

**MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS**  
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**The Society meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at  
7.30 pm at Collins Street Primary School**

**Secretary: Mrs. E. McMaster phone 34 1149**

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**WELCOME TO THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER.**

This is the first newsletter for 1989. It is hoped that the print is easy to read since it is a computer printed newsletter. There is some irony in having history being recorded via a computer. It seems that two eras are being forced to come together. Material for this month seems to focus a little on schools in the local area and there are some early advertisements from newspapers. The early advertisements depict a small segment of Morwell's thriving and diverse business sector.

There is one item of unfortunate news. During the Christmas-New Year period, someone (perhaps with help from others) stole the Ivan Madden memorial seat from its location at the Elderly Citizens Club. While you may wonder in bewilderment about this theft, it appears that our community "houses" many people who have nothing better to do than to be a nuisance to others.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 7.30 pm COLLINS STREET STATE SCHOOL**

**TENTATIVE DATE: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY MARCH 21, 7.30 pm  
(our March meeting)**



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1906 - 1908	-	Rev. C. A. Crosley
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1956 - 1960	-	Rev. P. M. Pickburn
1960 - 1970	-	Archdeacon J. A. Knife
1970 -		Canon F. M. Lowe

In the second plan of Morwell Village (October 1878) the north-west corner block 4, bounded by George Street, Elgin Street and White Street, is shown as allocated to the Trustees of the Church of England.

St. Mary's Church was built there at a cost of £330, and opened in 1886. Since then this site, together with that section of George Street which used to separate it from the State School block (Block 3), have been taken over by the Education Department and added to the school. The little, old, original Church of St. Mary's is still standing in the school grounds, and is used as a library.

It is only in comparatively recent times that the new Church of St. Mary's in Latrobe Road, has been built. The foundation stone was laid in 1959 by the late Miss Emma Bridle, a former member of the Church choir, and a member of the congregation since her arrival in Morwell in 1897, at the age of 13.

