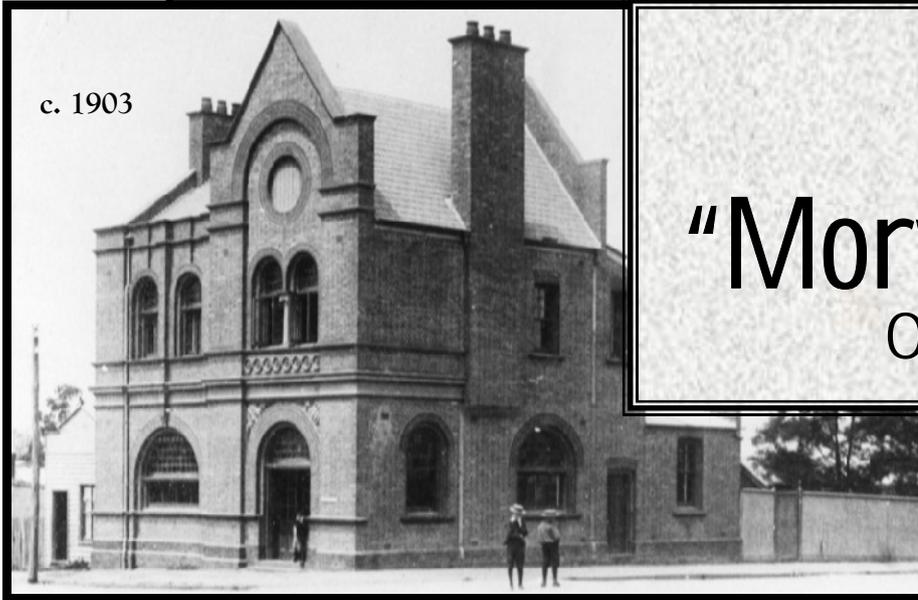


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Annual Dinner 2005

Where: Morwell Golf Club

When: Tuesday 18th. October 2005

Time: 6.30 for 7.00 pm

Cost: \$20.00 per head (drinks at bar prices)

Guest Speaker: Mr. John Murfett (Ex. Morwell High School)

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MORWELL LAKES EXCURSION

A DAY AT THE BRINEY

Gathering the Shells and
Watching the Breakers
Roll on the Shore

Train, Boat, Lakes and Sea
EXCURSION.

All for 6s 6d,
CHILDREN UNDER TWELVE, 3s.

A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave MORWELL at 6.45 a.m., on WEDNESDAY, March 4, for Sale, thence per steamer "Orneo" to Ocean Grove. The steamer is timed to reach Sale on the return journey at about 8.20.

The Excursion is being got up by the local Board of advice, assisted by the townspeople.

As the number of tickets is limited to 200, those who wish to go should make early application for same, half the tickets having been bespoke already.

Tickets may be obtained at TULLOCH'S NEWS AGENCY, Morwell.

S. GILL, Correspondent.

Morwell and Yinnar Gazette 20th February 1903

Morwell Advertiser

18th. April 1902

DEATH OF MR. R. T. BUTTERS

Another old identity – Mr. R. T. Butters – father of Mr. H. A. Butters, of Morwell, passed peacefully away at the ripe old age of 83 years, on Tuesday morning last.

Deceased came to Adelaide, S.A., with a number of fellow soldiers in 1849, but soon after his arrival bought himself out of the regiment, and rushed to the Ballarat gold diggings, at which place he witnessed the Eureka riot.

Later on he was employed by the Railway Department, and for many years was a relieving gatehouse-keeper.

About seven years ago he arrived in Morwell and assisted his son in the butchering trade. He was a most active and industrious man for his age, and had arranged for a trip to Stawell on Wednesday, but on Tuesday morning he suddenly took a bad turn, and although Dr. Smith was quickly in attendance, the old man had passed away before his arrival.

He was the father of a family of thirteen, nine of whom are still living.

He was born on the same day and year as Queen Victoria and was highly respected by all who were acquainted with him, and his death which was due to heart failure will come as a surprise to many.

