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THE NAME OF MORWELL

How did our town get its name? Mr. I.T.Maddern gave us the answer to this question in his book "A Souvenir History of Morwell" p.9 and we have reproduced it here.

In this issue also we have reprinted an extract from the book "Veil of Time" by Morwell Hodges. Miss Hodges was born in morwell, probably about 1895, and given her most unusual Christian name after her birth-place. It is interesting to note that her father was the editor-proprietor of the "Morwell and Yinnar Gazette" and was involved in a number of other local affairs yet there is no mention of the name Hodges in either Mr. Maddern's book or in "Steamhorse to Power".

Popular Citizens Farewelled

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beautiful gift. And the Guild. The way we all worked together was a joy. Thank you for your beautiful gift, which will remind me of our happy times together. (Applause).

Mr Blake then presented two trophies which had been won on the bowling green, to Mr R. Watson (a crystal vase), and to Mr Kean Barry (a kit bag).

Both gentlemen suitably responded.

Mr Hodge, the interim manager of the Bank, then rose and said—I wish to speak in this public way of the deep appreciation the head officials of the Bank have of Mr Blake. He is a highly honored member of the staff, and they inquired frequently after his condition during his illness. I want to assure you Mr Blake that every man on the local staff honors you, and we are sorry indeed of the circumstances under which we have to lose a man of your calibre. We hope you will long enjoy the pension you so richly deserve. (Applause).

The company then rose and sang "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

Prior to a delicate supper being served, Mr Bayer voiced a welcome to Mr and Mrs Roberts, to which Mr Roberts responded, saying, "It is only a matter of making friends, and we will be O.K."

Presentation by Customers of Bank

On Friday evening a number of customers of the Bank of Australasia met at the private residence attached to Bank, to express their appreciation of Mr Blake as manager of the Morwell Branch of the Bank and a citizen, and also to convey in a tangible manner their very kind regard for Mr and Mrs Blake.

Cr. A. L. Hare, who presided, referred to the assistance and valuable advice he had received from managers of the Bank and said the position he was in to-day was largely due to what the Bank had done for him in the past.

the customers of the Bank. They wished him well in the future and assured him of a very hearty welcome should he return to Morwell.

In responding Mr Bartlejohn said he was succeeding a very popular man and would have a difficult task to fill his place with the same degree of satisfaction. He, however, was very hopeful of getting along well with customers of the Bank and the people of the district. If he did not succeed he could assure them it would not be for the want of trying.

Mr Hodge said he was sorry to leave Morwell. Whilst acting in Mr Blake's place he had made many friends and had a great liking for the district. He had found the customers of the Bank a fine lot of people and felt sure that new manager—Mr Bartlejohn would get on well with them. He was glad to know that the clients had sufficient trust in him to petition the Bank for him to remain in Morwell as manager.

Staff Make Presentation

Prior to their departure, Mr Blake was presented with a meerschaum pipe and Mrs Blake with crystal ware, by members of the Bank's staff as tokens of kind regard and esteem. Regret was expressed that Mr Blake was leaving. They hoped he would soon be restored to health and expressed the hope that he would live long and enjoy his retirement.

In responding, Mr Blake thanked the staff for their loyal support and congratulated them upon the efficient manner in which they had carried out their duties. He wished them all success in the future.

Hazelwood Estate Water Users

The annual meeting of water users on Hazelwood Estate was held in the Memorial Hall on Monday, 16th inst.

The following were appointed as committee:—Messrs D. J. White (chairman), G. Horsburgh, S. Thomas, D. Williams and W. Espie (secretary).

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ions of the community. He had also shown his confidence in the town by buying property in the main street, which he had improved and still owned. In conclusion he wished him many years of happiness in his retirement and expressed that he and Mrs Blake would frequently return to Morwell and re-new acquaintance with old friends.

After Messrs D. C. Mills, C. Brinsmead, R. Aynley, W. Sweeney, J. K. Rintoul, G. Watson, R. Derham, W. Daly and other customers had also spoken in eulogistic terms of Mr Blake and wished him well in the future, the Chairman, on behalf of those present and other customers of the Bank, presented Mr Blake with a well-filled wallet of notes.

In responding, Mr Blake said he and Mrs Blake were simply overwhelmed by the great kindness that had been extended to them by the people of Morwell and district. The customers of the Bank were a splendid lot with whom it was a pleasure to be associated with in business. They had never given him any worry. He sincerely thanked them for their generous gift. He had hoped to have remained in the Bank for another five years but acting on the advice of doctors he had reluctantly been compelled owing to the state of his health to resign. It had been a great blow to him to have found it necessary to do so, and thereby sever his connections with so many old friends. The Bank had, however, treated him very generously and he had much to be thankful for. In conclusion he extended a hearty invitation to all to visit him at his new home at Mornington, where they could rely on getting a cup of tea and perhaps a bit of rabbit.

