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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

The next meeting of the Society is Tuesday, February 16. All are welcome and we are looking forward to a successful year, this the Bi-centennial year. Remember the February excursion - Sunday February 21. The excursion is to the site of Billy Hillier's grave on the banks of Billy's Creek. Please meet at the Morwell Arts Centre at 1.30 p.m. B.Y.O afternoon tea.

Members will remember from the January newsletter that a request was made for old photographs of Morwell and the surrounding district. Please contact Elsie McMaster, phone 34 1149.

Finally, how many members have taken up the "good idea for 1988?" Keep a daily diary during 1988. It will be an invaluable record of what you did in the Bicentennial Year.

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TOWN SOON TO BOAST Here is the location

A GOLF COURSE?

Morwell may soon be able to boast a first class 18-hole golf course.

President of Morwell Golf Club Steering Committee, Mr Keith Williams, said today construction of a course "could begin in the near future."

At a meeting last week debenture holders of the inactive Morwell Golf Club adopted recommendations from the steering committee which will put the club back on its feet.

A committee of five will be formed to revise the constitution and report back to a general meeting.

The club will be located on State Electricity Commission land at Morwell East.

It will be the aim of the club to establish a top class course.

Assistance in arranging, construction and financing the course will be obtained from all sections of the community.

First hurdle

First hurdle facing the club is raising \$80,000 to construct the course.

This estimate, which includes voluntary work, was given by a golf course architect engaged by the committee.

10 STAND FOR ALVA COMMITTEE

TEN members of the ALVA Committee of Management must be elected at the association's annual meeting on October 28.

The meeting will be held in the Traralgon City Council chambers at 3 p.m.

Those retiring and eligible for re-election are Messrs. P. Mouritz, J. Vinnall, T. Furlonger, C. Staff, A. Hare, J. Allpress and A. Robb. Cr R. Jakobi and Mrs P. Williams.

Following the annual meeting there will be a special meeting then a committee of management meeting to elect office bearers.

Senior town planner, Mr John Bayly, will be guest speaker at ALVA's annual dinner at the Traralgon Golf Club on the night of the annual meeting.

Mr Bayly is an authority on town and country planning.

The dinner starts at 6.30 p.m. with drinks.

To raise the money, the steering committee has recommended that organisation should be by a proper finance committee which should have experienced finance men in its team.

In his report the architect told the committee a club house could cost anything from \$20,000 to \$200,000.

In stages

The committee therefore recommended that a first class course should be worked for and a club house built in stages.

Initially land north of Crinigan-rd., known as the "pony club paddock" was considered as a possible site.

A request was submitted to the SEC for a 40-year lease, which was granted.

Too hilly

However, an architect inspected the area and found it was too hilly and not suitable.

He suggested land further east, which also belonged to the Commission, was more desirable.

Approval was again received from the Commission and the land is available to lease on a 40-year term.

The committee obtained the services of an Agristologist who reported the area was ideally suited for a golf course.

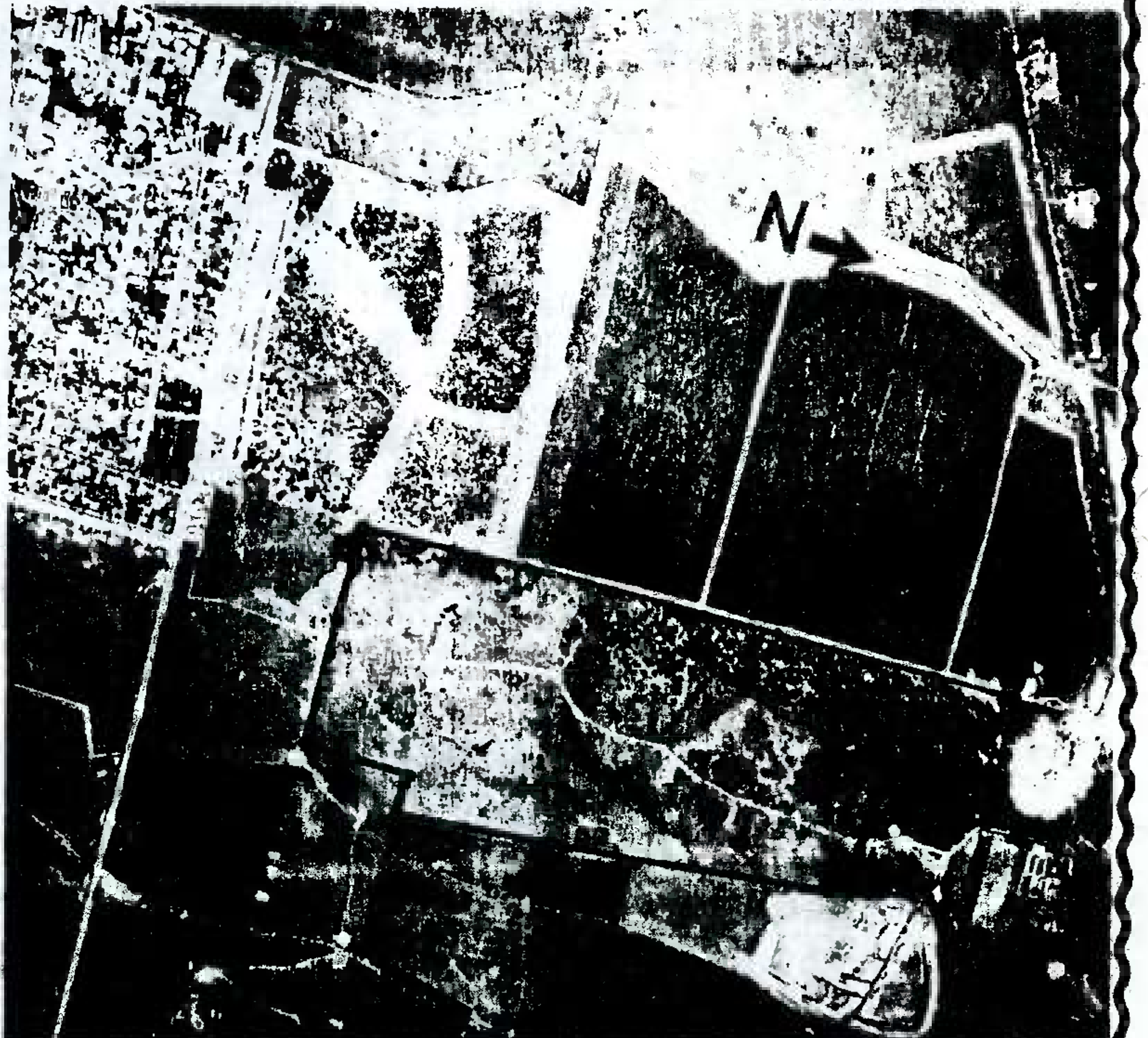
The architect remarked that the site was in a perfect position relation to the town; had excellent undulations; it was the ideal shape for a golf course and had ample area for a championship course as the design could provide that fairways avoid facing the sun.