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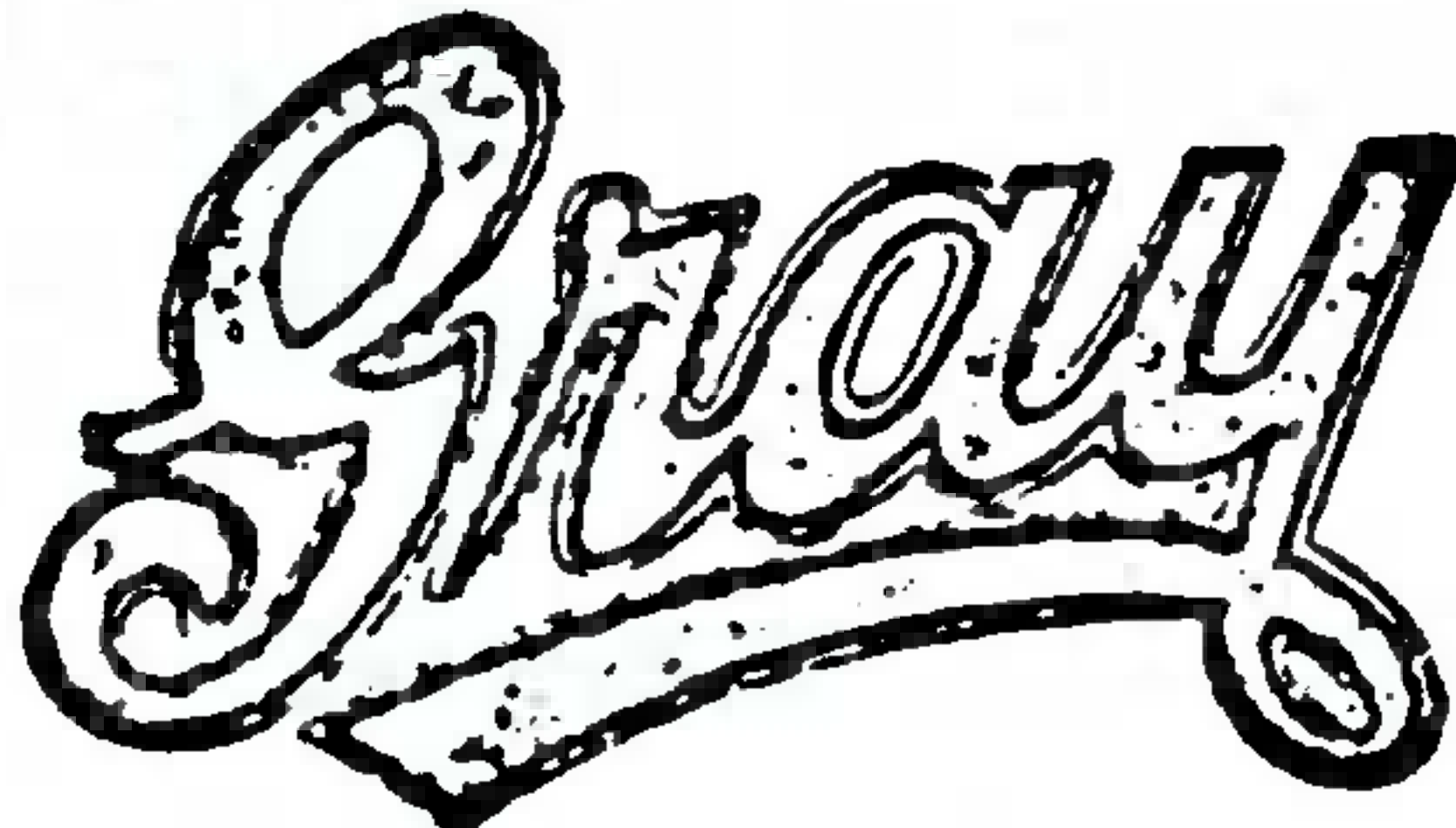
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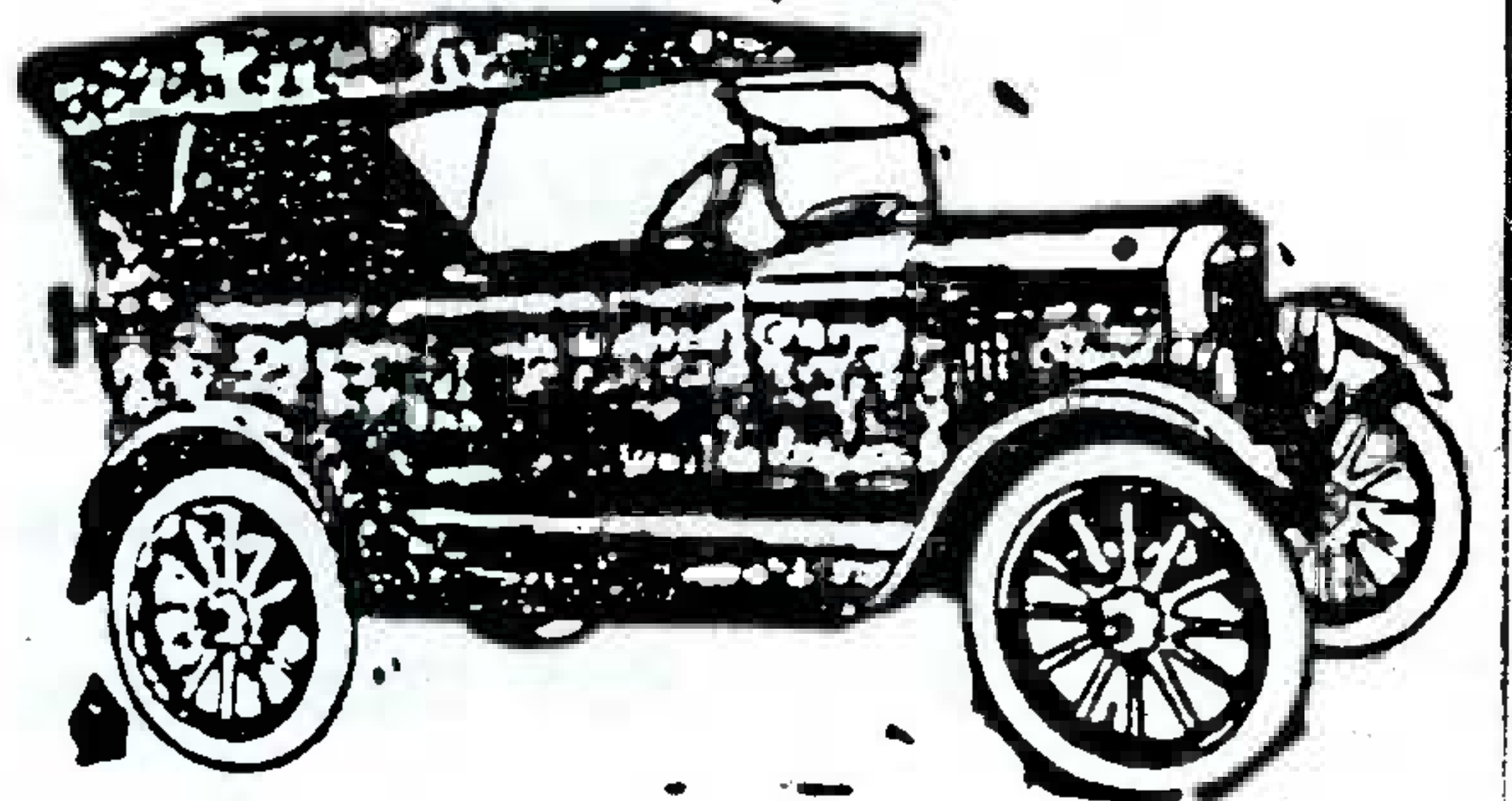
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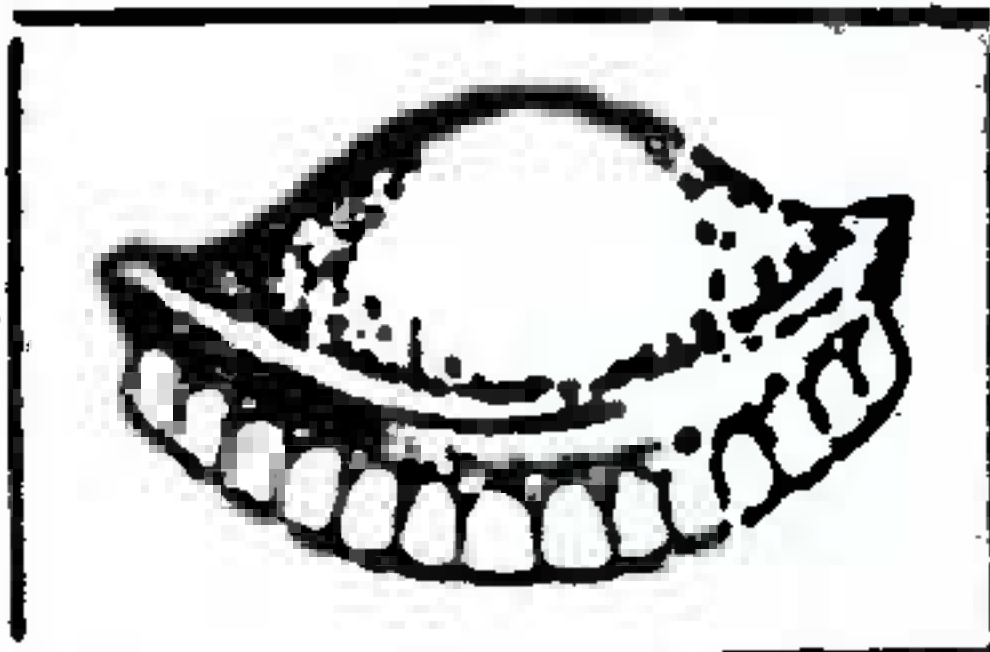