Advantage was taken of the occasion to extend a very hearty welcome to Mr Bartlejohn (Mr Blake's successor) and to also bid farewell to Mr Hodge, who had relieved Mr Blake during his illness. It was mentioned that Mr Hodge had filled the gap with credit to himself and satisfaction to

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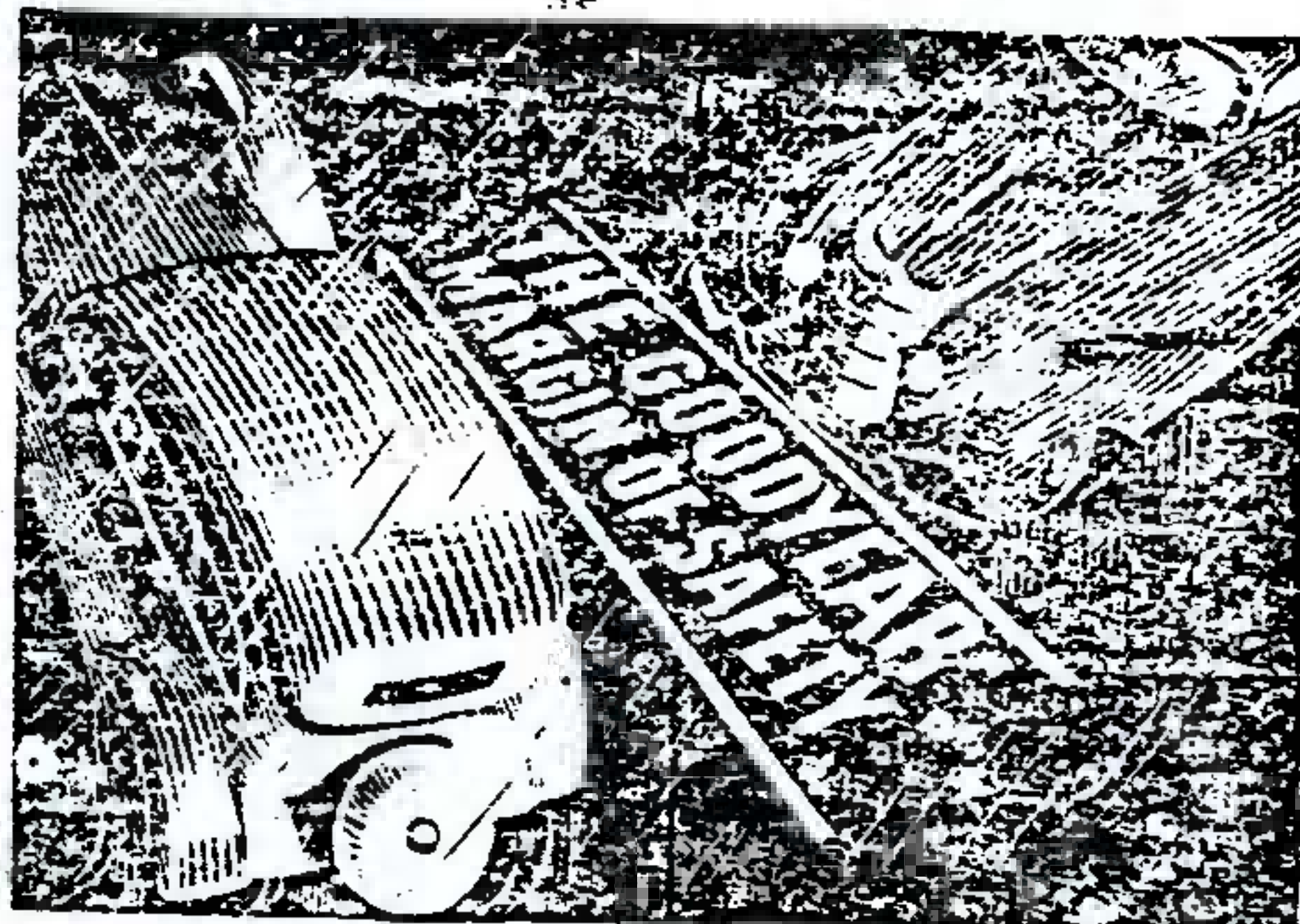
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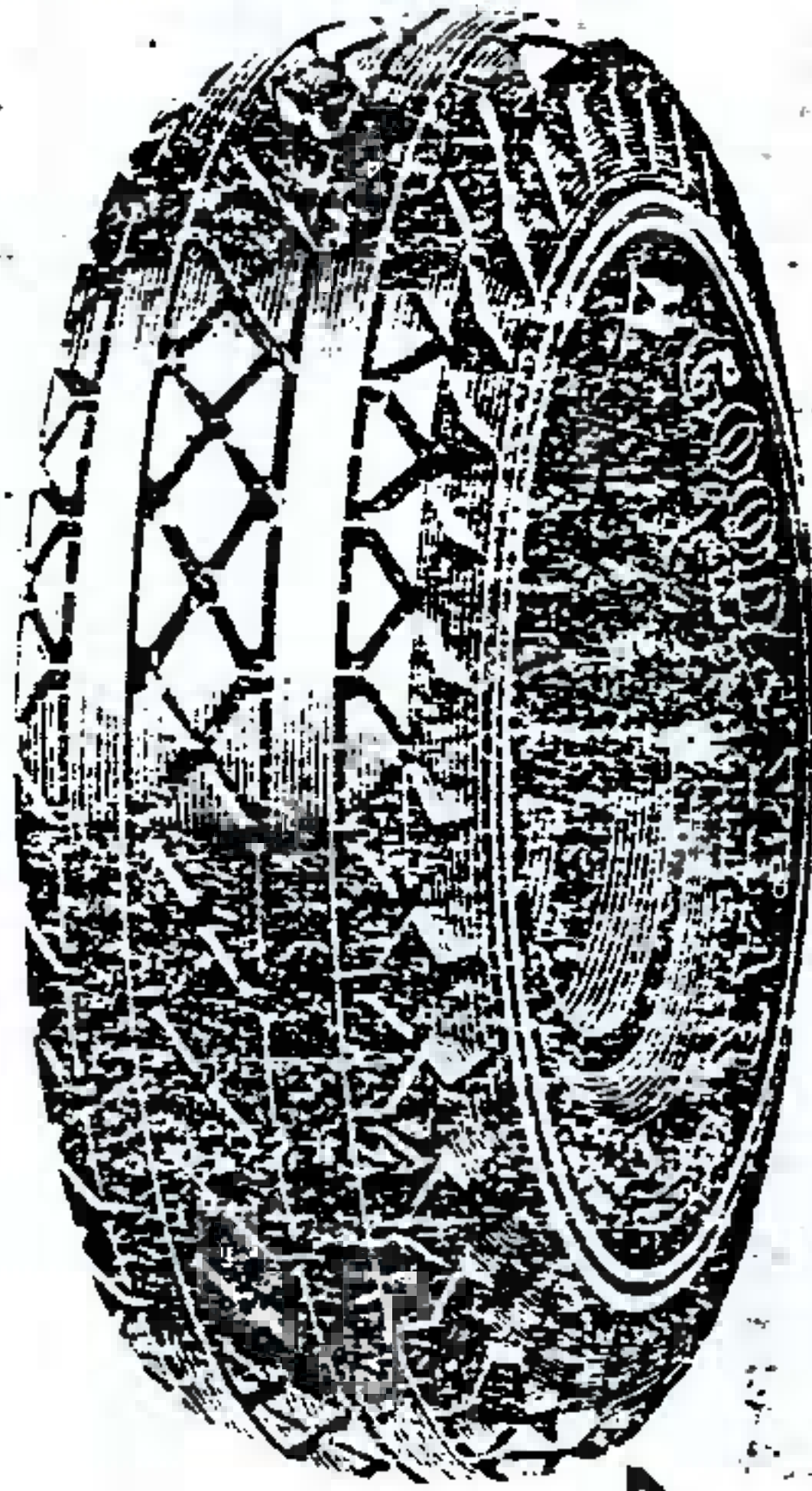
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but now in Essendon, spent a few days this week in Morwell, as the guest of Mrs Mappin, and renewed old acquaintance.