His remains were interred in Hazelwood Cemetery on Wednesday, when Mr. Milliat officiated at the grave.



Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

8th August 1940

Miraculous Escape



TRAIN PASSES OVER MAN

Mr. Peter Ferguson, a well-known identity of Morwell, who has for some months past been employed in connection with sewerage work, had a miraculous escape from fatal injuries on Saturday afternoon last, when portion of a goods train passed over the top of him.

He was about the main street most of the day and it would appear set out for his domicile on the north side of the railway line, among "huts" erected by A.P.M. In order to get to his "hut" he had to cross the line, but it is not very clear how he came to be where he was found lying across the line between the rails, a short distance east of foot-crossing opposite the Roman Catholic Church. Fortunately for Peter, there was very little ballast between the sleepers and he lay in the hollow between the sleepers, with his head a few inches from steel rail on one side and the heel of a foot resting on the rail on the other side.

It would seem that whilst Peter was in this position a goods train came along and the driver who was on the alert as the foot-crossing was approached, noticed an object on the line, but before the train could be brought to a standstill the engine and two trucks had passed over it. Upon investigation the staff of the train got a great shock to find the body of a man under the train, in an apparently unconscious condition.

The police and others were notified of the occurrence, and a rumour got into circulation that a man had been killed by the train.

A stretcher was procured from the railway station and Peter was conveyed to St. Hilary's private hospital. The heel of his boot had been cut clean off by the wheels of the train and although he had some bruises, he was not seriously hurt by the train, as might have been expected and is now progressing well.

Peter does not know what actually happened. He states that he recollected falling off a bicycle, and remembered no more until after he was admitted to the hospital.

The train was held up for some time in consequence of the occurrence.

Morwell Advertiser

29th. July 1948

Presentation to Cr. Catterick



CR. A. L. HARE ACTING SHIRE PRESIDENT

FOLLOWING the submission, prior to the termination of the council meeting on 21st July, by Cr. J. H. Catterick of his resignation as councillor, which was accepted by the council with regret, Cr. Walker moved that Cr. E. Penaluna, president-elect, be invited to take the chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

In declining the appointment, Cr. Penaluna expressed the opinion that the shire presidency should be held by a councillor who would be readily available to handle situations as they arose.

Cr. Ronald's motion of nomination of Cr. Walker, immediate past president, to the vacancy failing for want of a seconder, a decision was finally made for Cr. Hare to fill the chair until the election of the next president at the September meeting.

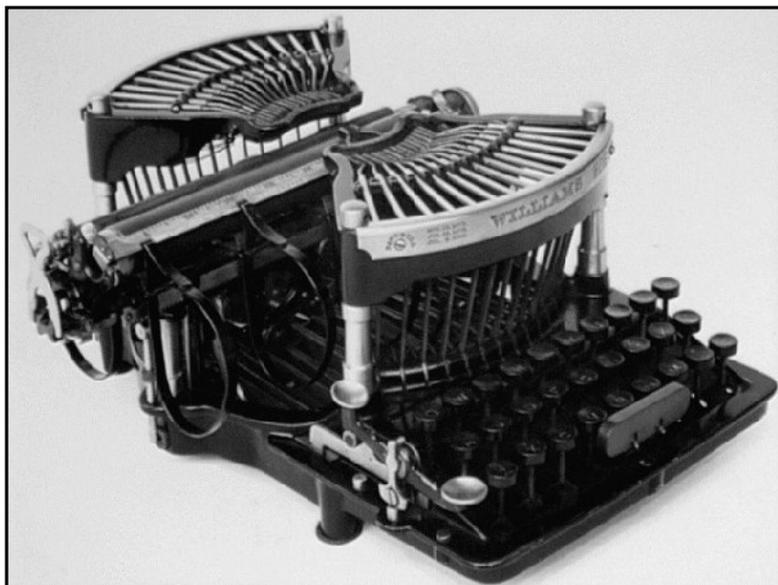
Presentation

After the meeting the councillors were entertained by Mr. Catterick, when opportunity was taken to make him a presentation. The gift, a silver coffee pot and a hot water jug, was handed over by Cr. Walker, on behalf of his colleagues and with their best wishes. Cr. Walker was supported by all councillors present.

