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MEMORIAL TO LOU AND LEILA BOND

On Sunday, 24th April, members joined representatives of the Bond family at Hazelwood Cemetery for the dedication of a bench seat in memory of Lou and Leila Bond, both of whom were foundation members of Morwell Historical Society.

Lou was President of the Society for many years. He was also on the board of Hazelwood Cemetery and worked extremely hard for both organisations, so when he and Leila passed away within a year of each other, it was decided to place a seat near the last resting place of these two valued members.

The seat stands between two pencil pines at the edge of the road, near the site of a new memorial garden and looks out over the rolling hills to the west and south of the cemetery.

The seat was dedicated by Leonie Pryde, our current President, who is also a niece of Lou and Leila.

Elsie McMaster.

"Latrobe Valley Express" **25**^{th.} **November 1980**



FORTY years ago the Morwell Church of Christ was formed, and on Sunday these three foundation members were there to celebrate the ruby anniversary. Pictured from left are **Sue Lacey**, **Wally Lacey** and **Gwen Fletcher** with the original membership book.

About 140 past and present members of the church attended the anniversary celebrations held at the church in Winifred St. People came from Melbourne, all over Gippsland and from other parts of the state to attend a worship service, followed by a luncheon and an afternoon reminiscing over old photographs and documents.

The complex now used by the Church of Christ was built by its members about 30 years ago. Before that the congregation met in an old scout hall near where the Morwell RSL Club now is.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette 16^{th.} May 1935

Celebrated His 80th Birthday

MR JOHN KOENIG, OF JUMBUK

On May 12th, Mr John Koenig, of Jumbuk, celebrated his 80th birthday.

As it was not convenient for some of his relatives to attend in Jumbuk, it was celebrated with a family party at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Lubcke, of Morwell, when practically all his descendants were present.

The tables were laden with many good things, including a beautiful birthday cake, illuminated with 80 candles, and everything went off in a most successful manner.

After everybody had done full justice to the good things put before them, the Chairman (Mr. Lowe) called upon Mr. Vagg to propose the health of the guest of honor, and of Mrs. Koenig. This was done in a capable manner.

The Chairman then presented Mr. Koenig with a beautiful travelling rug from the members of his family.

Mr. Koenig, in responding to the toast, said he was very pleased to see so many of his children and grandchildren present and thanked them for their handsome present.

Everybody spent a very pleasant afternoon.

Photos were taken of the family group and of Mr. and Mrs. Koenig and birthday cake.

Mr. Koenig was the recipient of many birthday presents and good wishes.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette 3^{rd.} February 1949

Hazelwood Ridge Send-off

TO MR. AND MRS. L. JACJUNG

A farewell gathering, in the form of a card party, was tendered by the residents of Hazelwood Ridge on 27^{th.} January, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Jacjung and family, who are leaving the district as the result of their house, the teacher's residence at the Ridge School, being required by the Education Department. The party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Horsfield, with Mr. Horsfield in charge of proceedings.

During the supper interval, Mr. Jack McFarlane, speaking for the residents, expressed their regret at losing their guests, who had always played their part to the full in the life and activities of the district.

For the R. S. L., Mr. J. R. Lawless said that all members of the organisation, particularly "old diggers" would sincerely regret the loss of a good comrade. For his own part the loss was personal in that friendship, founded on long acquaintance, had always existed between the two families.

At this stage, Cr. D. Williams, in making a presentation of a very fine hearth rug to Mr. and Mrs. Jacjung, wished them every success and prosperity in the future.

In his reply, Mr. Jacjung expressed the regrets of his family for the circumstances that had rendered necessary the severance of the friendships formed during their stay in the district. He thanked all his kind friends for the splendid gift, which would always keep green the memory of their happy times in Hazelwood.

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Jack Medew to the host and hostess for making their home available and to the ladies for refreshments.

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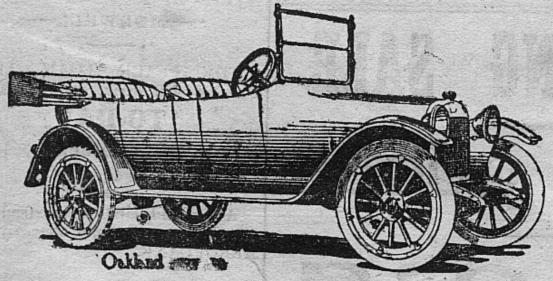
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5^{th.} September 1919

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette 7^{th.} March 1919

Fireman Welcomed Back

Members of Morwell Fire Brigade entertained one of their old members (Mr. W. Davey) at a social gathering held at Mr. W. Wilson's tea rooms, on Wednesday evening.