There have been changes in the staff at the Morwell Railway Station. Mr J. Beattie, who is on the relieving staff, left for Tynong on Tuesday morning. Mr T. M. Brown, of Melbourne, has succeeded Mr C. O'Connell as operating porter, and Mr H. Harvey, of Sony Point, near Frankston, is successor to Mr Goldman. He also is an operating porter.

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FROM THE APRIL MEETING:

The committee gratefully accepted the offer of a loan of \$3000, interest-free, for two years, from member Jess Cafiso, to help cover the cost of publication of the pictorial history which is at present in preparation. This money has been invested at 14% p.a. in the Commonwealth Bank, until required.

Members are reminded that membership fees are now due. Please fill in and return your membership form (included in the April newsletter) when you pay your sub. Subscriptions are \$7.00 single, \$20.00 couple or family. ^{\$10}

OBITUARY:

We were saddened to learn of the death of Arch Chitty only three weeks after he accompanied us on our excursion to Jumbuk in April. His information and reminiscences about the area enlivened the trip and were appreciated by all who took part.

Arch was a resident of Jumbuk for many years and was a member of the committee planning the Jumbuk Reunion to be held next October. He was one of the residents whose efforts saw the erection of the present Jumbuk Hall after the original hall was burnt in the 1939 fires and he was instrumental in the moves to renovate the 50-year-old hall for the coming reunion. His passing is a great loss not only to Jumbuk but to the wider Latrobe Valley community.

SHIRE CENTENARY:

Morwell Historical Society has been invited to nominate two members to join the committee which will make recommendations on an appropriate way of recognizing the centenary of the Shire of Morwell in 1992.

Our President and Vice-President will take part. There will be two councillors and two community representatives making a total of six committee members. They are expected to make their recommendations by the end of August this year.

HALF HER LUCK!

