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WELCOME TO THE JULY NEWSLETTER

First of all, a note of explanation about the June newsletter. Page 10 (Traralgon historical map) should be related to page 11 which outlines the walking tours mentioned in the notes on page 7.

Discussion at the June meeting centred on the photographic project. It is a matter of some urgency that we decide on a title for the book so that the ISBN number can be applied for. Some suggested titles are:

"A Glance Backward at Morwell and District"

"Looking Back at Morwell and District"

"A Reflective Look at Morwell and District"

"Glimpses of our Past--Morwell and District"

"Memorable Moments of Early Morwell and District-(a photographic record)"

We would welcome any further suggestions and/or your opinions on those listed above. A final decision on the title will be made at the July meeting. A request has been made to the Morwell Art Group for suggestions as to a cover design for the book.

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY JULY 18 , 7.30 pm

INDEXES FOR NEWSLETTERS.

We have now printed 47 newsletters since our Society was re-convened. There are many interesting and informative items in these newsletters to which members might like to refer again.

To help locate some such items, we have printed indexes for newsletters from 1985, 1986 and 1987. These are incomplete as the compiler was pressed for time. Hopefully we will print an index for 1988 in the August newsletter.

 FOUND IN MORWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTERS

1985

- Vol. 1 No. 6 September - The opening of the Railway to Morwell.
 " " " " - Jean & Bill Rodgers - 1944 Voters' Roll
 (Short Biography)
- Vol. 1 No. 7 October - An early map of Morwell

1986

- Vol. 2 No. 1 January - The Morwell Players Drama Group (by P. Mooney)
- Vol. 2 No. 2 February - Early Morwell Race Meetings
 " " " - Hazelwood North Excursion
 " " " - Yinnar's Pioneering Spirit (John Wells)
- Vol. 2 No. 5 May - History of Morwell Presbyterian Church by
 " " " Rev. Morey
 " " " History of Morwell's 1st Scout Group (by
 " " " Leo Billington)
- Vol. 2 No. 6 June - List of some Morwell streets & origin of names.
 This list continues in later issues.
- Vol. 2 No. 7 July - Reminiscences of Mrs. Jean Rodgers
- Vol. 2 No. 8 August - A part instalment from "A History of Hazelwood"
 by Mrs. Kath. Huffer. Further instalments in
 following newsletters.
- Vol. 2 No. 10 October - Photo of old Mechanics' Hall, with caption re
 its use in 1927 by grades from Commercial Rd.
 State School (Photo & information supplied by
 Mrs. Amy Tibballs).

1987

- Vol. 3 No. 1 January - Battling with Depression in Morwell West - by
Keith Shepherd
- Vol. 3 No. 1 January - Concluding History of Hazelwood North
- Vol. 3 No. 2 February - Report of excursion to Driffield
- Vol. 3 No. 3 March - The Strezleckies - Heart-Break Hills
- "One Summer" - Lois Starkey's reminiscences begin.
- Report, excursion Hazelwood/Yinnar (and article re
Ryton)
- Vol. 3 No. 4 April - Gunyah and District
- Vol. 3 No. 5 May - Albert Drayton Story by the late Mr. Murray
(A. Drayton, uncle of Thompson.
Eric Lubecke)
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- Vol. 3 No. 6 June - Visit to Boolarra
- Indian Hawkers - by Mr. A. Coleman
- Voters' Roll - Shire of Morwell 1896 (begins)
- Dedication to Mr. Maddern - Memorial Park Seat
- Vol. 3 No. 7 July - Book Review - The Diary of Anne Lawless - 1915
- Vol. 3 No. 8 August - Article - Billy's Creek by June Lubecke
- Vol. 3 No. 9 September - Article from March 28th 1985 "Express" about
the building in Commercial Rd. State School
grounds that was originally the Church of
England.
- Vol. 3 No. 10 October - Article from "The Advertiser" October 1970 re
opening of the (then) new R.C. Church.
- Article from this same paper (Oct. 1970) re
Supermarket site steeped in History (i.e.,
Coles' George St. Supermarket).
- Vol. 3 No. 11 November - Article from "Express" 29/9/87 headed 'Mrs.
Elsie Wilson - the last 100 years' by Jodie
Bond (Mrs. Wilson's great-grand-daughter).
- Reminiscences of Mrs. Gladys Clver.

