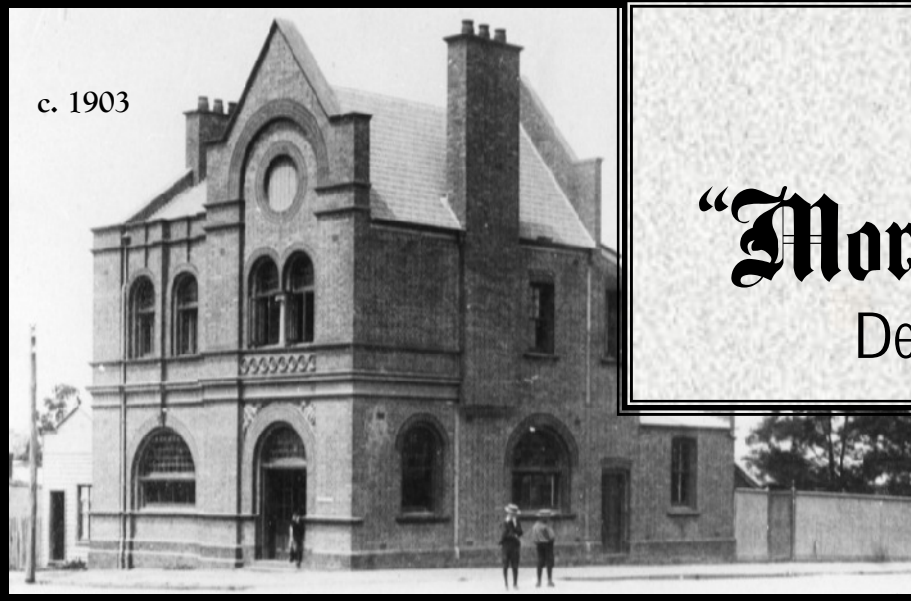


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Special Luncheon

Wednesday, December 14 will be our last open day for 2005 and all members are invited to come along to our rooms at 21 Church St. at mid-day on that day – bring some lunch to share. This will be an opportunity for those who can't get to our regular meetings to catch up with other members at an informal gathering.

There will be no regular opening times over the holiday period but we will be open by appointment, so call Elsie McMaster on 5134 1149 if you, your visitors or friends would like to look at our collection or, perhaps, do some research.

We wish all members and their families a very happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday, and we look forward to your continued support in 2006.

Ho, Ho, Ho
Merry
Christmas
Everyone



Elsie McMaster.

Morwell Advertiser

16th. January 1956

Last Service at St. Mary's

AFTER serving the Church of England Community, Morwell, for 70 years, St. Mary's, which was opened on February 7th 1886, had its last service on Sunday night. The land and building has been sold to the Education Department as an extension to the Commercial Rd. State School.

However, it is understood that at this stage the Department does not contemplate the demolition of the building but will use it for an assembly and projection room at the commencement of the educational year.

The church took five years to build and the cost of construction was £330, about one-tenth of the price for which the property was sold.

SERVICES

The Services would be continued for the time being in the Community Hall, which has been altered in the Main Hall where a Sanctuary has been constructed. This will mean, of course, that it will not be possible to let the Hall on Saturdays again as it will have to be prepared for the Sunday Services.

NEW CHURCH TO BE BUILT

This, however, is only an interim arrangement as it is the intention of the Vestry to commence building the new St. Mary's at an early date. The building reserve stands at £1,380, which, added to the amount received from the Education Department for St. Mary's, makes £5,000 in the Building Fund at present.