Note from our member Claire Wood: "Please extend my apologies for the next three meetings May, June and July. Will be flitting around Ireland and Europe tracing my family tree among other things. Claire."

LOCAL COLLECTION BIBLIOGRAPHY:

We have received a copy of the Local Collection Bibliography...a Guide to the Gippsland History Collection of the Latrobe Valley Regional Library. compiled by Claire Wood. This is an invaluable guide to anyone researching, or just interested in, Gippsland history. It is divided into three sections:

Section 1 lists books relating to Gippsland generally in alphabetical order by main entry.

Section 2 contains a listing arranged alphabetically by place names

Section 3 lists Gippsland newspapers held by the Library Service.

The Local Collection of the Latrobe Valley Regional Library service was created through the merging of the separate collections of the Traralgon City Library and Morwell Public Library with a few items from the now defunct Yallourn Public library which closed in 1980. It is an impressive collection to which Gippslanders are fortunate to have access.

BOOK LAUNCH:

Members are invited to attend the launch of "THE ROSEDALE STORY" by Don Macreadie on SUNDAY 4th JUNE 1989 in the Rosedale Public Hall at 1.30 p.m. For further information contact Sue Farley, Hon. Secretary of Rosedale Historical Society on (051)992823.

AUSTRALIAN DICTIONARY OF BIOGRAPHY:

The Victorian Working Party of the Australian Dictionary of Biography is compiling a list of 550 Victorians for inclusion in vols.13-16. These volumes deal with people whose main period of usefulness or prominence was post-1939 and who died by 1980.

Famous people are, of course, included but the Working Party is seeking suggestions for others whose fame was mainly regional or local - little known people of distinction or characters and eccentrics who might add colour to the list.

ST. HILARY'S HOSPITAL?

Regarding the notes about Morwell and District Hospital in the "1980s" section of this newsletter, it has been brought to our attention that the hospital's original name was "St. Hilarys". Would anyone have any further information about this? If so we would be grateful if they would let us know. (Ring 341149 or 342638).

MORWELL AND DISTRICT

THE 1980s

Some changes and issues that have concerned the residents of Morwell and district are reflected in the headlines noted below, which as usual, were found in "Express" papers of that period.

However, a comparatively small item dated August 2nd 1984 is of special interest to us. It is an appeal from Mrs. Dorothy Taylor (now our Treasurer) for support to re-convene the Morwell historical Society. We thank her and her helpers for their success. Although our membership and the interest in our Society is growing slowly we would very much like to welcome more to the fold. Could any of our present members do some recruiting?

- Tues. 29.11.83 A School Nobody Wants - Morwell West school vandalised.
(see reprinted newspaper article elsewhere in this newsletter).
- Thurs. 22.12.83 Loy Yang monsters meet. The S.E.C. open cut at Loy Yang welcomed the second dredger No. 15 early Tuesday (20.12.83). This dredger No.15, identical twin to its elder brother No. 14, crawled slowly from its construction site to join the other in an operation that took twelve hours.
- Tues. 10.1.84 Hospital waits and hopes for the best. Morwell and District Community Hospital committee hopes it will not be made over solely to extended care patients.(Chairman Mr. Wigg).
- Tues. 19.1.84 They're moving in! Mid Valley units come alive. Selling at the rate of two a week.
- Thurs. 26.1.84 Latrobe Valley Council? To be or not to be? Morwell to draw up plans for merger.
- Tues. 31.1.84 Valley Housing Service swamped. Requests from low-income groups for emergency housing.
- Thurs. 9.2.84 Morwell wants a three-way merger. Waters down call for L.V. Council. Now wants merger with Traralgon City and Traralgon Shire.
- Thurs. 8.3.84 Morwell reneges on merger.
- Thurs. 8.3.84 Morwell Hospital's future uncertain.
- Tues. 13.3.84 91st birthday death of Mrs.Jenkins (see reprinted article).
- Thurs. 29.3.84 New mall at Target site - permit given for change.
- Thurs. 2.8.84 Historical Society comes alive again. First meeting to be in September to gauge interest of residents.
- Thurs. 16.8.84 "Go" for \$9m hostel. Federal grant for final stage of Mitchell House complex.
- Tues. 27.8.84 Hospital's future still in doubt.

VEIL OF TIME by MORWELL HODGES pages 54-55

I would like to have remembered something of my birth-place. All I have ever seen of it were fleeting glimpses caught when passing through it in the train en route to Sale about 1924 to fill temporary reportorial positions on the Sale "Mercury" (then owned by the late Mr. Harry Luke) and "Times" (Mr. S. J. Overend). The "Mercury" is now incorporated in the "Times."

Evidently Father was a "live wire" in Morwell, for records show him to have taken a keen interest in local affairs.

Besides being editor-proprietor of the "Morwell and Yinnar Gazette" (since amalgamated with the "Morwell Advertiser," owned by the highly-esteemed Watson family), he was, among other things, secretary of the Maryvale M.U.I.O.F., and a prominent member of the Morwell Brass Band.

THE NAME OF MORWELL

Chapter 3.