Car burns

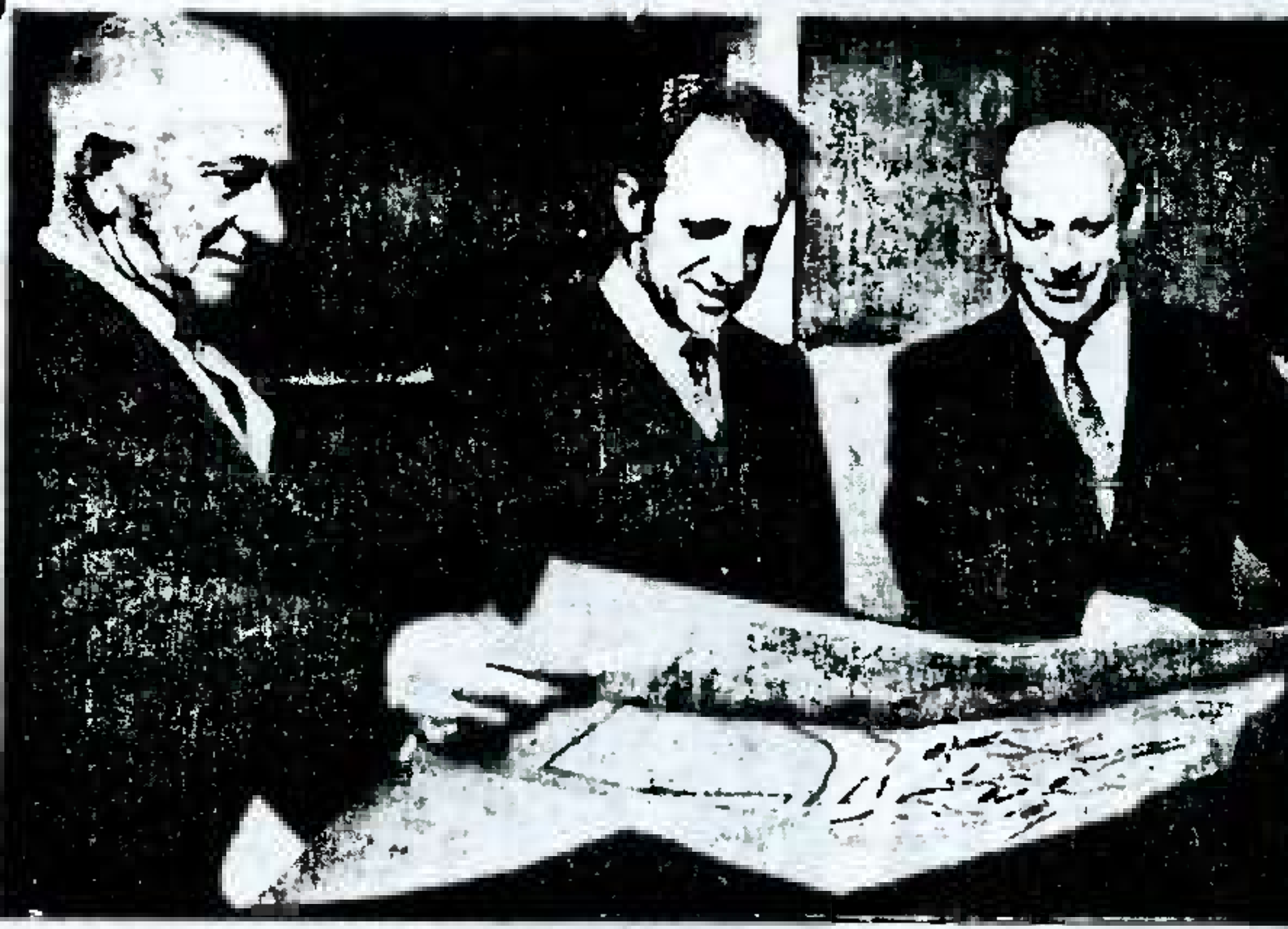
TRARALGON police, ambulance and fire brigade rushed to the scene of a two car collision in Traralgon on Saturday night after one of the cars burst into flames.

The driver of one car, Mrs Eileen Marguerite Beal of Munro-st., was taken to hospital following the collision.

At right: The site for Morwell Golf Club's proposed new 18-hole course is marked on this aerial picture. To the left is Crinigan-rd. and at the top is Maryvale-rd. The site has been described as "excellent" for a course.



Below: A dream on paper. Morwell Golf Club Steering Committee presented a plan of the club's proposed new course. Pictured discussing the plan are (l-r.) Messrs Bill Thomas, Keith Williams, committee president and Allan Grieve.



Nissen hut, value \$200, destroyed

A nissen hut at Morwell Recreation Reserve was gutted by fire early on Saturday morning.

The blaze had spread to nearby pine trees before Morwell Urban Fire Brigade had been alerted.

It was brought under control in minutes.

The hut, owned by Morwell Shire, was valued at about \$200.

It was generally used by junior footballers as a dressing shed and a storeroom.

Cigarettes, tyres stolen

More than \$1000 worth of cigarettes was stolen from Coles Tarwin-st. store on Thursday night.

The same night, thieves entered a Yallourn service station by cutting through the roof and escaped with a quantity of tyres, valued at \$700.

Morwell CIB said 500 cartons of cigarettes were removed from Coles after thieves had apparently gained entry through an upstairs window.

YOUTH DIES. CAR IN PONDAGE

AN 18-year-old apprentice motor mechanic died on Sunday when his car plunged into the Hazelwood pondage at the corner of Nadenbousch and Switchback-rd.s

He was Russell John O'Connor, Vaggs-rd., Yinnar.

Police believe he died by drowning. A passing motorist notified police and an ambulance soon after the accident occurred at 1.45 a.m.

A tow truck driver dragged the car from the pond and an ambulance driver removed O'Connor's body.

Was alone

He was alone in the car. Russell O'Connor worked at Woods and Reeves, Morwell.

He had an intense interest in motor vehicles and had driven competitively in "Hot Rod" events at Gippsland meetings.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs A. H. O'Connor, and is survived by his brother Arthur (Nowa Nowa), sister Mrs V. Torney and brother Kevin.

The funeral will leave

Off the road

A Morwell man escaped injury when the car he was driving ran off the road and struck a fence in Alamein-st., Morwell, on Sunday.

He is Robert James Spittal, Sherrin-st., Morwell.

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AGREE —
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Two Ministers are farewelled

A large gathering, representative of the Methodist community of Morwell and Morwell East, farewelled on Friday night in the Presbyterian Hall two ministers of the Methodist Church associated with these centres.

They are Rev. E. A. Hinson and Pastor W. A. Brumley; the former is relinquishing soon his duties as locum for Rev. N. E. Derbyshire, now returning from a visit to U.K. and the latter is leaving to take over a new appointment at Park Street (South Melbourne) Methodist Church.

Speaking on behalf of the Morwell North, Morwell East and Hazelwood parishioners, Mr. J. Duck said he was certain that if Pastor Brumley continued to maintain the same high standard he set at Morwell, he would go a long way in the ministry of the Church. At Morwell East he had established a sound foundation for his successor, and he had won the regard of the children. He would be sadly missed.

Mr. F. Marriott, for the Home Mission Station, said it was a pleasure for him to give testimony of Pastor Brumley's valuable work for the Station, and to thank him for what he had done in the years which would be happy memories. He was certain that the Pastor's ministry would be fruitful in saving souls.