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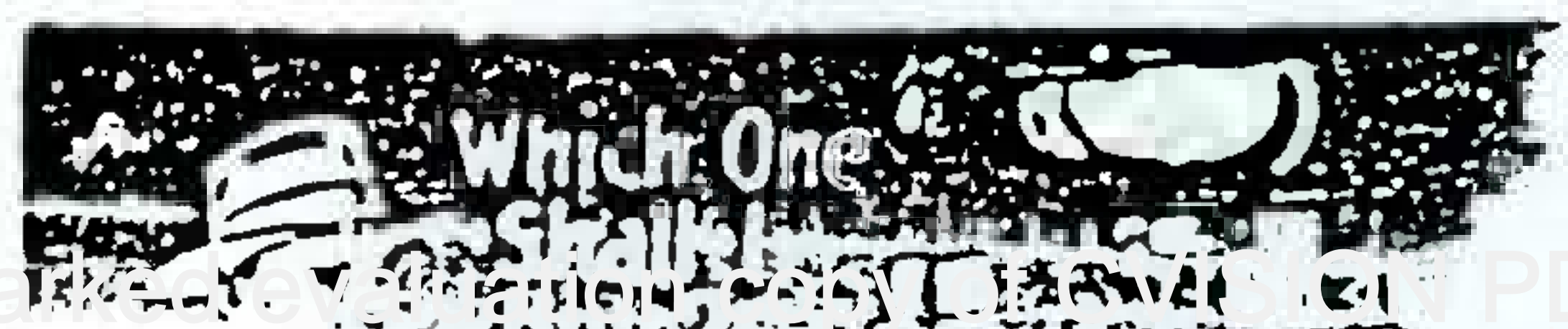
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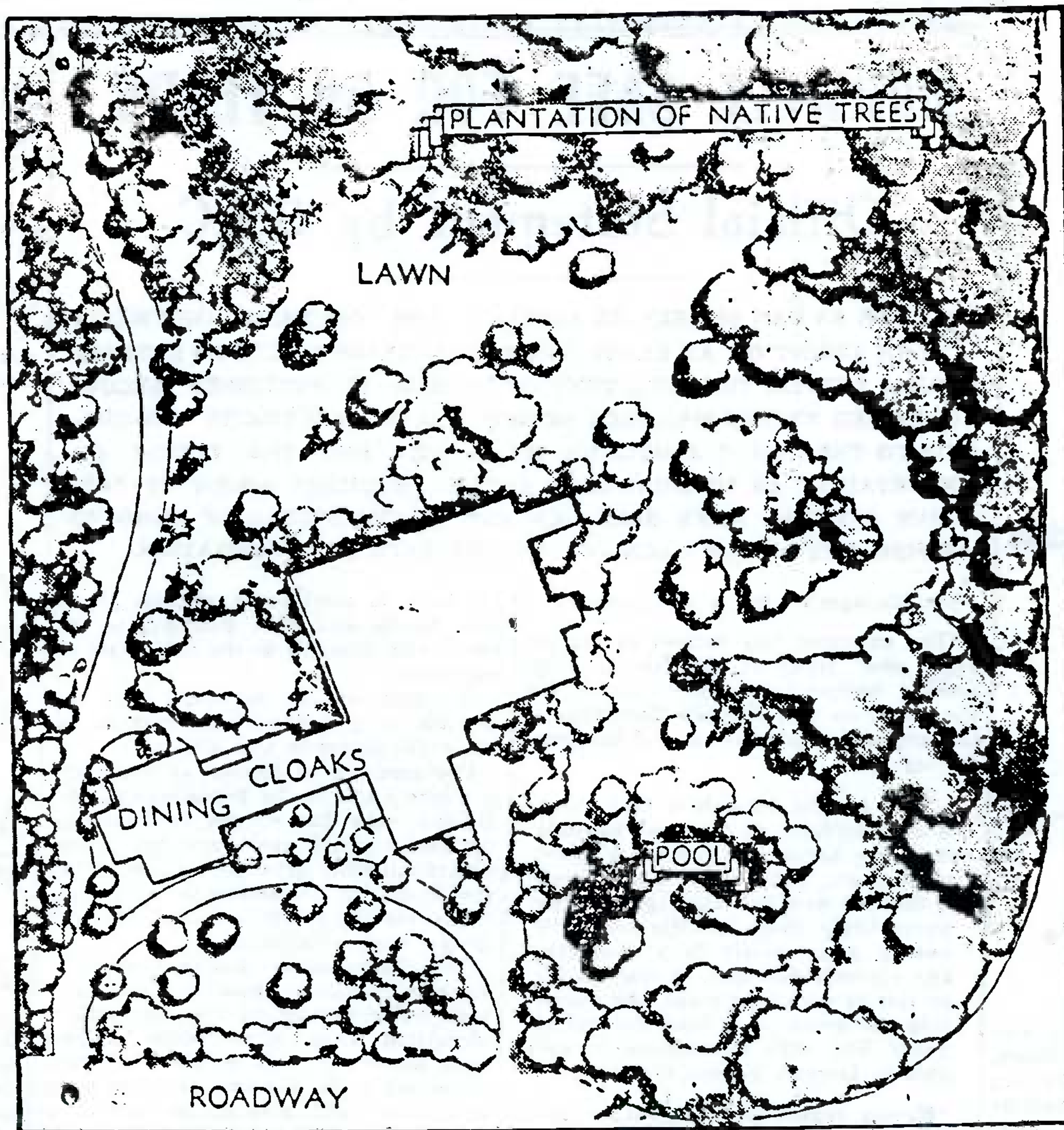
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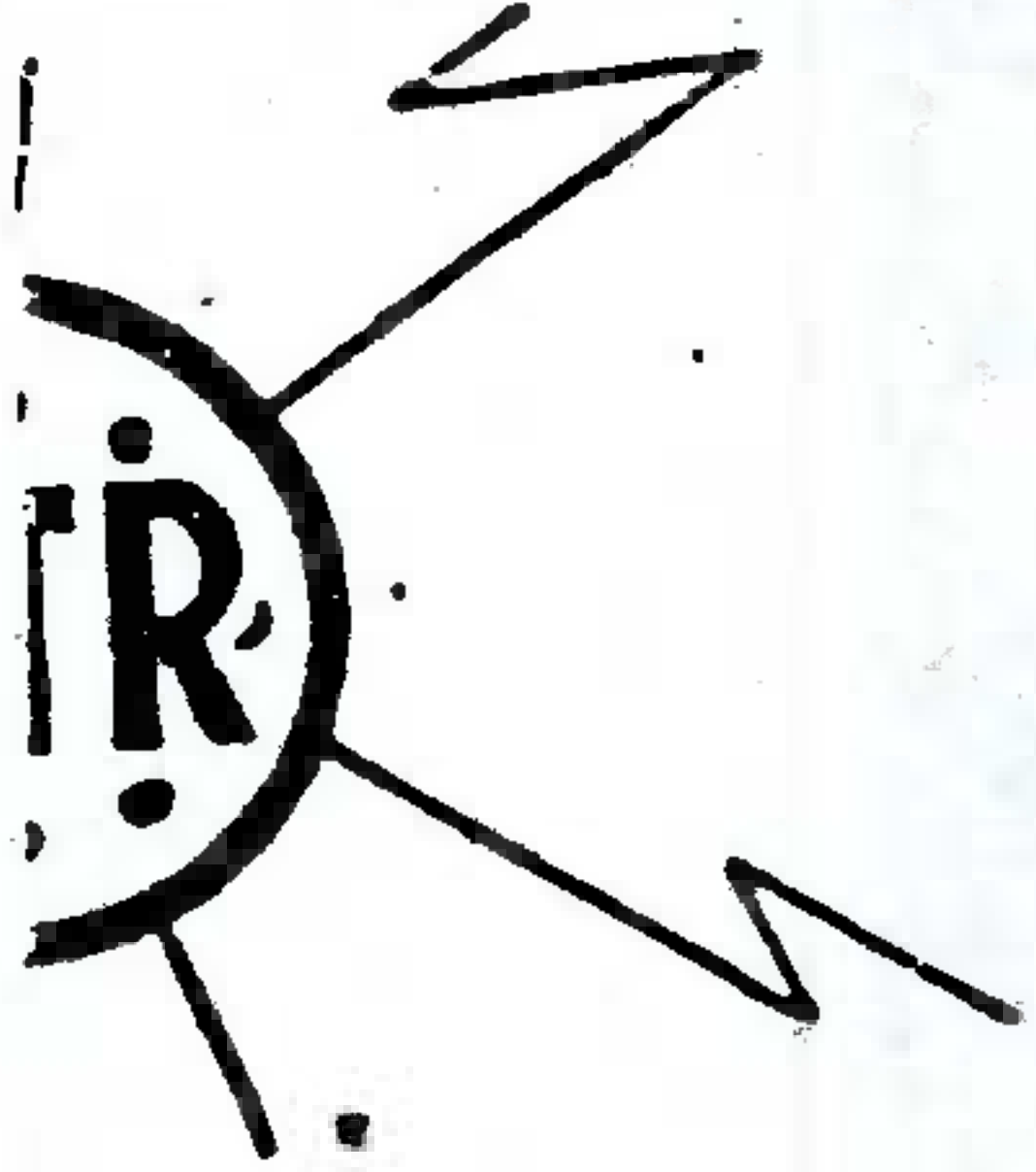
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nd Picture Parade; 6, Of-  
15, Children of Night; 6.30,  
d; 6.45, Digger Hale's  
News; 7.15, Youth Speaks;  
1 Moonlight; 8, Can You  
Ballad Time; 9.15, Here's  
ars Of Industry; 11, close