The man who gave Morwell River its name was Charles James Tyers, 1806-1870, appointed Commissioner of Lands in Gippsland in 1843. He arrived at Port Albert in January 1844 and within a month, in February 1844 had sent in his first report in which, for the first time, the name of Morwell River was used.

It was his task to survey Gippsland and to allot lease-hold land to those squatters who were eager to establish cattle stations in this new, promising district of Gippsland. Some of these land hungry men were already turning their eyes to the area west of Rosedale.

As a lad of 18, C. J. Tyers had joined the Royal Navy and had been attached to the Channel Fleet. In those days there was a busy little port in the River Tamar which separates the counties of Cornwall and Devon and flows out into the English Channel at Plymouth. This port, Morwellham, was about 14 miles upstream from Plymouth.

In the river or on the bank, there is a great outcrop of rock, 300 feet high from which a wonderful view of the hilly country round about can be obtained. Even today, it is a popular scenic spot. In the old days there had been a Morwell Abbey and the Morwell Rocks and Morwellham were within its boundaries.

We imagine that the vessel that carried Tyers, called in at Morwellham and that the young midshipman climbed to the top of the Morwell Rocks and enjoyed the experience.

Many years later, as a surveyor and the Gippsland Lands Commissioner, he traced the Morwell River from the Latrobe River into the Jeeralang Hills. At one point at least there is a steep bank of rocks about 300 feet high and certainly Tyers would have climbed this vantage point for the view it would give over the area he was surveying. He would have been reminded of the earlier occasion when he climbed the Morwell Rocks beside the Tamar River, and so he called this interesting stream the Morwell River.

For more than 100 years no-one knew the origin of the name of Morwell until someone in 1946 heard about the Morwell in England. At a Rotary Club gathering in the Morwell Town Hall, Tuesday 12/2/1946, mention was made of a town named Morwell in England. As a result, the Methodist minister of Morwell, Rev. C. H. Poxon sent an airmail letter to "The Methodist Minister, Morwell, Devon, England, offering to send food parcels there, and within three weeks had received a grateful reply from Rev. F. J. Ashley, Superintendent of the Tavistock Methodist Circuit, Devon.

Recently we have been in contact again with the people of Morwellham, Devon.

A school nobody wants

The Express
November 29th
1989
P. 1

MORWELL West Primary School, Number 2134 has been badly vandalised, overrun by mosquitoes, overgrown by blackberry bushes . . . and nobody wants to own it.

The brick school building on the Old Melbourne Rd had all its windows smashed and the floor ripped out in some of the classrooms. What furniture was left was smashed. According to the Area Officer at the Moe Regional Education Centre, Peter Juratowitch, the school was closed before the Education Centre was set up 10 years ago. The original weatherboard building was opened in November 1881, and was used for various Central Victorian Scouting Cabans up until three years ago. Juratowitch said that the school was first known as

Morwell Bridge, then Morwell North and finally Morwell West.

It was built as a result of a petition to the Government in 1879 signed by Samuel Vary, John Jones, John Alliss, Edward Tertit, Thomas Casey, Henry Godridge, Roger Gorman, Edward Fleming, William Farrell, Mr McGrath and Mr Margr. The petition was eventually successful and the school opened in November 1881 in a room that was added to Henry Godridge's hotel.

The first head teacher was a Mr John Bardin . . . a not too happy Mr Bardin because bad language used in the nearby bar could be heard in the classroom and

students would spend most of the day zzzing.

In 1884, another small school opened, Maryvale North. The two schools worked together, with Mr Bardin running both. Morwell Bridge became populated and the brick building was constructed after the Second World War.

"The area had its own township, it was probably there before Morwell. The school closed in 1964, although with Morwell growing so rapidly, the

classroom was used by Morwell kids for two years," said Mr Juratowitch.

"Still owned by the Education Department, it was used by the local scouting groups. We'll probably dispose of the property as it's not likely to reopen."

Traralgon District councillor, Mrs Pearl Hamden said that the building was leased to the cub and scouting associations by the Education Department between 1972 and 1982. "It hasn't been used by them for the past three years."

"We spent quite a few hundred dollars making it liveable," she said. "We fixed the roof and the electricity, and put showers in the corridor, but it was too much to fix the whole lot. If we'd had it given to us, we could have done it, but I think the Morwell River Diversion will go through there."

