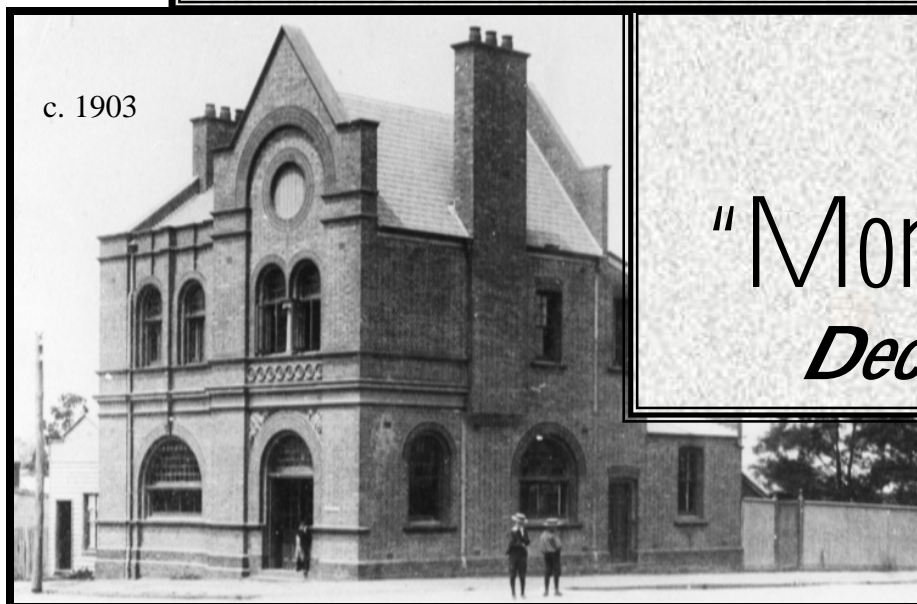


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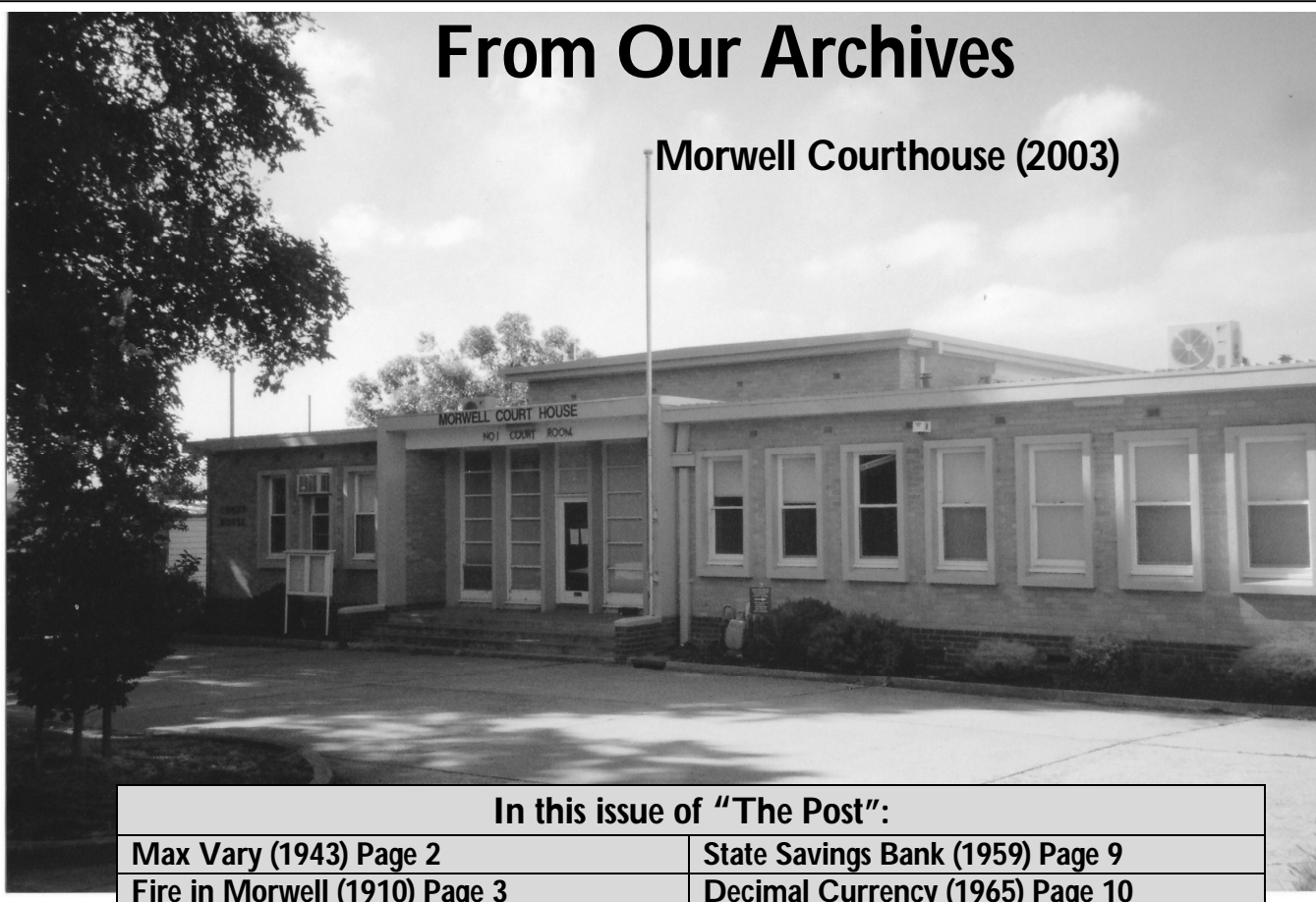
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Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

