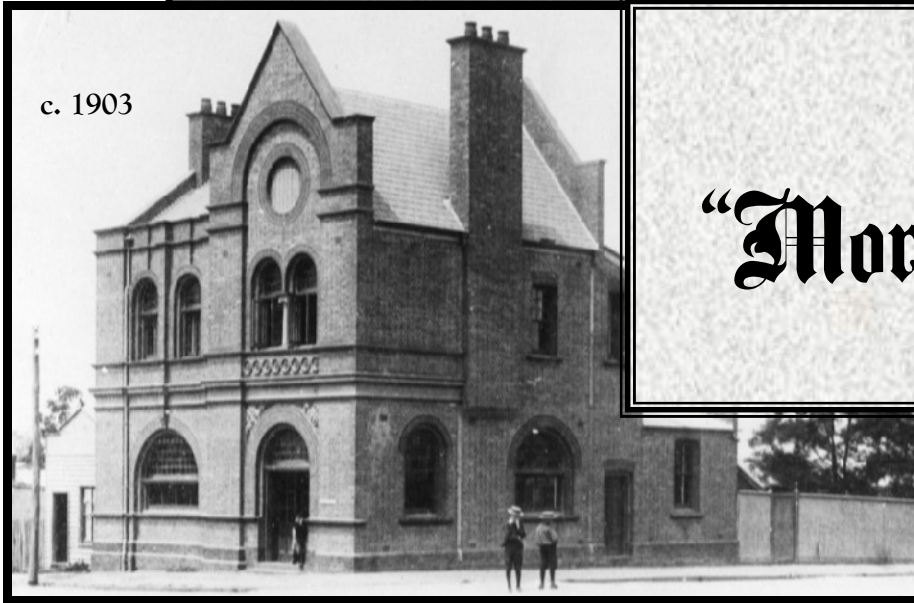


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THANKS KYM.

We said goodbye recently to member Kym Tunbridge, who is leaving the district. Kym has spent many hours on data entry and indexing our records and photographs over the past few years. We greatly appreciate his assistance and our good wishes go with him in his future endeavours.

MORWELL'S FORGOTTEN 'SUBURBS' – WHITE CITY & DERHAM'S HILL

White City (so called because all its weatherboard houses were painted white) and Derham's Hill (near the present site of Powter's poultry farm) were temporary housing areas developed in the 1940s and 1950s to accommodate the rapidly increasing workforce of the power and paper industries. A former resident of White City is compiling a history of the settlement and would appreciate any information, reminiscences or photographs. We have also received some recollections of Derham's Hill from a former resident of that area.

If you can help with information on either of these two communities, please contact Secretary, Elsie McMaster.

Elsie McMaster.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

2nd. May 1924

Morwell Railway Station



NOT TO BE CUT OFF FROM MAIN LINE

For some time past a rumor has been in circulation to the effect that Morwell is to be cut off the main railway line, and as recently as Friday evening last an article appeared in the Melbourne "Herald" to the effect that when proposed deviation of main line was made via Yallourn, Morwell would perhaps be cut off and put on to a spur line.

Needless to say, such rumors have had a disquieting effect, not only upon local townspeople, but likewise upon persons desirous of investing capital in the town. As a result, advantage was taken of opportunity afforded by the visit to Morwell on Wednesday last, of Mr. Miscamble, one of the Railways Commissioners, to get a definite statement from him regarding the matter.

Business people and others displayed their interest in the question by attending in goodly numbers at the railway station on Mr. Miscamble's arrival. Councillor A. McDonald, who acted as spokesman, referred to the rumor with regard to Morwell being cut off the main line, and also produced copy of "Herald" in which a statement to that effect appeared.

He said that townspeople did not believe the rumor, as they could not credit the Commissioners doing such a thing. Unfortunately, however, numbers of outside people believed the report, and only that morning two persons who desired to invest money in the town had declined to do so on hearing that Morwell was likely to be cut off main line.

If he (Mr. Miscamble) could give them some definite information on the matter, they would be very pleased.

Mr. Miscamble, who, it might here be said, is every inch a gentleman as well as a Railways Commissioner, said it was the first he had heard about the

matter. In fact, if it were true, he would have been afraid to visit Morwell in case they gave him the cane.

There was, however, a possibility that the deviation via Yallourn may not branch off on west side of Morwell River, as at first proposed, as a better grade into Morwell station was desired, if possible.

