clever six for them what on the run. Boolarra were first in on the bounce and although Vic Bond repeatedly relieved the home team he'd sway for some time and King, who had another shot, added a single. The final stages of the term saw the "Magpies" attack with determination. Cliff Johnstone had three or four shots but only managed one point. Just before the bell rang, Harry Bond, snapped a rather lucky goal out of a scrimmage in front, the score at the first change being—  
 Finuar, 12; Boolarra, 12.  
 "Magpies" attacking, but their shooting for goals are very poor, and lots of easy chances were missed. Harry Bond had three tries and with his third effort he raised the two flags. "After this, Boolarra took a hand and "Mickey Mouse" for a very clever goal, sliding three opponents in his successful effort. May Thorburn also had a shot but only managed a single. The "Magpies" came upon and Elliott, Spencer and Fye led them but only Fye succeeded in bringing the two flags to light. Further points were added before Boolarra were able to carry the leather to opposite end to "Mickey Mouse" terminated in a well-merited six. For the remainder of the term the home team continued to attack but good defence work by Finuar prevented further scoring, and at the conclusion of the "Magpies" were 14 points in the lead, the tally being—  
 Finuar, 4-11; Boolarra, 3-3.

The third term saw Boolarra at their best and for some time after the opening they held away. At one stage they got within three points of their opponents, and had they made the most of these opportunities would have got well in the lead. Meyer, Grover, Lorne and Peter had two or three shots each, but "Mickey Mouse" was the only one to find the centre opening, some of the shots going out of bounds. The play was "willing" and strenuous at times, and a great deal of "tearing down" was resorted to on both sides, the umpire allowing a lot of "go as you please," which was taken advantage of right through the game. However, just when things were getting very interesting, and Boolarra looked like forging ahead their hopes were shattered by a sudden rally by the "Magpies," who attached with some vigor. Spencer had a shot but again failed to find the desired opening. Tommy Bond was

...the engine, containing the car bits a foot in the rear and then slowed across the road and stopped against a stump in the side of the road. When the engine was started the car jumped up the hill. When the car stopped against the stump it was being on top of the steering wheel and appeared to be uncontrolled. I waited till he came round and then I drove the car to Mr Shields' residence. When I saw that the car was going to hit the tree I covered my eyes with my arm and I did not see what happened to the car. I endeavored to get off the engine but the car lurched and threw me to one side.

Constable Mason deposed: I inspected the scene of the accident about 3 p.m. on August 4. The tyre marks of the car showed where the car had swerved in towards the left side of the road and then swerved out. The tyre marks showed that the car was suddenly accelerated and 104 feet further along the car left the road on the east side, jumped table drain and went under a forked limb of a gum tree. The first limb was 5 feet above the ground and the second limb was 3 feet 8 ins. above the ground. The underside of the limbs were bare of bark and the wood was eaten into as if the limbs had been struck with great force. The car then continued on and knocked a post out of a fence 18 feet from the tree. It then slewed across the road in a half circle for a distance of 66 feet and stopped against a stump on the west side of the road.

Dr. Hagenauer deposed: I found the deceased at Mr Shield's residence at Giffard. He was unable to move owing to paralysis below his shoulders. I telephoned for the ambulance and deceased was conveyed to St. Helen's private hospital. On examination of deceased there I found that the spine had been fractured at the lower part of the neck with injury to the spinal cord. This caused paralysis of the body below the injury. In my opinion death was due to heart failure caused by a fracture of the sixth cervical vertebra and injury to the spinal cord.

A verdict in accordance with medical testimony was recorded by the Deputy Coroner.

## F. LESLIE

### BOOT REPAIRER

ANNOUNCES that he has some business in premises formerly occupied by W. Moore, between Post Office and Wilson's bakery.

### FIRST SEMI-FINAL

The first semi-final match will be played on Morwell ground, tomorrow (Saturday), when Boolarra and Yalburn Valley will meet, and a good game should result. The President and members of Morwell Club will be grateful if local ladies will each kindly supply a plate of cakes, and leave same at the refreshment stall on ground, so that afternoon tea may be available.

### SECOND EIGHTEEN

The concluding round of matches in this competition was played on Saturday last. Results are as follows:—  
 Morwell Bridge d. Yalburn Imps.  
 Coal Mine d. Yalburn  
 Morwell had a bye.

