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WELCOME TO THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

This newsletter continues on from the January edition. There is some material dealing with local schools. Samples of early advertisements are again included. Clare Wood from the Regional Library must be thanked for this material. Clare often unearths interesting bits and pieces from library sources.

Jess Cafiso is the hard working contributor providing the series on Morwell's historical decades. Another in the series is included this month.

Also included are some articles from THE HERALD of November 1948. Can you remember back to 1948? Your's truly cannot. These papers, plus others were located under some lino in a house in Yinnar. Old newspapers make very interesting reading. Furthermore, the comparison with today's hectic life-style provides plenty to think about.

A REMINDER: The tentative date for our Annual General Meeting is the March meeting, Tuesday March 21.

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services were held in the Maryvale School building, and that on one occasion the service was interrupted by the appearance of a snake. It was suggested that snakes were attracted to the hut by the prospect of feeding on mice in the thatching. Mr. Gilbert gives the date of the first service at Morwell as the 11th of August 1879. If that is so, then the building* was used as a church after it had ceased to be used as a school.

Although Maryvale Ridge School lingered on for a month or two after the opening of the Morwell School in April 1879, the majority of the pupils transferred immediately to Morwell. The first pages of the Morwell School register show that the following 39 pupils enrolled there from Maryvale Ridge School in 1879 :—George, Margaret, Agnes, Alexander, and Robert Porter ; Mary, Margaret, and Thomas Gorman ; Rosanna and Edward Crinigan ; Camilla, Sarah, and Hannah Martin ; Percy and Gerald Gilbert ; Philip, Anthony, and Rosanna Keegan ; William and Thomas Robinson ; Isabella, Charles, and Newton Linden ; Peter and Angus McGaskill ; Michael, Edward, and Julia O'Flaherty ; David and Edith Donaldson ; Annie, Margaret, John, and Jessie Henry ; John and Paul Collyer ; Lily Purdue ; Susan McGauran ; and Annie Samuel.

Mrs. Rintoull's name occurs again in the records of the Moe School as being the teacher there late in 1879 and early in 1880. She probably served as a stop-gap teacher at Moe after Miss Annie Atkin was transferred to Trafalgar School and before Miss E. M. Waldon was appointed.

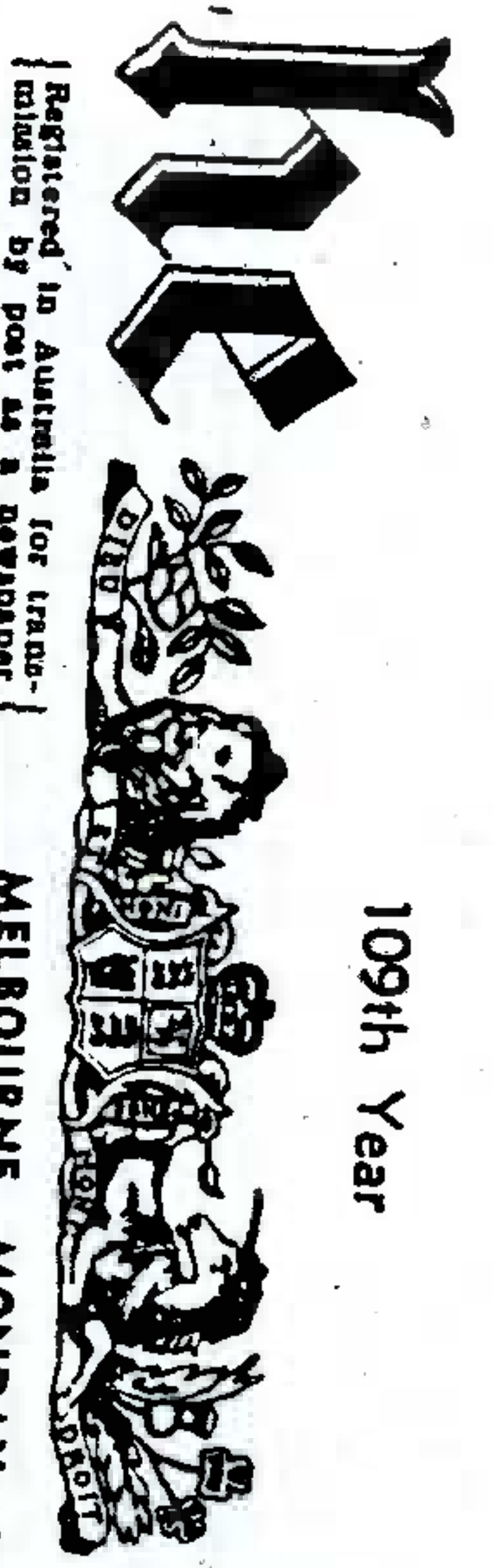
BENNETT'S CREEK SCHOOL, No. 2202

This school was opened, apparently in 1879, under the name of Hazelwood North School. There has been a great deal of confusion in the records of this school and in those of the present Hazelwood North School, No. 2382, which—to add to the confusion—was originally known as Maryvale East School. Inspector Fussell clarified matters in 1889 by pointing out that No. 2202 was not in the Parish of Hazelwood at all, that "Hazelwood North" was therefore a misnomer, and that the local people always called it Bennett's Creek School, which was more correct and more suitable.

One of the early teachers was D. AHERNE (1882). He was followed by RICHARD JOPE (1885), JOHN SMITH (1888-90), MR. SHUGG (1892), ELIZABETH DAVIES (1892), HENRY MOORE (1896), J. W. A. JOHNSTON (1896), ELEANOR BOSSE (1897), GEORGE HATFIELD (1901), HELEN A. NORTH (1901), and MARGARET RYAN (1901-03).