AY, JANUARY 26th.

akfast Session; 7.30, The  
10, Bushell's Star; 7.45,  
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ival of Variety; 6, Officer  
porting Notes; 6.30, Sport-  
Digger Hale's Daughters;  
Tapestry of Melody; 8.45,  
Radio Ballroom; 11, close

Y, JANUARY 27th.

Traralgon on Parade; 11,  
ast; 12.10 p.m., Famous  
News; 12.45, Phantorn  
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## MORWELL SAFE FOR 50 YEARS.

### Official Statement by S.E.C.

"AS FAR AS CAN BE SEEN AT PRESENT, THE TOWNSHIP (MORWELL) CAN COUNT ON AT LEAST ANOTHER 50 YEARS LIFE." THIS EXTRACT FROM A LETTER, THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH IS PUBLISHED BELOW, ADDRESSED BY THE MANAGER OF THE STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION TO THE HON. H. J. HYLAND, M.L.A., WILL END THE PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO MORWELL'S FUTURE, BROUGHT ABOUT BY PREVIOUS OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASES AND BY THE SPREAD OF RUMOURS ARISING OUT OF THE LACK OF DEFINITE OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

The Manager's letter is as follows:—

"The chairman has handed to me for reply your letter of the 5th January, seeking further information concerning the effect on the Morwell Township of the proposed new open cut and briquette factory.