For St. Luke's, Mr. W. McRoberts, Junr., congratulated Pastor Brumley on his engagement to Miss Paull, and extended sincere good wishes. It was regrettable that ministers were birds of passage, as it generally took twelve months to get to know them and for them to know the people. He realised that Pastor Brumley must move on to achieve his ambition of becoming a fully ordained minister, and he was certain that the good wishes of his many friends in Morwell would be with him in the realisation of his ambition.

"I hope that in the fullness of time that you will return to take over the Morwell Church as our minister," he concluded. In making a presentation to Mr. Brumley of a wallet of notes, Mr. H. Butler said that it carried the congregation's thanks for the work that he had done.

To Rev. Hinson, he said that it was a pleasure to work with him and the people were appreciative of his helpful gesture in consenting to take over the duties of the ministry during the absence of Rev. Derbyshire. Pastor Brumley warmly thanked speakers for their kind references to his work, and recalled the great progress he had seen during his short stay in Morwell. Things were moving and the town growing all the time.

He said he had come with

ideas about the conduct of the Home Mission Station, but found that he was not always right. In the final analysis, a minister was judged by the people of his church.

At Morwell East, he believed the Church had been well established and an atmosphere created with appeal to the children. Much was owed to the work and enthusiasm of Mr. Dick, and no one could have done more.

He said that Morwell was his first appointment, and he was leaving it with a wealth of experience which would be of extreme value in the future.

He paid tribute to the legion of people who had helped him in many ways, and extended, on behalf of his fiancée and himself, sincere thanks for the gift which they had agreed would be converted to some tangible memento of their many Morwell friends.

Junior Circuit Steward, Mr. E. Huby, said he was certain that the Methodist community had benefitted through Mr. Hinson's experience and guidance. Morwell was not an easy assignment on account of distances to be travelled. He expressed the hope that Mr. Hinson would be long spared to continue his work for the Church.

Rev. Hinson said that it had taken him sometime to make up his mind to emerge from retirement to accept the invitation to Morwell. He would not have accepted for a strange place, but was influenced by the fact that he would not have been able to carry out the full duties, unless he received the help of all.

He thanked Mr. Butler, who had been a tower of strength, Pastor Brumley, who had relieved him considerably, and all those who had helped by providing transport.

"Finally, I thank you all for the privilege of being with you," he concluded.

The evening was spent in dancing and musical items, and terminated with the serving of a delightful supper by the ladies.

Yallourn branch, C.W.A., are to make arrangements for the annual "Forget-Me-Not" Day in Yallourn on August 30. The appeal is by the Spastic Children's Society of Victoria.

Your savings can work for your country in the Commonwealth Loan.

OLD DIGGER PASSES ON

An Old Digger, Mr. Henry Edwin Sloan, one of the select band to have proudly worn the Military Medal with two bars, equivalent to having won that distinguished decoration three times in action during World War I, died at the Traralgon Hospital on April 6, at the age of 63.

He came from Glen Waverley to take up residence at 96 Elgin St., Morwell, about eight years ago, and was employed for three years by the State Electricity Commission on its Morwell Project.

Ill-health resulting from war service compelled the relinquishment of his employment at that stage.

He was a member of the original 8th Battalion and saw service on Gallipoli and in France, and transferred to the 5th Divisional Signal Co. when that division was formed in Egypt after the evacuation of Gallipoli.

His wife pre-deceased him eight months ago.

The remains will be interred at Box Hill cemetery tomorrow.

Anzac day at Yallourn

Arrangements for Anzac Day at Yallourn were finalised last week at the monthly R.S.L. meeting. Mr. G. P. Fogarty presiding.

The dawn service will be at 6 a.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. E. E. Beckett.

Preceding the principal service at 2.30 p.m. at the Stone of Remembrance, where Cr. W. T. Wallace will conduct wreath-laying, members will march at 2 p.m. with Mr. E. Clark as Marshal.

Standard-bearers will be First World War veteran Mr. T. Lane, and Mr. P. Sullivan representing those who served in the Second.

It is hoped that a Naval guard of honour commanded by Lt. Cmdr. (E. J. G. L. Gibson, R.A.N.) will be present.

Boy Scouts and Girl Guides will join the R.S.L. march, and Yallourn Town Band will be in attendance.

A midweek line-up of the most popular tunes of the day are featured in "Hits of the Moment" every Wednesday from 3UL at 8.30 p.m.

OBITUARY

FORMER licensee of the Yinnar Hotel and a member of a district pioneer family, Mr. William Ambrose Noel Scanlon, died at Traralgon Hospital on April 3, after a long illness.

Deceased, the eldest son of the late Cr. W. J. and Mrs. Scanlon, was born at Budgerree in 1893 on a farm which his father, a pioneer of the district had established some 10 years previously and where he was later granted a victualler's licence to cater for travellers between South Gippsland and Morwell.

He was educated at the Budgerree East State School and spent his early life on the farm, following the accidental death of his father in 1916.

In November 1924, he married Miss Ivy Felmingham, of Madalya, and the couple moved to Melbourne next year when he joined the Victoria Police.

He was stationed for five years at St. Kilda, seven years at Shepparton and nine years at Sale.

In 1946, he resigned from the force to take over the Yinnar Hotel, following the death of his brother, Berry, and continued as licensee until ill-health forced his retirement from active business towards the end of last year.

In the intervening period prior to his death he lived privately in Yinnar.

He was a popular citizen with a wide circle of friends and was keenly interested in the progress of the town and district. The regard in which he was held was evidenced by the length of the funeral cortege — one of the largest ever seen in the district — which followed the remains to the place of interment at Hazelwood cemetery on April 5.

The service at the graveside was conducted by Rev. Father Wilson.

Deceased leaves a widow and two sons, Frank and Noel, a sister, Nancy (Mrs. Jim Kennedy) and brother, Michael. A nephew, Clarence, pre-deceased him a few weeks previously.

LOW RENT HOUSES

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might qualify for such homes. Crs. Fewster, Wallace and Harries would draw up a suggested questionnaire for submission to next meeting.

Cr. Wallace said: "We have a duty here perhaps to take the lead in this matter. There are no reports of any action taken by any other municipality. But one question would be, where these houses might be built in Yallourn. Suitable sites, on flat ground and near the town centre, were not easy to come by. "I don't think there would be any doubt that the S.E.C. would make land available," said Cr. A. R. Shepley.

TRY AND ADAPT OUR WAY OF LIFE

TRY and adapt yourself to our way of life, because we certainly can't change to your way," Morwell Shire President, Cr. W. J. Pettigrew, told five Australian citizens on Thursday afternoon.

He was speaking at a Naturalisation ceremony in the Town Hall, when five adopted Australian Citizens were sworn in.

The five were:

Mr. Dirk Krijgsman and Mrs. Jeannette A. Krijgsman, of 91 Vary Street; Mr. W. K. H. Bloss, Maryvale Road; Mr. Emmanuel Geroyannis, 16 Phyllis St.; Mr. Ernest Herman Voigt, 11 Quigley St.

Cr. Pettigrew said that new Australians would find that they would receive the utmost co-operation from the Australian community.

"You will find a few who will have a prejudice, but don't take any notice of them," he said.

He stressed that they would now have the right to vote Federal, State and Council elections.