It was conducted for some time as a half-time school, first with Hazelwood North School in 1885, and later with Jeeralang School, No. 3004. It regained full-time status about 1898, but was finally closed in 1903. The building was removed in 1904 and the site sold to John Larkin in 1906.

Someone has said that the last act of a dying organization is to get out a new and enlarged edition of the rule book.



The Herald



MELBOURNE, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1948 Phone: Cent. 6360, FA8791 10 PAGES 2d.

CABINET ENDORSES STATE SETTLEMENT

Ultimatum By Premier In Heated Talk

State Cabinet today endorsed the settlement of the dispute over the Essential Services Act, as a result of which the coal "blockade" of Victoria has been lifted.

This decision followed what the Country Party leader and Deputy-Premier (Mr McDonald) described as a "full and frank discussion."

In the discussion, which was at times heated, the Premier (Mr Hollway) asked Mr McDonald and five other Country Party ministers whether they wished to remain in the composite government.

The Country Party ministers criticised Mr Hollway for his handling of the dispute, saying that he had no right to agree to any terms until full Cabinet meeting had discussed them.

After the meeting, an official statement issued by the Premier's Delegation made this statement: "The Government has agreed to the published terms of settlement and has unanimously endorsed the terms of the settlement."

Country Party Ministers criticised the settlement at the Cabinet meeting by six to five. The Deputy-Premier (Mr McDonald) is a Liberal and was in opposition.

Minor State Ministers said Mr Hollway, expecting Country Party hostility, decided his ultimatum as soon as the Cabinet meeting began.

BACKGROUND

Mr Hollway Played A Lone Hand

By The Herald State Political Reporter

The announcement by the Premier (Mr Hollway) on Saturday of his acceptance of terms to end the dispute over the Essential Services Act came with dramatic suddenness.

Since Mr Hollway's hurried return from America on Monday last, he has been in constant touch, either personally or by telephone, with the Trades Hall leaders in the hope of finding a formula for a satisfactory settlement.

The surprising development of Saturday was the culmination of these efforts to use the moderate labor elements in a purge of the Reds and back to industrial sanity.

Surprise Move

At 9 a.m. on Saturday there was nothing to indicate that a vital announcement might be made later in the day and Mr Hollway told his press relations that he was leaving almost immediately for his home at Ballarat.

Mother Suggests Happy Ending In 'Whose Baby?' Case

One of the mothers in the "Whose Baby?" case (Mrs W. H. Morrison, of Woomelang) said today that she would give up Johanne Lee to the other mother, Mrs N. Jenkins, of Kyneton, if her own child, Nola, was returned to her. And she suggested that the two families should go away for a holiday together.



PRINCIPALS IN THE "WHOSE BABY" CASE. From left: Mrs Jenkins, Mr Jenkins, Nola Jenkins, Mr Morrison, Johanne Lee Morrison, Mrs Morrison.

LET'S HAVE HOLIDAY TOGETHER

Mrs Morrison made the suggestion in a telephone conversation with her solicitor (Mr J. Gabbally).

Mrs Morrison suggests that if the Morrisons and the Jenkinsons have a holiday together with the children, Johanne and Nola could become accustomed to their new parents.

Now 3 1/2 years old, these children have been the subject of world-wide attention.

Mr Justice Barry, in the Supreme Court last Thursday, gave judgment in the "Whose Baby" case, and he was satisfied the children should be returned to their birth at the Kyneton District Hospital in June, 1948.

5 Doctors See King

Herald Special Service LONDON, Sunday. The King was visited today by the palace doctor, Sir John Weller, and Sir Morton Smart, an authority on diseases of muscles and joints.

They will return tomorrow, accompanied by the heart specialist, Sir Maurice Cassidy.

The Daily Graphic is the first British newspaper to refer to the possibility of an operation on the King's right leg.

Banking Case Unsettled At Election?—P.3

SHIELD CRICKET
Queensland, First Innings
Mackay: c Donaldson b Walker 85
Archler, not out 31
Tallon, not out 0
Extras 9
Six wickets for 252

The Communists have been routed in the miners' elections on the northern New South Wales coalfields.

For the first time since 1940 moderate Labor Party men have won all executive positions in the northern branch of the Miners' Federation. Only one Communist has been re-elected—and he goes back to a minor post as district check-inspector.

All Victoria's gas and industrial coal comes from the northern field, where the Communist leaders have now suffered a worse defeat than they did in the South Coast miners' elections two weeks ago.

One feature of the South Coast battle was the defeat of Mr. J. Martin, Communist vice-president of the Central Council of the Miners' Federation, who played a leading role in the Kenebra tunnel dispute. In essence that dispute was a struggle between the miners, spurred on by their Red leaders, and the moderate Australian Workers' Union.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Chifley) and the NSW Acting Premier (Mr. Baddeley) made no bones about the merits of the dispute and the general run of miners showed that they wanted to pull out, despite their leaders' urgings. They followed up by voting

that party meetings can be held to decide whether the two parties will continue a coalition. Liberal Ministers say that the Country Party section then backed down. Party Ministers

Liberal Ministers Outnumbered

The six Country Party Ministers met in Mr McDonald's rooms in the Lands Department before Cabinet met at 11 a.m.

Asked after the meeting whether the Country Party Ministers were likely to withdraw from the Government because of Mr. McDonald's action, Mr. Donald replied: "No comment."

Senior Country Party Ministers said today that the Government was in a strong position to deal with industrial extremism before Mr. Holtway's public action on Saturday, and the public would be disappointed if the Government were to show weakness. Now, weaker, had been shown and ground lost which might be difficult to recover.