In answer to Mr. Alf Ronald, Mr. Miscamble said that on his return to Melbourne he would look further into the matter and give a definite reply in writing (as requested), in order that false rumors might be contradicted and incorrect statements in press refuted.

Mr. McDonald, on behalf of all interested, thanked Mr. Miscamble, for his courtesy and information.

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23^{rd.} May 1924

Morwell Railway Station

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MR. MISCAMBLE CONFIRMS STATEMENTS

The subjoined letter has been received by Cr. McDonald from Mr. Miscamble, Railways Commissioner, in reference to enquiries made with regard to rumor that Morwell was to be cut off the main railway line. The letter speaks for itself:-

“Adverting to my recent visit to Morwell, and to the reference which was then made to a recent newspaper article concerning the probable future deviation of the main Gippsland line, I have to say, that from my own knowledge, and from a perusal of the official file on the subject, I am not aware that any scheme has ever been considered, other than those which were investigated by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Railways in 1920.

For further information I am forwarding a copy of the Committee’s report, which also contains a plan showing the two schemes then investigated, and as both proposals show the deviation will link up with the Main line on the Up side of Morwell, the published statement that the proposed deviation may cause Morwell to be cut off the Main Gippsland Line has no foundation in fact, and should, therefore not occasion any anxiety in this regard.”

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Morwell Advertiser

28th. January 1960

TRIBUTES TO LATE Mr. BARRAS GREEN

WELL-KNOWN businessman and lifetime Morwell resident, Mr. Arthur Barras Green, died suddenly at his residence, 19 Tarwin Street, on January 25.

Son of Arthur and the late Catherine Green, he was born in 1909 at Morwell, where he received his early education at the local State School before entering Scotch College, Melbourne.

On his return to Morwell, he joined his father in the family drapery business conducted in portion of the premises now occupied by Coles.

RADIO SHOP

When the business was closed down and the property sold in 1951, he established a radio and electrical shop, thereby continuing the family link with business in Gippsland, which started at Rosedale in 1875 and was transferred to Morwell by his father in 1897.

During World War II, he twice attempted to enlist for service abroad, but was on each occasion rejected on medical grounds.

His brother, Captain Ian Green, who enlisted on the first day recruiting opened and was the first Morwell casualty of the war, was killed in the Western Desert at Bardia on January 3, 1941.

SPORTSMAN

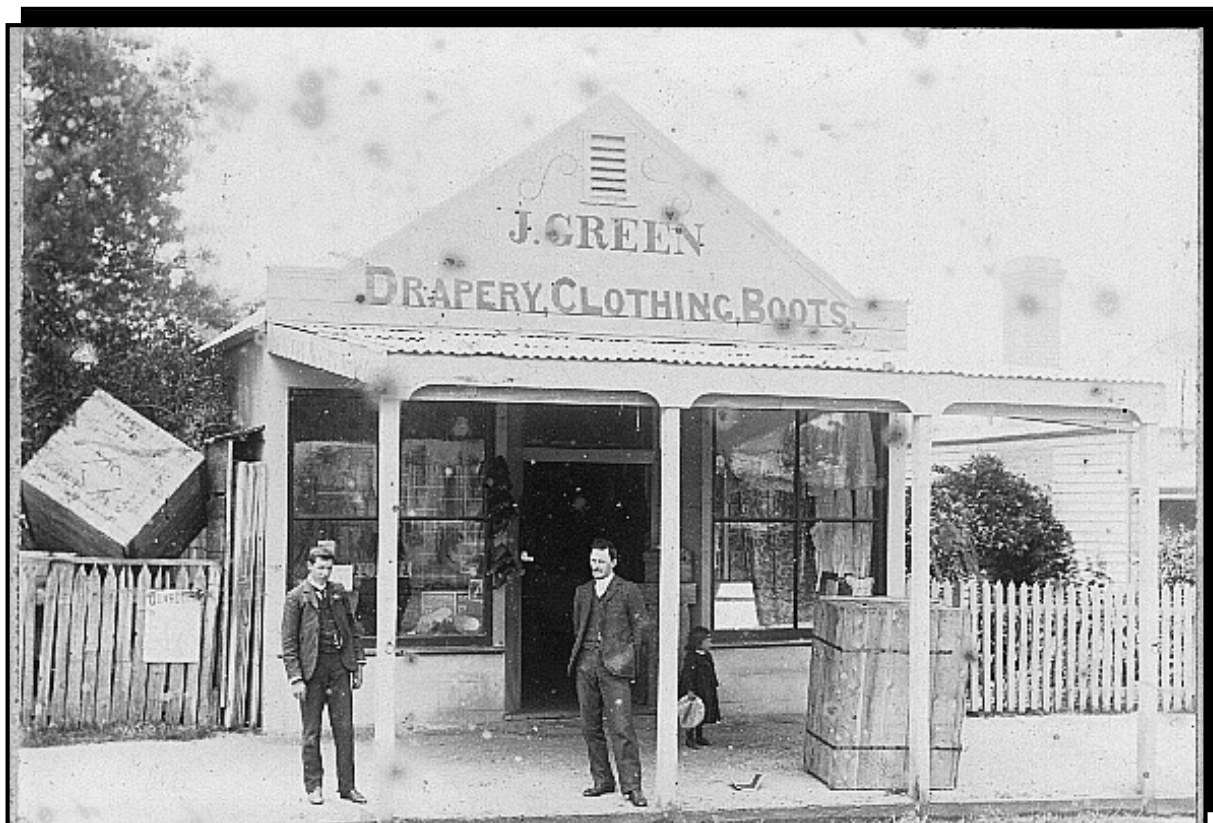
Barras' interest in sport was mainly associated with tennis in his earlier years and fishing. In 1955, he received his commission as a Justice of the Peace. Nineteen years ago he married Miss Joan Grant, of East Kew, who survives him, together with four children, Susan, Kathryn, Bronwyn and Julie.