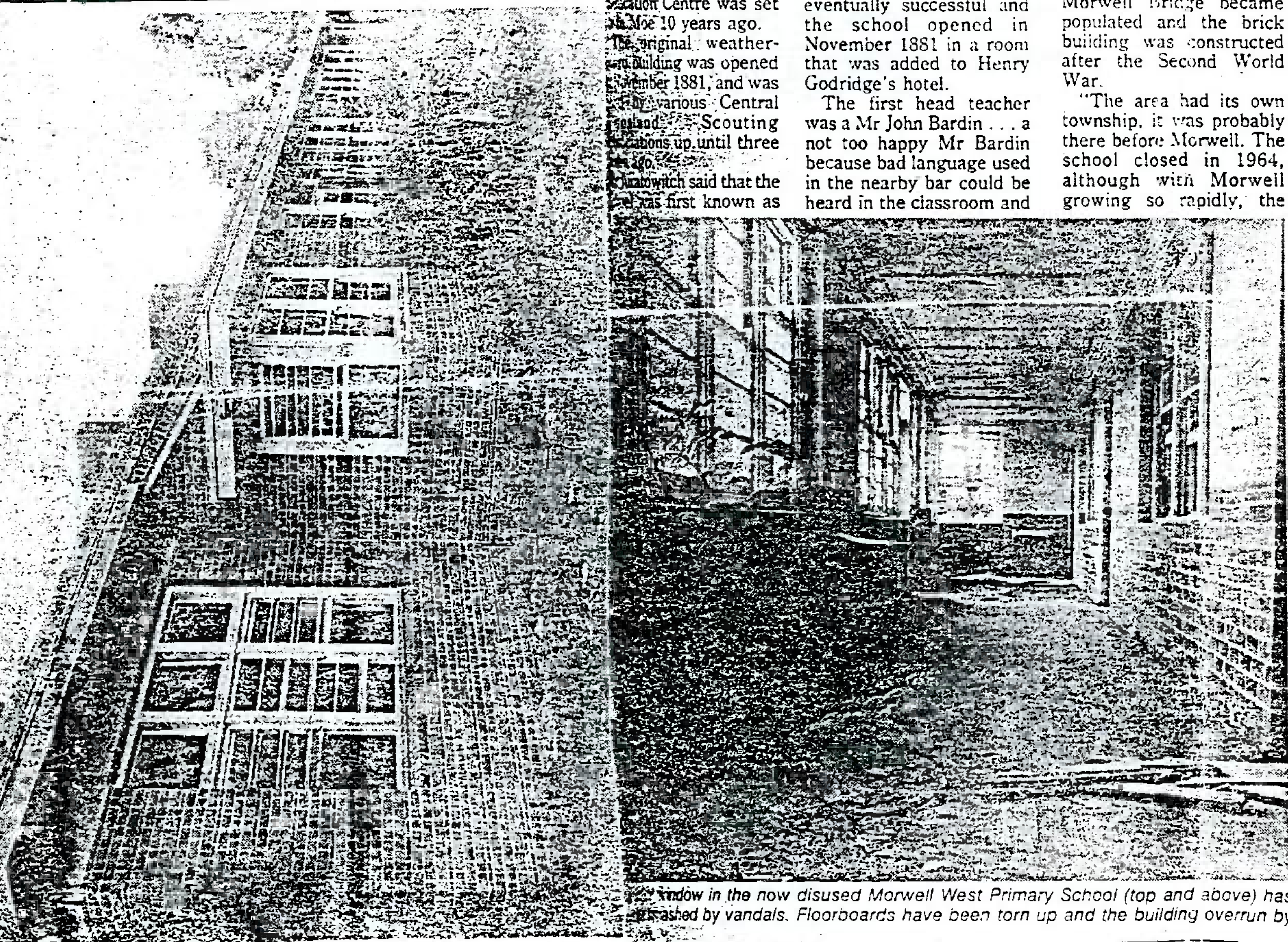
The school was used as a pack holiday centre. Scouts and cubs often camped overnight. It was fully equipped with beds, cooking equipment and a shower. It was also popular with schools because it was close and handy, according to Mrs Hamden.

Strzelecki district councillor, Mrs Avis Pye recalled that the school was squatted in several years. "Some hippy group moved in and vandalised everything. It was a great blow to us that it had been vandalised as there were 500 children who used it at times. I can't understand the vandalism," she said.

The old school's future is uncertain. Mr Michael O'Flaherty, of the Land Operations Group at the Department of education said: "The five acre site is still required for departmental use. It's intended to be used as a plantation and the building should be removed by the region office."

However, according to Mr Juratowitch, the school will eventually be sold to the Education Department.

GRAFFITI, MOSSIES AND WEEDS



A window in the now disused Morwell West Primary School (top and above) has been smashed by vandals. Floorboards have been torn up and the building overrun by

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CHOOSE
YOUR PARTNERS

THOMAS and THELMA. HUBERT and NATALI. GERALD and MARIAN — these are names of only three pairs of partners in a four-pair ballroom dancing team. To discover the names of the remaining pair, you simply have to enter these six names vertically in the diagram below and (provided you manage to enter them in the right order) the names of the remaining pair will appear in the shaded squares. (Across).

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91st BIRTHDAY DEATH OF MRS JENKINS BEM

ONE of Morwell's best known community workers, Mrs Myrtle Jenkins, died at the weekend.

Mrs Jenkins, who was awarded a BEM in 1975 for community work, collapsed and died at the Mt Eliza home of her daughter Betty just before a family party to celebrate her 91st birthday.

She came to Morwell from Melbourne in 1924 after her marriage to Fred Jenkins who joined the family business of J. A. Jenkins, a well known landmark on the corner of George and Tarwin St.

