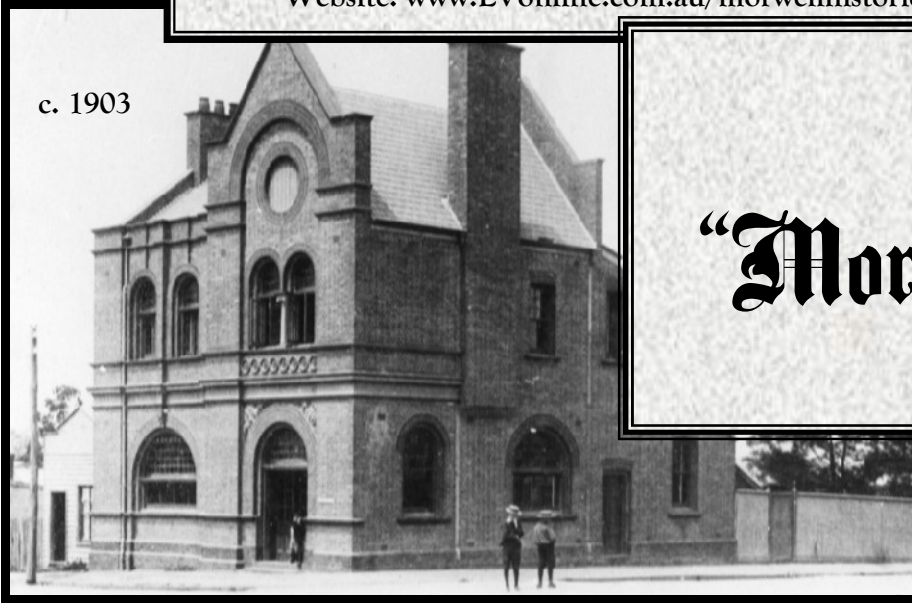


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VALE LORNA WILLIAMS

Members were saddened to learn of the passing, on June 5th, of **Lorna Williams** (nee Koenig).

Lorna was descended from the **Koenig** and **Lowe** families, both pioneers in the Morwell and Jumbuk districts. Her father, Charlie Koenig, was well known as a boot maker in Morwell after his return from World War 1 and her grandfather, John Lowe, a coach builder, built the first buggy made in Morwell, at his premises in Commercial Road. Lorna herself was a well known and popular member of the staff at Morwell Post Office for many years.

Lorna retained a strong interest in the history of Morwell and district. She and her sister, **Dorothy Fogarty**, have been staunch members of Morwell Historical Society since its formation. Another sister, **Gwen Medew** (dec) was also a member and her cousin, **Eric Lubcke**, is a past President and one of the stalwarts of our Society.

Our thoughts and sympathy are extended to Dorothy and Eric and to Lorna's family.


Elsie McMaster

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Youth's Narrow Escape

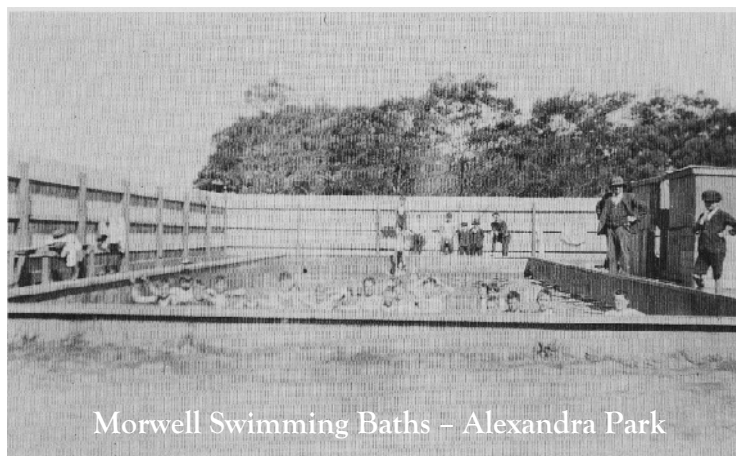


Some excitement was caused at the Morwell Swimming Baths on Saturday afternoon last, when Tommy Keegan, a youth about 17 years of age, and unable to swim, jumped into the deepest part of the swimming bath and quickly sank to the bottom.

A bowling match happened to be on at the time on the green, which is adjacent the baths. Both the caretaker of the baths ("Rimmer" Richardson) and Dr. Mitchell were among those on the green, and when some school boys, who were in the baths and saw Tommy go under, rushed towards the green calling out "Come quick! Tommy Keegan is drowning!" there was a general stampede (headed by "Rimmer" and the doctor) for the baths.

When "Rimmer" reached the baths Tommy had disappeared from view but on getting directions from some boys and seeing bubbles on the surface, "Rimmer," who is a good swimmer, took a header into about eight feet of water and soon brought Tommy to the surface, and a rescue effected.

Tommy, who did not appear to realise the foolishness of his act, or the very narrow escape that he had, soon recovered from his immersion, for which he seemed none the worse.