The positions of the teams in the premiership are as follows:—  
 Teams: pld. won lost pt.  
 Morwell Bridge 13 10 3 40  
 Coal Mine 12 10 2 40  
 Yalburn Imperials 12 8 7 30  
 Yalburn 13 4 8 16  
 Morwell ... 13 1 11 6

Morwell Bridge gained the minor premiership on percentages.

**FIRST SEMI-FINAL**  
 The Coal Mine v. Yalburn Imperials match will be played on the Yalburn Oval tomorrow afternoon where a good game is expected.

## CHORAL SOCIETY

A meeting was held at the residence of Mr and Mrs Bryan, on Monday evening last, for the purpose of forming a local Choral Society. There was an encouraging attendance, and after some discussion, it was resolved to form a society to be called the "Morwell Choral Society," and the following office-bearers were subsequently elected:—  
 President, Mr A. Prentice; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr R. E. Bryan; Organist, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Trigg, Mr J. Galloway and Mr Robinson (Sr.); Musical Committee, Mr Mackenzie, Mr Prentice and Miss Hicks; Conductor, Mr Mackenzie; Pianist, Mrs Pearson; Librarians, Mr T. James and Miss D. Smith.

Correspondence

[We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible nor do we necessarily endorse opinions expressed by correspondents.—Ed. A.]

TO THE EDITOR

BUTTER SUBSTITUTES

Sir.—Your report of the Parliamentary debate under the above heading in your issue of the 17th ult. makes interesting reading. I would like, however, to point out that the dairyman is not alone in having to compete with foreign labor. The growers of wool and wheat are up against the same problem, with this difference—while they are standing on their own feet, the dairymen are given an enormous handicap by the "Paterson Butter scheme," the cost of which is eventually borne by the wool and wheat industries. All this talk of the unfairness of wheat competing with butter is cant and hypocrisy; we will have to do it if we are to win through, and that without "spoon-feeding."

I know a little about dairying, having been brought up on a dairy farm and I sympathize with the dairymen; but that does not prevent my pointing out that the Paterson Butter scheme will eventually ruin their industry, and the best thing they can do is to go back to the old method of producing butter, and to get the highest possible price for their product. The dairymen have themselves to blame for the present position of their industry. At the time when they first started to compete with foreign butter, they were in a very weak position, and they have since then allowed themselves to be gradually ruined by the "Paterson Butter scheme," and they will certainly get it. However, ruined the wool industry by fattening the world's market and demanding exorbitant prices, thus making the manufacture of substitutes a highly paying proposition, and securing their advantage.

The Paterson Butter scheme is doing exactly what we want for the dairymen, and the sooner it is put down the better with the "Paterson Butter scheme," the better for the dairymen and everyone

not produce, it follows that the cost of Government to those who do produce must be much more than one half of their earnings.

It has been stated as between sixty and seventy per cent.

Think over that Mr. Cowcocky.

Out of every £100 worth that you honestly and laboriously earn, some £70 is taken to govern you.

Are you not rather an expensive creature to govern?

Mr. Lloyd is reported as relating what appears to be rather a telling story about eliminating the "middle man."

But who or what is a "middle man?"

There are many axes to cut and eagerness to improve their properties, but as they increase the value of their labour by intelligent and industrious application to land, the ratio of their share of the cost of Government increases.

Whilst the whip is cracked over our heads, the brakes of taxation are created hard down.

We have exported some 103 million pounds worth of our labour and have imported or taken in exchange only some 65 million pounds worth of the other fellow's labour.

102 million pounds of wealth have gone out of the country and only 60 million pounds have been drawn out of our bank accounts—and only 60 million pounds paid in.

Is it any wonder we are in a desperate financial position?

Yours etc.

"A SIMPLE COW-DOCKY"

(70 THE EDITOR)

Dear Sir.—Re the report in last week's issue of the Morwell Advertiser regarding the work at Yennar, there was rather a big mistake made in the average percentage production of the two-year-old heifers, which I would like you to correct.

The production of the 21 two-year-old heifers was 20,000 lbs. of fat, and the figures published in your paper are 2,300 lbs.

