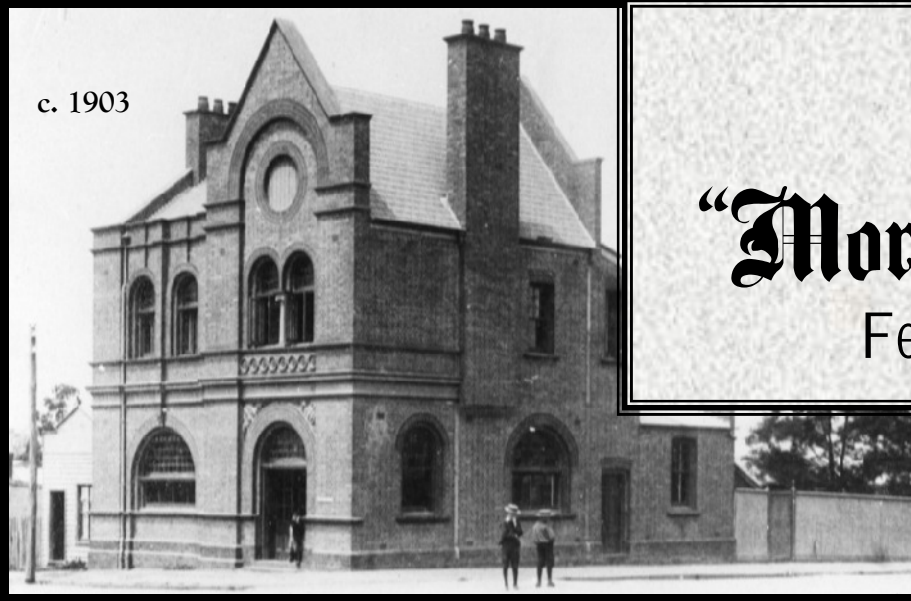


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NEWS AND NOTES:

Our Society has been asked by Latrobe City Council to suggest a name for the Morwell railway underpass and surrounding area, at present being re-developed. The topic will be discussed at our February 21 meeting, so put your thinking caps on. If you have a suggestion but are unable to attend, please let Secretary **Elsie McMaster** know- Tel: **5134 1149**.

Guest speaker at our February 21 meeting will be **Rudy Paoletti**, whose particular area of interest is the Walhalla-Jamieson goldfields. Non-members are most welcome to attend.

Current changes to the structure of Kurnai College have resulted in the closure of the Morwell campus and the change of Maryvale from a senior to a junior campus.

The Society now has in its care a collection of photographs, magazines and school records from the former Morwell and Maryvale High Schools and Morwell Technical School.

We have also been given custody of the records of the former Morwell Little Athletics Club, recently presented by Mr. **Bill Traill**.

All of the above materials are available for viewing at our Church St. premises on **Wednesdays, between 11am and 2pm, or by appointment.**

Elsie McMaster

Morwell Advertiser

4th. February 1963

Morwell East Church Union

Church history in Gippsland will be made in Morwell on Friday with a service to mark the inauguration of the Morwell East union between Methodist and Presbyterian congregations.

At the Well Street Emmanuel United Church, the Rev. A. J. Matthews will be introduced following his appointment as minister of the United Churches.

The Morwell East Union is the tenth between Methodist and Presbyterian congregations in Victoria.

The majority are in scattered country districts, but Morwell East is akin to Norlane, Geelong, as regards size of population.

Asked to comment on the venture, the Rev. Mr. Matthews told the Advertiser, "We do not envisage that people will stop being Methodists and Presbyterians until there is a wider union throughout the country.

"This is a bringing together of Christians of separate denominations to express their Christian unity."

DUAL MINISTRY

Rev. Matthews has been minister at St. Columba's, Morwell East, since 1957.

He now has a dual ministry - of his previous Presbyterian congregation and of the Methodist people of Morwell East.

The Methodist Emmanuel Church was begun at Robertson Street, but has transferred to Well Street as Emmanuel United.

St. Columba's will now be known as St. Columba's United Church.

SERVICES

Mr. Matthews will take service at Well Street at 9 a.m. on Sundays, and a service at 10.15 a.m. at St. Columba's. Both services will be followed by Sunday schools.