Capt. Noy presided and in proposing the toast of their guest, mentioned that five members of the Brigade had gone to the front. One had paid the supreme sacrifice, three were still abroad. Whilst they had with them that evening one who had returned, namely Mr. W. Davey, and it gave them great pleasure to welcome him back amongst them again.

Fireman Davey was one of the first members of the Morwell Fire Brigade, and was a member of the team that went to Ballarat to take part in firemen's demonstration there in 1914. In conclusion Capt. Noy said he trusted Mr. Davey would be as energetic a member of the Brigade in the future as he had been in the past, and hoped he would enjoy long life and prosperity.

Messrs Evans, Lubcke, R. Watson and others endorsed the remarks of Capt. Noy.

In responding, Mr. Davey returned thanks for the welcome accorded him and kind sentiments expressed. He had always felt a keen interest in the Fire Brigade, and he hoped he would prove a more useful member of the Brigade in the future than he had in the past. (Applause).

Other toasts were duly honored, and a good deal of harmony contributed.

Supper was also partaken of and a very enjoyable evening, which opened with singing of National Anthem, was brought to a happy termination with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette 14^{th.} February 1935 (Abridged)

St. Mary's Morwell

Memorial Service to the Late Mr E. W. Poynter

At the service which was conducted by the Rev. L.W.A. Benn, in the above church on Sunday evening last, the reverend gentleman said – We meet tonight with a sense of severe loss. Mr Poynter will be missed by many. But over our sense of loss should be set an equal sense of thanksgiving, for the memory of his life, words and example.

He will be deeply mourned in the home, for his home meant much to him, he loved it. Mr Poynter was a man who sought the association of home and church – the home altar and the church altar. He loved his church and I could point to dozens of ways in which he will be missed.

The first big thing I was connected with him in was the purchase of a new site for a church on the Princes's Highway. He realised the necessity for a new church and took a keen interest in it. About 5 years ago he was appointed Secretary of the church, which office he filled with distinction and credit.

He was a man of intense earnestness and keen devotion to duty.

He was a member of the syndicate that built the Rectory and he was keenly interested in its building. Mr Poynter was a regular attendant at the church services, it was absence from the town, or illness, only, that kept him away.

We shall miss him in the choir.

For things connected with the church his car was always at our disposal, and he usually drove it himself. He was also a guarantor of the church account. Mr Poynter took a very kindly interest in the children – only last year he provided the catering for the whole of the Sunday School picnic, which ran

into a considerable sum. The help he gave was done in so unassuming a way, that we have not yet realised how great is our loss.

Our Bishop sent the following message, "I am mourning with you."

To me his loss is a personal one, for so few of our men find their way to church regularly. I shall miss his cheery greeting every Sunday evening as he came in by the choir door, and later we would often walk round Maryvale Crescent together and he would in a quiet way speak of spiritual things, and sometimes of the spiritual side of Free Masonry. If there was a specially good program on the wireless he would ring me to come and listen in, or sometimes, he would arrange for us to go for a couple of hours shooting on a Saturday.

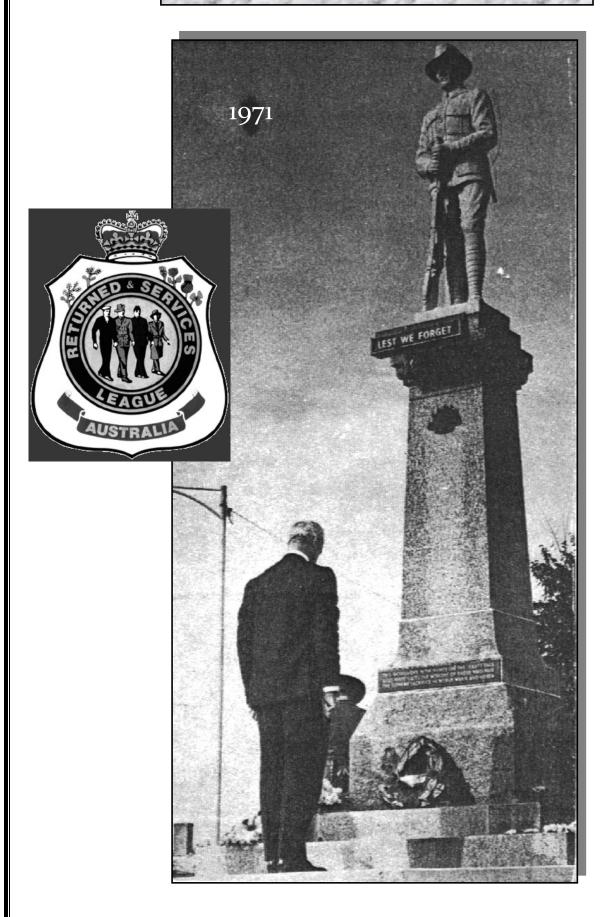
My life will be poorer without him, for he was a man of stirling worth.