The difference between the two reports is just the difference between a good and a bad heifer.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

ALBERT DRIFFIELD

Secretary

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6	HILL Lady Queenie	17	5.2	0.75
7	HILL Lady Queenie	17	5.2	0.75
8	HILL Lady Queenie	17	5.2	0.75
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 better for the dairyman and everyone  
 else.

I am, etc.,  
 R. H. WEBSTER  
 Arish Park, N.S.W.  
 August 6th, 1931

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,—In the issue of your in-  
 teresting and valuable paper, dated 30th  
 July, the residents of the main street  
 of Yinnar complain of the noise of a  
 motor bike which has been disturbing  
 their peaceful and no doubt virtuous  
 rest. As a motor cyclist and a fairly  
 regular visitor to Yinnar, I am deeply  
 grieved and practically heart-broken at  
 the idea that I may be the offender. I  
 would, however, humbly suggest that  
 the unpleasant noise made by what may  
 be a car, of sort, but what sounds like  
 a chaffcutter in convulsions be also  
 stopped. The noise made by various  
 "high spirited" people at the early  
 hours of the morning, might at the same  
 time be controlled.

Yours  
 An almost apologetic  
 "MOTOR CYCLIST"  
 Yalloon  
 10/8/31

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—Having read with interest and  
 keen appreciation Mr. Turner's letter in  
 your last issue, may I commend to his  
 thoughtful perusal (and that of other  
 readers who may have overlooked it)  
 Mr. Webster's letter in the same issue.  
 It has been stated that the cost of  
 Government is rather more than one  
 half of our national income, but sure  
 there are many—very many—who do

1000s. annually.

ALFRED DRIFFIELD  
 Secretary

MORWELL

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 Memorial lately? Have you noti-  
 ced that it has a new concrete  
 foundation around it? Well, it has!  
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 of funds to carry out the work.

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Fanche's Daisy	22.0 4.6 1.05
Crutchfield's Pearl	16.5 4.8 0.79
Fanche's Socks	12.0 6.2 0.74
Whites' Duchess	13.7 5.1 0.69

## BURNING ACCIDENT AT TRARALGON

### YOUNG BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE

On Saturday last Kenneth Ham, son of Mr and Mrs E. Ham, of Traralgon, and grandson of Mr and Mrs E. Ham, of Morwell, was the victim of a serious burning accident. Ken was round at Mr R. Hill's garage in Hotham Street, where Master Channing, an employee, was working with a blow lamp. In order to light it Channing applied methylated spirits. The fumes quickly ignited, and Ken, who was standing near, received the full force of the flames in his face and also on his hands. When Mr Ham, who fortunately was working near, by, looked round he observed his son in flames, and lost no time in reaching the unfortunate lad. As there was nothing else available to extinguish the flames Mr Ham had to carry his son and put him under the tap. Ken, who displayed remarkable fortitude, was conveyed to his home, and Dr. McLean attended to his injuries. The boy's face was badly burnt and also his hands. The "Record" states that the one redeeming feature of the accident is that Ken's eyesight will not be affected. Although suffering much pain this lad, who is only about 10 years old, showed great grit and gameness, not a tear passing his eyes.

It is inevitable when compiling a local history such as this that names of some families who have served the district well, will be omitted. The decision has to be made whether to risk doing this or not to record the history at all.

Most readers will agree that the former course is the better one so with this in mind we now present our booklet in the hope that those who have further information of their own families or of others will be encouraged to forward it to our Society so that it may be published at a later date.

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. Ivan Maddern who so willingly made the findings of his research available.

The untiring efforts of Mrs. Mary Cranwell have made the Hazelwood North history possible. Those who supplied information include -

Mr. & Mrs. C. Jones	Mrs. R. Hill
Mr. A. Cranwell	Mr. Doug Cranwell
Mr. W. Sanders	Mr. T. Clark,
Miss N. Cranwell	Mr. & Mrs. Rob Porter
Mr. Horrie Jones	Mr. Max Cranwell
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Cranwell	Miss E. Henderson
and Mr. Don Macreadie.	

We acknowledge also assistance from -

Traralgon Shire (Miss Betty Clarke)  
Mr. Derek N. Baker (Historian Australian Post)  
R.K. Whitehead (A.R.H.S.) Morwell & Mirboo Railway.

Thanks are also due to 3 members of our Society -  
Mrs. Valma Plant, Mrs. Trish Gregory and Mr. Whyte  
for their assistance.

