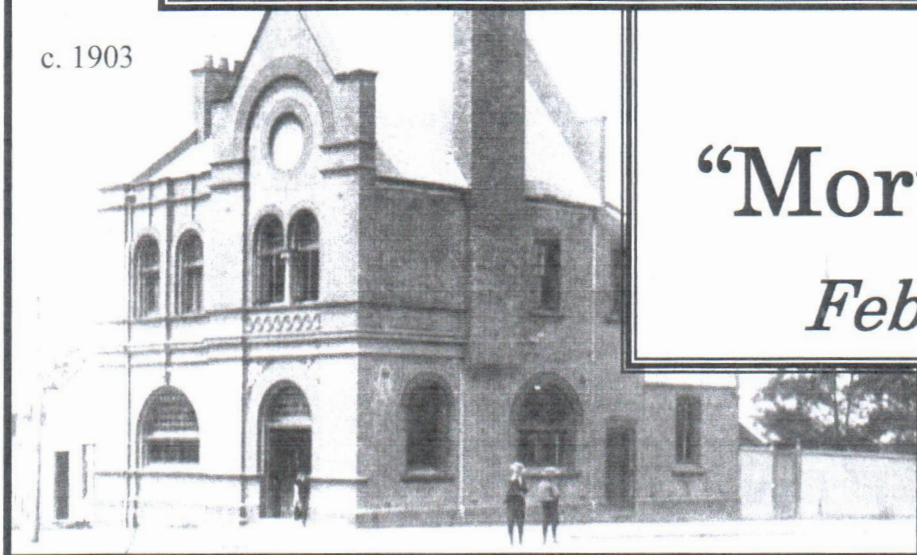


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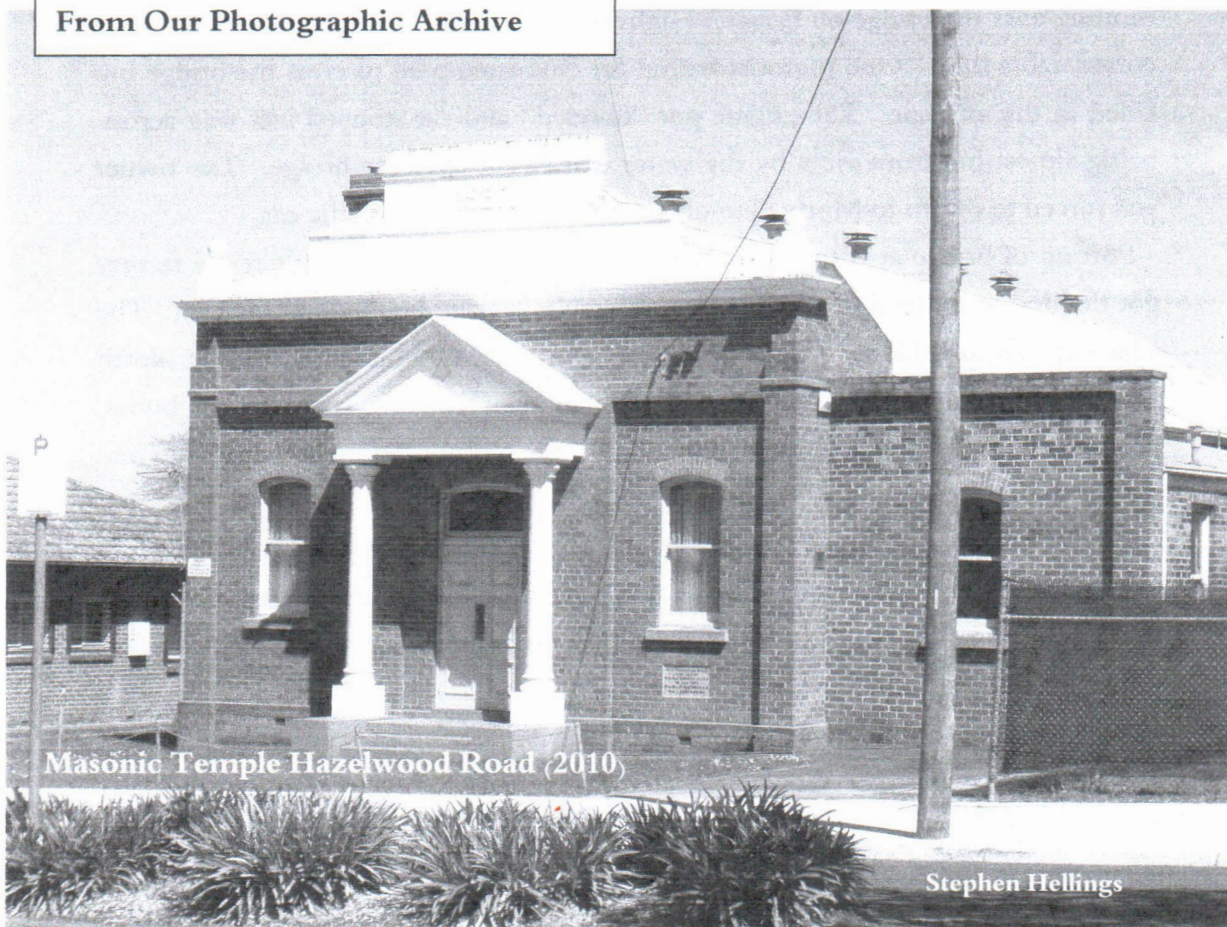
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Friday 3rd. August 1923 (page 2)