"The present outlook is that there is no likelihood of the coal beneath the town being required for a great many years. The view at the moment is that the new cut, although starting immediately south of Morwell, will extend progressively in a southerly and westerly direction, so that, as far as can be seen at present, the township can count on at least another 50 years' life. The Commission is unable to forecast beyond that time.

"Having regard to the probable imminence of coal winning operations, it is, of course, necessary to discourage building south of Morwell. It would be

advisable to confine the erection of all new houses and other buildings to the north, and probably to the north-east of the town.

"I regret that, at this stage, it is not possible to give any closer estimate of the probabilities in this matter."

The reaching of finality at this stage is entirely due to the persistence of Mr. Hyland, who has striven to have the position clarified ever since the unfortunate situation developed, following on the Macfarlan Government announcement regarding the proposed Morwell brown coal undertaking.

The Commission's statement will restore confidence to those who may have been influenced by the baseless rumours circulated from irresponsible sources and, above all, will enable the local governing body, business men, investors and home builders to get on with plans for development, which have been held up too long while "we waited to see what the S.E.C. was going to do".

## Housing Commission's Programme.

### NO DECISION YET FOR MORWELL OR MOE

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 21st December, 1945, regarding the proposals of the Commission, I am directed

to state that the Commission is at present in consultation with the Electricity Commission regarding the general plan for the Latrobe Valley Development.

"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 judge".

## New Fire Station Sites.

THE Country Fire Authority has advised the council that, following on inspections made by officers of the authority, the following sites in order of preference have been selected as suitable for the erection of the new fire station in Morwell:—

1. Rear of Town Hall in Hazelwood Road.
2. Site in Commercial Road (next to "Advertiser" Office).
3. Site in Station Street, west of Collins Street.

Following on expressions of opinion by Crs. Williams and Ronald unfavourable to the first choice, a motion moved by Cr. Hare and seconded by Cr. H. that the shire president and secretary negotiate for prices on sites two and three was carried.

## Morwell Branch R.S. League.

THE annual meeting of the local shire branch was held on the 10th January in the Hazelwood Memorial Hall. Some sixty members were present to hear the statement of the financial position and elect office-bearers for the coming year.

The secretary (Mr. J. H. Catterick) reported a membership of over 200 and new applications coming to hand all the time. It is reasonable to expect membership figures will approach 300 towards the end of the year.

The financial position disclosed by statement read by the treasurer (Mr. E. Ferguson) showed the sub-branch to be in a strong financial position in view of substantial gifts made to the league during 1945.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mr. A. Pryde; presidents, Messrs F. J. Jenkins, A. Bond and C. E. Findlay; secretary, J. H. Catterick; assistant secretary, G. Davison; relief officer, Mr. C. Keonig; treasurer, Mr. W. E. Ferguson; auditor, Mr. A. Vary; committee, Messrs B. Vary, J. Evans, C. Hower, L. Mill, E. Maxwell, A. Bell, S. Thomas, McFarlane, E. Penaluna, E. Bolltho, W. Robbins.

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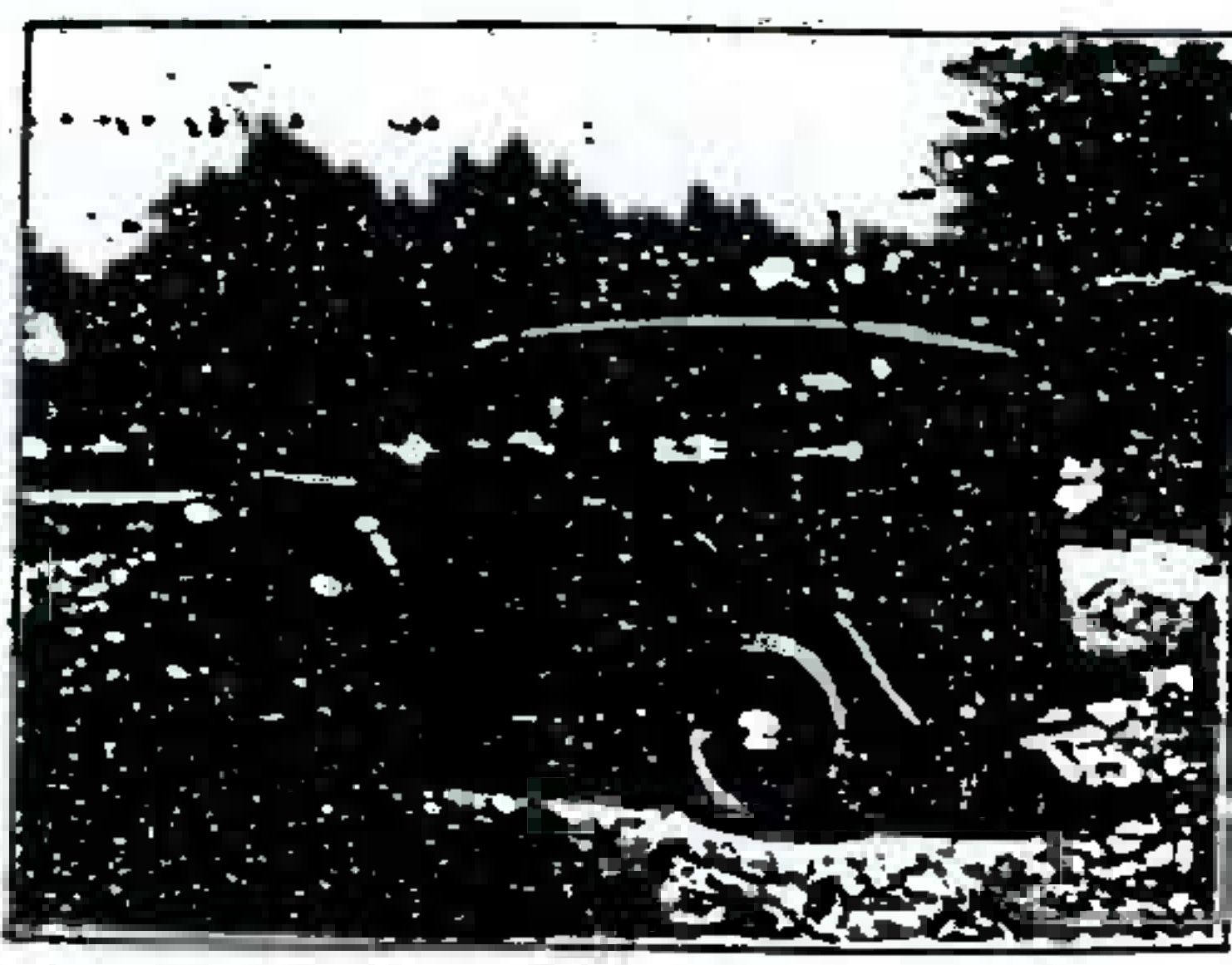
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# MORWELL and DISTRICT