Mr. Holtway and his supporters maintain that the settlement terms were reasonable and practical. The Government, they said, now had the Essential Services Act in operation and could apply it whenever necessary. Both moderate unionists and the Government were now in a stronger position to deal with any future unjustifiable stoppage.

I was told he was in conference and could not be seen until later. At noon I saw a member in his suite and asked him for some background of the dispute. He replied: "You won't want background, I will give you real news."

With Mr. Kent Hughes and Mr. Magnus Gormack the State president of the Liberal Party, present, Mr. Holtway then dictated his statement of the acceptance of the terms which, he said, he thought would end the dispute. He said, however, that the statement could not be released until the president of the ACTU (Mr. Chifley), and the secretary of the Trades Hall Council (Mr. Stout) had telephoned finally confirming acceptance.

This was done a few minutes later. Subsequently, it was learned that on Saturday morning Mr. Holtway received a telephone message from the union leaders, Mr. Clarey and Mr. Stout, saying that they desired to see him about the dispute. They were told to come at 10 a.m., and in the meantime Mr. Holtway sent for the Leader of the Parliamentary Country Party (Mr. McDonald) to be present at the interview.

Mr. McDonald brought the Minister for Health (Sir Albert Durrant) with him, and later, Mr. Kent Hughes, and Mr. Cormack arrived. It was related, by chance, to see Mr. Holtway on other matters. EDITORIAL: Who Has Won This Time?—Page 4

Claimed to nibble him carry out his tradition role better. For this Christmas he remains a shop assistant. Actors Equity says it will try to make an actor out of him if the Shop Assistants' Union can get him \$12 a week. The secretary of the Shop Assistants' Union (Mr. A. Storey) said today that a shop assistant advised by the union and selected for a post—and paid well—Santa would never betray tradition.

An incompetent Father Christmas might let down thousands of children suddenly losing his bear or cap. Mr. Storey warned. A Father Christmas has been known to visit in an Australian summer and in among astonished children.

Putting the case for high pay, Mr. Storey said that he had to wear pounds of padding, robes and make-up and let hundreds of children swarm over him. The union wanted a 50 per cent increase in pay, plus a penalty rate of about £5 a week. One man this for the work.

Mr. Storey envisaged a wiser and more far-sighted Father Christmas able to judge the financial status of parents, and willing to try to direct children to toys within their parents' income range.

Hassett Will Play Again By P. J. MILLARD Test batsman Lindsay Hassett would be available to play for Victoria in the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland on December 10-14, the secretary of the Victorian Cricket Association (Mr. H. Brearley) said today. Hassett is certain to be called in again. The Victorian team will be chosen by the State selector tomorrow night. It was uncertain whether Hassett would retire from cricket after leading 10 of 11 sides in the Bradman testimonial match which begins at 11.30 a.m. on Friday.

U.K. Reds Gag Shinwell Australian Associated Press LONDON, Sunday.—Sir Winston Churchill interrupted the Minister for War (Mr. Shinwell) as he was making a speech in Liverpool tonight. The Daily Express says the interruptions were organized by 50 Communists. Mr. Shinwell, who had come to give Lord Woolton and his Tories a good kick in the pants, but this disconcerted me doing it. He said he would take on the interruptions in batches of six, and "beat you before break on, and he was unable to get a hearing.



AUSTRALIAN CAR NOW ON ROAD

Price of the new Australian car, the Holden, will be £675 plus tax. With tax, registration, and insurance, it will cost about £760 to put the car on the road.

It has a six-cylinder, 21.6 horsepower, overhead valve motor which gives a top speed of more than 80 mph. And it has great fuel economy.

It has a six-seat all-steel sedan body, built as an integral part of the chassis. Suspension is independent coil springs at front, and semi-elliptic springs at rear.

Three speed gears, with synchro-mesh in second and top, are operated by a shift lever on the steering column. The tank holds 91

gallons. At 35 miles a gallon, this gives a range of more than 300 miles. Weight of the car is 19 cwt., 102 lbs. It measures a fraction more than 611 inches from ground level to roof top, has an overall length of 172 inches, and is 66½ inches wide.

A minimum ground clearance of 8½ inches is provided. The wheelbase is 103 inches, and track 53 inches at front and 54 inches at rear.

Brakes are hydraulic and wheels of demountable type are fitted with 15 by 5.50 tires.

Above is a picture taken in the Dandenong of two Holden cars. (Road Test, Page 7).

In her statement today, Mrs. Morrison declared she would give up Johanne Lee, and had no desire to have further litigation over the child she had reared. If she got back her own child.

As soon as Nola was handed over to her, Mrs. Morrison said, she would return Johanne Lee at once, although she would be both to part with a lovely little girl who was one of the family.

She realized she would have no right to retain Johanne Lee if she got back her own daughter.

Mrs. Morrison said it would be a very sad parting, and as a mother she could understand Mrs. Jenkins' desire. Mothers should have their own children and Mr. Morrison had sought every means to avoid litigation. They wanted only the best for the children. She hoped Mrs. Jenkins would have the same approach. Mrs. Morrison said she would facilitate an exchange of the children. It would be in the interests of the little girls if the parents went away together with the children for a holiday during the change-over. Both children would thus become accustomed to their real parents, Mrs. Morrison said. The holiday would be that when the holiday ended, and it was time to go home, the children would have forgotten the earlier surroundings and would not notice the change. If the proposed exchange were arranged the families would then be:

THE MORRISONS.—A boy—10-year-old Blair—and two girls—8-year-old Colleen and the little girl known up to now as Nola Jenkins.

THE JENKINS.—Two boys—11-year-old Arthur and 6-year-old Arnold—and two girls—eight-weeks-old Helen Joy and the little girl who has been known as Johanne Lee Morrison.