Record Flood MUCH DAMAGE DONE

Following a few beautiful fine days, heavy rain set in early on Tuesday morning last, and continued incessantly throughout the day. As a result there was quite a deluge. All the low lying land became submerged, whilst creeks and rivers overflowed their banks in record time.

At about 5 p.m. there was a great flood in Bridle's Creek, fully two feet of water running over the bridge on Prince's Highway. Traffic was completely blocked for a considerable time. One motorist bound for Sale attempted to cross the bridge but failed in the attempt. The engine got "flooded" and car stopped half way across, being almost hid from view by the water that swept over the bridge. The owner was forced to return to Morwell to obtain assistance to "rescue" the car.

Portion of bridge at Morwell Butter Factory was washed away whilst the factory got flooded to a depth of two feet, considerable damage being done thereby. The adjacent flats had the appearance of a lake. Some of the children attending North Hazelwood School had a very trying time in their endeavours to return home. Fortunately they all eventually arrived home safe, but not before search parties had set out to find them.

A great volume of water swept down Eel Hole Creek. The railway bridge close to Applegate's was submerged and as a result the train from Mirboo was delayed for some time. The homestead of Applegate Bros. adjacent was inundated by the flood waters for the first time during the past 40 years.

The culvert at foot of Cemetery Hill on deviation leading to Hazelwood Flats was washed away, whilst the recently erected bridge near by, on the main road was damaged. The bridge over same creek at the "Switchback" was washed away and other damage done.

Considerable damage was done just beyond Yinnar, where the embankment and bridge across gully on the main road were washed away, two drain pipes each weighing 1,500 lb were carried some distance into Mr. Wick's paddock.

The road was completely blocked and it was only by deviating through Mr Firmin's property that traffic was possible along the road.

A great flood came down the Morwell river, the water running over the embankment and concrete bridges on Prince's Highway. Some damage was done but fortunately the traffic was not held up.

At Driffield and in various other parts of the Shire extensive damage to culverts, road formation, etc., was done and the Shire Council will be put to great expense to repair same. Several farmers lost pigs and other stock, whilst hundreds of rabbits were drowned.

Wednesday proved fine and the flood waters rapidly receded. More rain, however, fell yesterday and if it continues there will be further floods.

At Traralgon there was a big flood and a number of houses in the low lying portion of the town were inundated.

Mr. Watson 1920



Back Row: Hilda Alexander, Ollie Bolding, Jean Matson, Lily Clarke, Isobel Porter, Jessie Williamson, Shirley Bolding; Second Row: Ken Cranwell, Jenny Williamson, Norma Rollandin, Amy Maxfield, Lorna Bolding, Ollie Williamson, Rene Alexander, Jessie Bolger; Third Row: Jessie Bolding, Mary Bolding, Pearl Williamson, Ron Bolding, Frank Bolding, Bill Saunders, Rob Porter, Ernie Wilkinson, Mollie Alexander; Front Row: Rex Cranwell, Herbert Bolding, Curly Alexander, Bill Alexander, Frank Maxfield, George Bolding.

Photograph: Society archive

Hazelwood North School - 1920

Morwell Advertiser

Thursday 19th. January 1939 (page 6)

Said "I Will" at Yallourn.