## The 1980's

We have just finished celebrating Australia's Bi-Centenary year but of course Morwell's official bi-centenary will not be until the year 2079 A.D. Who can predict what life will be like for Morwell's residents then? However, as 1989 marks the first decade of its second century it is appropriate we continue to review some events in the eighties. In November's newsletter we made some notes of head-lines found in copies of the Express during the year 1980. We have been doing a little more browsing and below are some headings found in 1981 and 1982 issues. The date of the paper appears on the left.

N.B So much for these so-called computers. You can always trust a typewriter.

- Feb. 3rd 1981 Joseph Quigley, Morwell's 19 year old Golden Boy won 5 gold and 1 silver medal at the Combined Track and Field Championships at Geelong over the Austratia Day weekend.
- Feb. 22nd 1981 The first four units in the Mitchell House Village open for inspection.
- Feb. 24th 1981 Shire opposes oil works in Latrobe Valley.
- July 23rd 1981 Yes to complex at Mid-Valley. The State Gov't approved the building of this complex after a 20 month battle.
- Sept. 15th 1981 The building of the new complex set to go next month (i.e October 1981).
- Jan. 26th 1982 Valley Ablaze-Major Disaster close. Fire burned on 3 levels of the Western operating face at Yallourn Open Cut.
- Jan. 28th 1982 A family that beat the blaze. Gerald, June and their son Brian Morrissey fought fire and saved their home in Progress Road, Hearn's Oak.
- Feb. 11th 1982 Old house in Jane Street faces the wreckers. Owner of this house, Mr. P. Bell, wanted to pull it down and erect a block of flats. Council rejected the application. Hopes for help from the National Trust. An early editor of the Morwell Advertiser hung himself there.



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1919

### Obituary.

#### DEATH OF MR HAL BUTTERS.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the death of Mr Hal. Batters, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. Batters, of Morwell, which sad event took place at Mooropna hospital on Thursday, last week, death being due to double pneumonia.

Deceased, who was only 29 years of age, spent his boyhood in Morwell, and was a popular young fellow. For some time past he carried on a butchering business for himself in Murchison, and was doing well. Shortly after war was declared he enlisted, and for over two years served at the front. He, however, took ill, and was eventually invalided home. He made a great improvement but never got over the ravages of the war. About a week prior to his death he swam across an irrigation channel after a heat, and neglected to change his clothes for some hours later, with the result that he got a severe chill which developed into pneumonia. He was taken to Mooropna hospital, where everything possible was done for him but without success, and he passed quietly away being conscious to the last. He leaves a wife and two young children, and deep sympathy is expressed for them, and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

NOTES re OBITUARIES in this issue:

The BUTTERS and BRITTINGHAM FAMILIES.

The obituary of Mr. Hal Batters adds a little more to the items about these two families in previous issues of the newsletter.

#### MR. JOHN RINTOULL.

This tribute explains itself. The descendants of Mr. John Rintoull must be feeling rather nostalgic at this time, especially his grand-daughter, our member Mrs. Nancy Gordon. Nancy is the daughter of the late Mr. Jack and Effie Rintoull (nee McDonald). Their house and site at 23 Hazelwood Road was auctioned last month (27/10/88). As the site is now zoned commercial, the house will have to be moved. Nancy's father died in 1966 and her mother in 1986.



# "Father Time's" Reaping

FATHER OF MORWELL PASSES.

## DEATH OF MR JOHN RINTOULL

Very few of that noble brigade of old pioneers, who blazed the trail into this district for future generations to follow, now remain and on Saturday night last another of that worthy band in the person of Mr John Rintoull, snr, crossed the Great Divide from whence no traveller returns. His passing removes an outstanding personality from our midst, and one who in days gone by played an important part in affairs of the town and district.

The late Mr Rintoull, who had reached the ripe old age of 84 years and nine months, was regarded as the "Father of Morwell" and was held in the highest esteem by all sections of the community. He was the eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs George Rintoull, and left Kelso, Scotland, where he was born, with his parents, and arrived with them in Rosedale when five years of age, just on 80 years ago. A brother and sister of his were the first white children born in Rosedale, before the railway line was constructed and goods were carted by bullock teams from Port Albert to Rosedale, where there was the usual pub, store and blacksmiths' shop that generally formed the early townships. The blacksmith at Rosedale was the late Mr George Rintoull, who among other things had a contract for shoeing all the horses used in connection with Cobb & Co's coaches that were then the principal means of passenger transport between Melbourne and Sale.