"Use that right," he said, "and make certain that you exercise your vote in the correct manner to reflect your opinions, not just what have been told."

"Help develop Australia as a great Nation to the best of your ability," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Stuchov, Southway, Yallourn, were naturalised at a ceremony Friday in Yallourn Town Advisory Council Chambers.



S.E.C. ESTIMATES FOR YALLOURN

THE S.E.C.'s estimate of expenditure on the township of Yallourn during the 12 months ended June 30, 1957, totals £92,220. Largest individual item is £20,000 for alterations to the Yallourn Hotel, the first stage of replacing the temporary wooden bar.

The figures were given in a letter from the General Superintendent to the Town Advisory Council meeting on Friday.

Other items include: New public library, £18,000; Sewerage, house connections, £17,000; Street and footpath improvements, £3000; Sleep-outs, garages and laundries, £2,750; water reticulation improvements, £2000; and public lighting and overhead lines, £1600.

Cr. A. R. Shepley, Assistant General Superintendent, said last year's estimate was about £138,000 and expenditure was in the region of £105,000.

During discussion, Cr. Shepley said a figure of £600 in the estimate was for the first stage of the development of a caravan park with sewerage connections.

It was likely that the town's new public hall, on the site of the old public library, would be begun next financial year.

THE POOL

Cr. F. Harries asked: "What about the swimming pool?" He thought the townspeople's subscription of £5000 might be raised.

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LOUIE!



Felix the Cat

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"Lonella" writes ... OF PEOPLE . . . AND PARTIES

PHARMACY as a profession for women has much to recommend it with opportunities for travel and the advantage of affording equal pay for men and women, although the latter has only been achieved very recently.

Miss Kathleen Green, (pictured here), who is Morwell's only woman practising pharmacist, says it is no sinecure, however. A four year course is necessary to become qualified, and there is a good deal of responsibility to be shouldered.

Miss Green does not do full-time work now, but her services are much in demand for relieving work in various pharmacies. This week she goes to Moe, but during the past few years she has done similar work in many parts of Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania.

Since Miss Green qualified — she served her apprenticeship with Mr. J. B. Robinson, of Traralgon — working conditions for the pharmacist have changed.

Counter hands have lightened the work considerably. No longer does a reliever have to take over all the odd jobs of a branch shop in addition to the dispensing.

Then, of course, there is the undoubted advantage that wholesale chemists have made it no longer necessary for the pharmacist to make his own pills and ointments.

But the other side of the picture involves a good deal of book work, which is a corollary of free medicine and Government requirements.

Equal pay for men and women pharmacists has only come about in recent months.

Miss Green was at one time on the Wages Board representing chemist shop assistants, and at the present time women have one representative on the Pharmaceutical Society.

Miss Green's family has lived in Morwell for over 50 years. She housekeeps now for her father, Mr. A. A. Green.

The family appears to have a definite leaning towards medicine. An uncle is Dr. A. I. Green, of Melbourne, a sister is Mrs. S. Chester of Heyfield, who also was a chemist — a gold medallist incidentally, and another sister, Mrs. Webster, of



Glen Iris, was a nursing sister. Although her relieving work keeps her very busy, Miss Green has a variety of interests, including the secretaryship of the P.W.M.U. Afternoon Group, and membership of the Country Women's Association and of the Red Cross Society. Croquet is another of her interests.

In August, she hopes to have a trip to Tasmania, where she made many friends during a period of relieving work she did over there.

BRIDE-TO-BE HONOURED

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Evans invited about 20 friends to a party at their home in McLean Street on Saturday night to wish happiness to Miss Elaine Turner and Mr. John Menzies, who are to be married on Easter Saturday at St. John's Church, Yallourn.

This happy party also combined a birthday celebration for Mrs. Evans.

SUGAR-BAG ARTICLES

A great variety of articles made from sugar bags was on view at the April meeting of the R.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary held at the home of the president, Mrs. J. Keenan on Wednesday night.

The prize for this sugar bag competition was divided between Mrs. M. Robinson and Mrs. Di Duca, with Mrs. Vayse second and Mrs. Broadbest and Mrs. R. S. A. Hardy a equal for third.

There were 19 members present, and Mrs. Blackwood, of Vary Street, was welcomed as a new member.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs. Vayse on having won the TV set in the R.S.L. raffle.

A roster was drawn up for the sale of Anzac Day tokens, and Mrs. A. H. Pitt and Mrs. E. Rhodes were appointed to lay a wreath on the Memorial.

Two members volunteered to give their services on the Morwell Benevolent Society Button Day on May 3.

Sympathy was extended to Mrs. M. Reid, of Swan Hill, formerly of Morwell, in her recent bereavement.

The next card party will be held at Mrs. Keenan's home on April 10.

Mrs. Hewling was appointed hostess for the May meeting, when the competition will be for the best article made from one skein of wool.

Tribute to local girls

LATROBE Valley teenage girls have given a Melbourne lady, Miss E. Dawson, nurse recruitment officer of the Hospitals and Charities' Commission, "a new lease of life."

That's how she summarised her enthusiasm, yesterday in an interview with the Advertiser at the Latrobe Valley Community Hospital, Yallourn, after speaking to more than 900 girls in the area during Nursing Week.

"The girls here are intelligent and most receptive," she said. "I am very happy at the prospects of nursing recruitment in future years."

Miss Dawson was speaking at the conclusion of her campaign locally, which culminated in a social afternoon yesterday at the hospital.

She told Mr. E. H. Stott, chairman of the hospital management committee; Mr. B. G. Mulgrew, hospital manager; committee members, and Matron Ruth Baker and the nursing staff: "Your very marvellous hospitality has made my task easier."

"I could never have achieved what I have without your help." Personal contact was very important in the interests of nursing, and she sincerely thanked the personnel of local hospitals and schools for their assistance.

"I cannot estimate at the moment what the success of the campaign will mean in immediate numbers, but I have no doubt of the effect for future years," she said.

During the afternoon, Miss Deldre Bown, a second-year nurse from Port Welshpool, gave an outline of her work and training, sporting activities in recreation hours, and the friendships made in nursing.

Yallourn Town Band played selections, and the programme included songs by the Yallourn Nurses' Choir.

Afternoon tea was provided by the Hospital ladies auxiliary and members of the staff.

JOTTINGS ..

Mrs. F. Pedersen and her new baby son, Peter Edmund, are spending a week or so with her cousin, Mr. Alan Maddocks, and his wife at Trafalgar. Mr. Maddocks, of course, is brother of well-known International cricketer, Len Maddocks.

Mrs. Pedersen will later go on to Mr. and Mrs. J. Littlejohn at Mirboo East before returning to her home at Yinnar.

Younger Set venue for May meeting will be Rosemary Cumming's home in Theresa Court, when coloured travel slides will be shown.

Accent definitely on the theatre at present with Morwell Players sponsoring visit of Mr. Alec Brown to lecture on stage presentation in Town Hall supper room tomorrow night (Tuesday). Lecture is open to public — ladies are asked to bring supper contribution.

Mr. Brown, who has done backstage work professionally overseas, also will be tutor in stage presentation at Summer Drama School to be held over Easter by Victorian Drama League at Yallourn.