DEARMAN-KAYE

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in St. John's Church of England, Yallourn, on Wednesday, 11th inst., by the Rev. **Franklin Cooper**, on the eve of his departure for his new parish of St. Arnaud.

The contracting parties were Mr **Patrick Dearman**, of Yallourn, and Miss **Dorothy Marion Kaye**, a twin daughter of Mr and Mrs **J. R. Kaye**, of "Deloraine," Morwell Bridge.

The bride looked charming in a bridal robe of magnolia satin; her tulle veil extended over the train, which fell gracefully from a halo of orange blossom, and she carried a handsome shower bouquet of white roses, carnations and sweet peas.

The bridesmaids were the Misses **Ella** and **Allis Kaye**, sisters of the bride. The former was frocked in pink net over taffeta, and the latter in mauve net over taffeta. They carried dainty shower bouquets of sweet peas.

The mother of the bride wore a navy blue ensemble, and carried a crimson posy of roses and sweet peas.

The best man was Mr **Ben Padfield**, of Morwell Bridge, and the groomsman was Mr **Stan Padfield**.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held in the Yallourn "Guide Hall," when the usual (felicitous) toasts were proposed and honored; and the best man read a number of congratulatory telegrams.

Later, the happy couple left by train for Lakes Entrance (where the honeymoon is being spent), among showers of confetti.

Mr and Mrs P. Dearman's future home will be in Broadway West, Yallourn.





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St. John's Church of England Yallourn



Photograph: "Yallourn Was" by Prue McGoldrick

Wednesday 2nd. November 1898 (page 7)

ASSAULT AND ROBBERY

A GRAZIER ATTACKED IN A CITY HOTEL

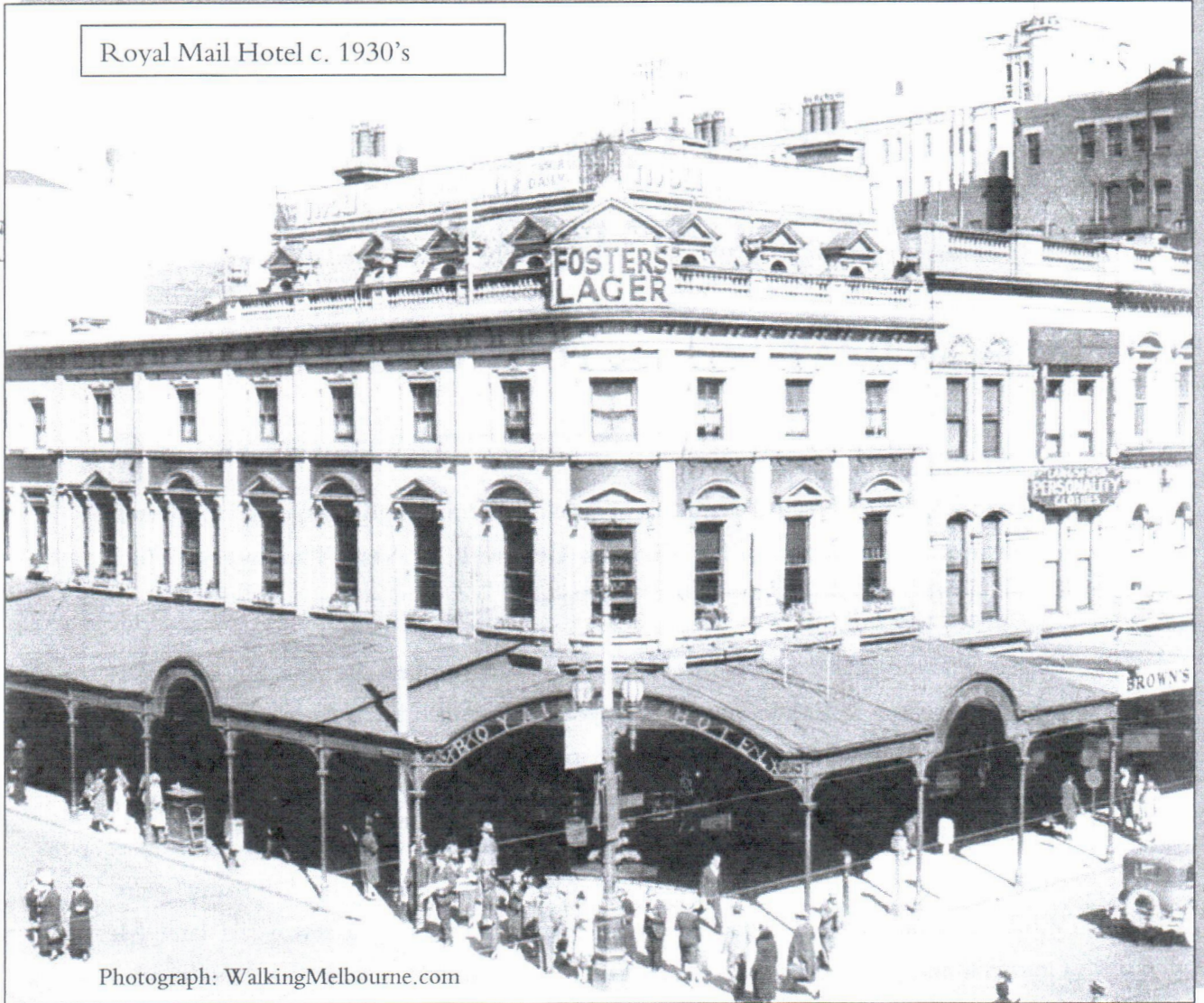
Mr. **Donald (McMillan)**, grazier, of Morwell, had an unpleasant experience last night, when he was assaulted and robbed of a gold chain in the **Royal Mail Hotel**, at the corner of Bourke and Swanston streets. Unlike most of the victims of this class of crime, Mr. McMillan is a big man, and was quite sober when he entered the hotel with a friend, but the moment he had passed the door a man in the bar accused him of having created a disturbance there previously. Before he had time to ask what was meant, Mr. McMillan was struck from behind, and a scuffle ensued in which several men took part. When he pulled himself clear Mr. McMillan found that his gold watch-chain had been torn violently from his pocket, and that he was bleeding from a nasty cut on the head. Constable **Collier**, who came in at this time, stated that he had been called in to quell a disturbance earlier in the night, but this was little satisfaction to Mr. McMillan, who had to go to the **Melbourne Hospital** to be treated for his injuries.