BLOOD TESTS Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins came to Melbourne today to discuss with their solicitor (Mr. Bernard Nolan) whether they should submit blood test groupings of themselves and Nola Jenkins to Mr. Justice Barry before Thursday. If the Jenkinses did not bring this evidence, the judge said, he would direct that Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins surrender Nola to the Morrisons.

Gales Rage In Bass Strait A storm warning to ships in Bass Strait and south-eastern Tasmanian waters was issued by the Weather Bureau at 6 a.m. today. Seas are being whipped up by south-westerly winds, gusts reaching 40 mph. Winds in the city early today reached 30 mph. The 9 a.m. temperature was 57 deg. (51 deg. below normal). Scattered light rain fell in south Gippsland during the week-end.

England Has Worst Fog For Years Australian Associated Press LONDON, Sunday.—Early tonight the worst fog for years covered nearly all England and parts of Northern Europe. It added to last night's fog, and caused by last night's fog, and

Motorists were warned that conditions in many areas were "highly dangerous." It was the thickest night in the Channel for many years. By using radar cross-channel boats early in the night were able to dock practically on time.

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Morwell
10.10.11

This is to certify that Miss Zena Boulton
has been in my employ, in the Dressmaking
Department for the past three (3) years.
During that period she has been
engaged principally as a "Sew-
ing Hand," &c. all times I have
received from those in charge
the highest praise, as to her
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with her work, & supplemented
by a keen desire at all times
to faithfully & conscientiously
discharge the duties in
connection with her position.
I request very much having to
part with her valuable
services, even although she is
desirous of a change, —
and can with confidence
recommend her to any person
as being, requiring the services
of a good & trustworthy & reliable hand.

Morwell and District

The 1980's

We continue to note some head-lines in copies of the 'Express' of the 1980's. These may be of interest to our descendants when Morwell is celebrating its bi-centenary in 2079 A.D.! The date of the paper in which each heading was found is on the left.

- Tuesday 16-2-1982 - Firebug set 12 more fires on Sunday (ie. 14-2-1982).
- Thursday 4-3-1982 - Coal to Oil plans in Limbo. Forty (men) here from Japan.
- Thursday 4-3-1982 - Mr and Mrs Andy Coleman celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary.
- Tuesday 9-3-1982 - Victim of firebug. Fireman Darren McLean of White Parade, Churchill (He was crushed by one of the brigade's trucks).
- Thursday 18-3-1982 - Water Worry Ahead-Moondarra Reservoir at Lowest Level since 1967.
- Tuesday 4-5-1982 - Former Latrobe Valley rector Archdeacon James Knife dies at the age of 73.
- Thursday 6-5-1982 - Neighbourhood House at the corner of Hourigan Road and Doolan Street, Morwell, opened.
- Thursday 8-7-1982 - Loy Yang takes shape-Several milestones reached-eg. 1st chimney almost completed.
- Tuesday 7-9-1982 - The official opening of Mid-Valley Complex.
- Thursday 9-9-1982 - New shops at Mid-Valley open. 70,000 shoppers spent just under \$1 million.
- Tuesday 9-11-1982 - Sharpes close after 55 years. Last week among items sold were 187 pairs of Trousers.*
- Thursday 9-12-1982 - Radical changes expected in the Morwell Secondary School Structure.
- Tuesday 14-12-1982 - Big dry eases a little. Rain last week did a little to ease the drought situation in Gippsland.

* STOVE-PIPE TROUSERS that is...

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and Yinnar Gazette.")

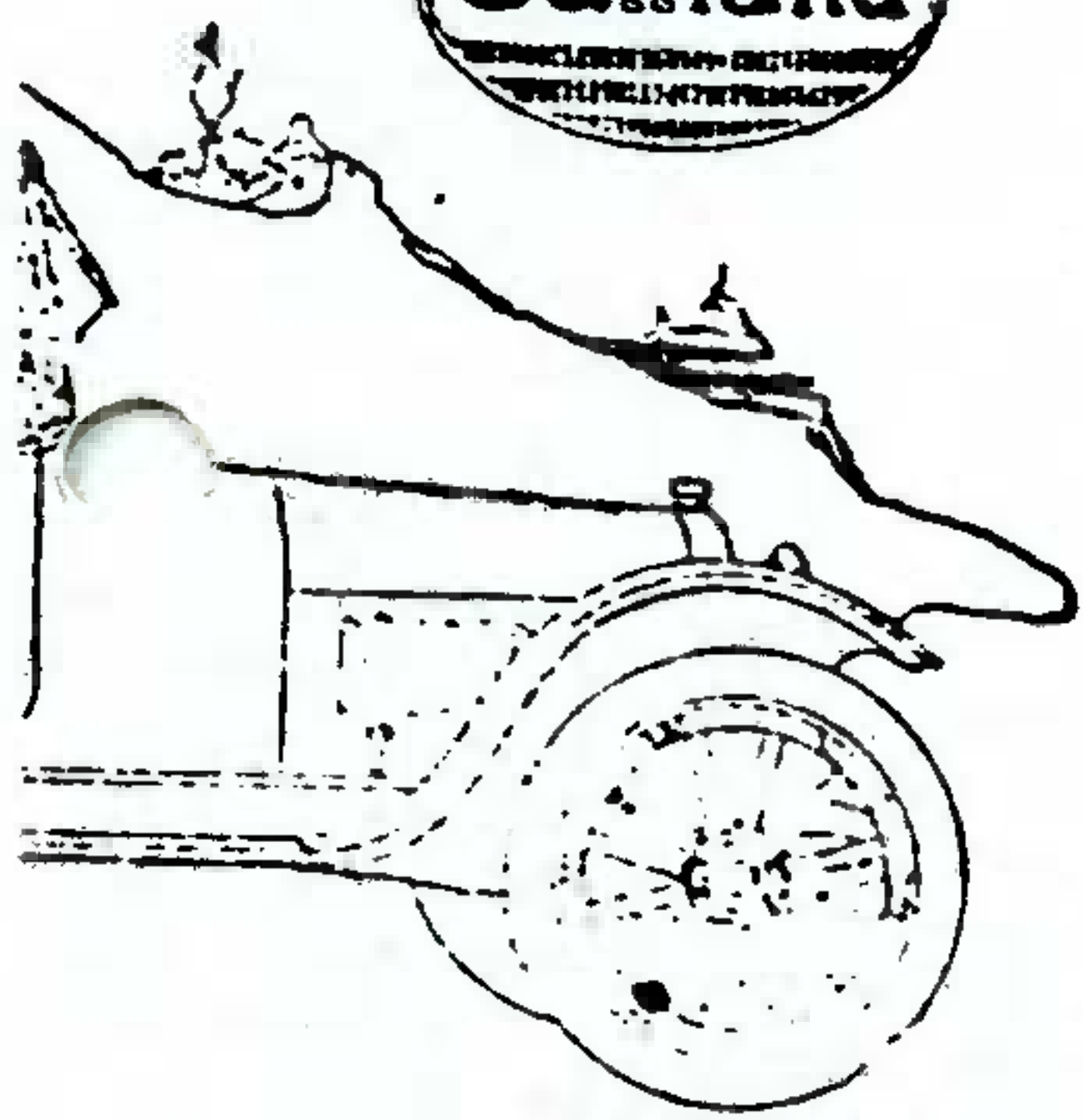
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Bacon R., merchant. 16