Real feminine interest at next Thursday afternoon's meeting of Women's Gas Association when a demonstration on make-up will be given by Helena Rubinstein cosmetics. Meeting at Town Hall is open to public.

Two highlights in Guiding circles this week — Morwell Local Association street stall on Friday next, and Willing Shilling Drive being conducted during the week. Gifts of saleable goods will be welcomed for the stall, and Guide leaders ask for householders' support for their choice seekers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson, of North Essendon, and their daughter Maureen have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox of Boolarra over the weekend. They have just been on a holiday trip to Mount Gambier.

Mrs. Wilson, who is a member of the Kelleher family, formerly of Boolarra, has been delighted to renew acquaintance with many old friends.

Boolarra Red Cross effort for the March Appeal took the form of a stall outside Mrs. E. K. Penaluna's home, and £24/17/ was the successful result. Donations included £5/5/- from Boolarra C.W.A., £2 3/- from Boolarra South Ladies' Club, and £1/1/- from the Boolarra Dramatic Club.

GLAMOUR IN TWEED

QUITE the most fascinating materials in the Autumn and Winter collection are the new tweeds, with their multi-coloured flecks, and glitter from metallic threads.

Button-on capes and stoles and separate jackets to match the frocks make them utility as well as fashionable outfits.

Many of the tweeds lend themselves particularly well to princess and Empire lines — so smart they can even be worn for cocktail occasions.

Tweed also lends itself to fringed trimming, and buttons often are used to add glamour. No wonder that wool use in Australia has increased so much, according to latest returns.

In the last recorded year of wool manufacturing Australian wool consumption reached 66,000,000 lb. clean weight.

Australia's 151 wool textile mills became the country's fourth biggest customer for wool. This country's buying of local wool was exceeded only by the United Kingdom, France, and Japan.

This is all part of a world swing to wool, and as long as the use of wool is continued in glamorous as well as utility cloths, the bigger the swing will be.

Pearl-trimmed Gown



PEARLS trimmed the front of the Chantilly lace gown and the small crescent-shaped cap worn by Beverley Lois Hawke for her wedding with Barry Heald of Anderson Street, Traralgon, at the Church of St. F on-the-Hill, Morwell East, on Saturday afternoon.

The couple are shown above leaving the church.

Beverley is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Hawke, of Vincent Road, Morwell East. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. Pickturn.

The bridal gown had a V-necked fitted bodice with long pointed sleeves, and the full gathered skirt formed a train at the back. The 3-tier tulle veil was fingertip length and her trailer bouquet combined frangipanni with white carnations.

Miss Thelma Wells, who attended the bride, wore a ballerina frock of paleat pink sock nylon, the scalloped neckline forming a low V at the back. On her head she wore a crown of rosettes lined with pink sock nylon. A Victorian posy of pink carnations was carried.

The bridegroom had Maurice Bulmer, of Traralgon, as best man.

The reception was held at Mr. and Mrs. Hawke's home. Mrs. Hawke receiving the guests in a grey tailored gabardine suit accompanied by a basin-shopped hat in lipstick pink to match her gloves. Her accessories were black.

£200 to church

A most successful fair was held in the Town Hall on Friday morning and afternoon by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and proceeds will be in the vicinity of £200.

Mr. Arthur Ough, appointed by the Board of Management as organiser, did a good job, and sold support was given by the P.W.M.U. and the Ladies' Guild.

Sunday School children assisted on the sweets stall.

The bazaar is an annual effort the proceeds going to maintenance of church property.

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On the Spot

PAULOWNIAS — or African Violets, to give them their common or garden name — are the latest in indoor plants. With a little care they'll give you a mass of blooms. VALLEE COURT GARDENS have them at 7/6 each.

THEY'VE been hard to get — but they're available again in Morwell at ROBINSON'S PHARMACY... the AGFA SUPER SILETTE, the hallmark of perfection in coupled rangefinder cameras. Featuring rapid lever wind; Agfa Apotar f3.5 special Anastigmat lens; Bronator SV8 Shutter. All settings — distance, depth of field, speeds and stops — all visible from above. Ever Ready Case. The price... £37/14/-.

If your man plays football — you might drop a ball that MONTAGUE'S PHARMACY in Binstoull Street has anklets at 7/6 and knee caps at 9/6.

TREND these days is all for ballerina gowns for evening wear... so comfortable... so smart... and attractive. MORWELL FASHION CENTRE, at entrance to VALLEE COURT, has wide and fascinating range in lovely materials — tulle, pure silk, nylon. Now is the time to prepare for the winter balls and dances. Make a point of viewing these lovely gowns.

AND it's not too hard to figure this out. Speaking of evening wear, have you — well — a few too many ounces here or there? WHY AVODEX the new diet treatment, you'll find that whittling your weight is a pleasant experience. Let DAVIES' PHARMACIES in Commercial Road or Church Street tell you all about it.

1988 AUSTRALIA'S BI-CENTENARY YEAR.

Morwell Town and District.

In January's newsletter we made some notes about Morwell's first four decades from 1878 to 1908. This month we have only covered one decade and again these facts are gleaned from books. From then on we are hoping for reminscences from our members and friends. We are hoping that future contributions are more personal. It is the story of people that brings history to life not impersonal data. To start with-- what are your memories of post-war years? For some of you it would be school days, teachers, pupils' pranks, picnics, sport etc. Please tell us. Ring our secretary on 34 1149 or Jess Cafiso on 34 2638.

1908--1918. Les Hare married Nellie Butters in 1908. Les, who had been working for George Billingsley, set up his own carrier business in 1910. Later he ran the town's first motor taxi.

During the early years of this decade local affairs concerned Morwell citizens much more than foreign affairs. Their main concerns were fire, water and the future of Morwell--coal or agriculture. Reticulated water supply came to Morwell on Dec. 1913. The first Fire Brigade was established in 1914. There was plenty of sport-- golf, bowls, football for instance and recreation-- concerts, pictures and dances.

When war came, the Advertiser commented, "It is probable that the war will be brought to a termination within a few weeks". By 1918 the Advertiser had listed a total of 70 casualties for Morwell and district.

Indian Hawkers

Our members may remember the request for information on Indian Hawkers in our Newsletter of March 1987 Page 2. Our secretary did gather some data which was sent on to Mr. Daniels of Swan Hill. This may have included the Hawkers of Buckley's Hill. In any case this is worth printing here for interested people who have not heard of it before.

As many of you know Mr. Joe Buckley and his father selected land in Morwell in the 1870's. Part of this land was called Buckley's Hill (now the site of the present reservoirs). For some years Mr. Joe Buckley allowed Indian Hawkers to camp on this land and they became respected members of the community. One of them eventually married a Miss Buckley. I think his name was Singh.

Our thanks again to Miss Olver for the above contribution. As she has great difficulty in writing due to arthritis, this lady phones from Mornington quite often, in response to our requests for reminiscences. Her memories will keep appearing in future newsletters and hopefully they will prompt simialar contributions from others.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(page 4 January Newsletter)

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Trivia

Who's Who?

There's a famous name concealed in this slogan. To discover his identity, underline a pair of adjacent letters in each word and read the 14 letters selected in the order they appear.