6th. May 1943

Said Au Revoir at Driffield

The esteem in which Stoker Max Vary is held was definitely shown by residents of Driffield, when they assembled at the School one night recently, to bid him au revoir and Godspeed, and to make him a presentation.

In the presence of about 80 people Max, the popular third son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vary of Buckley St., Morwell was made the recipient of fine and useful gifts. A large number of his Morwell friends, by making a special effort, managed to be present.

Preceding the presentation speech made by the Shire President, Cr. G. Auchterlonie, eulogistic remarks were contributed by the chairman (Mr. C. Vinall) and Messrs A. Walsh, P.P. Kelly and S. Thomas, all of whom paid tribute to the excellent qualities of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Vary, both of whom were born and reared in Driffield, and who had themselves reared a very fine family.

Max's two elder brothers are in the A.I.F. and Max on reaching his 18th birthday joined the Navy. In doing this he has followed the tradition of the Vary family, his uncle the late Engineer Lieut Commander A. Vary having been on the H.M.A.S. Australia during the last war.

Responding, Max made a speech like a born orator. He expressed gratitude for the gift and thanked each speaker for the kind remarks anent his parents and himself, concluding with the hope that he would do the job ahead of him as well as his parents had evidently done theirs.



Photograph not part of original article. S.H.

Morwell Advertiser

7th. October 1910

FIRE IN MORWELL



HOUSE DESTROYED



Quite a commotion was created in the town on Saturday evening last, by a hue and cry of "Fire!" "Fire!!", and a volume of smoke and flames to be seen rising in Station Street. Being Saturday night there were a number of people in the town, and a general rush was made for the scene of the outbreak.

It was thought by many that the fire was in Mr J. Ellis' or Mr L. Vary's house. Mr Ellis was riding in from Hazelwood, and as he was entering the town he saw the smoke and heard several calling out that the fire was at his place. He set off at a gallop, and narrowly escaped a serious accident, for owing to the darkness and his excitement he failed to see the fence around triangle in front of post office, and the horse colliding with it, he received a nasty bruise on leg, but might easily have fared much worse.