There will be only one evening service for the United Parish. For a three months trial, this is to be at St. Columba's.

The Advisory Body will then review whether the evening service should alternate between both centres of worship.

The Advisory Body will replace the leaders' meeting of Emmanuel and the Session of St. Columba's. There will also be a Parish Committee for financial and property matters.

The various groups and organisations of the churches will continue largely as before although they will meet together more frequently and may unite for leadership.

His introduction

Rev. J. G. Bucknall, Director of Presbyterian Home Missions, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Pederick, Superintendent Methodist Home Missions, will preside at the introduction of the United Parish minister.

Other clergy will include the Rev. E. H. McI Shugg, secretary of the joint Advisory Council; Rev. D. W. Risstrom, Chairman of the Gippsland Methodist District; Rev. J. C. Adamthwaite, of St. Luke's; Rev. Campbell Vollmer, Moderator of the Presbytery of the Latrobe Valley, and the Rev. P. C. Aumann, acting clerk of the Presbytery.

The new Emmanuel United Church will be dedicated on February 8.

The service begins at 8 p.m.

Morwell Advertiser

10th. February 1955

No date for P.O. opening, but- **PHONES AUTOMATIC FROM FEB. 20**

MORWELL'S new automatic telephone service will be "cut in" on Sunday, February 20th, and will join Yallourn as the only true automatic exchanges in Gippsland.

IN conjunction, the rural automatic services to serve Morwell North and Hazelwood North will begin operation. This will mean that subscribers within Morwell, Yallourn, Morwell North and Hazelwood North will be able to dial each other direct.

Hazelwood North and Morwell North will be given an around the clock service, to replace the restricted hours at present in operation.

This information has been released by the Post Master General's Department, through Mr. Geoffrey Brown, M.H.R. Member for MacMillan.

But no official advice has yet been received as to the date of the opening of the new Post Office at the corner of Church Street and the Princes Highway.

Trunk line calls will be handled by local telephonists, who are receiving instruction this week from Miss N. Riley, of Sale, so that they will be capable of handling the calls under the new technique on Sunday week.

It is expected that a reduction will take place in the delay in meeting the demand for the installation of new services. It is also anticipated that subscribers will be asked to make only important calls during the period that the changeover is being carried out - these times will be announced later. It is also expected that a new telephone book will be on issue some time during next week.

Present hand-operated phones will be removed as soon as possible.



Memories of Morwell



Female Staff Members – 1966

Do you recognise anyone?

Morwell and Ginnar Gazette

9th. February 1912

RAILWAY CARRIAGES ON FIRE



A THRILLING SENSATION

Considerable excitement was caused in Morwell on Saturday when the report was circulated that the train from Bairnsdale to Melbourne had caught fire in the vicinity of Fernbank. Further information, however, elicited the fact that it was the through train from Melbourne to Bairnsdale.

It appears that when travelling between Fernbank and Lindenow, Mr. Secomb, a passenger on the train, noticed smoke issuing from between two of the large corridor cars, and promptly gave the alarm which brought the train to a standstill.

Guard Boyle, assisted by others, applied the patent extinguisher, but this was totally inadequate to cope with the outbreak, which, assisted by the wind, spread rapidly. There were a good number of passengers on the train, including a bride and bridegroom, Dr. and Mrs. Matthews (Miss Elsie Pain, daughter of His Lordship the Bishop of Gippsland), who had been married that morning, and were off to the Lakes Entrance on their honeymoon.

The guard warned the passengers of their danger, and the first-class passengers left the train without any confusion, but some of the second-class passengers beat a hasty retreat, and in so doing left most of their belongings behind them.