MATCHLESS
ARTISTIC
TALENT
DESCRIBES
THAT COMPLETE
ENTERTAINER

Further Clues - He was born in 1889 and died in 1977. Although all our members will have heard of him those who went to the 'pictures' in the 1920's and 1930's will remember him most. He was a comedian.

This piece was found in a book some 17 years ago. It is interesting to see how others saw Morwell.

From 1919 Victorian Municipal Directory.

MORWELL SHIRE: Area 266 1/4 square miles

Population 3,500

Valuation; £44,633 for 1917-18

£44,669 for 1918-19

General Rate 1s./6d, extra for Yinnar
and Boolarra Ridings--6d.
in the pound for 1918-19

Revenue: £5144 for 1917-18

Presidential allowance £40

General description of Morwell: an agricultural township near the Morwell River with post, telegraph and money order office, savings bank, 4 churches, State school, branches of 2 banks, mechanics' institute, 3 coffee palaces, court house, newspaper, butter factory, pottery, 2 race clubs and 3 hotels. Agricultural show grounds. Brown coal seams in ranges a few miles south. Half holiday--Thursday. Rail from Melb. 89 miles; fares 14s. 10d. and 9s. 10d. Population 1365.

Description of Great Morwell Coal Mine.

State mining township on Latrobe River, 7 miles N.W of Morwell. It is the largest brown coal deposit known. Post and telegraph station, savings bank, assembly hall, 3 stores and 2 coffee palaces. Rail to Morwell thence motor car daily.

..... and the description continues,

Description of Yinnar: Dairying township and centre of a large agricultural district. Located on Middle Creek area near Morwell River with post, telegraph and money order office, State school, savings bank, 2 churches, coffee palace, mechanics' institute, hotel, butter factory, creamery, saw mills and race club. Rail 96 1/4 miles; fares 16s. 2d. and 10s. 10d Population 685.

The following piece is from An Economic History of the Morwell Area. by A. D. Spaul.

The first inhabitants in the area were the pastoralists who drifted down from the North East over the McCalister watershed and Sale basin and into the Latrobe Valley. In 1844, a station was established at Haselwood by Brodribb and Bennett. These partners squatted south of Morwell on a run 5 miles by 5 miles, bordered by Hobson's station at Traralgon. Later in the same year, Thomas Gorringe took up a larger run east of Morwell known as Mary's ville. To the west another run, Merton Rush was built up by Henry Scott in 1846. In 1860, John McMillan bought out Haselwood while in 1868 Patrick Buckley took over Maryvale. In 1870 Merton Rush, after being held by Waller, then Bourne and Hovey passed to Samuel Vary. All of these stations were the centre of the grazing industry in this area, but they were not as important as runs further to the east because of their low carrying capacity. Despite the closer settlement after the 70's, these stations continued to be large concerns. Even in the 90's, Maryvale, having passed to the son, William Buckley, consisted of 590 acres with a net annual value of £118. Over at Haselwood, McMillan and his 2 sons had 1,223 acres valued at £472. However, it was the Land Selection Acts and more specifically the amendments of 1869 and 1878 that enabled the larger runs to be broken up and to some degree fostered closer settlement. It is feasible to suggest that "dummying" and "peacocking" occurred in this area, particularly in the 70's. Yet there is little evidence to substantiate the intensity of such practices.

Nothing beats a day at the store

THE rich smell of lucerne, the feel of running through your fingers or the black dust from briquettes infiltrating the pores of your skin.

Most people would probably prefer to avoid these experiences but for Mr William McRoberts (known to his family as Will and his friends as Bill), these things will never lose their appeal.

Mr McRoberts, although retired for several years, still loves nothing better than to do a day's work in the family grain and produce store in George St, Morwell.

McRoberts and Sons is the oldest store in Morwell and is now being run by the third generation of the family, Phillip McRoberts.

The store was opened by Mr William McRoberts Snr back in 1924. At 45, he purchased land facing Commercial Rd for his first venture into retailing.

Mr McRoberts built up a thriving business. Horsepower was the main source of transport in those days with the Morwell area essentially rural.

However Mr McRoberts Snr soon realised that he would have to move with the times if business was going to succeed and changed to engine power. His old truck was a familiar sight making deliveries to areas such as Yallourn, Morwell Bridge, Morwell West and Hernes Oak.

One of his popular ventures was a Saturday afternoon produce mar-

ket in the store's rear yard. People would come from everywhere to sell their vegetables, homemade jam, farm fresh butter and more, by auction. "I remember the markets clearly," recalled Mr McRoberts Jr. "I was a tall lad but even I couldn't see over the big pile of cabbages."

In 1946, after the War, Mr Roberts' two sons, Andrew (deceased) and Will joined the business together with sister Catherine, a competent bookkeeper/secretary.

Briquettes made up a large part of the sales. McRoberts Store was the first to sell briquettes in Morwell and is the last. The store became the largest country retailer of briquettes in their heyday. The change to natural gas and the move from large briquettes to the smaller industrial size saw their popularity drop although Mr McRoberts Jr admits to having kept several of those large sized briquettes.

In 1959, Mr McRoberts Snr sold his property to Moran and Cato, his son Will and his wife Melva bought the family shares in the company and started from scratch. The family store moved to small premises at Gudes Arcade until the couple eventually purchased the site of the present store in George St. Ironically it is only separated from the original store by a laneway, appropriately called McRoberts Lane.

The need for the grain and produce store is still obvious. The only one left in Morwell, it does a brisk

trade. "The emphasis has changed from a rural community" to urban industry,"

McMcRoberts said. "Not many of the larger farms remain but in their place are smaller farmlets which carry many recreational animals."

"The expectations from those farms left has also changed, with people expecting bigger and better production. Once, if hens laid 200 eggs a day it was terrific, today it's 300 or you get rid of them. Potato farmers used to think a yield of four tonne a day was good, now it's a 20 tonne a day average."

But one thing that hasn't changed is good old fashioned service which Mr Roberts sees as a

tradition at the store. People often just pop in for advice.

People come in for a special mix of lawn seed, or the McRoberts famous fertiliser recipe that seems to make camelias and azaleas thrive.

For those unfamiliar with grains and seeds, a browse through the store is a fascinating experience. In huge bags, open at the top, you discover a range of goods including rich red Milo (actually East African millet), familiar black poppy seeds (sterilised Indian Hemp), crushed maize, Livamol (a vitamin supplement), safflower and sunflower seeds, wheat, shellgrit, lucerne, straw, colorful varieties of beans and more.

Customers drive to the back of the store via the laneway to collect larger goods such as briquettes, straw, hay and large quantities of grain and fertiliser. Only hardware goods associated with these products are sold.

While Mr McRoberts' career training has been on the job, son Phillip brings a new dimension to the business. An industrial chemist, Phillip has also studied agriculture.

Despite the fact that Mr McRoberts and his wife retired several years ago, they still like nothing better than to help in the store. But then when you've worked practically all your life in a business, most of the time up to 14 hours a day, it's hard to get it out of your blood!



AN industrial chemist, also trained in agriculture, Phillip McRoberts has brought a new dimension to the store.



MR Bill McRoberts bags some of the bulk seeds for a customer. He loves nothing better than a day at the shop.

CAPITULATION

ALLIED ANNOUNCEMENT

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT IN LONDON AND A.A.P.