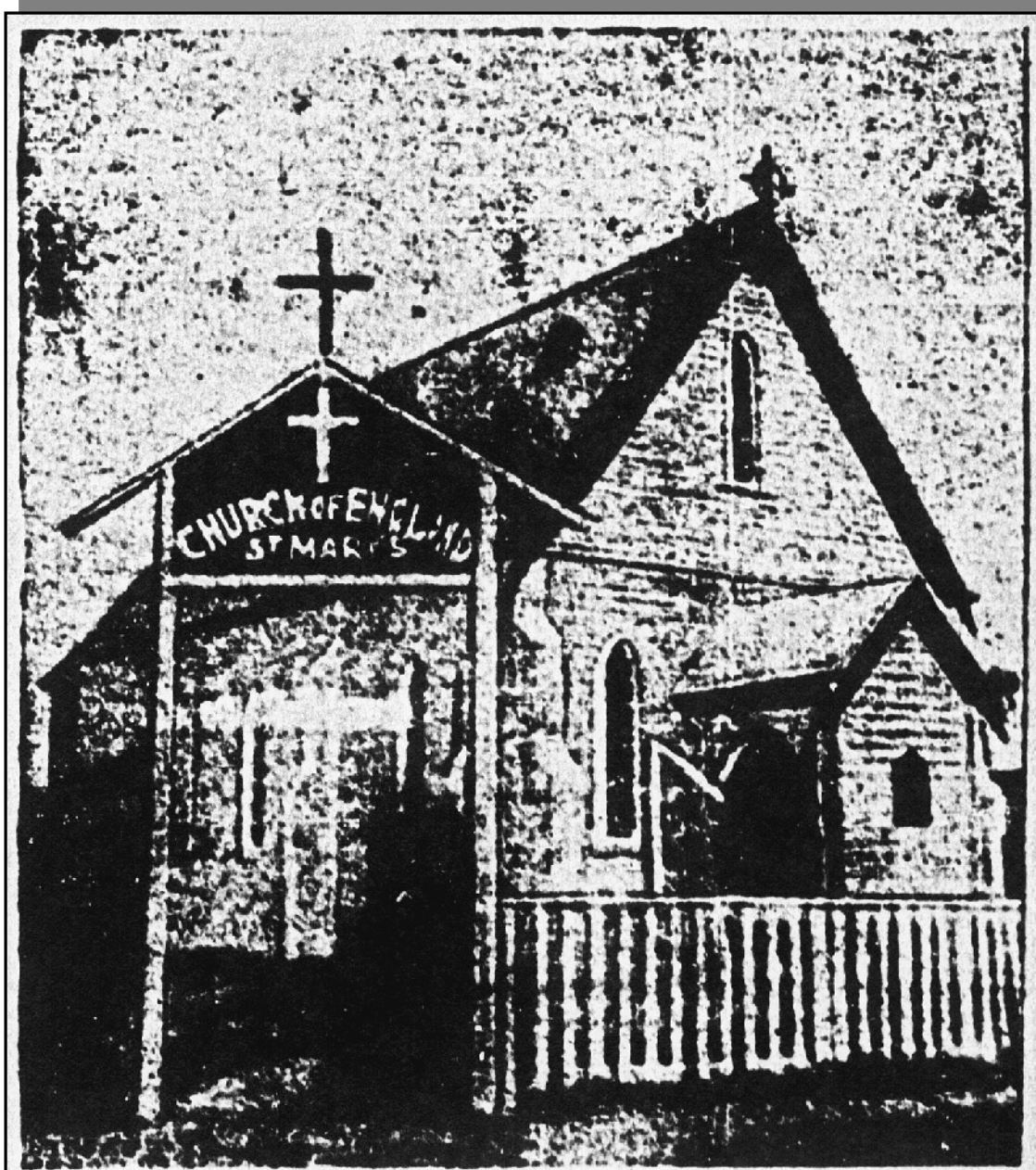
The plan for the new Church buildings envisages moving the rectory to a site nearer the Highway and building the Church on the corner of Buckley St. and Latrobe Rd., a new Parish Hall to be built between the new church and the re-sited rectory.

This plan depends on the satisfactory conclusion of discussions at present being conducted with the Council of the Diocese which has ultimate

control over certain financial arrangements the Vestry is seeking to conclude t finance the whole of the above plan.

FUTURE PLANS

In his address on Sunday night, the Rector pointed out that the change to the Community Hall site was necessitated by three reasons – the inadequacy of the size of St. Mary's for present and future requirements; the need for a more central site following the development of Morwell; the great advantages that would result from having all the Church buildings together.



This photograph accompanied the above report - S.H.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

9th May 1924

Obituary

DEATH of SISTER NADENBOUSCH

On Saturday last, Sister Agnes Janette Nadenbousch, (third daughter of Mr and Mrs Alphonse Nadenbousch, of "Enslin," Morwell,) passed away at private hospital, Auburn, after an illness extending over several months.