Photograph from Historical Society records

Any further information on Mr. Richardson would be appreciated S.H.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

9th December 1948

Police Officer Honored



MORWELL BRIDGE TRIBUTE TO MASON FAMILY



On Friday night last, Morwell Bridge turned out to do honour to First Const. Len. Mason, Mrs. Mason and Robert and Len., prior to their transfer from the district.

In recognition of the services of Mr. Mason to the Morwell Bridge Football Club, the president, Mr. H. Boddy, presented him with a smoker's outfit and conveyed to him the club's appreciation of a fine officer, sport and gentleman. He trusted that Mr. Mason would continue to achieve the success in the Police Force, that he deserved, and that the family would enjoy continued health and happiness in their new environment.

Supporting references to the esteem in which Mr. Mason was held and the loss to the community through his transfer were made by Messrs W. Coyle and H. Godridge.

Conveying his thanks for the presentation and the sentiments expressed by the speakers, Mr. Mason referred to the splendid work of the Club's Social Committee, due to the fine spirit in the club. He emphasised that it was not what they did that counted, but the spirit that actuated it.

For the Social Committee, the president, Mrs. A. Burney, presented Mrs. Mason with an ornament and wished her the best in her new home. Mrs. Mason suitably acknowledged the presentation and good wishes.

Masters Ron. Perkins and Eddie Burney, for the Boys' Football Club, presented a pencil each to Robert and Len. Mason.

Prior to termination of the evening, which took the form of a social and dance, all present formed a ring with the Mason family in the centre, and expressed their feelings in the lusty rendering of "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows".



“As Time Goes By”.



The Changing Face of Morwell



March 2002

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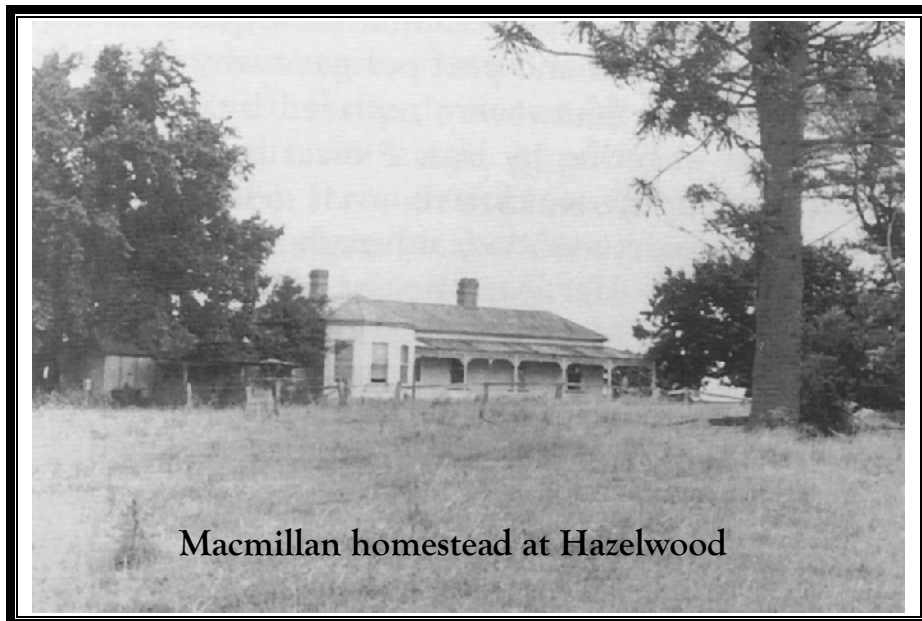
Another Pioneer Passes



One of the very early pioneers of this district, in the person of Mrs Macmillan, relict of the late John Macmillan (original owner of Hazelwood Estate), passed away a few days ago, at her late residence, "Hazelwood," East Malvern, at the ripe old age of 89 years.

Deceased was one of the first white women to come into this part of Gippsland, years before roads were made or railways built into Morwell. Few people of today realise the difficulties and hardships that had to be contended with in the days (over 60 years ago) when deceased settled at Hazelwood and reared a large family.

Deceased, who was held in very high respect by all with whom she came in contact, left Morwell some years ago and took up her residence in Melbourne, where she resided until the time of her death. Her remains were brought to Morwell on Tuesday last, and interred in the Hazelwood cemetery.



Macmillan homestead at Hazelwood

Photograph from Historical Society records

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

14th October 1948

Spring Bride

BECKMAN-BURNEY

At St. Mary's Church of England, Morwell, on Saturday, October 9th, the marriage of Dorothy Frances Nason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Burney, of Morwell Bridge, with William Frederick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beckman of Fairfield, was solemnised by the Rev. R.W.G. Phillips.

The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a lovely gown of off-white figured cloque cut on classical lines, a graceful trained skirt, slim fitting bodice with long sleeves and neckline richly embroidered in silver thread. The beautiful full length embroidered tulle veil, extending over the long train was caught to her hair with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a trailer bouquet of camellias, lily of the valley, rosebuds and fern.