BOOK LAUNCH - " THE ROSEDALE STORY". - VOL 1

(Report by Mrs Nancy Gordon. (nee Rintoull))

On Sunday June 4th 1989, we attended a book launch in the Public Hall at Rosedale. The book "The Rosedale Story" Vol 1 was written by Don Macreadie.

The afternoon began with the singing of well known old songs, by a choir from Sale, which everyone enjoyed. The book was then launched by Mr. Bill Cuthill, Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of Melbourne, former Stipendiary Magistrate of Rosedale, and Chief Stipendiary Magistrate for the State of Victoria and a well known Traralgon Historian. Mr Cuthill gave a most interesting talk.

Mr Macreadie spoke about his book, and thanked the many people who helped in so many ways. His book is most interesting and full of information, and a must for anyone who has an interest in old Rosedale.

A delicious afternoon tea was served and the 300 visitors present were able to enjoy the photos and memorabilia on display in the hall - the hall was built in 1874 and so added atmosphere to the afternoon. There was a competition, the prize being two lovely pictures of old Rosedale. Many people enjoyed buying the book and looked forward to many happy hours of reading.

The Rosedale book launch was a happy day for my husband and myself and also for other descendants of the Rintoull Family there with us too. Mrs Phyl Moyes, a daughter of George Rintoull 1858 -1947 and her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Gwen Moyes - all from Melbourne, and also Mrs Muriel Feehan - a grand-daughter of John Rintoull, from Morwell.

George Rintoull (1816-1896) was my Great Grandfather and John Rintoull (1851-1936) was my Grandfather. Our interest in the book launch was special because our family, - the Rintoulls, live in Rosedale many years ago. Three of the sons of Peter and Margaret Rintoull emigrated to Australia from Scotland. First to arrive in Australia was-- JAMES RINTOULL (1810-1885) He arrived in 1839 and took the Loy Yang station in 1844 (see the Express, 4th April 1989- Gippsland Story by John Wells). He married Agnes Thorburn at the Tyers Station in 1850 and they later lived at Annsfield just east of Rosedale.

Book launch (cont'd)

GEORGE RINTOULL (1816-1896) was the next to arrive in Australia in 1855.

HENRY RINTOULL (1819-1899) was the last of the three brothers to arrive in Australia. Henry was born in 1819 and married Alice Stewart in 1841. They had nine children. He went first to Tasmania before moving to Rosedale in 1858 where he carried on his trade as a carpenter and died at Rosedale in 1899.

GEORGE RINTOULL was my Great Grandfather. He was born in Scotland in 1816 and married Mary Lamb in 1846. With their 5 children they came to Australia in 1855. He worked at the Melbourne Gas Works and later established the first smithy in Rosedale in 1856. Their son, George was the first white child to be born in Rosedale in 1858. In the early days, Presbyterian Church Services were held in the blacksmith shop, the anvil covered with a cloth served as the pulpit.

George Rintoull's son, JOHN RINTOULL (1851-1936) established the first blacksmith shop here in Morwell in 1877-the same year that the railway from Sale to Morwell was built. He married Zenna McCrory (1860-1901) in 1879. Zenna McCrory was the first State School teacher at Morwell at the Maryvale Ridge S.S No. 1939 and the school opened in 1877.

My father JACK KELSO RINTOULL was the eighth child of John and Zenna and their first son after seven daughters.

Jack Rintoull began work in his father's blacksmith shop at the age of 16, therefore becoming the third generation of smithys to work in Gippsland. In 1928 he married Effie McDonald - a teacher at Commercial Road State School. In 1940 the blacksmith shop was replaced by three modern brick shops and a hardware shop was opened in the biggest - where Barrie Webster's Retravisision shop is now.