Jack, however, took but little notice of the mishap, and was soon again heading for home at a racing pace, and needless to say, he was greatly relieved to find the fire was not in his home.

Nevertheless it was close by in house owned by Mr Jas. Tulloch, and occupied by Mr FitzSimons.

Messrs Ellis, Pasco, Brazel, and Williams were the first to arrive on the scene, but on their arrival they found the flames had possession. Both the front rooms were burning fiercely and it was useless to attempt to extinguish the fire. The backdoor was found to be unlocked, and an effort was made to save some furniture, but the smoke was stifling and only a few articles were got out. By this time quite a crowd had gathered and attention was directed towards saving two small outbuildings at rear of house, and this feat was duly accomplished.

The fire started a few minutes before nine o'clock, and at 9.30 the house and contents were reduced to ashes.

The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery. The owner of the property resides at Kilmore, whilst the occupier was in Melbourne, having left Morwell on the previous Wednesday.

A man, however, was seen about the place on Friday morning. He had apparently slept in the house on Thursday night, for he was seen washing himself early in the morning, and knocking about the yard for a time. He afterwards disappeared and was not seen again, but an hour before the fire broke out, a light was noticed in both the front rooms by three or four persons.

No one was seen to leave the place after the fire broke out, and several were of opinion that the person who had been in the house had been caught by the flames and burnt to death.

One young man got so excited over the matter that he fainted after making a fruitless attempt to enter the front rooms.

Subsequently a search was made among the debris for traces of human bones, but fortunately nothing of the kind was discovered. The fire was seen by several residents of Yinnar, also by ex-Cr. Roy from his home in Budgerie, and others over twenty miles distant.

We understand that the house was insured in the New Zealand Company for £200, and the furniture in same Company for £75.

More Morwell Fire Brigade Facts and Figures:

Morwell's first firemen:

Noy R. (Captain)
Bryden J. (Lieutenant)
Milligan J. S. (Secretary)
Wilson W. (Foreman)
Davey W.
Williams J.
Mathieson G.
Miller W.
Nash H.
Lubcke P.
Lamont T.
Thomson R.
Kleine F.
Rowell A.
Kleine B.



Capt. Richard Noy

Emergencies:

Hare L.
Smith Clarrie
Billingsley I.
Rintoull W.
McMullin R.
Ward F.
Smith Eric
Smith Bert
Evans P.
Hogan M.

The following article was extracted from "Our Boys"

The Second Contingent of troops left Melbourne on Saturday 13th January 1900, on board the vessel S.S. Euryalus.

Local members of the contingent were:

*David White
Michael Charles Alfred Shaw
George Pettit*

The "Advertiser" reported on the departure with the following item:

Morwell Advertiser
January 19th 1900

The Second Contingent



"Our boys" were accorded a hearty send off on Saturday, and the demonstrative even surpassed that which took place on the occasion when the first contingent bid adieu.

Prior to the march through the city His Excellency Lord Brassey addressed the troops as follows:- "Colonel Price, Officers, and Men of the Second Victorian Contingent. – In the name of the Queen, and as her representative, on behalf of the people of the old country, and in the name of the United Empire, I thank you for your spirited and patriotic service. I wish you God speed and a safe return."

Mr. McLean, the Premier, then addressed the troops. He said:- "Colonel Price, and Officers and Men of the Contingent, - On behalf of the Government, the Parliament, and the people of Victoria. I have to express our sincere thanks and appreciation of the patriotic and loyal spirits which induces you to leave your homes and friends and to serve

with Her Majesty's troops in South Africa. You are aware that you have a rough campaign before you. The Boers have had a long start.

They have had strong positions marked out, and they are equipped with the latest arms and implements of modern warfare. Up to the present they have succeeded in encircling some of our garrisons, and they have been strong enough to check the march of the Imperial troops.

But you may trust me that those iron bands with which they are seeking to restrain the onward march of the British troops will be snapped and rent asunder as surely as the sun is shining in the heavens. On behalf of the people of Victoria, I wish you good-bye, God – speed, and a safe return to your dear native land.” (Cheers.)