K.M. HUFFER



## HAZELWOOD CATTLE STATION

The Hazelwood cattle station was occupied in October 1844 by William Bennett and his brother-in-law Albert Eugene Brodribb. It was approximately 25 square miles in area stretching from the Morwell River in the west to the border of Hobson's Traralgon Station in the east, and from Middle Creek in the south to the boundary of Maryvale Station just south of the present day town of Morwell.

It is fitting that the name Hazelwood (originally spelt Hasellwood) has been preserved as the station was named after a very courageous woman, Mrs. Lavinia Ann Zerobia Hasel Bennett, wife of William Bennett and sister of A.E. Brodribb.

The Brodribbs had arrived in Tasmania in 1818 and Hasell carried her cousin William Bennett in 1833. When they set off from Port Phillip with Hobson's party in April 1844 to travel through unknown bush to their cattle run, they had 5 young children - Kenric 8 yrs., Lavinia Mary 7, Frances Emma 5, Frederika 3 and Francis George, a baby.

Her diary tells of the dreadful hazards of the journey through the swampy land around the coastal region and over hills and rivers of South Gippsland. She writes of her fear of travelling down a steep hill in the bullock dray, of the times when she and the children were obliged to walk, and the only place possible to walk was in the wheel tracks made by the bullock dray as the driver forced his team through scrub and undergrowth.

For weeks at a time it rained and they experienced great difficulties with all their clothing and bedding soaked and only very wet wood for their fires. One entry in her diary reads - 13/5/1844 - - - "It rained all day and was one of the coldest and most miserable I ever experienced. We were in a large reedy swamp without a bit of wood to make a fire. - - - Towards evening I got quite ill. My poor baby has not been well for days. Another entry - 15/5/1844 - - - We got over the river and had to walk nearly up to our knees in water for a mile over a reedy swamp. The poor children had great trouble in getting along. I had to carry one of them some of the way and another all of the way."

Their food supplies became very low. She tells of entering country where 'no civilized man had been' and at the end of the long, slow, terrifying journey she was the only white woman in a tremendously large stretch of country, far from any medical aid and without any means of the modern forms of communication - not even a road - and with 5 young children to care for. It is almost unbelievable that any woman could brave such dangers and loneliness.

but there the Bennetts built a home and reared their family. Four more children were born while they lived there - Eliza Adanis, born 1847, Jane Maria 1849, Flora Blanche 1851 and Edward William Charles 1853.

Bennett and Broadribb ran 1,000 head of cattle on this station. A. J. Broadribb who was not married and did not live on the station withdrew from the partnership in 1852.

It is evident that the Bennetts offered hospitality to travellers for in several diaries we read such entries as 'stopped at Bennetts for the night.'

The Church of England clergyman, Rev. Francis Hales conducted the first church service held in the district in their home in June 1848. Rev. Willoughby Bean of Port Albert visited them in 1849 and Bishop Perry and Mrs. Perry were there in March 1849. We can assume that Mrs. Bennett in her isolation would be most grateful for the company of Mrs. Perry and that Mrs. Perry in turn would appreciate Mrs. Bennett's hospitality after her experiences of rough wayside accommodation houses on her journey from Melbourne.

In June 1860, William Bennett sold out to John McMillan, and moved to a property in New South Wales but later lived in Kyneton. William died in 1878 and his wife Hassell in 1892. They are both buried in the Kyneton cemetery.

John McMillan married Isobel Campbell and they had a family of 9 children. When the Land Acts of the 1860's and 1870's were passed the selectors began to move in.

McMillan exercised his pre-emptive right to buy 640 acres. Probably members of his family selected land adjacent to that retained by him as we are told the Hazelwood Estate when cut up for Soldier Settlement after World War 1 consisted of 3,000 acres.

McMillan built an attractive and spacious house on the property in the late 1870's or early 1880's. It still stands there today but unfortunately it is soon to be demolished. The old home considered to be the Bennett home was bought by one of the soldier settlers Mr. Charles Hatfield and removed to his block in about 1921. When he moved to Holmes Rd. Morwell in 1937 he again moved the house and it can still be seen at that address. It appears that it will outlive the newer and grander homestead.