Bank Australasia, (R. Aherin) 11

Barry R., hotel 14

Billingsley Geo., farmer 51

Billingsley I., priv. res 63

Bolger J., carrier, office and priv. res. 1

Bris-mead C., farmer 57

Butters S., nurse 42

Camlans., hotel 7

Corbett G., brick works 54

Davey C., 9

Davey L., 22

Daybie and Sons, coachbuilders 48

Evans G. P., stationer 30

Ferguson J., plumber 28

Francis E. T. C., baker 54

Furlong T., fruiterer, 32

Green Bros., drapers 5

Hall J., merchant 3

Hall, J. Private Residence 58

Ham H., saddler 47

Hay Rev. M. 64

Hare Les., office and priv. res. 18

Hart, H. C. 59

Hoyie J. B., office and priv. res. 20

Kleine T. 61

Lawless, coffee palace 56

Little and Co. 28

Mathers Sister (priv. hospital) 24

Mc Lean and Co. 23

McGarran J. and E. 15

Mitchell H. doctor 12

McKay D., Hotel 10

National Bank 38

O'Rourke, coffee palace 30

Owen Rev. J. G. 56

Post Master priv. res. 31

Poynter E. W., chemist 13

Kleine Bros., butchers 40

Quigley J., dealer 63

Railway Station 27

Read C., shop and priv. res. 8

Rintoull J., shop and priv. res. 29

Ronald Ben. 28

Ronald J. 17

Rowell E., grocer 19

Rowell Bros., tailors 27

Sacred Heart Presbytery 21

Serjeant, Bruce and Frost-Samuels 2

Sinclair T. Shire Sec 3

Smith Rev. A. J. 43

State Savings Bank 20

Tattersou J., dentist 24

Thompson H. J., grocer 28

Tulloch R. M. 48

Vary L. office and priv. res. 44

S. J. Cooper, baker 32

Wood & Co., butter factory 41

Williams J., Draper 25

BROWN COAL MINE.

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Morwell Brown Coal Mine 1

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Mulvey N., Railway Hotel 3

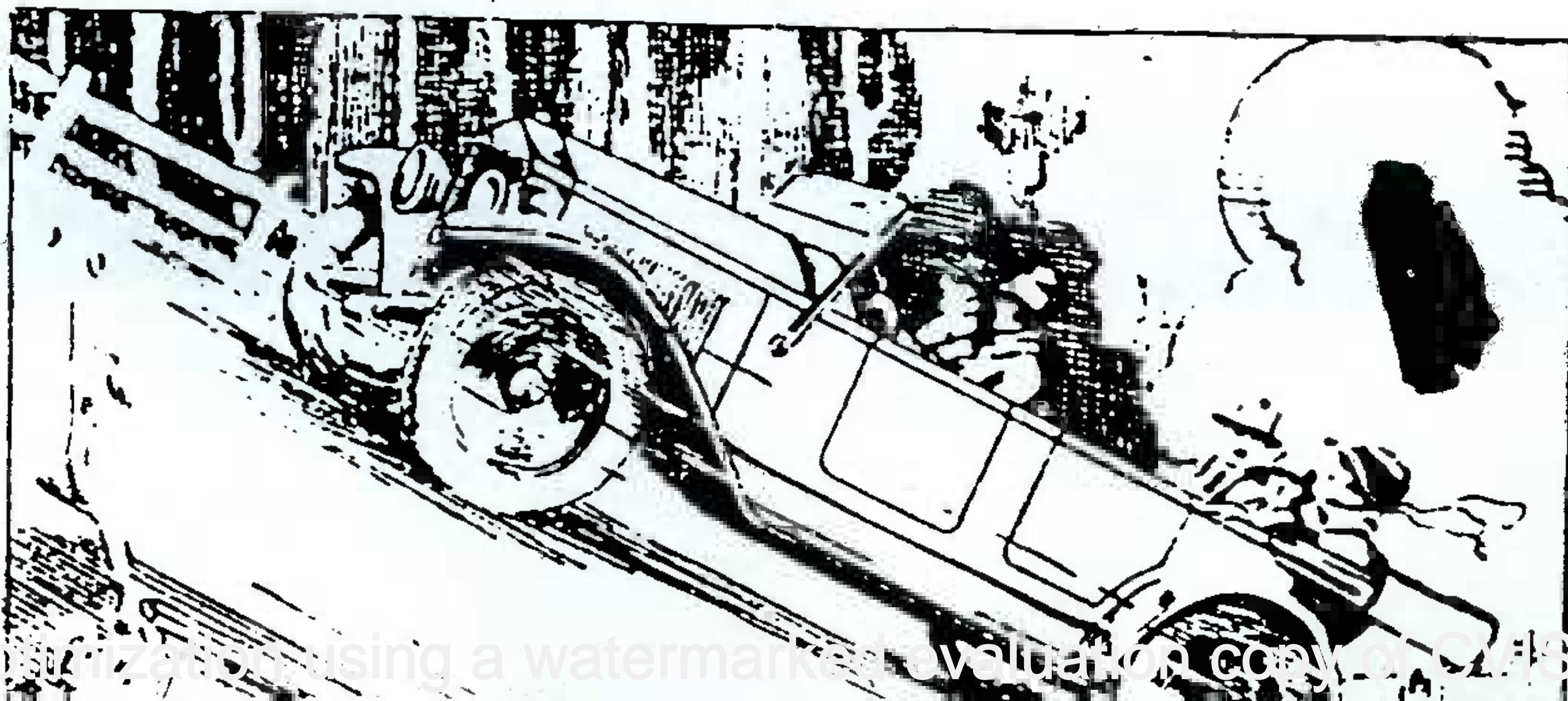
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Kees, F. 1