Prior to the cortege leaving for Springvale Crematorium on January 26, a service was conducted at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church by Rev. L. Wood in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Miss Hicks was the organist.

The service in the comfortably filled crematorium chapel was also conducted by Rev. Wood.

Funeral arrangements were in the hands of Mr. G. D. Ratten, Funeral Director, of Morwell.



Early Days -The Family Business in Tarwin Street

Photograph: Morwell Historical Society Inc.

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

4th. January 1918

Orange Blossoms

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ROWELL - JARVIE
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A well-known and popular young couple, in the persons of Mr. Archie Rowell (third son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rowell, of Morwell) and Miss Ettie Jarvie (youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Jarvie, of Morwell, and formerly of Jeeralang) were quietly married at the residence of the bride's parents, on the evening of 22nd ult.

Miss Aiken was bridesmaid and Mr. E. Rowell best man.

The happy couple left by the evening train for Gippsland Lakes, where the honeymoon was spent.



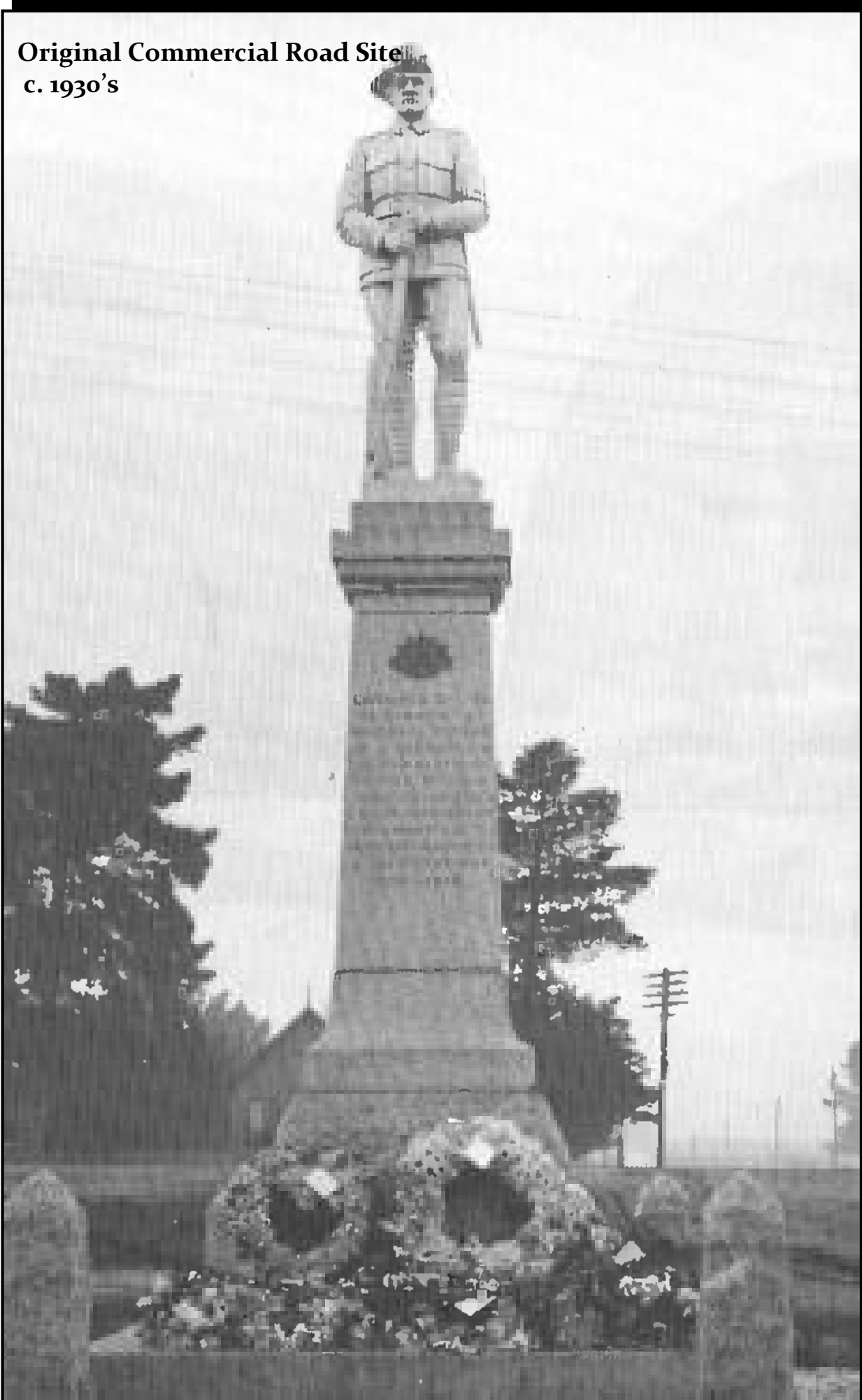
Do You Remember When It Looked Like This?

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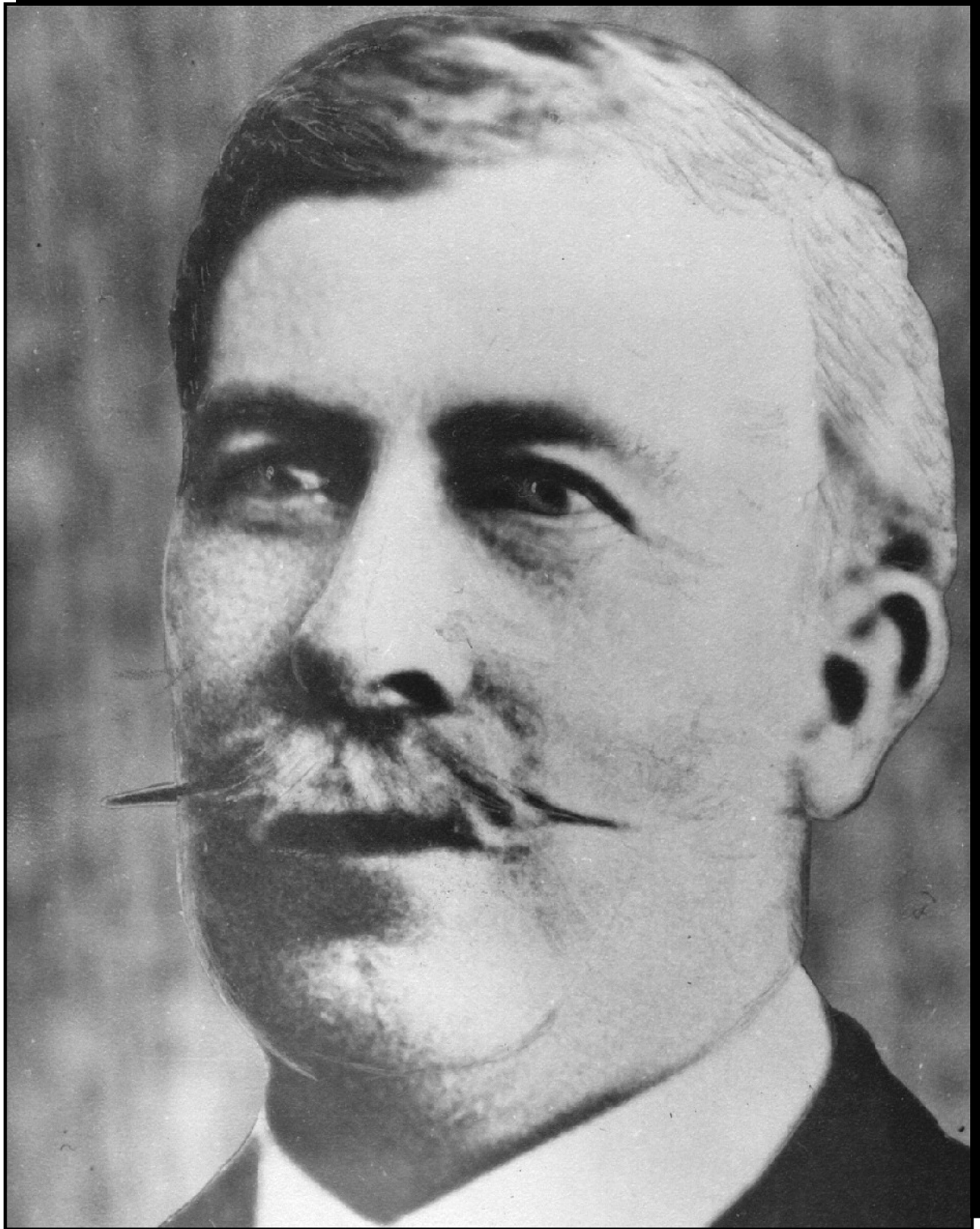