Donald McMillan, a son of John McMillan was elected a councillor of the Morwell Shire in 1894. He served 2 terms as President 1896-97 and 1900-1901. He was later appointed a Justice of the Peace and Chairman of the Bench. He died in 1933 and was buried at Hazelwood.

Those who selected land on the Hazelwood Station in the 1870's were - Francis Arlet, Paul Applegate, Thomas Arnold, B. Bernicke, George Bolding, John Bond, A.L. Bruce, K. Campbell, James Daly, George Dayable, Ellen Dunbar, John Flewin, David Forsyth, John Geale, John Gooding, Charles Kealy, John Underwood Heeson, A.U. Hodgson, Alphonse Junier, Edmond Kelleher, Peter Kelly, Andrew Lees, Alexander F. McDonald, Donald McDonald, Neil McDonald, John McFarlane, Patrick McGauran, John McIntyre, Wm. John Marshall, Robert Morell, Alphonse Madenbousch, James Neve, Thomas Northway, William Northway, Thomas O'Halloran, John O'Hara, P.O'Shaughnessy, Robert Porter, Thomas Power, Robert Pratt, John Quizley, F.A. Rhodes, Lewis Samuel, Thomas Sanders, Charles Silcock, John Silcock, Archibald Shaw, H.M. Thompson, Donald Waldon, John Watson, Patrick Whelan, Isaac Woods, Leon Nuttrich, George A. Young, Timothy Gleeson.

Land was cleared and homes were built. There were now many people living in the area where about a quarter of a century earlier Hassell Bennett had come with her husband to make a solitary home in the Gipsland bush. This selection period is regarded as the beginning of progress in the area.

Some of the names of early settlers on the Municipal Roll are - Charles Watson, Ellen Watson, George Firmin, George Firmin Jr., John Geale, Jessie Shaw, Thomas Northway, James Arlet, J.J. Northway, John Shaw, George Bond, George Bolding, James Firmin, John Flewin, John Silcock, Donald Shaw, Coll Shaw, Thomas Sanders, John Watson, Thomas Watson, Alphonse Nuttrich, Leon Nuttrich, John Cranney, Robert Frazer, A. Akiman, Samuel Brown, Duncan Dunbar, G.C. McIntyre, Marian McDonald, McMillan and Son, Isobel McMillan, Flora McMillan, Malcolm McInnis, Thomas Rees, F. Rhodes, Mrs. Valentine, Starling, John Wright, Sarah McFarlane, and Robert Murray.

#### EARLY SETTLEMENT AT HAZELWOOD NORTH -

The district known as Hazelwood North was part of the Traralgon West run which, as the name implies, was the western half of the original Traralgon Station taken up by Edward Hobson for his brother Dr. Hobson.

When the selectors arrived the Hazelwood North area was timbered with gums, peppermint and apple box with patches of yellow box. The gullies were covered with ti-tree and scrub. One of the first tasks the settlers had was to clear the land in order to grow grass for their stock.

The job of ring-barking the trees was let by contract but after that it was found that suckers came up quite thickly causing more trouble for the struggling settlers.

Some of the land was very swampy and a drainage system had to be worked out. Two main drains were dug with pick and shovel through

what was known as Bolding's Morass. They became an extension of Bennett's Creek and branched out in a Y shape. Smaller drains carried the excess water into these main drains.

When the ringbarked trees were felled some were piled up to make fences. This was an expedient way of making a fence to keep stock in but proved a fire hazard when burning operations were in progress.

The first homes were built of wattle and daub with bark roofs, all these materials being obtained on the property. Some selectors lived in tents until they could build a home. One of these was Mr. Sanders. He soon excavated a large dam on his property and used the clay from it to make mud bricks from which he built a very comfortable home which was cool in summer and warm in winter. It served the family for many years. This is another fine example of a pioneer's ability to make use of materials available on the property. It saved cost and transport of goods.

While the farms were being brought into production many of the men folk sought outside work - just as many farmers are being forced to do today. Some had bullock teams and used these to cart logs to the timber mills. Others worked on dam sinking and bridge making.

A story is told that Arch. Thompson and Albert Cranwell commenced building a bridge from opposite ends. They met in exactly the middle with perfect line.

George Jones worked timbering mines at Walhalla. At week-ends he walked from Walhalla to Tyers where his brother met him with a horse to ride home to the foothills of the Jeeralangs. Taking with him his week's supplies he set off again on Sunday afternoon riding to Tyers. His brother then took the horse home again and George walked back to Walhalla.