At a very early age, deceased, assisted his father in the blacksmiths' shop at Rosedale, and excelled in the making of horse shoes and the shoeing of horses. When only a lad he travelled along the coach route and shod horses for Cobb & Co. at the changing coach stables, one of which was located on the Morwell Bridge, over fifty years ago. In 1876—just sixty years ago, deceased decided to set up business in Morwell. Shortly before the opening of the railway line he acquired a block of land with frontages to Commercial Road and George Street upon which he built a blacksmiths' and wheelwrights' shop. He subsequently married Miss McCrory, who had charge of the first State school opened in Morwell. He afterwards erected a house at the rear of his shop. It might be mentioned that Mr Rintoull resided there until the time of his death and his house is the only one in the town that has been carried on continuously and successfully since the early days (over a period of 60 years) without changing hands.

Mr Rintoull was an expert tradesman and excelled especially in shoeing horses and in making horse shoes, wedges, harrows and swing-bars, for which he received orders from various parts of the State. About 50 years ago he made a horse shoe out of copper obtained from copper mine then being worked between Morwell and Walhalla. The shoe was still in his possession at the time of his death and was a much prized relic of the "good old days," as well as a splendid sample of skilled craftsmanship.

Being very fond of animals, machinery and vehicles, Mr Rintoull took a very keen interest in agricultural shows. At Traralgon Show, he frequently acted as judge of vehicles, horse shoeing and other things and also acted as a steward in ring events. He also acted as a judge at Warragul Show and was a regular visitor to the Melbourne Royal Show. He took an active part in the formation of the old Morwell Agricultural Society and in acquiring the very suitable ground (now known as the old Show Grounds). After two or three very successful shows there came a disastrous depression and the Society was obliged to go into "liquidation" and it cost Mr Rintoull, who was one of the guarantors, a good deal in the squaring of the Society's accounts. When horse breeding was extensively carried on, Mr Rintoull organised and conducted a stallion parade in Morwell, and gave prizes for best groomed horse in each class. The parades, which were held annually in the Spring, proved a source of great interest to horse owners, breeders and many others, and on parade days the main street was lined with onlookers who watched the beautiful specimens of horse flesh well groomed and decorated with head-stalls, ribbons, etc., as they proudly paraded up and down the street. After Mr Rintoull had conducted the said parade most successfully for about 30 years, the Government imposed certain restrictions and decided to take charge of the proceedings. This quickly "killed the parade," which soon became a thing of the past.

In his young days the late Mr Rintoull, who was a very "live wire," took a keen interest in social affairs and movements for the advancement of the town and district. Dancing was then one of the principal forms of enjoyment and Mr Rintoull's services as Master of Ceremonies at balls and other functions were much sought after. Although not a "racing man" he took a keen interest in sport and was fond of horses, especially trotters. At one time he owned one of the best trotting mares in Gippsland, named "Lady Kirk," a handsome gray, which he used to use in harness. She could not

only beat anything "on the road," but also won many races on the track. "Lady Kirk" was only raced for pleasure. She was always ridden to win regardless of her handicaps, and Mr Rintoull did not bet on the race. "Lady Kirk" also figured in many weddings (before the advent of motor cars) as with her Mr Rintoull made it a practice of driving local bridal parties to and from the Church. Deceased also took a live interest in sheep dog trials, coursing and other things.

Mr Rintoull was a staunch Presbyterian and took an active part in the erection of Morwell Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the first Board of Management and for many years took up the church collection night and morning. In his Church work and many other activities, Mr Rintoull was most ably backed up and supported by his wife and when she suddenly passed away, over thirty years ago, it was a great blow and shock to him from which he never completely recovered. He afterwards took a less active part in public affairs but maintained interest in local events and people of the district. He worked at his anvil until a ripe age and whilst sparks flew upward had a cheery word for everybody. In his waning years, although he had laid down the hammer and the tongs and was unable to work any more, he loved to go up to his shop and meet old friends and have a yarn especially about old times, and ask if there was anything fresh. He was the soul of honor and his word was his bond. He was esteemed and respected, and whilst he had a host of friends, we venture to say that there was not a single person who bore him any ill will or had a grudge against him. He enjoyed wonderful good health until a few months ago when he got a stroke, and for some time past was under the care of a trained nurse. Last week he took another turn after which he gradually sank and passed peacefully away at about 11 p.m. on Saturday last, his last spoken words being "Good Night."

He leaves a family of two sons and seven daughters to mourn their loss.

The remains of deceased were interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery on Monday last, when the large and representative gathering at the grave side bore testimony of the respect in which deceased was held by all sections of the community. Deceased was the oldest member of the local Oddfellows Lodge, and at the conclusion of service at the grave, conducted by Rev. W. S. Laity, an Oddfellows service was also read by Bro. J. Hinson.

The mortuary arrangements were carried out by W. McIntosh & Co.

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## OFFICE BEARERS OF MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

To comply with the requirements of the Articles of Incorporation, a special meeting was held on Tuesday, November 29, 1988, to elect new office bearers.

The following were elected unopposed:

PRESIDENT: Lou Bond

COMMITTEE: Bob Meredith, Perce Mooney,

VICE-PRESIDENT: Eric Lubcke

Jean Mooney, Audrey Conrow,

SECRETARY: Elsie McMaster

Claire Wood, Dot Bartlett.

TREASURER: Dot Taylor

The "Sun" Got it Wrong!

Readers may recall that our November newsletter contained an article from the Melbourne "Sun" on the 90-year-old twins who supposedly spent the first twenty years of their lives in Morwell.

We contacted one of the ladies and it seems they were born and brought up in MORTLAKE and know very little about Morwell!



E: THE STORY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL 4692 CRINIGAN ROAD MORWELL.

The postwar industrial "boom" affected no area in Victoria to a greater degree than the Latrobe Valley rich in brown coal and blessed with a good rainfall and several rivers waiting to be tapped for industry.