Continuing, the Rev. gentleman delivered an able sermon, based on I Cor. XV. 54.

St. Mary's Church of England
Chapel Street Morwell
(An early photograph)

Photograph: Morwell Historical Society Inc.

Morwell Soldiers' Memorial



Morwell and Jinnar Gazette 20th October 1915

Blaze in Commercial Road

Considerable fire damage was done to Mr J. B. Hoyle's office and depot in Commercial road at about 4.50 p.m. on Thursday: and the preservation of the office books, papers, etc., together with the adjoining buildings, is due wholly to the excellent work of the local brigade under the superintendence of Captain Noy.

The alarm of fire was raised by some lads in the street who attracted the attention of Mr Robert McMullin, a member of the brigade. A glance was sufficient to indicate the nature of the outbreak and Mr McMullin ran to the fire station for the hose reel. Captain Noy, Foreman Wilson, Firemen T. Kleine, A. Smith and F. Kleine now came on the scene, and as there was an abundant supply of water with a high pressure, the ravages of the fire were confined to the store part of the building and quickly extinguished.

An examination of the premises showed that the walls, ceiling and flooring of the room had been badly burnt, and the contents mostly oils, duplicates and horse rugs damaged or destroyed.

Some partially consumed papers placed in a box about half-past ten in the morning by Mr Hoyle's office

assistant are supposed to have smouldered for hours and finally burst into flame.

Mr Hoyle was absent at Yinnar, and as it was a half-holiday the office was closed at 10'clock.

The stock and furniture were insured in the Royal for £30 and the building for £65 in the same company.

Firemen remained on duty all night and until 1 p.m. on Friday, when they were released by the arrival of an insurance officer from Melbourne. In this connexion Captain Noy, on behalf of the brigade, desires to thank Messrs Conlan, Barry, Thompson and J. B. Hoyle for their kindly efforts to make as comfortable as possible the lot of the firemen on duty during the long watch of the night. Amongst the civilians who co-operated with the brigade were Messrs Dayble, Barry, Headdey, Pratt, J. Rintoull and W. Pryor.

Mr. Turner started on the work of renovating the devastated premises on Monday morning.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette 11th April 1924

Wedding

VINALL - SHAW

A very pretty wedding was celebrated in the Morwell Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon last, when the Rev. E. L. Slade Mallen united in marriage, Mr Henry Victor Vinall, son of Mr Henry Vinall, of Yinnar, and Miss Victoria Shaw, daughter of the late Mr Donald Shaw and Mrs Shaw, of Morwell.

The church was tastefully decorated, and an arch erected on which a wedding bell hung gracefully.

As the congregation sang "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," the bride entered leaning upon the arm of her brother, Cr W. Shaw, who gave her away.

The bride, who looked charming, was attired in crepe Lingeree, trimmed with silver tissue, with the usual wreath and veil and bouquet. She was attended by the Misses Doris and Natalie Vinall (sisters of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of crepe moracain, and carried artistic crooks with beautiful carnations and pansies.

Mr Charles ("Toss") Vinall acted as best man and Mr Don Shaw as groomsman.

Whilst the register was being signed Miss Mabel Downing rendered a solo, Miss Gay accompanying. Thereafter the wedding breakfast was partaken of in the Mechanics' Hall, the catering arrangements being admirably carried out by Mr Wilson.

Later the happy couple left for Queenscliff where the honeymoon will be spent.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 21^{st.} June at 7.30 pm 21 Church Street. Everyone most welcome!





The answer to our last probing question was: 1892

How many of you got that one right?

Our poser for the month of June is a photographic one:

Who am I?

Did You Know That:

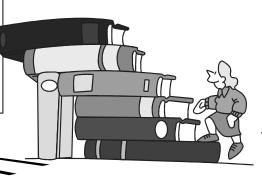
In <u>August 1952</u> the following passenger fares applied: Morwell to Melbourne-

First Class: Single 22/3,

Return 29/6

Second Class: Single

17/9, Return 23/8



More historic facts and figures: 1892

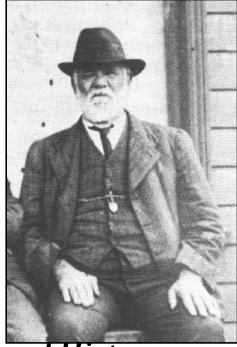
Morwell Shire proclaimed 27th May

First council elections 25th August

First council meeting 14th September

The first council meeting was conducted at the Mechanics' Institute

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