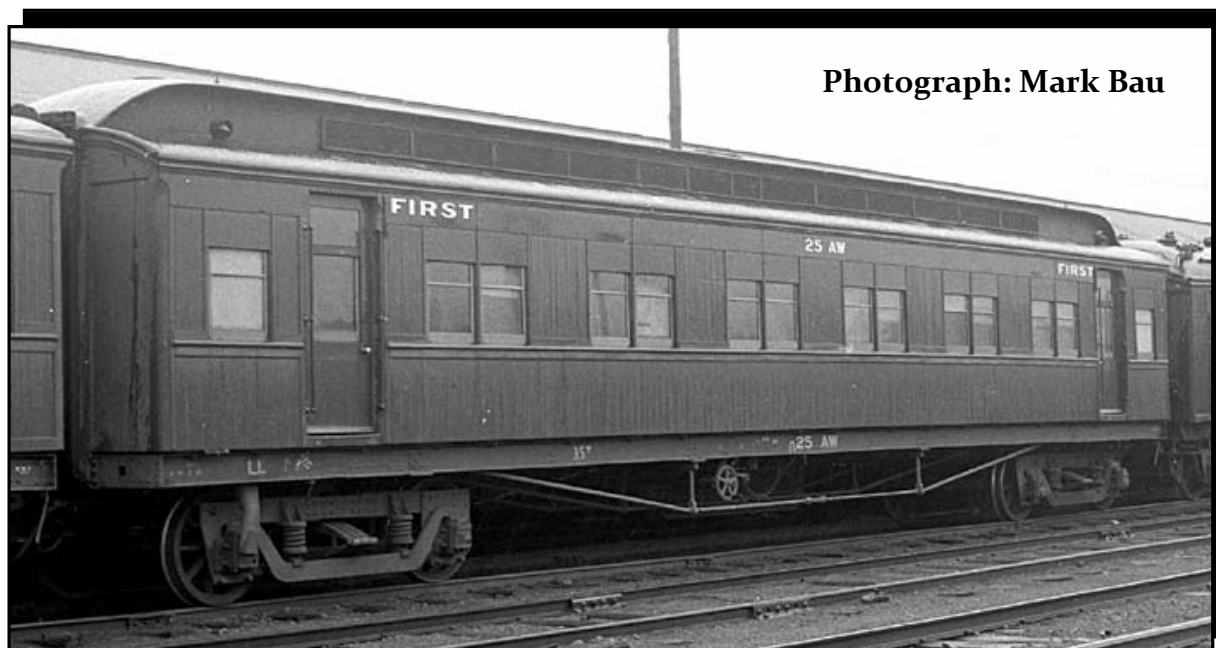
A second attempt was made to save the carriages by a liberal application of water, but as it proved of no avail the carriages were uncoupled and drawn apart from the rest of the train, where they were left to burn out. Only the under carriage of the cars escaped destruction, and the framework of what is known as the concertina ends of the corridor cars.

The break-down van was sent from Traralgon to the scene of the disaster, with a gang of men on board. In the meantime a carriage was taken from the Bairnsdale to Traralgon train, which was held up at Lindenow in consequence of the block on the line, and the passengers on the disabled train transferred into it and taken on to Bairnsdale.

The casualty train on its way to the scene of the disaster picked up a water truck and passenger car at Sale, but on arrival it was found that the two carriages had been completely gutted, portions of the woodwork being still smouldering.

About 11.45 the passengers for Melbourne and places along the line were able to resume their journey, and the train arrived at Traralgon at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning, and a special train was despatched from Traralgon to the city.

The damaged carriages – or all that remained of them – were inspected by a large number of people on Sunday and yesterday morning. They will eventually be sent on to the Newport workshops to be rebuilt, a process which will, no doubt, cost the Government considerably over £3000.



Photograph: Mark Bau

A Railway Carriage Typical of the Period

S.H.

Please Note: this photograph was not part of the original report



More images from the vault:

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

22nd. April 1943

WEDDING



NEILSON - WHITE UNION



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Morwell, was the scene of a popular wedding last Saturday, the parties being Georgina Gladys, eldest daughter of Cr. and Mrs. D. J. White, of "Glencairn," Hazelwood Estate, and Keith Alexander, third son of Mr. and Mrs J. Neilson, of Caulfield (formerly of Traralgon).

Rev. H. Hovenden was the celebrant, and the ceremony was witnessed by a big crowd of friends and relatives, and the sacred edifice was tastefully decorated for the signal occasion.