The women played their part too working arduously for long hours. During the clearing operations they often helped stacking the branches ready for burning. They had their children with them and when the little ones became tired the mothers made a bed of ferns for them for their afternoon nap. The women usually milked one or two cows, set the milk in shallow pans, skimmed off the cream and made it into butter by hand, until the advent of hand churns. This butter was sold to supplement the family income.

Hunting was popular with the boys. Foxes took heavy toll of the family poultry so killing them served a two fold purpose - saved the poultry and the skins brought in money.

As much food as possible was produced at home. There was always a supply of milk, cream and home made butter. Bread was baked at

home. Early in the winter it was a common sight to see a dressed pig hanging from the rafters in a family kitchen - the bacon supply for the months ahead.

Obtaining supplies from outside sources was a great difficulty when there were only tracks and unmade roads. Before the railway was built goods came from Port Albert to Rosedale. One of the early settlers Mr. George Bolding brought supplies for himself and neighbours by dray. Mr. Bolding was born in Cambridgeshire, England in 1837 and was brought up on a farm, though intensive farming in the small neatly hedged fields of England would be very different from the methods needed in the early days at Hazelwood North. He arrived in Australia by the ship 'James Furnley' in 1854 and spent some time on the land in Queensland and at the gold mines of Bendigo, Castlemaine and Ovens, and at Port Curtis (Now Rockhampton) before settling in Gippsland in the late 1870's. He married in 1873 and had a family of 5 sons and 1 daughter.

Mr. Bolding's sister married Mr. Tom Cranwell who farmed at Braybrook, supplying milk to Melbourne dairies. Their son Albert used to leave home before daylight to deliver the milk by horse drawn vehicle to the dairies and return home in time for school. Albert spent his holidays with his uncle at Hazelwood North and evidently enjoyed them for about 1880 the Cranwells moved to 'Chishill' Hazelwood North. Unfortunately Mrs. Cranwell died before this. They drove up from Braybrook bringing all their belongings with them. Albert had several journeys from Braybrook to Hazelwood North walking the cattle up there. He selected a block of his own which he later sold to Mr. Tom Clarke, and after his father's death he purchased 'Chishill'.

Several of the early settlers came from Ballarat. The Geale family travelled all the way from there in a bullock wagon driven by Mr. Fred Firmin. The Sanders and the Plants came together. They had previously been at Diamond Creek. From Ballarat they made the long trip to Hazelwood North by horse and dray. Mr. Sanders planted an orchard of 13 acres and when it came into bearing his high quality fruit was sold in the nearby towns. His property was appropriately named 'Applegrove'.

By sheer hard work the settlers managed to establish a sole of grass on the land they had cleared then down came huge mobs of kangaroos to feed on it. Mr. Bolding desperately trying to save his grass, hit on a novel idea - he caught one of the kangaroos and put a red coat on it. Off it went at great speed and the rest of the mob evidently frightened by it quickly disappeared and caused no further trouble for some time.

Eventually high fences were erected to keep them out. Other troubles were not so easily overcome. Hazelwood North did not escape