Royal Mail Hotel (at left) c. early 1900's



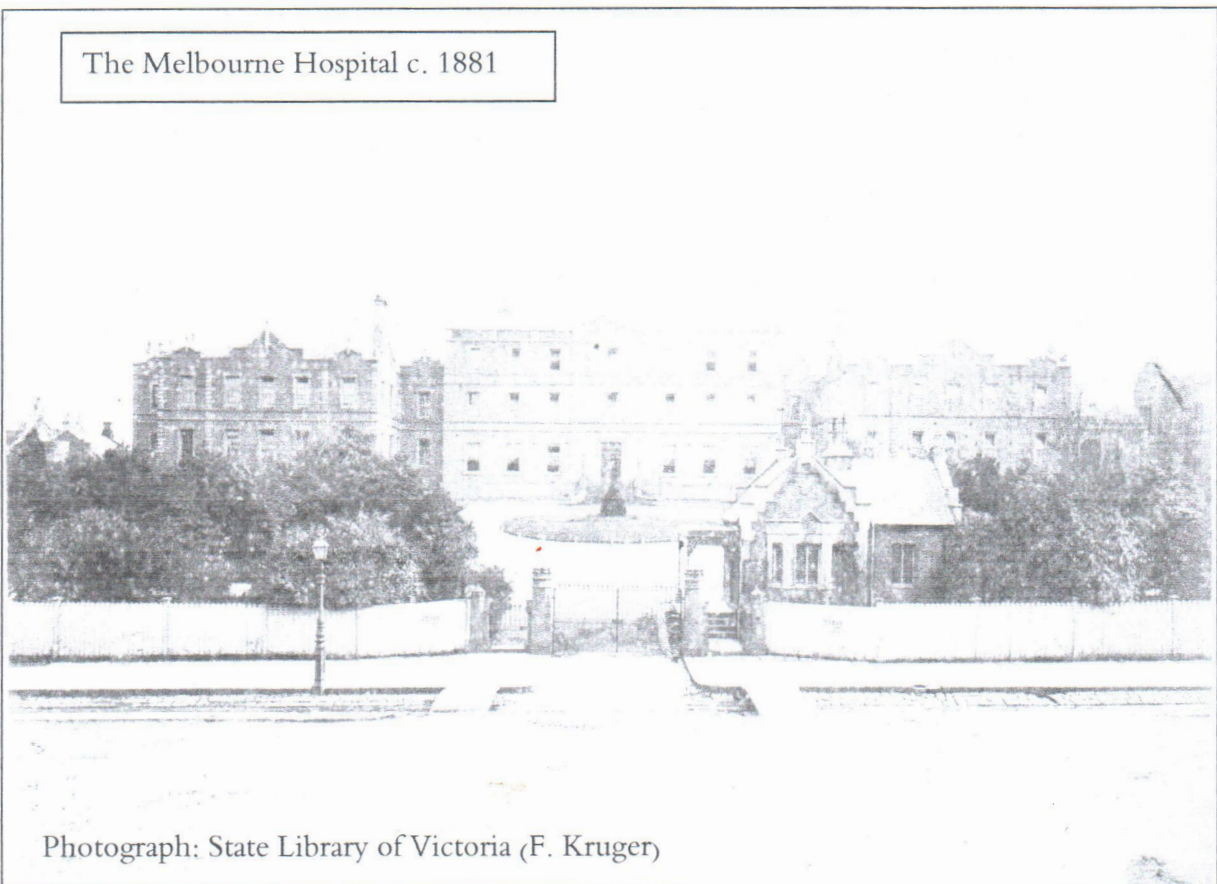
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Royal Mail Hotel c. 1930's