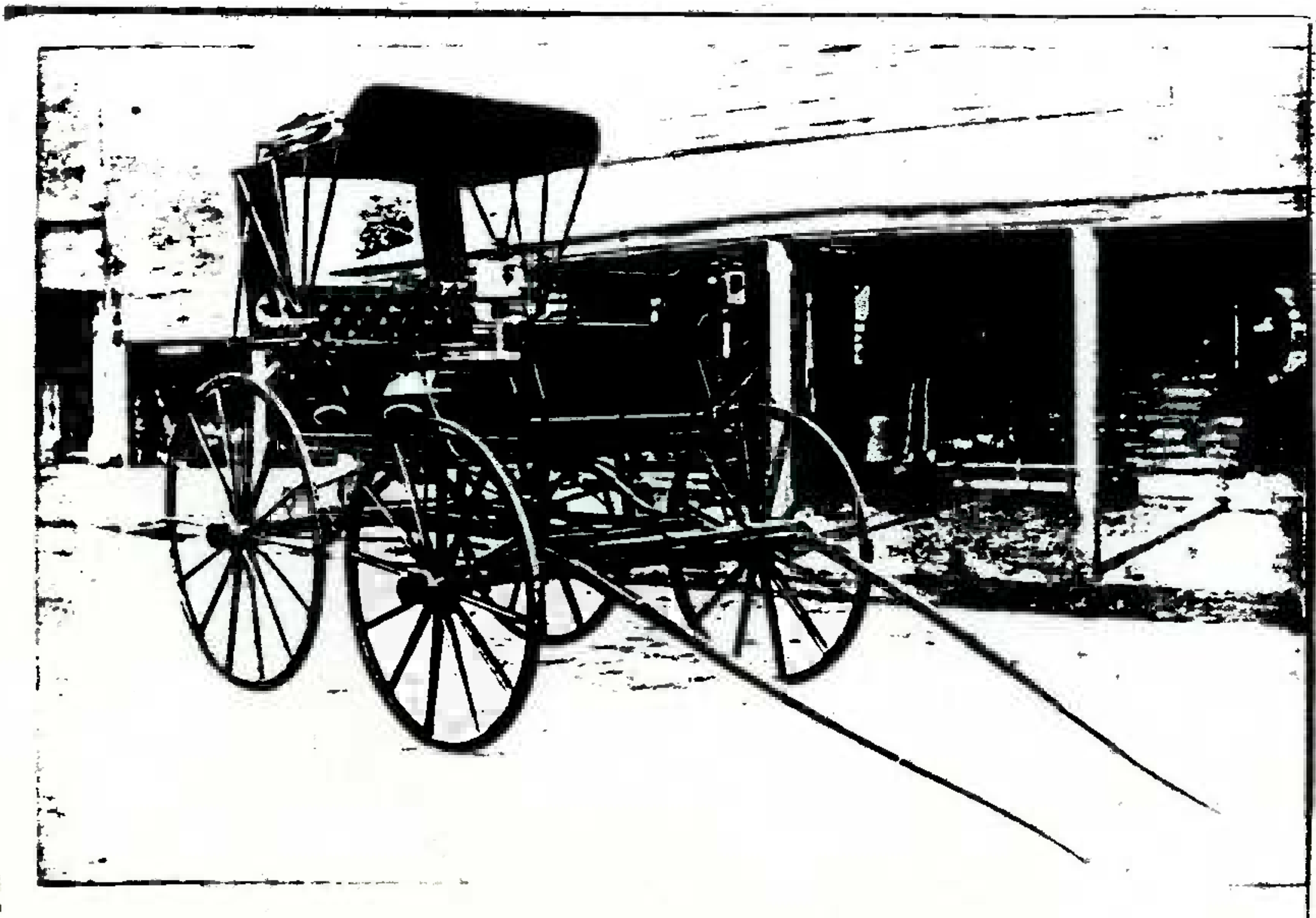
The Rintoull Family were in business in MORwell for over eighty years. Jack Rintoull's great grand-children are now the fifth generation of the Rintoull Family to live here in Morwell - a period of over one hundred years.

The five generations to live in Morwell - descendants of
George and Mary Rintoull

- 1st Generation John Rintoull (1851-1936) - in Morwell from 1877.
- 2nd Generation Jack K Rintoull (1893-1966) born in Morwell
- 3rd Generation Mrs Nancy Gordon - (nee Rintoull) born in Morwell
- 4th Generation All children of Nancy & Graham Gordon born and live in MORwell
- 5th Generation All grand-children of Nancy & Graham born and live in MORwell.

REPORT ON PHOTOGRAPHIC PROJECT.

The four members appointed as the committee of our photographic project are E. Lubecke, L Bond, E McMaster and J Cafiso. These four have reported making good progress in the compiling of the book. However it is quite a mammoth task involving as it does selecting suitable photos, covering varying aspects of life in early Morwell, obtaining correct informations etc. Members were shown a sample of the set up of a page at our last meeting. Below is one photo that was on the page - with its caption.