In the centre of this potentially rich area the township of Morwell had slowly grown on the southern side of the railway line to a town of some 3,000 inhabitants all dependent upon the farming and timber milling industry ringing it about.

Then the postwar awakening occurred. Electric power was needed throughout the State: Yallourn trebled and quadrupled its output. A further coal field was opened at Morwell and land to the north of the line was subdivided into building blocks for the families who flocked to the area. The Australian Paper Manufacturers Mill was opened on the Maryvale Road. La Mode began a clothing factory, a briquette factory and power stations were made for the S.E.C. and the building of both homes and shops, of banks and schools raced ahead.

With still more homes being built by the State Housing Commission, existing schools were unable to cope with the influx of children who presented themselves for enrolment in the late fifties and several parents approached the Minister of Education of the day to have a fourth school built. State School 4692 situated on Maryvale Road, then, little more than a bush track.

The school was built during 1956 but unsurfaced roads were so bad that enrolments were not taken until 29th July 1957. The pupils, 66 in number, all from 4680 Tobruk St., formed our first grade VI and grade V.

The staff at this time consisted of Mr. W.P. Liston, acting as Head Teacher with Mr. R.J. Mentiplay as his assistant. Further enrolments to the lower grades were taken on 31st July and during the first week of August.

These necessitated new appointments to the staff and so we find that in August 1957 the time book carries the name of Mr. H.A. (Joe) Langley and Misses G.E. Aslett, M.E. Cook, M.M. Livingston, Anne Croak and Mrs. F.C. Neville. Mr. Liston left on 30-8-57 - end of term and relieving staff man, Mr. D.W. Pollock became acting head from 10-9-57 until the close of the school year.

In 1957 the Department advertised the school under the name of Maryvale Road 4692 and this might well have remained as the official name but, it is said, for a recommendation from Mr. Pollock that it be called Crinigan Road after a side road. The intention was possibly to honour a pioneer farming family variously recorded as Creagan Crinningan and the now accepted Crinigan.



The Department continued to use both Crinigan Road and Maryvale Road until 1968 when it was found that the school was being confused with the newly built Maryvale High School, hence the official name is now Crinigan Rd.

The first permanently appointed Head Master was Mr. Thomas V. Monahan, a bachelor who took over on 4-2-58 and held the position until the close of 1961. Mr. Monahan became widely known in the town because he drove an ex-army Jeep. To save school funds he carried all school goods from the railway station and did all the school administration, shopping, banking, and so on, using this bone shaking but sturdy vehicle.

The next in charge was Mr. E.S. Wicks, 1962/1964.

It was during this period of office that the school, now grown to sixteen class rooms - eight additional 2 room, one small store room and one additional oil furnace room all added in 1961 - was officially opened by the Hon. J.S. Bloomfield M.L.A. Minister of Education on a pleasantly sunny afternoon of 25th October 1963.

Mr. C.T.A. Mc Cullough was next appointed. During his administration the enrolment peaked at 325 and four portable class rooms were in use until the opening of a fifth primary school, Morwell Park in February 1969 when some 230 pupils transferred from Crinigan Road to the new school.

Other Principals have been:

Mr. Eric Beck, 1973 / 1975

Mr. Adam Donaldson, 1976 / 1982

Mr. John Smethurst was acting principal during some of this time.

Mr. Maurice Ludekin, 1982

Mr. Perry Wood, 1983 / 19?

During its existence the school has been given support by parental bodies, the School Committee and the Mothers' Club. The first committee meeting was held early in 1958 when Mr. Harold Westgarth was President, Mr. Peter Duncan Secretary and Mr. Duncan Guthrie, Treasurer. It seems likely that an unofficial body was helping perhaps as early as October 1957 and these gentlemen were with others actively supporting the school right from its opening.

Typical of the help given was that of the Late Robert James Hodgens who died suddenly of a heart seizure on 21st June 1968. He was a stalwart member who always saw the grounds were in first rate order for the resumption of school in February each year. He and his sons were to be seen watering the gardens, chipping away weeds and wielding paint brushes in January of each year. So highly was he regarded that a memorial plaque has been hung in the school and seats and bicycle racks placed in the grounds in memory of his service to the school.



**SHORT HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S  
MORWELL.**

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The first church service conducted in the Morwell area by any denomination took place on Sunday, 4th June, 1848. On that day the Rev'd Francis Hales, on his way back to Melbourne after a three months' tending ministrations in Gippsland, held a service in the Bennett homestead at Hazelwood Station.

We have no direct evidence of any other services held in Morwell, until 30 years later, though possibly the early incumbents at Port Albert and Sale occasionally visited the remote stations.

By 1878, Church of England services were being held monthly at Morwell in various buildings - - the Maryvale Ridge School, the Hazelwood Ridge School, or in private homes or business premises. The first Anglican Service to be held in the village of Morwell itself was on the 2nd November, 1878, in a room attached to the general store of Mr. C. O. Gilbert, in Commercial Road.

From 1854 to 1865, the nearest Church of England centre was Sale. Then came the establishment of the Rosedale Parish in 1865, Traralgon in 1878 and at last Morwell Parish in 1887.

The Rev'd Thomas Moorehouse (1878 - 1883) followed by the Rev'd John R. Walker (1883 - 1892) undoubtedly provided regular services for the Morwell congregation from their base at Traralgon. From 1887, when the first appointment at Morwell was made, the complete list of the incumbents at Morwell is :

1887 - 1888	-	Rev. A. Edwards
1888 - 1893	-	Rev. J. Francis
1893 - 1897	-	Rev. A. Gamble
1897 - 1900	-	Rev. J.H. Frewin
1900 - 1902	-	Rev. H.T. Langley
1902 - 1904	-	Rev. W.D. Kennedy