THE ALLIES HAVE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT GERMANY HAS SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY, SAYS REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT AT RHEIMS, GENERAL EISENHOWER'S HQ.

Grand Admiral Doenitz has ordered the unconditional surrender of all German fighting troops. This has been announced by Flensburg Radio.

Count Schwerin von Krosigk, German Foreign Minister, said the German High Command had accepted unconditional surrender effective as from 12.5 pm GMT Monday (10.5 pm Monday, Melbourne time).

Speaking as leading minister of the Reich Government, which Doenitz had appointed to deal with war tasks, von Krosigk said: "I turn at this tragic moment in our history to the German nation. Germany after a heroic fight of almost six years of incomparable hardness has succumbed to the overwhelming power of her enemies."

"To continue the war would only mean senseless bloodshed and futile disintegration. The government, which has a feeling of responsibility for the future of the nation, was compelled to act on the collapse of all physical and material forces and to demand from the enemy a cessation of hostilities.

"Our sympathy first goes out to our soldiers. No one must have any doubt about the heavy sacrifices which will be demanded of us in all spheres of life. We must take them upon us and stand loyally to our obligations. On the other hand we must not despair. We must keep one thing in mind—unity. We shall need unity in the foundation of our people. We must acknowledge the supreme law of the right of inner conviction.

Unconditional surrender to the Western Allies and Russia was signed at 2.51 am yesterday (12.51 pm Melbourne time) in Rheims school house, which is General Eisenhower's headquarters, says an Associated Press correspondent at Rheims. The surrender was signed for the Germans by Colonel-General Gustav Jodl, the new German Chief of Staff, and by General Eisenhower's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Walter Bedell Smith. General Ivan Susloptoff signed for Russia, and General Francois Sevez for France.

German-controlled Prague Radio denied the unconditional surrender report by Flensburg Radio as far as Russia was concerned, and said only the fight against the Western Allies had ceased.

Grand-Admiral Doenitz has issued a special order to U-boats to cease activity. It was addressed to "My U-boat men." He said: "Continuation of the struggle is impossible from remaining bases. You have fought like lions. Crushing superiority has compressed us into a narrow space. You are unbroken in warlike courage, and are laying down arms after an unequalled heroic fight."

In London there is a growing expectation that Mr Churchill will broadcast to the nation in a matter of hours the great news that the war in Europe is over. The actual time of the victory announcement is still uncertain.

It may depend on telephone talks that have been going on between London, Washington, and Moscow, as the announcement will be made from the three capitals at the same hour.

Mr Churchill presided at a meeting of the full Cabinet at 10 Downing Street yesterday morning. There was an air of excitement in Whitehall as Ministers came and went.

Exchange Telegraph Agency says Mr Churchill will broadcast the announcement from the Cabinet room at No 10 Downing Street, and may afterwards speak to the crowd from the balcony of the Ministry of Health looking out over Whitehall. The balcony has been equipped with amplifiers.



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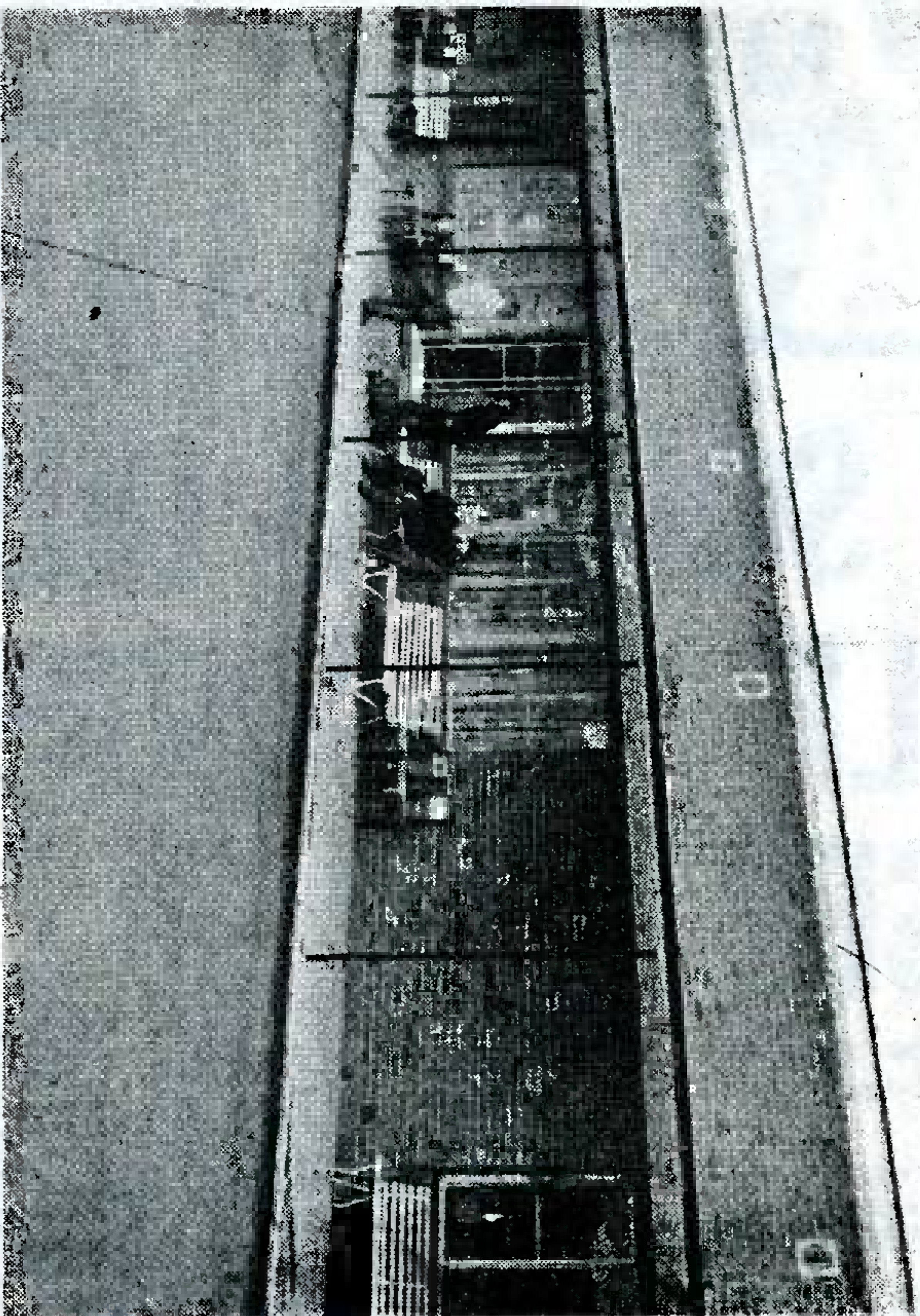
All the newest shades are available, and we've sketched two very attractive, yet practical styles—typical of the comprehensive range on display in the Knitwear Dept., Second Floor.

1. Brushed Wool Jacket, buttoning up front with "V" neckline. Red, Royal, Sage, Aqua, Wine, Brown, Mustard, and Pink, in SSW, SW, and W sizes. 23/5. 7 COUPONS.