Entering the church on her father's arm (by whom she was given away) the bride looked exquisite in a bridal robe of off white British lace, made on classic lines, with long train. A tulle veil fell gracefully from a cluster of white nerines and extended over the train. She carried a sheaf of white gladioli, nerines, roses and maiden-hair fern.

The bride was attended by her sister (Mrs. H. Hart) who acted as Matron of Honor. Her frock was of clover pink romaine with matching toque and veil. She carried a sheaf of pink gladioli, roses, blue delphiniums and maiden-hair fern.

Mr. S. Neilson, brother of the bridegroom, carried out the duties of best man.

During the signing of the register "I'll Walk Beside You" was rendered by Mrs. W. Jenkins, with Miss Hicks at the organ, after which the bridegroom led his bride down the aisle to the joyous strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

A lucky horseshoe was hung on the bride's arm by little Beverley Bond, niece of the bride.

The bride's mother wore a costume of black cloth, on the shoulder of which was pinned a beautiful spray of crimson and gold roses with asparagus fern.

The bridegroom's mother, owing to ill health, was unable to be present.

Following the ceremony, a sumptuous wedding breakfast (ably presided over by Rev. Hovenden) was partaken of in the Town Hall supper room.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. White assisted by Mr. Neilson.

A feature of the bride's table was the handsome three-tier wedding cake, which was made by the bride's sisters. The usual toasts were proposed and honored and a large number of congratulatory telegrams read.

The happy couple were the recipients of many useful gifts and a large number of cheques.

They left on the evening train and were farewelled by a host of friends amidst a shower of confetti and good wishes.

The bride travelled in a grey costume with matching hat and accessories.

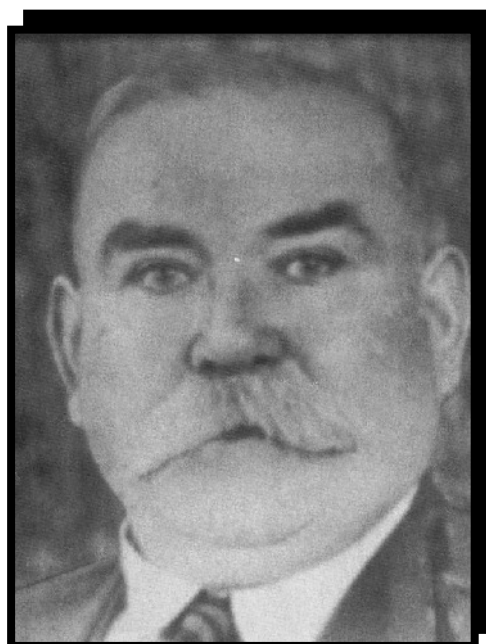


Photo. Morwell Historical Society Inc. **Cr. D. J. White**

Here's one for all you bargain hunters out there:

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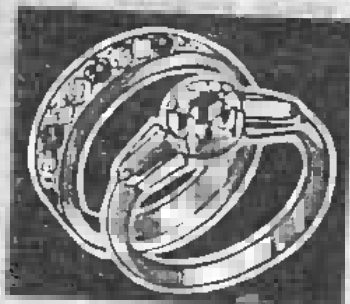
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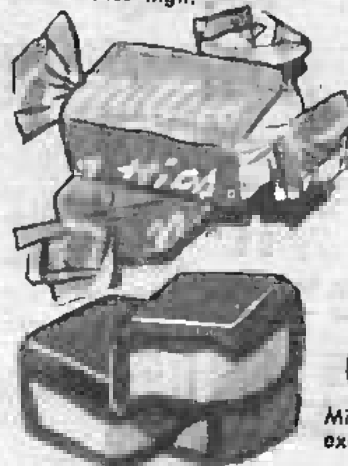
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Tuesday 21st February.

21 Church Street.

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From The History Books:

“NIHIL SINE LABORE”



Morwell High School was established on 7th. February 1956, for the first twelve months the school was housed in Grey St. Traralgon.

Quiz Corner



The gentlemen pictured in the last puzzler for 2005 were:

Les Hare & Lou Bond

Our first puzzler for 2006 is another easy one:

In which year was the Morwell Soldier's Memorial unveiled?

1. 1919
2. 1921