Photograph: WalkingMelbourne.com

The Melbourne Hospital c. 1881



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Friday 1st. May 1908 (page 2)

OBITUARY

DEATH OF MR THOS. CRANWELL

We regret having to record the death of an old and most highly respected resident in the district, in the person of Mr **Thomas Cranwell**, of North Hazelwood, which sad event took place on Wednesday evening last.

Deceased, who was born in Essex, England, had reached the ripe old age of 84 years, and was a colonist of over fifty years standing. Prior to leaving England, deceased married Miss **Emma Bolding**, sister of Mr **George Bolding**, of North Hazelwood, and in coming to Australia, he was accompanied by his wife and two children. Soon after arrival, Mr. Cranwell commenced farming and dairying at Braybrook, near Melbourne, which he carried on successfully for many years. Whilst at Braybrook, his partner in life passed away, and a few years later Mr Cranwell and members of the family came to this district where they have resided for over twenty years.

Deceased enjoyed good health till he reached the age of four score years, when he received a paralytic stroke, since when he has been an invalid. He was a man most highly respected by all with whom he came in contact and much sympathy is expressed for members of the family in their sad bereavement.

The following are daughters of deceased:- Mrs **Babb**, Mrs **Stevenson**, Mrs **N. McDonald**, Mrs **H. Thompson**, and Mrs **S. J. Thompson**, whilst Messrs **Able**, **Joseph** and **Albert Cranwell** are his sons. With the exception of Mrs Stevenson (Croydon), and Mr Able Cranwell (Malvern), all the members of the family reside in this district.

The remains of deceased will be interred in the Melbourne Cemetery this afternoon, beside those of his wife, when the burial service will be conducted by the Rev. **W. Seamer**, of Morwell.

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Friday 5th. July 1907 (page 3)

TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - I see by your last issue that some members of the Morwell Council wish to spend about £400 on a new Shire Hall, and I heartily thank all those who were opposed to that job, I believe all Jeeralang will endorse that sentiment, as the track from my place for over a mile has never been grubbed or formed.

We have asked "the powers that be" to do it many times. They call it "Beale's road," but it is much like calling an egg a fowl. The answer to petitions mostly have been "No funds." The last petition sent some months ago was held over - we don't know why.

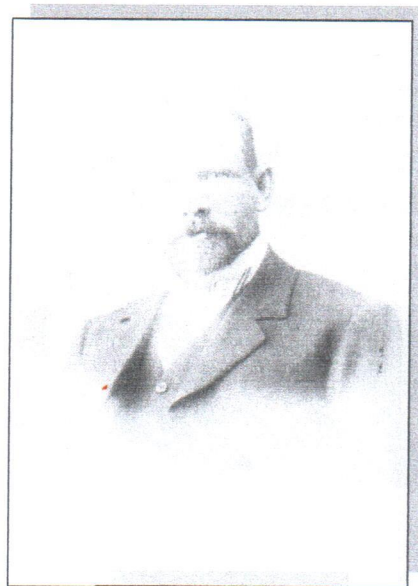
If they can find £400 for a thing is really not wanted, surely they should be able to deal with a job that would cost about one quarter of the money.