Budge Bros. 2

March 4 1921



At the instigation of the council at its "December" meeting, a letter was addressed to the Secretary, Housing Commission, by the shire secretary, asking to be advised, in view of the rumours being circulated from unofficial sources, as to the Housing Commission's intentions for housing construction in Morwell, the following reply, dated 8th January, 1946, was read at the council meeting on 16th January:—

"With reference to your letter of 1st December, 1945, regarding the proposals of the Commission, I am directed

"NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN ARRIVED AT REGARDING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES TO BE ERECTED EITHER AT MORWELL OR MOE. THERE IS NO FOUNDATION. THEREFORE, FOR ANY RUMOURS WHICH MAY BE CIRCULATING.

"As soon as a decision is arrived at your council will be advised."

Another instance of the truth of the proverb that "Dame Rumour is a lying jade".

Meat Supervision

NEW AREA GAZETTED

THE new meat area is effective as from 17th January as regards gazettal and new by-law has been approved to cover the altered conditions. Mr. V. Smith now comes on the shire payroll as meat inspector and all fees for meat inspection will be received at the Shire Office, Morwell, in respect of all abattoirs within the meat area. Mutual arrangements have been completed between the State Electricity Commission and the shire whereby Mr. Smith's services will be made available to the Commission for three half-days per week in order to enable him to continue to perform certain specialist duties for the Commis-

sion. Salary adjustments for these services have been arranged between the two bodies.

Under the municipal group system for the employment of one health inspector to do inspection duties for several shires, Mr. Apted has been performing these duties for the Central Gippsland area, which includes Morwell Shire. The cost to Morwell for this service was £110 per annum.

In view of the fact that the services of Mr. Smith are now available for health duties, the council decided to take steps to withdraw from the group arrangement and save the amount previously expended on the part payment of Mr. Apted's salary.

Bush Fire Warnings & Penalties.

THE acute danger of fire outbreaks has been considerably lessened by the heavy rains of the past week, some eight weeks of the summer season still lies ahead and there are no grounds for believing that all danger is past for this season.

The Country Fire Authority is anxious that the public should be conversant with the new system of bush fire warnings and be informed of the penalties involved in the new act.

Attention is again drawn to the fact that on days of acute fire danger (the warning of which will be broadcast over National Stations in the news session, usually at about 7 p.m. on the day previous) the lighting of fires in the open air in the country area of Victoria, and the use of gas producers on any vehicle, are both absolutely prohibited, under a penalty of £200 or imprisonment for two years, or both such penalty and imprisonment.

These days of acute danger are as a rule the typical hot days with northerly winds, and any doubt on any particular day can be settled by reference to an officer of the authority or the police. Even a person holding a permit may not light a fire in the open air on such days.

The warnings are broadcast in terms

which will make the circumstances quite clear, and two typical days in respect of which warnings were issued this season were Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

The actual text of a typical warning is as follows:—

"The Country Fire Authority has issued a warning that tomorrow (day and date) will be a day of acute fire danger. The lighting of fires in the open air on that day and the use of producer gas equipment on any vehicle are both absolutely prohibited in the country area of Victoria, under a penalty not exceeding two hundred pounds, or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both."

HAZELWOOD BUSH FIRE MEMORIAL FUND

THE following further subscriptions have been received:—

Previously acknowledged . . .	£99 18 0
Cr. A. W. Ronald	5 0 0
Mr. R. P. Applegate	5 0 0
Mr. H. Gay	1 0 0
Mr. M. Thompson	1 0 0
	£111 18 0

Donations to this fund will be received by Mr. N. Courtenay, Mr. W. J. McFarlane or at the "Advertiser" Office.

J. H. Carterick, assistant secretary; Mr. G. Davison, relief officer; Mr. C. D. Keonig, treasurer; Mr. W. E. Ferguson, auditor; Mr. A. Vary, committee; Messrs B. Vary, J. Evans, C. Hower, L. Milner, E. Maxwell, A. Bell, S. Thomas, G. McFarlane, E. Penaluna, E. Solitho and W. Robbins.