2. Attractive ribbed Jacket, in closely woven wool. SSW, SW, and W sizes, in Red, Brown, Black, Navy, Grey, Green, Blue, Mustard, Vieux Rose, and Wine. 31/9. 7 COUPONS.

THE
Mutual
STORES

Colorful, eventful history for club



The Morwell Bowling Club, like most organisations, has had a colorful and eventful history since it was first formed in 1913.

The club was started by 41 foundation members under president Mr N. Tatterson and secretary Mr N. Gill.

A three rink green was first constructed on land leased from the SEC for five shillings per annum. The rink took three months to construct and debentures were issued to members to complete the work.

In the years to follow tournaments were conducted with teams from throughout the Latrobe Valley, from Bairnsdale to Warragul.

In the early days travelling to towns for tournaments was quite an event.

become too small in 1960.

Carpet bowls were introduced to the club in 1964 and this became especially popular, especially during the winter months.

This introduction kept members together throughout the year and also kept funds coming into the club.

In 1967 the club acquired land from the Shire Council sufficient for two new greens.

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Train travel

Teams would travel by train the night before and return late in the afternoon of the day of the tournament.

A fourth rink was added in the 1920's and further improvements did not take place until 1935 when the pavilion was renovated and lights for night play installed.

Plans for the construction of a seven rink green were in 1945, and this was to be constructed on land leased from the shire. It was later built mainly by volunteer labor.

War years

Activity at the club during the war, years had been quiet, but the occasional matches played aided Comforts Funds and Prisoner of War funds.

In 1946 Morwell joined other clubs in breaking away from the Central Gippsland Bowling Association and formed the Mid Gippsland Bowling Association with clubs from Drouin to Warragul.

Ladies admitted

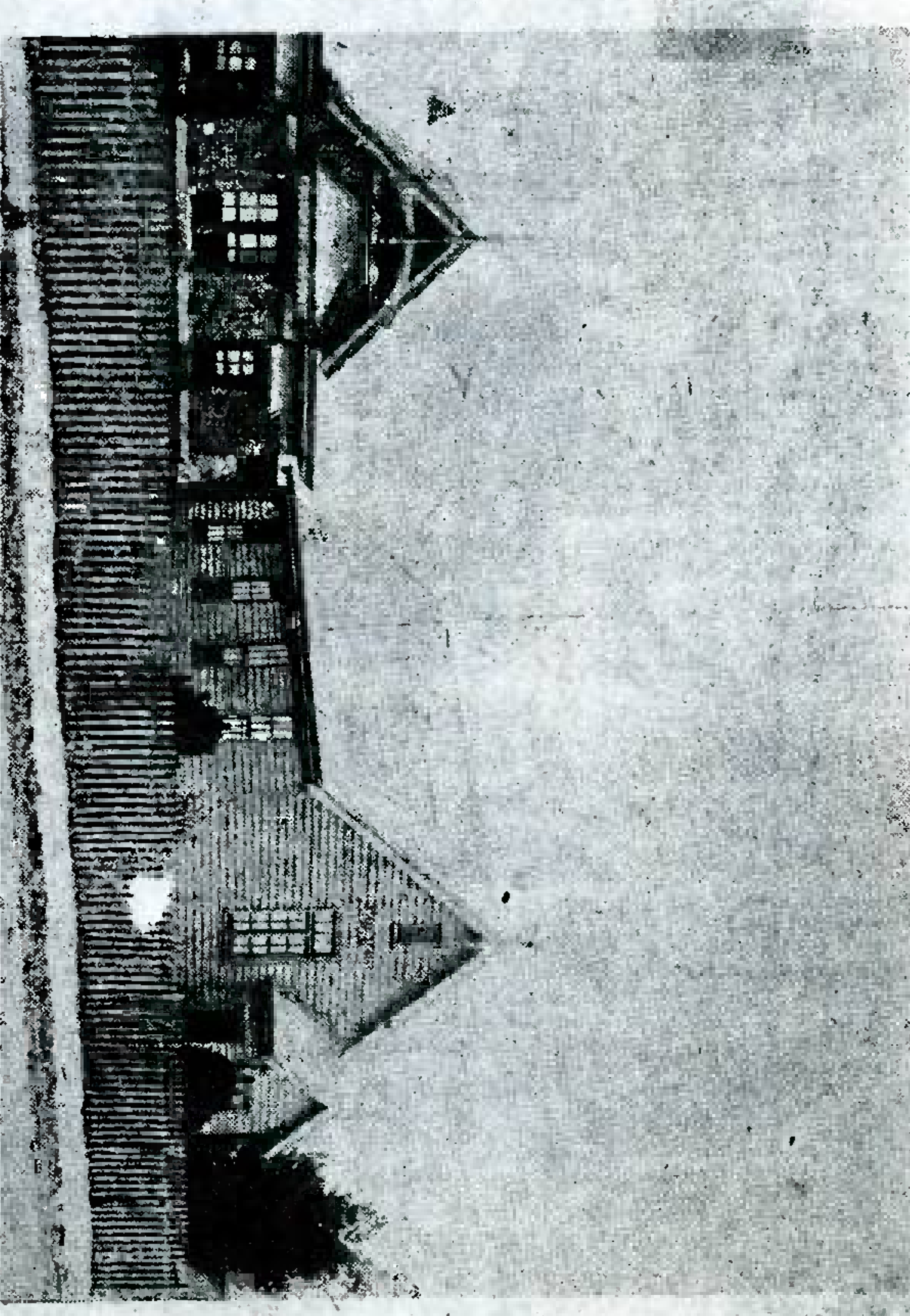
The ladies finally made the grade in 1947 when they were officially admitted as associates.

The new green was completed in 1948 and the old pavilion was moved to the new green. The club was then officially opened on New Year's Day 1949.

Morwell Shire Council approved a loan for another green in 1957 and this green was completed in December of the following year.

At the cost of £2800- the club decided to rebuild the clubhouse which had

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The Traralgon and Morwell Historical Societies are combining for an historical excursion through and round Morwell on Sunday.

The tour will start from the Morwell Post Office at 2 pm.

The tour will be in two sections. First the town itself, when the sites of the first churches, schools, shops, etc. will be pin-pointed.

Secondly, the environs, when the old cattle stations, old roads, old schools and settlements visited.

Chief amongst the latter points of interest will be

Hazelwood Cemetery, where many of Morwell's pioneers are buried.

Not many people know that a nephew of Governor Lachlan Macquarie lies buried, with his kinsmen of the Shaw Family, in the Hazelwood Cemetery.

The excursion will be broken by a stop at Morwell High School, for afternoon tea. (Visitors bring their own afternoon tea but can use the school facilities).

A photographic display of "Old Morwell" will be on display at the same time.

A stop will also be made at the Library of the Commercial Road Primary

School, No. 2136, our oldest existing school. The school library was formerly the original Morwell St Mary's Church of England.

* This photograph of Commercial-rd State School is believed to have been taken between 1910 and 1920.

The brick building is still standing although it has since been added to. The weatherboard construction has since been moved to the rear of the school buildings.

Commercial-rd State School will be one of the stops the societies will make on their tour of Morwell on Sunday.

Thanks

Many thanks are extended to President, Mr J. Robertson, Secretary, Mr H. Huegenin, and licensee Mr H. Turner for their co-operation and the information supplied in making this feature possible.

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