I see there was the usual gush and patting on the back over Cr. **Watson's** resignation - that his seat would be hard to fill; I don't believe it. I see there are three candidates in the field, and no doubt the chosen one will do quite as well, and I would like to say if those gentlemen who are dissatisfied with their present quarters should go into Parliament they would get things more to their taste, and it may not be a bad thing for the shire to have some new blood infused into the council.

I dare say there are other parts of the shire that want roads made as well as Jeeralang, but how any man can propose to do as above and the roads in such a disgraceful state passed the comprehension of yours truly,

JOHN BEALE.

Jeeralang, 4/7/'07.

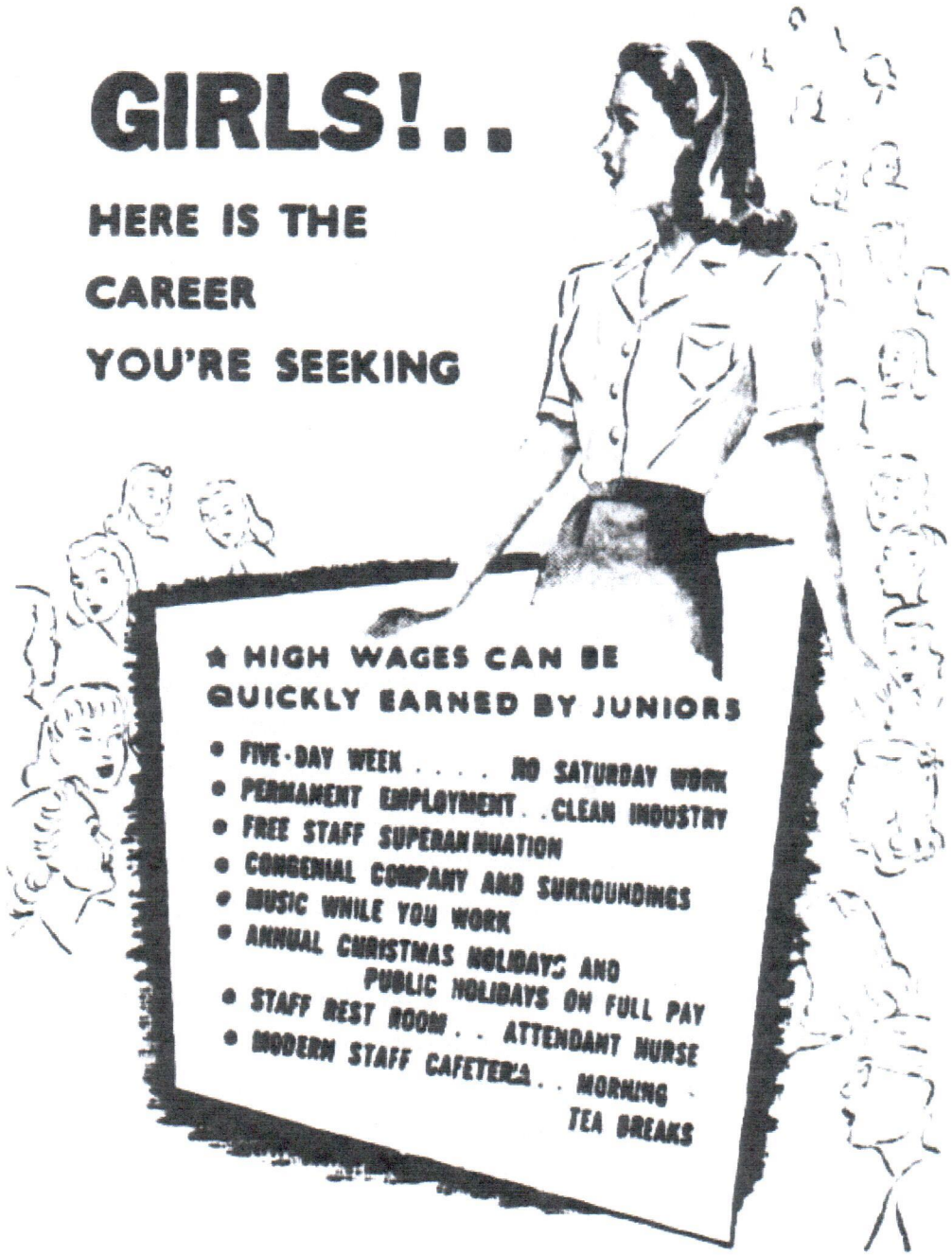


Cr T. Watson

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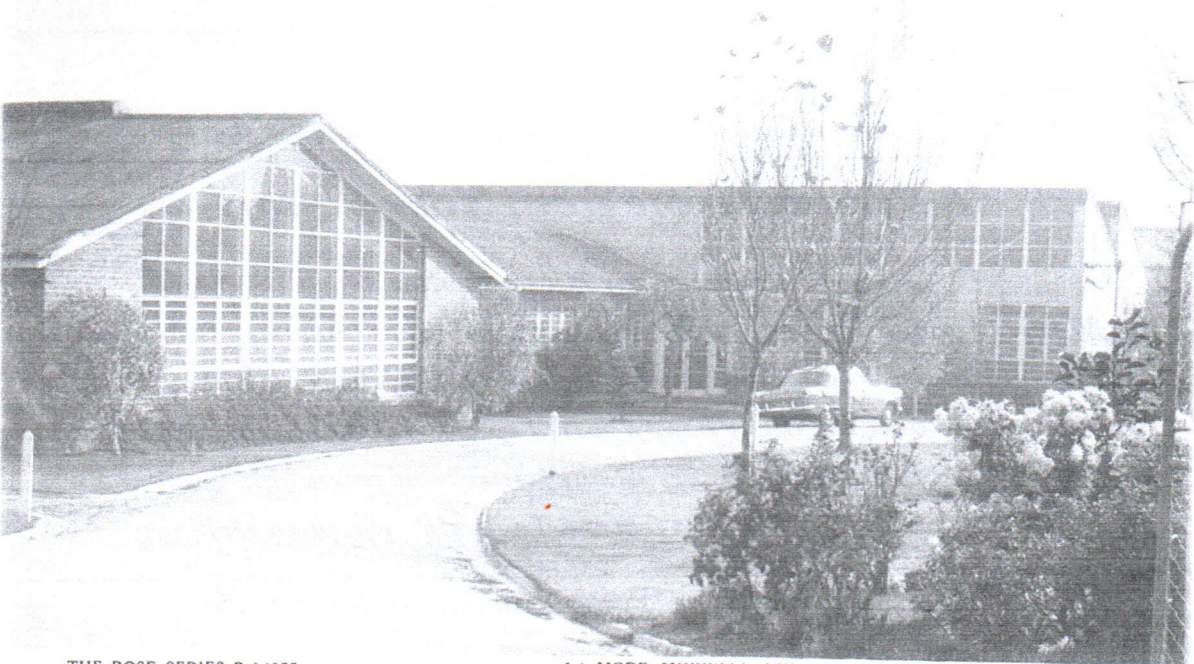