The couple soon became involved in community service work. During the war years, Mrs Jenkins helped man street stalls to raise money for the servicemen overseas and local farmers used to affectionately call her "The Bushranger" because they couldn't walk down the street without getting bailed up by her. She would cadge a lamb from them and have the stock agents sell it and waive their commission.

Mrs Jenkins joined the local Red Cross and Blind



auxiliaries and was a member of the RSL auxiliary which raised the deposit for the land on which the Morwell RSL clubrooms now stand. She even trained debutantes each year for the military balls.

When the Morwell Shire Council took over the Morwell Hospital in 1943, Mrs Jenkins became president of the ladies' auxiliary. She was made a life governor of the hospital and was also a life member of the RSL auxiliary.

Mrs Jenkins is survived by her children, John (Melbourne), Fred (Yarram) and Betty (Mt Eliza). Her husband died in 1961.

SIGN PLEASE

Most of us try to develop a distinctive signature, but no one can have succeeded more spectacularly than W. H. Hill, Esq., whose unique version appeared in The Strand Magazine in 1908.

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Answers next month.

The Express Tuesday March 13 1984

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POPULAR CITIZENS FAREWELLED

MR and MRS BLAKE ENTERTAINED

A very representative gathering assembled in the supper room of the Morwell Town Hall on the 17th inst. to do honor to Mr and Mrs Blake, on the eve of their departure for Mornington.

The function was arranged by the Vestry and Ladies' Guild of St. Mary's Church, the Golf Club and the Bowling Club. The Rev. Beyer presided in his usual happy manner. The company rose on the entrance of Mr and Mrs Blake, and Mrs Beyer presented Mrs Blake with a fragrant bouquet of double stocks and boronia, from the Ladies' Guild, on her arrival.

The Chairman, after alluding to the regrettable fact that through ill health Mr Blake had resigned from his position as manager of the Morwell branch of the Bank of Australasia, called on Mr H. W. Gay to speak on behalf of the Bowling Club.

Mr Gay, on rising, said,—I am glad to have this opportunity of saying good-bye to our guests. Mr Blake has filled the position of President of the Club in a most capable manner. Every office he holds he adorns, and we are very sensible of our loss in his removal from the district. He was a thorough sport, whether winning or losing he played the game. He was a most useful member and helped me. In conclusion he asked Mr G. Watson, President of the Central Gippsland Bowling Association to speak.

In the course of his remarks, Mr Watson said Mr Blake was popular in the association and his presence would be much missed on the various greens next season. In leaving the district he would carry with him the best wishes of all the bowlers of the Central Gippsland Association, which extended from Bairnsdale to Warragul and included Yarram.

Mr Baker, who was in good voice, then sang, "I'll Sing You Songs of Araby"; Miss Hicks accompanied him on the piano, after which Mr Beyer announced that apologies had been received from Cr. A. Ronald, Dr. and Mrs Mitchell, Mr R. Jenkins, Mr Jno. Ronald, Mr and Mrs Huthnance and Mr Sweeney.

Mrs H. W. Gay, president of the Croquet Club, said—we are very sorry to lose Mrs Blake, who was Captain of the Club, and for six months was Secretary. We wish her every success, and hope that Mr Blake will soon be restored to health. We ask you to accept this small expression of great esteem (a Mulga clock). (Applause).

Mr Sechtig then delighted the company by his rendering of the humorous recitation, "Mr Cohen on the Telephone."

Mrs Beyer, in a speech which was a model of brevity, expressed the regret of the Ladies' Guild at losing Mrs Blake, and presented her with a crystal jewel case, conveying loving regard and best wishes. (Applause).

Mr W. S. Mackenzie (accompanied by Mrs Mackenzie) sang in his well-known spirited manner, "Like Stars Above," after which Mr T. C. Kleine, speaking on behalf of St. Mary's Church, said—I feel it a privilege to do this. Mr Blake as treasurer, and I as secretary, were much together. It is a tragedy to lose them. We looked up to them, and they led our church. They gave an example that we shall miss—no words of mine can adequately express what we owe Mr and Mrs Blake, and I hope they will long enjoy their retirement. (Applause).

Mr D. C. Mills, senior church-warden, said—I want, very sincerely to supplement what Mr Kleine has said.

The chairman then said—When Mr Blake said to me, "I've got to give up the bank," it was a momentous decision, which he felt keenly, but he added, "We have wonderful friends." Mr Blake has shown a great leadership and example. A good churchman and a good citizen go hand in hand, and begins in the home; and they have made the town a better place by their influence. The charming personality of his partner has also helped. Mrs Blake's smile is noted. In presenting this memento from the church (a pedestal electric lamp) we assure them of our heartiest appreciation; and hope that all things will work together for good, so that greater good and joy may come. (Applause).