The deceased lady, who was 42 years of age, served the Empire as a nurse during the great war and rendered exceptionally good service on the Mesopotamian frontier and at Bombay Military Hospital. On her return to Morwell she was accorded a most enthusiastic welcome by residents of the district. After a short rest she became attached to the staff at Caulfield Military Hospital, but unfortunately owing to a break down in health had subsequently to give up her good work.

She was not only loved and admired by the soldiers whom she nursed, but was also highly esteemed by all with whom she came in contact. Much sympathy is felt for her aged parents and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

The remains of deceased were brought to Morwell and interred in Hazelwood Cemetery on Tuesday last. The Rev. Slade Mallen officiated at the grave, the mortuary arrangements being carried out by Mr J. Bolger.

*Sister
Agnes
Nadenbousch*



Photograph: "Duty Nobly Done"

By John Pearson

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**From Our Gallery of
Morwell Shire Presidents:**



Cr. J. M. Bolger 1930-1931

Do You Remember When It Looked Like This?



Latrobe Valley Hotel

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

2nd. October 1947

Paramount Theatre Opened



FOLLOWING years of monopoly of picture screening, enjoyed by the Town Hall, much interest was aroused some months ago by the announcement that Mr. Harold Verey, former lessee of the Yallourn Theatre, was contemplating the adaptation of the Morwell Market building, an unlined galvanized iron structure with colased floor, to the requirements of a modern picture theatre. How well this work had been done was evident to the guests of the management at the pre-view on Thursday night last when the theatre was filled to capacity.

The transformation of the building to meet both the needs of technical requirements of screening and the comfort of patrons has been faithfully done. A concrete brick annexe to the front of the building has been tastefully treated for use as foyer, and the whole effect has made for a pleasing outside approach.

Inside the building has been lined out with hardwood and caneite, and painted dove grey to tone with stage accessories. The comfort of the seating accommodation has been favourably commented on.

The theatre was officially opened on Saturday last by the shire president, Cr. J. H. Catterick.

Before introducing the shire president, Mr. Harold Verey said he would like to take the opportunity of thanking all who were present, and could assure them of some excellent programmes to come. It had not been easy, and many set-backs had had to be overcome before the building could be completed. After years of experience at Yallourn Theatre he felt sure he could give the public of Morwell what they wanted.

Mr. Verey then introduced Cr. Catterick, who said he was glad to be there to open the new theatre. This meant progress and was a move in the right direction. Competition was the spice of life, and the man who gave the best display forged ahead. This was something Morwell had wanted for some time, and it was hard to realise that the building they were in to-night was only an iron shed a few weeks ago. It gave him much pleasure to declare the new Paramount Theatre open.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

14th. February 1946



ORDINATION AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

AFTER a vacancy of nine months the Morwell Presbyterian Church has now a resident pastor. The Rev. F. H. Camp, of Melbourne, was ordained and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Morwell and district parish on Thursday, 7th. February, 1946, at Morwell.

The church was tastefully decorated with flowers for the special occasion. A large gathering of members of the Presbytery with representatives of other denominations completely filled the building. The service was conducted by the ministers of the Gippsland Presbytery under the presidency of the Interim Moderator, Rev. F. E. Yarnall, B.A., of Traralgon. The Interim Moderator put the questions to the congregation and the new minister and, by the laying of hands, inducted the Rev. F. H. Camp into the ministry and the pastoral charge of the church and the parish. The Rev. Wood, of Sale, preached the appropriate sermon.

The social function, following the ceremonies, was presided over by the Rev. F. E. Yarnall, who extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Camp. Supporting speeches in like vein, were made by Rev. G. E. Harrison, of Mirboo North, on behalf of the Presbytery, Mr. W. Fraser on behalf of the Session, Mr. E. Rowell for the Board of Management and the congregation, Mrs. Frazer for the ladies, the shire president (Cr. White) for the shire and citizens, Rev. R. W. G. Phillips for the Church of England, Rev. C. H. Poxon for the Methodist Church and Cr. A. Coleman for Yinnar congregation.

Mr. Camp thanked on behalf of his wife and himself, the congregation and the speakers for the kindly welcome. Mrs. Camp gracefully acknowledged the presentation of a bouquet of flowers, and thanked the speakers for the good wishes expressed.