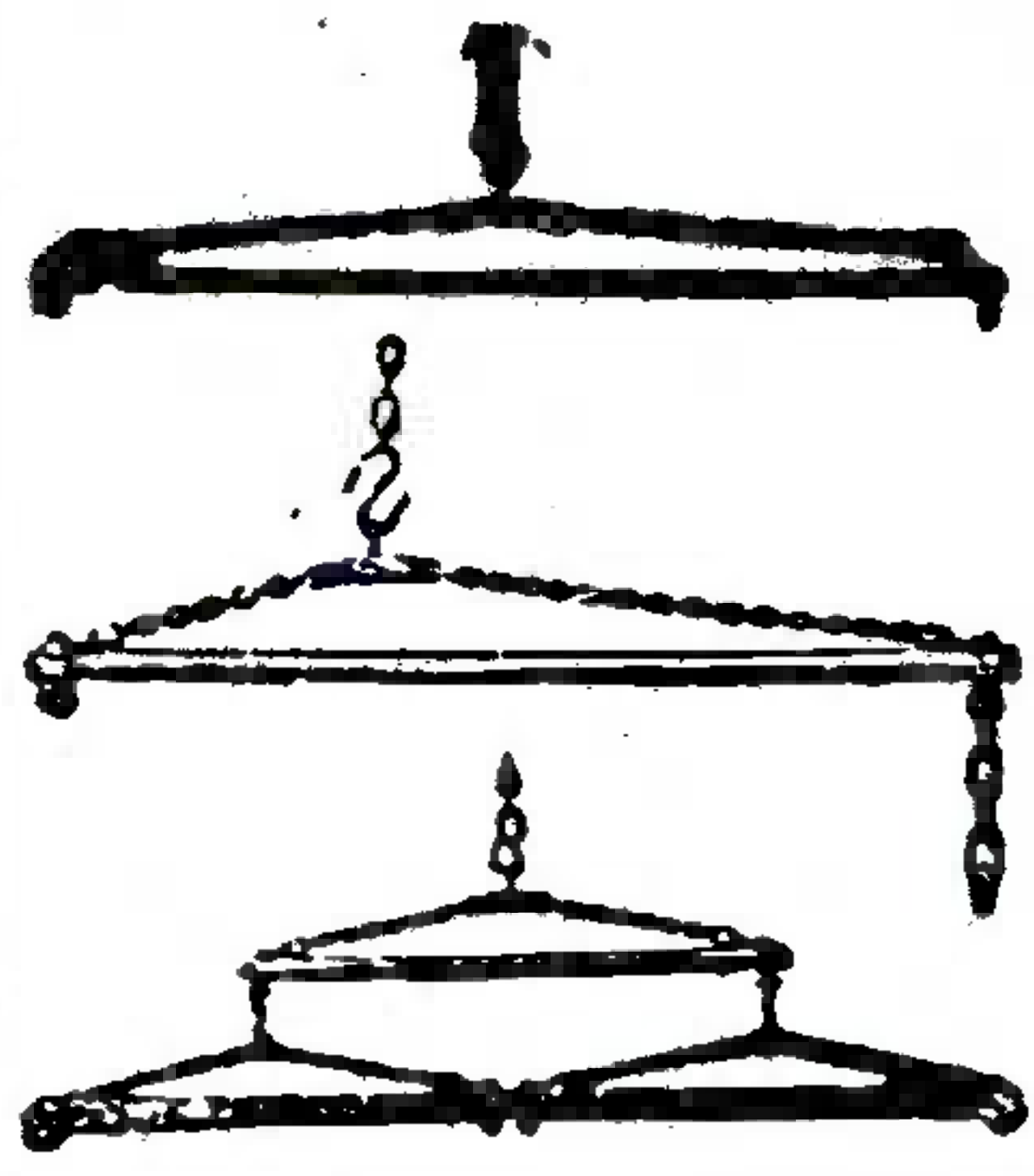


Morwell's first buggy built by John Lowe (Coach builder) in front of John Rintoull's Blacksmith shop.

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JOHN RINTOULL,
Blacksmith, Wheelwright and Ironmonger.

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J. RINTOULL, Morwell.

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Wedding of Jack. K. Rintoull

Morwell in the Eighties.

Although it is just a coincidence that the last item here is again about the Bond family we make no apologies for this. The Bond family is among those that certainly deserve a prominent place in Morwell's history.

As readers know now these items were found in copies of the Express, the dates of which are shown on the left.