On leaving the church several satin horse shoes were hung on her arm and a blue satin slipper studded with sequins, from Miss Richard, under whom, the bride served as a W.A.A.F. at the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Melbourne.

The bridesmaids, Miss Thelma Bateman and Miss Betty Burney (sister of the bride), each wore a similar frock of white organdie over satin with square neck-line in the fitting bodice, and full circular skirt with ruffled peplum, and unusual sleeves. Large white straw picture hats were worn with clusters of red rose buds forming the crown, and they carried trailer bouquets of matching rose buds and fern with satin ribbon.

The bridegroom's gifts were unusual pendants with red stones.

Small flowergirl, Lorraine Rooney, wore a frock a replica of the bridesmaids with a Dutch bonnet tied with ribbons and she carried a silver basket of red roses, camellias and fern. Her gift was a signet ring.

Best man was Mr. Stan Pocock and groomsman, Mr. Frank Burney (cousin of bride).

Miss Rintoull was at the organ and during the signing of the register Mrs. K. Moffatt sang "O Perfect Love".

A reception was held at the Town Hall where sixty guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast, and the three-tiered wedding cake was cut in the traditional manner by the bride. The Rev. Phillips was chairman, and the usual toasts were honored and congratulatory telegrams read.

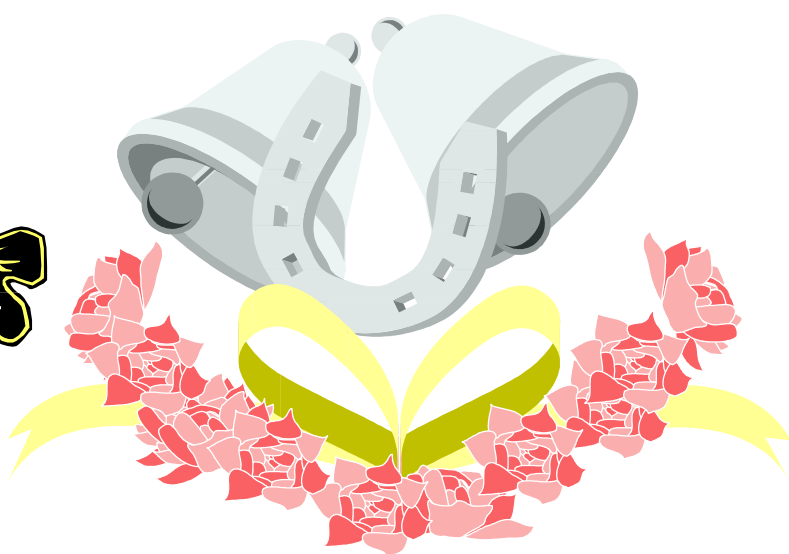
The wedding cake was made by Mrs. Rooney, of Yallourn North, and decorated by Miss Ella French, lately arrived from Scotland.

The solo, "I'll Walk Beside You" and "I Dream of a Garden of Sunshine" were rendered by Mrs. Moffatt (accompanied by Miss Rintoull).

The bride's mother wore a tailored suit of black boucle with ivory satin blouse, small black hat trimmed with flowers and veiling and black ribbon bow, black accessories and spray of Lorraine Lee roses and maiden hair fern.

Later the young couple left for the honeymoon amid the good wishes of a number of friends and showers of confetti. Before leaving the bride presented her bridal bouquet to her aunt, Mrs. W. Burney, of Morwell. The bride travelled in a powder blue suit, the jacket with peplum and waist coat effect and pencil slim slit skirt, a grey halo hat with blue flowers and veil, dotted with blue and grey accessories.

Their future home will be at Oakleigh. The catering was carried out by the R.S.L. Ladies' Auxiliary.



Next Meeting:

Tuesday 15th July 2003

7.30 P.M.
21 Church Street



Quiz Corner???



The answer is
on the tip of
my tongue

The answer to our last quiz was **John Hall**,
Morwell Shire President, Businessman and
Building Contractor.

Our quiz for July



Who am I?

I served on the council for 53 years,
representing the Yinnar and Central
Ridings. I was Shire President on four
occasions.

No clues on this one, it should be easy.

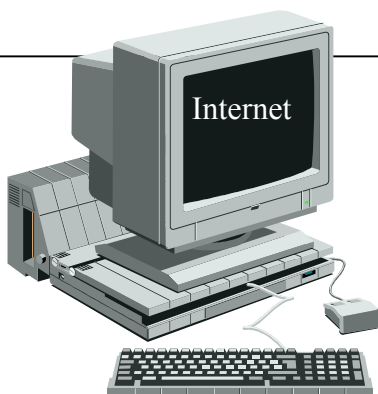
Historical Diary



July:



- Hazelwood North School established in 1881
- Morwell Butter Factory began in 1891
- "La Mode" (Morwell) opened on the 13th in 1945
- Rotary Club of Morwell was established on the 31st in 1945



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