The evening came to a close with the serving of supper by the ladies.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

9th. June 1949

Orange Blossom

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McINNES-JENKINS

GOLDEN yellow chrysanthemums and marigolds with Autumn foliage arranged by Mrs. W. Jenkins, was the setting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Morwell, for the marriage on Saturday, June 4th. of Elizabeth (Betty) only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jenkins, of Wallace St., Morwell, with William Alexander, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. McInnes, of Hazelwood. The Rev. F. H. Camp, B.A. B. D. officiated.

Rich deep cream brocaded satin fashioned the bride's lovely slim fitting classical gown, with long sleeves and deep off the shoulder transparent yoke of matching tulle, with roulet of satin at the high neckline, and joined to the bodice with a plait of satin which was repeated on the waistline, curved low at the back where it joined the tunic over skirt, which fell in folds on the long full train of the softly flared skirt.

An heirloom scarf of Honiton lace, caught to her hair a full length filmy cream tulle veil (the scarf, which had been in the bride's mother's family for 140 years, was worn by her mother on her bridal gown). An exquisite bouquet of creamy golden tinted orchids, cream roses and maiden hair fern was carried.

The bride was given away by her father, and attended by Miss Olive McInnes, the bridegroom's sister, frocked in rose pink silk net over moire taffeta, the bodice and puffed sleeves finished with satin ribbon and bows, and the full skirt encircled at intervals with rows of satin ribbon. On her hair she wore a spray of flowers matching her bouquet of pink, mauve and blue azaleas, carnations and hydrangea. A triple string of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom, was also worn.

During the signing of the register the solo "Love Triumphant" was sung by Mrs. W. Jenkins, Miss Margaret Burley was at the organ.

At a reception, held at the Club Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins entertained about sixty guests at a buffet wedding tea. The reception rooms were gay with Iceland poppies and bowls of gerberas (sent from Queensland by the bride's aunt, Miss Jenkins).

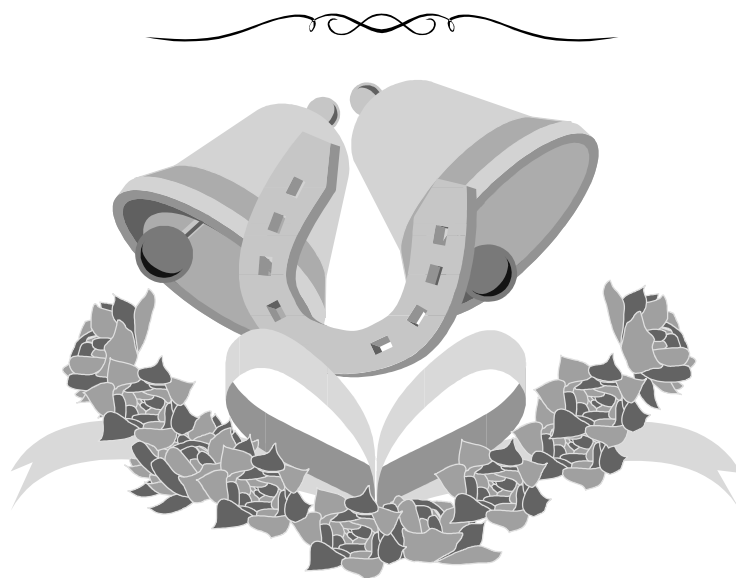
The customary toasts were honored and Mr. Fred Jenkins, brother of the bride, who was best man, read the many telegrams of congratulation. A handsome cream three-tiered wedding cake (made by the mother and beautifully decorated by the father of the bride) was cut in the traditional manner.

The bride's mother wore a dressmaker suit of junior blue, with fitted bodice and sunray pleated skirt and coat finished with gold buttons, matching hat and accessories and spray of orchids.

The young couple left by car for the honeymoon, the bride travelling in a dove grey suit with gold buttons, with which was worn a coat of moss green, with pockets of brown mink, brown hat and accessories.

The guests took the opportunity while the photos were being taken, of viewing the many beautiful gifts at the bride's home.

The future home of the young couple will be at Hazelwood.



Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

12th. March 1942

Midnight Alarm of Fire



RAILWAY BRIDGE ALIGHT

The dislocation of the rail traffic on the main Gippsland line was narrowly averted on Monday morning last.