Mr Blake, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He said—Thank you! but your kindness has been rather over-whelming, and it is difficult to speak adequately. The sympathy and kindness I have received has been an eye opener. Kind inquiries, flowers, mail, and all sorts of things for which I am indeed grateful. I want to mention the untiring kindness of the matron and hospital staff, which I did appreciate. And the Rector—I did value his visits. Every morning he came along, and did me much good. Dr. Mitchell, too, was marvelous, and I have a deep sense of gratitude to him. I was glad also, to be on such good terms with the National Bank—and with our own bank. I was very fortunate in the staff; also with the customers—it was a pleasure to work with them, and I tried to help. And the district people were exceptionally nice—Boolarra, Yinnar, Latrobe—the good feeling in the district is marked, and it is going to be a great wrench to leave it all. Morwell is particularly lucky in its professional and business men. Regarding the Church—I am sorry that I could not help all the churches. I have always regarded it as my duty to do the best for my church; and being treasurer, and finding things rather dormant, I thought I should concentrate on my own church. My work with the choir has been very pleasant, and the Vestry! I do congratulate St. Mary's on their Vesiry. They always respond to the Rector's inspiration. I hope all the churches will have a much easier row to hoe in the future. The pulp mill will be a help, bring increased population. It was a shock to have to retire from the Bank. I had hoped to put in five more years here among the

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Good-bye to our guests. Mr Blake has filled the position of President of the Club in a most capable manner. Every office he holds he adorns, and we are very sensible of our loss in his removal from the district. He was a thorough sportsman, whether winning or losing he played the game. He was a most useful member and helped me. In conclusion he asked Mr G. Watson, President of the Central Gippsland Bowling Association to speak.

In the course of his remarks, Mr Watson said Mr Blake was popular in the association and his presence would be much missed on the various greens next season. In leaving the district he would carry with him the best wishes of all the bowlers of the Central Gippsland Association, which extended from Bairnsdale to Warragul and included Yarram.

Mr Gay then presented Mr Blake with a Mulga Inkstand, on behalf of the Morwell Club, amid applause.

Mrs Harding, accompanied by Madame Morgan, favored the company with "Open My Blue Eyes," after which Mr Horsfall, speaking on behalf of the Golf Club said—I am deputising for Mr Trigg, who has an urgent call elsewhere. We regret that, through our President being indisposed we have missed him as a playing member. We have been friends for twenty years, and I know that when Mrs Horsfall returns from Scotland, where she is at present, she will be sorry to miss Mr and Mrs Blake; but we trust that in twelve months' time, Mr Blake will have recovered, and be again manager of a Bank, and we hope that Bank will be in Morwell. (Enthusiastic applause). I assure you this small expression of our esteem (a crystal water set) is given with hearty regard, and sympathy with you in your illness. (Applause).

Mr Crawley, in a brief speech, spoke of the great loss all members felt in the loss of their President. (Applause).

Blake, and presented her with a crystal jewel case, conveying loving regard and best wishes. (Applause).

Mr W. S. Mackenzie (accompanied by Mrs Mackenzie) sang in his well-known spirited manner, "Like Stars Above," after which Mr T. C. Kleine, speaking on behalf of St. Mary's Church, said—I feel it a privilege to do this. Mr Blake as treasurer, and I as secretary, were much together. It is a tragedy to lose them. We looked up to them, and they led our church. They gave an example that we shall miss—no words of mine can adequately express what we owe Mr and Mrs Blake, and I hope they will long enjoy their retirement. (Applause).

Mr D. C. Mills, senior churchwarden, said—I want, very sincerely to supplement what Mr Kleine has said. This happy evening is tinged with sadness, but we hope Mr Blake will be restored to normal health. Any time you come back, there will be a hearty welcome for you both in our home for a week-end. (Applause).

Mr Sechtig said—Personally I am sorry indeed to lose Mr and Mrs Blake. Mr Blake is a leader of men, and Mrs Blake has been a power in the Guild. Mr Blake was also a very painstaking leader of the choir, and we heartily wish them Godspeed. (Applause).

Cr. Hare, when called upon to speak for the citizens of Morwell, said—I fully endorse all that previous speakers have said. We have had former bank managers—Mr Aherin, Mr Dolphin and Mr Hitchens, who were good men for the town; but Mr Blake has done more, he has speculated. He has a stake in the town, and has improved it by buying property and rebuilding. He has given me good advice and assistance, as has Mr Hodge. We are very sorry they are leaving and wish them prosperity, and better health. (Applause).

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Regarding the Golf Club! I am sorry I have been such a frost as president. They are a progressive Club, and I congratulate them on their course. To the bowling green I was able to go oftener, and I hope it won't be long before it is flying a pennant. It is with great regret that I have to give up the job, and go away. We hope you will all come to see us. You will see "Galway" on the gate posts. I mean all—but not all at once. (Laughter). There will always be a cup of tea. Thank you for all your beautiful gifts which we will value highly. (Applause).

Mrs Blake, on rising, had an enthusiastic reception. She said, "I am sorry to leave the Croquet Club—we have had the loveliest times, games and trips together, which will always be a happy memory. I hope to join at Mornington. Thank you for your

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