- Thurs. 11-10-84 Apex club gears up for fun. One highlight of the fun day to be held 11-11-84 will be a performance by children from the Japanese section of Commercial Road Primary School in Morwell.
- Thurs. 22-11-84 The Morwell branch of the National Australia Bank is to celebrate its 100th birthday on Monday 26-11-84. The branch has had four name changes.
- Tues. 27-11-84 House Costs - Steep jump. Average price in the L.V. jumped \$10,000 in the past year.
- Thurs. 29-11-84 New Club for Morwell. Rotary launches the Probus Club.
- Thurs. 6-12-84 Mitchell House hostel at risk. Now \$60,000 short.
- Tues. 11-12-84 A.P.M.'s Top month. Employees received awards when nearly every section of the Mill broke performance records. A.P.M. seeks overseas markets.
- Thurs. 10-1-85 For Col Leviston, effectively the first full time unit controller of the Morwell-Traralgon State Emergency Service, heading the unit with the largest membership in the state and the second most called out, is quite a task.
- Tues 15-1-85 Brown Coal Liquifaction pilot plant nearly completes. Japanese PM visits on 17-1-85.
- Tues. 12-2-85 2500 sign petition. Do not want Morwell Hospital change.
- Thurs. 28-2-85 All set for Super LV Festival. This year's Festival coincides with Vic. 150th Anniversary & S.E.C 50th.

- Thurs. 7-3-85 Morwell Shire Council refused to support recommendations on proposed changes to Morwell Shire boundaries.
- Thurs. 7-3-85 Training Scheme Likely. Many young people jobless - Morwell worst in L.V.
- Thurs. 14-3-85 Bond family gathers to look back. (see newspaper cutting.)

Bond family gathers to look back

WHEN William Henry Bond and Lillian Mary Grant married in 1902 they could not have known that they were starting a family that at last count numbered 138 living members 83 years later, descendants of that family gathered to pay homage to their fore fathers. The first reunion of the Bond family, held because family members were tired of only being reunited at funerals and other less than happy occasions, was held in the Driffield Hall last Sunday.

As at any family reunion there were many tall tales circulating about various family members and their exploits. One of the favorites was the story of how William Henry Bond, affectionately known as Harry, managed to rid himself of cockatoos while living in Longwood.

Family tree researcher Mrs Cheryl Weymouth related the yarn, "Cockatoos were a pest at Longwood and Harry had his own way of dealing with them. First trap some birds, next, paint them with bright colors, then release them to rejoin the flock. The more the colored birds tried to reach their white brothers, the faster the flock flew in their efforts to escape the strange creatures."

But Mrs Weymouth has done more than preserve the family's

favorite anecdotes and with constant recourse to Florrie Huguenin and Lou Bond has compiled a family history entitled 'Roots In The Soil.'

"As investigations continue, knowledge of our forebears grows, and in fact, more is known of the generation past than present. We begin with a farmer named Matthew Bond in 1798, and up to 1985, the majority of the Bond men have chosen a life on the land," said Mrs Weymouth.

After tracing the family's history to 1798 the creed centres around Mrs Weymouth's grandparents Harry Bond (1874-1966) and his wife Lillian Mary Bond (1878-1958), as all of the people attending the reunion are direct descendants.

"Harry grew up farming, shooting, trapping and droving cattle. He was a member of the Victorian Mounted Rifles and went to the Boer War with his brother, Louis. They were together when Louis was killed during a dawn attack on their camp by the Boers. Harry was invalided home in January 1902," said Mrs Weymouth.

That year Harry met Lillian, the daughter of Scottish born James and Sarah McPherson, farmers at Bamawm. They were wed and moved to Creightons Creek returning to Longwood.



PICTURED above are some of the 120 people who attended the Bond family reunion at Driffield at the weekend. Back, left to right, Colleen Behl, Connie Foote, Nancy Bond, and Muriel Cotter. Middle row from left to right Jock Bond, Lou Bond with Lauren Rodgers, Hazel Curtin, Florrie Huguenin, with Olivia Rogers and Vic Bond with Beau Trease. Front from left Alexander Weymouth and Todd Bond.

Harry and Lillian had ten children of whom Jock, Lou, Hazel, Florrie and Vic are still living. Lou Bond spent more than 30 years as a Morwell Shire councillor and a number of terms as Shire President. Jock, the baby of the family was a farmer at Driffield for many years before moving to Mirboo where he is very involved with the golf club. Vic Bond is known to Gippslanders for his cattle farm at Rosedale. Hazel became Mrs Curtin and moved to Wonthaggi and Florrie became Mrs Huguenin and remained in Morwell.