The splendid effort of old and new auxiliary members of the Morwell Fire Brigade saved the 200 yards structure that spans the Morwell River about a mile west of Morwell, from destruction by fire.

At about 11.30 p.m. on Sunday evening Mr. Col Davey, whose home is about a mile from the bridge, noticed a distinct glow coming from that direction. He mounted a pony and went to investigate. On seeing the bridge in flames he returned to his home and immediately sent his son, Haven (by car) to Morwell to give the alarm. Mr. Davey then returned to the bridge and worked on the fire but sheer exhaustion forced him to throw up his effort.

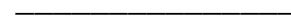
The fire bell was rung and in a few minutes firemen and others were on their way to the scene of the outbreak. The firemen found the bottom of the bridge, which is about 40 feet from the ground, blazing fiercely for a length of about 100 feet. They immediately set to work, and with pumps filled from

water drawn from the river, succeeded in putting out the inferno, after they had worked untiringly for 2½ hours. It was no doubt a splendid effort on their part and no mean feat under adverse conditions.

What Might Have Been

Had the fire burnt for another twenty minutes the bridge would have been useless to railway traffic, until it was re-built, which may have been some months. Then how would the A.P.M.'s mill at Maryvale be kept going without briquettes? and how would they get the vital goods produced there to their destination? How would stock and many other commodities that are needed to-day in various parts of Victoria be transported?

As it is at present a speed limit for trains has been placed on the section. The police and special railway inquiry officers have the matter in hand, and are hopeful of giving a satisfactory report, whereby no blame can be attached to any person.



Next Meeting:

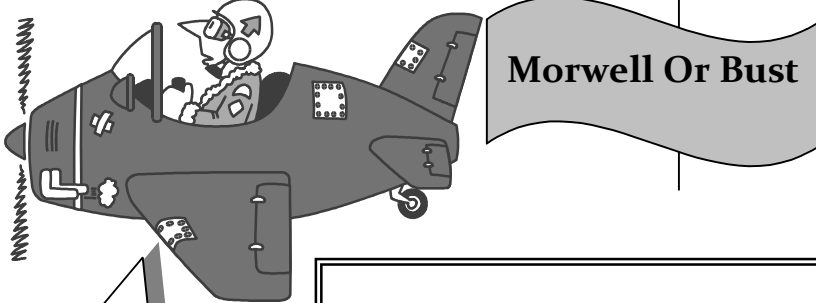
Our first meeting for 2006 will be held

On Tuesday 21st February.

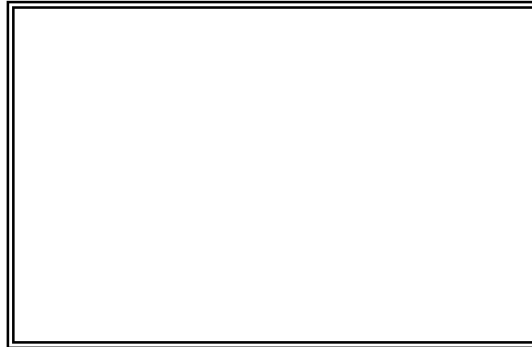
21 Church Street.

Commencing at 7.30 pm.

Everyone most welcome!



I must get there before Leonie rings her little bell

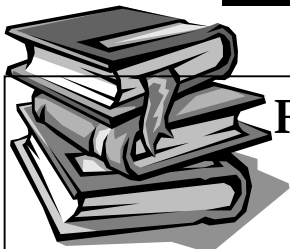


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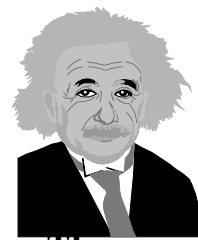


From the History Books:



Telephone Services:

- ☎ Trunk line from Sale introduced in 1908
- ☎ Morwell exchange established 1910
- ☎ Automatic exchange from 1955



Quiz Corner

The answer to our puzzler in the last issue was:

1. Sir Stanley Savige was born in Morwell in 1890
2. He founded the "Legacy" organisation

The last question for the year is another photographic one:

Who are we?

There are definitely no clues for this one - double roster duty for anyone who does not know the answer



If panic has set in - think about Local Government!