Morwell Chamber of Commerce.

THE initial meeting of the newly-constructed Morwell Chamber of Commerce was held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 22nd January, with a satisfactory attendance of members. The main purpose of the meeting was to consider the draft constitution and rules drawn up by a special sub-committee and to elect the office-bearers for the year.

The Traders Association has now been wound up and its assets and liabilities taken over by the Chamber. The qualifications for membership of the new Chamber covers all persons, firms, companies or associations interested in the various branches of trade, commerce, shipping, manufacture or professional practice in Morwell and its district. This wider charter, bringing in all interested directly or indirectly in commercial pursuits with a blending of the professions, will build up a strong association that will make for the progress and development of the district.

The draft rules and constitution were adopted after minor amendments.

The office-bearers elected were:—President, Mr. W. Jenkins; vice-presidents, Messrs W. McRoberts and J. G. Lawless; secretary, Mr. D. Scammell; treasurer, Mr. D. Mills; auditor, Mr. R. E. Miles; committee, Messrs J. K. Rintoull, B. Green, W. Milner, G. Campbell, G. Rudin and W. E. Ferguson.

Deputation to Railway Commissioners

Mr. McRoberts reported on the results of a deputation consisting of Mr. A. Martyn and himself sent by the Traders' Association on the matter of the utilisation of railway property for the expansion of shopping facilities in the town. A plan suggested by the Traders' Association for a new lay-out of the railway yard met with the general approval of the Chairman of Commissioners (Mr. Canny) with the exception of his objection to the suggested transfer of the goods sheds to the northern side. The department is prepared to open up sites for new shops, if required, westerly to approximately opposite the Police Station. As regards the land in the vicinity of the good sheds the department would consider the moving of the shed to allow shop sites to be released.

Town Band

The Chamber agreed to afford every encouragement to the town band and several members will be in attendance at the band meeting to be called . . .

and why did all rogue? Yes, here's a st one you won't forget.

THE ASSOCIATE BLONDE R.

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Our Next Coming Attract "I LIVE IN GROSVEN

City Dance

COMMENCES REGULAR SEASON

(COMMENCING with on Tuesday, 29th January Dance Band (aiming ex-servicemen) plan night dances (subject of the hall) in the Morwell For the floor show, night Doris Turner, star A.B.C. Melbourne and shows Gordon Hingman, brilliant ballroom London, Phil (remembered A. the Da Town Hall some two Sarony, lightning sketch Humphries, piano and are coming from Melbourne Band Leader Bobby E charged after four-and-a-half with the A.I.F. of the band which also Oxley saxophone and Tobias (swing pianist) Wolters (drums and v

Crick

THE matches set down last were abandoned account of rain. On Saturday matches will be a Coburg Association on Saturday to meet aprising the following Yallourn District Assoc

B. Callinan, captain; A. Cardwell, vice-captain; Baddeley, Morwell; N. J. Rutherford, Morwell; Yallourn A.N.A.; D. B. McCarthy, Moe; J. McLennan, Maryvale; vale; Andy Smith, Y

The hours of play will be played on the Y Sunday (10 a.m. to 6 (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) with and afternoon tea adj

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Friday, June 10th

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GOOD MUSIC

J. D. HOWARD, Sec.

St. Mary's Church of England
Morwell.

Grand Concert

In aid of Rectory repairs etc.

Morwell Mechanics' Institute.

Tuesday, June 14

Prices: (reserved) 3/-. 2/- and 1/-.

BOX PLAN AT EVANS'

F. ROGERSON, Hon. Sec.

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Euchre Party and Dance

Will be held in Morwell Mechanics'
Hall, on

Wednesday, June 15.

Good Music (Cornet and Piano)

Refreshments. MOONLIGHT.

Euchre commences 8 p.m. sharp.

ADMISSION:

Euchre 1/.

Dance: Gents 2/; Ladies, 1/

D. F. FLEMING } Joint

J. DEMPSEY } Hon. Secs

Bachelors' Ball

To be held in

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Wednesday, June 15

GOOD MUSIC - REFRESHMENTS

Tickets: 4.

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History of Victorian Education

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THE EARLY SCHOOLS OF MORWELL DISTRICT

Part 2: The Schools That Did Not Survive

HAZELWOOD RIDGE SCHOOL, No. 1768

SHELTERING beneath a few old pine-trees, about four miles out from Morwell, stands a building now used as a residence. The building, which is located on the left-hand side of the road to Yinnar and which backs on to the S.E.C. Hazelwood cooling pond, was once both school and teacher's residence. The school was the first school in the district, Hazelwood Ridge School, No. 1768. Against the front fence is a small, low building, which used to be the buggy shed and which was built by the teacher, John Sullivan, in about 1903 and used by him to house a buggy that he needed for travel to his other half-time school, Driffield School. When John Sullivan left Hazelwood Ridge School in 1906, he sold his buggy shed to the school committee, which wanted it for a shelter-shed for the pupils.

Along the Hazelwood ridge, in 1876—long before there was any thought of brown coal or of the State Electricity Commission—ran the road from Yinnar of the future to Morwell of the future. A rough plan of this road in 1876 shows the school site to be exactly where this old school building still stands. From that point the present road on to Yinnar follows roughly the old ridge road; but the section from there to Morwell has been obliterated by the Morwell brown coal-mine.