Tarwin & George Streets c. 1962

Original Commercial Road Site
c. 1930's



**From Our Gallery of
Morwell Shire
Presidents:**



**Cr. J. F. Daly
1920-1921**

Morwell Soldiers' Memorial



Unveiling Ceremony

Monday, June 6th, 1921.

PROGRAM :

National Anthem

Address Mr Aherin

Unveiling Ceremony by Senator Brigadier-General Elliott

Address ... Hon. G. H. Wise, M.H.R. (Postmaster General)

Hymn "Lest We Forget" (Verses on back of card)

*Address ... Hon. S. Barnes, M.L.A. (Minister of Mines
and Railways)*

*Address ... Hon. T. Livingston, M.L.A. (Assistant Minister
of Agriculture)*

Hymn "Lead Kindly Light" (Verses on back of card)

Address ... Cr. J. F. Daly (President Morwell Shire)

The Last Post

Chairman : Mr C. R. Aherin

Secretary : Mr J. B. Hoyle

85 Years Ago This Month

From the Classifieds...

HAY & CORN STORE

Messrs ROGERS & BRERETON

Have opened a Hay and Corn Store in the Butchers' Shop, next to Green's, temporary, until their New and Up-to-date Shop is built on the corner next Mr Les Hare's garage.

The following are a few of their prices :---

Prime Chaff £4/5/ ton, 4/6 bag; Cow Chaff £3/10/ ton, 2/9 bag ; F.A.O. Wheat 4/6 bhl., ; Northern Seed Oats 3/3 bhl. ; clipped & graded Oats 3/11 bhl ; English Barley 2/10 bhl.; crushed Barley, best pig food 3/2 bhl. of 50 lbs ; crushed Oats 3/4 bhl. ; Ballarat Potatoes 2/6 gr., 9 lb a 1/- ; Bran and Pollard at Lowest Rates.

All Goods Delivered in Town.

Promptness and Satisfaction Given.

SATISFACTION GIVEN?

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

27th. June 1935

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 20th June.

21 Church Street.

Commencing at 7.30 pm.



Quiz Corner



The answer to our April question was:

Cr. A. W. Ronald

Your question for this issue is:



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Annual Subscription Rates:

Single: \$17.00

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Who was the first teacher at Maryvale Ridge School (No. 1939) in 1877?

(If you get stuck for an answer I suggest you have a chat with Muriel Feehan)

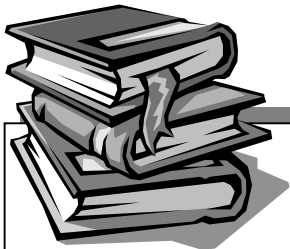
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That's definitely given it away now!

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It Happened in June:



- ✱ Morwell's first policeman (William Savage) began his duties in 1879
- ✱ Morwell Soldiers' Memorial unveiled in 1921
- ✱ J. B. Hoyle passed away also in 1921
- ✱ Latrobe Valley Ambulance Service established in 1949