The troops then fell into line, headed by their commanding officer, and the march to the point of embarkation at Port Melbourne was begun.



Who's Who?

David WHITE (Farmer) Morwell

George PETTIT (Farmer) Morwell Bridge

***Michael Charles Alfred SHAW (Farmer)
Hazelwood***

***All three were members of the Morwell
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Morwell Briquette & Power - 1949

Work began on the Morwell Open Cut in April 1949. Financial constraints saw the whole project put into "mothballs" until the mid 1950's.

Electricity generation from Morwell Power Station commenced in November 1958.

Production of Briquettes from the Morwell factories commenced in December 1959.



**Morwell Briquette & Power
Morwell Open-Cut in Background**

“The Morwell Advertiser”

30th. November 1959

NEW STATE SAVINGS BANK IS PLANNED FOR MORWELL

THE State Savings Bank of Victoria is to build these contemporary – design premises at the corner of Church and Buckley Streets in Morwell.

Tenders for the building – which will comprise a new SSB sub-branch and a shop were called last week.

Its construction will bring Morwell the distinction of having nine new bank buildings in the past five years; and three- the State Savings, National and ANZ – offer complete facilities for customers on both sides of the railway line.

With the new sub-branch, the SSB is demonstrating both its faith in the future of Morwell and its policy of keeping services in step with public demand.

“PEOPLE’S BANK”

Manager of the bank at Morwell, Mr. T. Davis, told “The Advertiser” today that the SSB was ever on the watch to keep the best in service up to its customers.

This policy over the years, he said, coupled with low interest rates to borrowers desirous of owning their own homes, had truly made it “the Victorian People’s Bank”.

As the artist’s impression shows, the new bank building – to be equipped with the latest in furniture and equipment – will conform to the thrilling atmosphere of progress so evident in Morwell today.



Artist’s impression did not reproduce clearly on microfilm. S.H.

Bank lessons in decimals

Two decimal currency instructors of the ES & A Bank conducted decimal currency courses in Morwell, Moe and Traralgon last week.



They are Mr Frank Hatfield and Mr John Keaney of the bank's Victorian Branch Department. They visited Morwell and conducted a three-hour course at the local branch.

The course is designed to familiarise officers with the conversion, expression and methods of banking operations with the new decimal currency.

Mr Hatfield told The Advertiser that they are using six film strips with commentary during the three-hour course, consisting of two sessions.

Mr R. J. Cooper, manager of the local branch, said that literature on decimal currency has been issued progressively to the staff and the general public.

Refresher courses will be held in the future for the staff, as C-Day approaches, he added.

'Banks will play a key role in the conversion operation he said.. "They will close their doors on February 9, dealing in £.s.d., and will re-open on February 14, (C-Day), ready to operate in decimal currency," Mr Cooper concluded.

● Decimal currency instructors Mr Frank Hatfield (in foreground) and Mr John Keaney, explained to Miss Robin Irving, at the Morwell branch of the bank, the ways of decimal currency.

The following photographs are in relation to the article which appeared in the previous edition of "The Post" regarding the forced landing of R.A.A.F. aircraft near Latrobe Road.



All photographs were sourced from the archives of Morwell Historical Society Inc.

Information Page:

Please note that the next meeting will be in February 2011

A Merry Christmas to all our members and friends and a very prosperous and happy 2011



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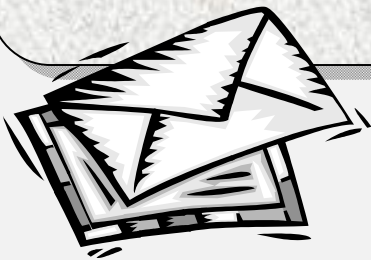
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Thank You

I would like to offer a big "Thank You" to all those members and friends who provided information for The Morwell Post during the year.

I would also like to thank Elsie and Bruce McMaster for their invaluable assistance with production and distribution.

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