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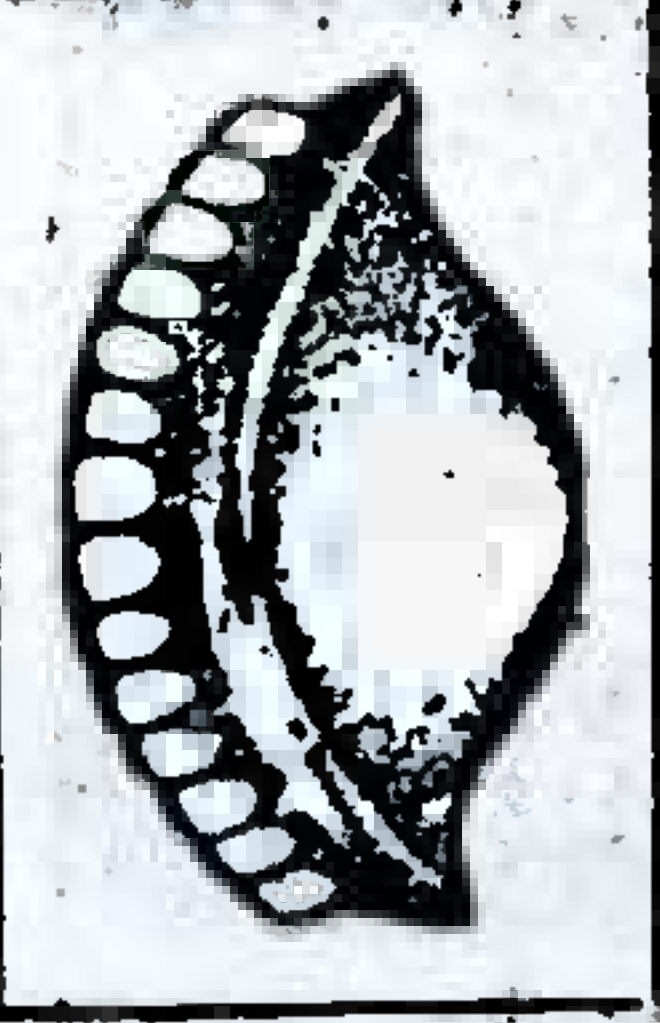
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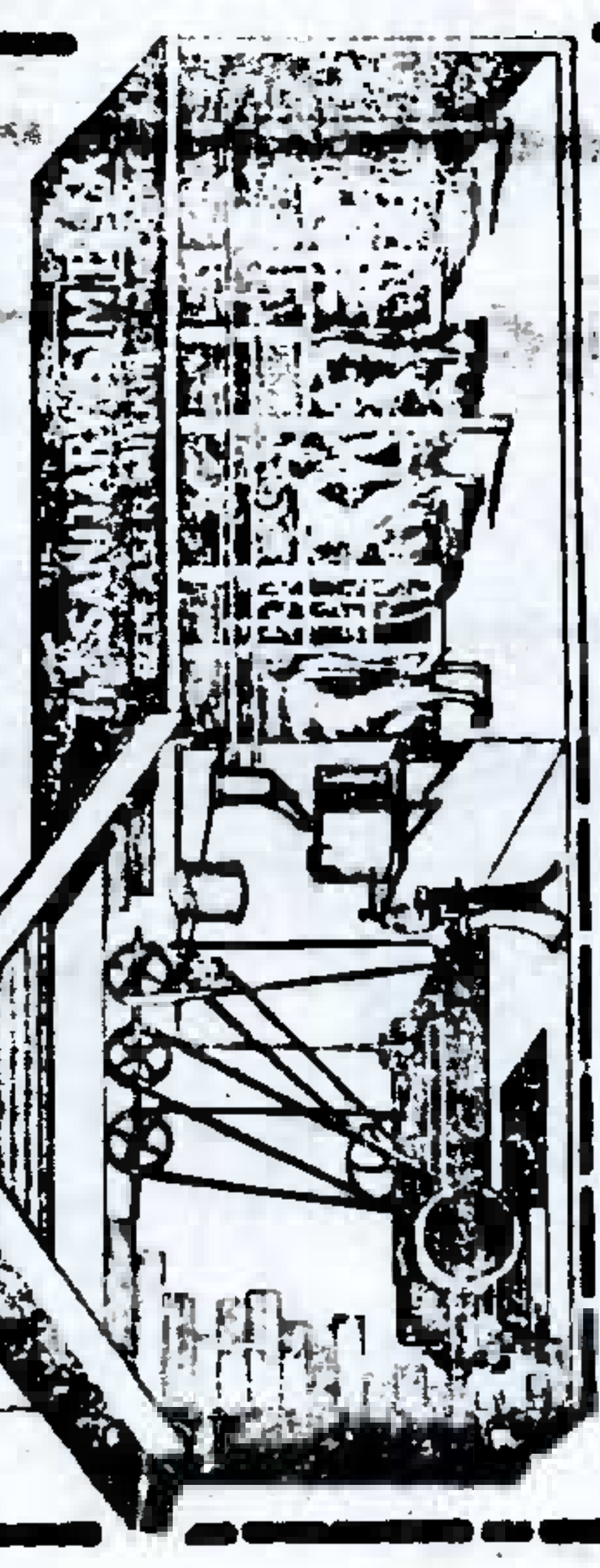
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