The first move for a school was made by a petition from the families in the area in 1876—families who, for the most part, had taken up selections carved out of the old Hazelwood station. Inspector Holland reported favourably, listing the following families that would be served by the school:—O'Hara, Amiet, Applegate, Geale, McGawn, Heesom, and Richards families from the Hazelwood area, and the Firmin family from the Scrubby Forest area. He expected an enrolment of 35 children and reported that the local people had provided an excellent building constructed of wattle and daub, whitewashed inside and out, measuring 36 feet long by 18 feet wide, partitioned to make a teacher's apartment, and covered with a roof of sawn iron-bark shingles. The cost of the whole building was £52 9s. The residents offered this building to the Education Department on condition that it provide floor, furniture, and teacher.

In his reminiscences on Yinnar (or Scrubby Forest), the late Mr. Walter Firmin states that Mr. Heesom built this school for £6;

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but his memory has played him false here—unless the £6 was for a section of the building only or, more likely, for labour and not the cost of the materials.

The first teacher appointed was Mrs. Marie Mathison, formerly Miss Perrottet and soon to be Mrs. Cook, for she left after four months to marry again.

Inspector Holland was apparently no judge of architecture: the teachers soon found his "excellent building" to be very unsatisfactory. On Mrs. Mathison's arrival in October 1876 she reported that the floor was wet and muddy, and the chimney a mere puddle of mud. Others called it "uninhabitable, no good, and of little use". The water from the shingled roof was black and unfit to drink. By the end of 1880 a new school was built with the teacher's quarters, of three rooms, attached. This must be the present building that we can still see beside the Yinnar Road.

THE EARLY HAZELWOOD TEACHERS

- 1876-7 MRS. MARIE MATHISON, the first teacher. She arrived in October 1876 and left in January 1877.
- 1877-80 MANSFIELD ARTHUR NELSON, who gave up teaching in 1880 to become one of the early selectors at Yinnar South.
- 1880-86 MISS BARBARA IRVING, a sister of John Irving, the first teacher at Morwell School (Commercial Road), and of Christina Irving, an early music teacher at Morwell.
- 1886-96 MISS E. M. WALDON, who had the longest period of service at this school, and who was well liked by pupils and parents. From 1880 to 1886 she had been teaching at the Moe Railway Station School, No. 2142.
- 1896-1900 ROLAND GREAVES, who also taught half-time at Yinnar South School, until that school was burnt down in the bush-fires of 1898.
- 1900-02 HERBERT J. GAFFNEY.
- 1902 A. B. KEAGLE.
- 1903-06 JOHN SULLIVAN, who also taught half-time at Driffield School, No. 2433.
- 1906 BERGIN TIPPING (acting head teacher), who had been at Morwell School.
- 1906-08 WILLIAM McLOGHLAN, who also taught half-time at Driffield School, until that school was burnt down in the bush-fire of 1905.
- 1908-10 MISS MARGARETTA H. GOUGH.
- 1911-14 MISS VIOLET ANDERSON.

Hazelwood Ridge School ran into early difficulties through lack of pupils, then lingered on for a while with the reduced status of a half-time school, but was finally closed in 1914. The reason for this decline is easy to find in a map of the area. When Hazelwood Ridge School was opened in 1876, it was the only school in the district and served a large area. Soon it was ringed about with other schools that restricted its recruiting area and took away its pupils. The main railway line, constructed in 1877-9, brought Morwell into being, and the

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branch-line of 1885 to Mirboo North established Yinnar. Hazelwood Ridge School was sandwiched between Morwell School and Yinnar School. By 1894 the attendance was so low that it was made a half-time school with Yinnar South School. When this latter school was burnt down in 1898, for four years Hazelwood Ridge operated again as a full-time school, reverting to half-time from 1902 to 1905 with Driffield School. Driffield School was burnt down in 1905, and Hazelwood Ridge's attendance rose from 18 to 28 pupils. When the Driffield School was rebuilt, Hazelwood Ridge School declined still further and was eventually closed in 1914.

The idea of running two small schools, not very far apart, as part-time schools in the charge of one teacher was quite a sound idea. A teacher could live at one residence, as at Hazelwood Ridge, for example, and travel two or three days a week to the second school; or he could live in a central township like Morwell or Yinnar and travel out alternately to his half-time schools. At each school he would set enough home-work to keep the pupils busy at home till their next school session.

MARYVALE RIDGE SCHOOL, No. 1939

The first State school to serve the scattered farming community that preceded the village of Morwell was Maryvale Ridge School, No. 1939, which opened on the 17th of August 1877 and closed on the 31st of May 1879 after an existence of only one year and nine months. However, Commercial Road State School, No. 2136, is really a continuation of Maryvale Ridge School.

Andrew Mathews and James Matson, two farmers who had carved their selections—out of the old Maryvale cattle station, east of what was to be Morwell Village—petitioned in January 1877 for a school. The school inspector, Mr. James Holland, agreed that the Department would provide a teacher and school furniture, if the community could make a building available.

During its short life, the school had only one teacher, Miss Zenna McCroroy, who married in April 1879, changing her name to Rintoull. Mrs. Rintoull was the mother of Mr. Jack Rintoull, who lives at 23 Hazelwood Road, Morwell.

The school building, situated at the junction of the Maryvale Ridge Road and the railway line, which was then being constructed, was north of the line and east of the road. It was quite unsatisfactory. It was a small hut with perpendicular slabs, a thatched roof, bark ridging, an earth floor, and gable ends of white canvas. Miss McCrorey complained that rain poured through the gaps between the slabs and through the torn canvas, leaving the floor awash. She used planks to find her way through the puddles on the floor. To build up the floor level, the parents carted a load of soil, which turned into choking dust in the dry weather. The children had to walk half a mile to get a drink of water. Attendances, which had never reached the estimated maximum of 30 pupils, dropped sharply from an average of sixteen children to three or four after a snake was found in the class-room in February 1879.

In *The Church of Our Fathers*, which deals with the history of the Church of England in Gippsland, Mr. A. Gilbert states that church