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Memories of "La Mode"

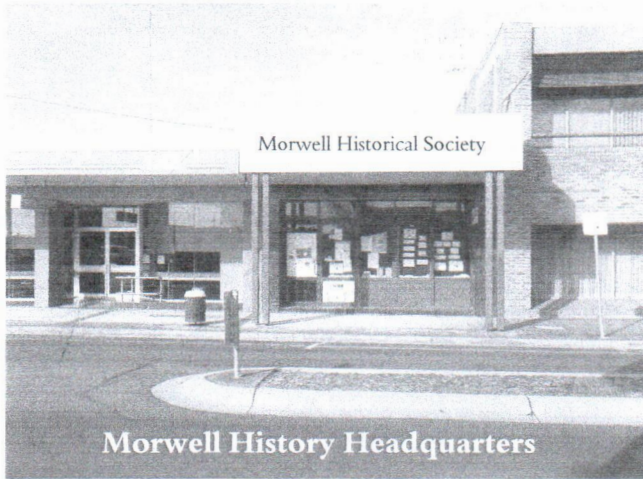


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Please note that the next meeting will be on 18th February 2015 at 2.00 p.m.
At 44 Buckley Street (Next to T.A.B.)



*Meeting dates for 2015:

February 18th
March 18th
April 15th
May 20th
June 17th
July 15th
August 19th
September 16th
October 21st
November 18th

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A Personal Note from Your Editor:

This will be my last newsletter.

After 20 years I will be leaving the Society to pursue other interests. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those people who have so kindly guided and assisted me over the many happy years I spent with them in recording and preserving the history of our remarkable township.

My very last item just had to feature "La Mode" (Stephen Hellings)

The next edition of the "Post" is due out in April 2015.