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# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

9<sup>th</sup> September 1948

## Old Green to be Vacated



### DECISION BY MORWELL BOWLING CLUB

THERE was a good attendance of members at the special meeting of the Morwell Bowling Club called for Tuesday night in the pavilion for the purpose of deciding what green or greens were to be used during the forthcoming season.

A sharp division of opinion developed between two sections, one advocating the vacation immediately of the old greens in favour of the new established ones in Hazelwood Rd. and the other favouring the retention of both greens until such time as the plans of the Railway Department for extensions necessitated the resumption of the greens in Commercial Road.

The matter was debated at considerable length. On the one hand it was argued that the new greens had already cost the club a lot of money, provided by a debenture issue, that there was ample space there for the needs of members, and that it would be the proper course to use them exclusively now rather than have to postpone the inevitable decision for a year or more, in which case the provision of urgent amenities might be unduly delayed.

Those favouring the retention of the old greens expressed doubt as to whether the new ones would stand up in the first season to hard wear, that it was uneconomic to scrap greens that had cost the club considerable money while it could reasonably be assumed that the club would be allowed to retain possession for some time yet, that the needs of an increasing membership (including the ladies' club) would demand the use of both playing areas, and that the present greens were more centrally situated than the new greens and therefore a greater convenience to bowlers desiring to use them during the week .

When the vote was taken it was decided by a comfortable majority to make the move immediately to the new site. A committee of three, Messrs G. Nixon, H. Turner and A. L. Hare, with president and secretary, was appointed to investigate ways and means of making the move.

Open day for the season was fixed for 9<sup>th</sup> October, and the official opening of the new greens for New Years' Day.



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# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1926

## Brown Coal Briquettes



PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AT MORWELL.



TESTING EXPERIMENTS IN PROGRESS.

Important developments in the utilisation of Victoria's brown coal deposits may follow experiments which, it is understood, are about to be made at "Buckley Mine," Morwell, by the Australian Commonwealth Fuel and Oils Ltd. On this property, extensive deposits of brown coal exists.

An experimental briquetting plant has been imported from Germany, and is now being erected on the area.

No definite information is obtainable regarding the future activities of the undertaking. But the old shaft has been cleaned out on the property and timbered to a depth of 200 feet. A winch has also been placed in position. The preparations which are being made are an indication of the confidence of the directors in the prospects, and it appears the position has been thoroughly investigated. An expert briquette engineer from Germany has recently arrived to superintend operations.

If the company, after experiment, should decide to engage in the production of briquettes and brown coal by-products, the effect on the operations of the State Electricity Commission at Yallourn, will be watched with considerable interest. It has been learned from a London source that the new company will probably exploit several valuable patents which it possesses, and will possibly engage in distillation to obtain liquid fuel from the coal.



*From Our Gallery Of  
Morwell Shire Presidents:*



1967

*Councillor Lou W. Bond:  
Shire President  
1960/61, 1967/68, 1968/69*

# Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

20<sup>th</sup> February 1947

## Long Day Closes.



### Death of Early Resident of Hazelwood



WIDESPREAD regret and sympathy was felt throughout the whole district when it became known on Saturday last that Mr. Henry Medew, Senr., had died at his home at Hazelwood at the age of 86 years. By his passing the thinning ranks of the grand old pioneers, who so surely and soundly laid the foundations of the prosperity of the Central Gippsland area, have been further reduced and the district is the poorer by the loss of one who was always ready to give in full measure assistance to others not so fortunately situated as himself. His was a long and full life marked by tangible achievement as an imperishable memorial to his worth.

The deceased, who was born in Warrnambool, landed at Inverloch sixty years ago, and engaged in land clearing and railroad operations in that district. He played a not inconsiderable part in putting the now famous Tarwin Meadows into production.

Eight years after reaching Gippsland the deceased was married at Toorak to Miss Catherine Smart, of Warrnambool, and the young couple settled on a farm at Koonwarra. Here he found time, despite the preoccupation of putting a farm in order, to lend a hand in the community life of the district, with an especial interest in church work. He was one of the founders of the Lyre Bird Mound Wesleyan Church, the first church to be erected in the district. In 1900 he joined the Christadelphians, of which faith he became a sincere follower for the rest of his life.

In 1901 the young couple took up a selection in Jeeralang, again to face up to the hardships of carving a home out of the Australian bush. With roads, as are known to-day non existent, everything associated with this venture could be solved only by the supply in abundance of the will to make good and the physical ability to implement it.

Nevertheless, in spite of almost insuperable difficulties, the young couple succeeded in making sufficient headway to win a comfortable home and a living in the battle with nature.

Ten years later the family moved to Hazelwood South, and it was on this property the late Mr. Medew spent the remainder of his life. His wife died in 1922.

He retired from active participation in the work of his farm twelve years ago, and then found time to devote to the care of his garden and growing many beautiful blooms. He annexed many prizes at various shows.

A grown up family of nine are left to mourn the loss of a loving and devoted father. They are Roy (Queensland), Henry (Traralgon), William (Hazelwood), Mary-Mrs. Ladson (Traralgon), John (Hazelwood), Catherine - Mrs. Leslie (Sale), James (Hazelwood), Ethel - Mrs. White (Neerim) and Ruth (Hazelwood). There are 29 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

The funeral took place at the Hazelwood Cemetery on Sunday, and was one of the largest ever seen in the district - a silent, but eloquent token to the esteem in which the late Mr. Medew was held. The casket was borne to its last resting place by three sons and one grandson, whilst the pall-bearers were Messrs J. D. Howard, W. M. Northway, J. Galbraith, J. Izard (life long friends), T. Leslie and J. White (sons-in-law). The arrangements were carried out by Messrs D. & W. MacCubbin, and the service conducted by Brother A. L. Galbraith.

There was a wealth of floral tributes, and amongst these was a glorious wreath from Mr. Medew's own garden. This was indeed fitting, for his love of flowers was great.

## DEATH

MEDEW.- At his late residence Hazel-wood South, on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Henry, the beloved husband of Catherine, and loving father of Roy, Henry, William, Mary (Mrs. Ladson), John, Katie (Mrs. Leslie), James, Ethel (Mrs. White) and Ruth. Aged 86years.

“A perfect Life at Rest.”

## *Next Meeting:*

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2003

7.30 P.M.

21 Church Street



## *Historical Diary*

### *March:*

7<sup>th</sup>: Courthouse opened in 1957

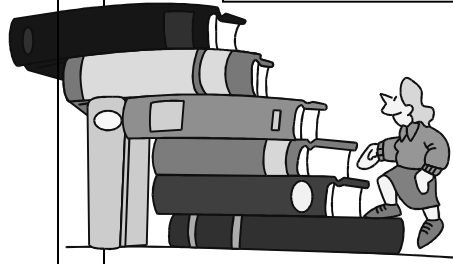
12<sup>th</sup>: Rotary Club of Morwell received its Charter in 1946

15<sup>th</sup>: Paddle Bros opened a shoe factory in 1965

18<sup>th</sup>: St. Andrew's opened in Church Street in 1961

Hazelwood Power Station commissioned its final stage in 1970

## *Quiz Corner?????*



The answer to our last quiz was:

C. Laurence Kelly

The teacher depicted in the photograph was Mr. **John Irving**. Head teacher at Morwell School 1879-1884.

The Morwell branch of the Country Women's Association was formed on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Can you tell me the year?

Was it?

- A. 1939
- B. 1940
- C. 1941
- D. 1942
- E. 1943

*Can You Name The Person Sitting Comfortably In Morwell's Most Important Chair?*