Mr. Catterick referred to his association with fellow councillors over the previous strenuous years, when the first steps were being taken to plan for the future of Morwell, destined to become a great city.

He thanked his colleagues for their gift, and trusted that their efforts for the successful administration of the shire in the future would be crowned with success.





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Morwell Advertiser and
Gazette

16th May 1940

April 2000



The Changing Face of Morwell

July 2005



Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

1st. July 1937

WEDDING

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O'CONNELL-WILLETT

A quiet, but popular wedding was celebrated on Tuesday last, in the Sacred Heart Church, Morwell, the contracting parties being Mr. Chas O'Connell (who has been a member of the Morwell railway staff for some years) and Miss Molly Willett, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Willett, of Morwell.

The bride, who looked charming in an ensemble of brown, was attended by her sister, Lily, who was becomingly attired in blue.

Mr. Robt. O'Connell (brother of bride-groom) was best man.

The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Father O'Hea.

A wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of the bride's parents.

The happy couple left by the evening train on their honeymoon, amid showers of confetti and good wishes.



OBITUARY

Mr. J. W. Tolmie

The pioneering of Gippsland bush country has been brought to mind with the death last weekend of Mr. J. W. Tolmie at his residence, Bacchus Marsh, after a long illness.

Deceased's parents were among the first settlers at Morwell, where they arrived per bullock-waggon when he was two months old, after travelling from Malmsbury, where he was born.

A farm had to be carved out of virgin bush and a big part in this battle was played by the mother and children while the father operated as a teamster carrying merchandise between Morwell and Melbourne. The bullock teams required a fortnight to do the trip to the city and back. A hardy upbringing was the lot of the youngsters, who had to help their parents from an early age; consequently the late Mr. Tolmie received most of his education in the hard school of practical experience.

He worked on the farm till the age of 19, when he went to Western Australia.

As a youth he became well known in Gippsland as a horseman and rough-rider. On his father's death he returned from W.A. to carry on the farm for his mother.

On the outbreak of the Boer War the late Mr. Tolmie volunteered for the Australian expeditionary force, but was rejected, so he paid his passage to South Africa and enrolled there with a mounted regiment which saw active service.

He returned to Morwell, where his mother's property came to be looked upon as a model farm. In his farming methods deceased developed that neatness and thoroughness which characterised all his activities throughout life.

He was one of the champion stack-builders in Gippsland.

On his marriage he gave up farming and operated baking businesses at Moe and Yarragon.

In the latter town his home was destroyed by fire, which came as a heavy blow. He was also in business for a time at Sale.

At Warragul he was employed by the Lands Department inspector, who noted his aptitude for the administrative side of the vermin destruction work and recommended him for an inspectorship.

The recommendation was successful and Mr. Tolmie became the Lands Department Officer at Hopetoun. During his three years in this Mallee centre he was actively associated with the Gun Club, Rifle Club and was A.N.A. President.

He was transferred to Bacchus Marsh 30 years ago to take charge of a huge inspectorship, later subdivided.

For 23 years, until ill-health caused his retirement, the late Mr. Tolmie carried out his official duties without fear or favor; and no landholder who made a reasonable attempt to keep his property clean had reason to complain of departmental interference.

As a citizen the late Mr. Tolmie was identified with all worthwhile movements. A keen horticulturist, he regularly officiated as steward in the flower section at Bacchus Marsh Agricultural Shows. He held office in Bacchus Marsh Horticultural and Chrysanthemum Societies, and was a successful exhibitor at their annual shows.

He was a Past Master of the Duke of Abercorn Masonic Lodge, of which he was also Secretary for six years. He was the foundation Secretary of Bacchus Marsh Angling Club, his enthusiasm going far toward the immediate success of the movement.

For a number of years he served on the Mechanics' Institute Committee, and for a term was President.

To be laid aside in enforced idleness over the past seven years was an unhappy experience for such an active, energetic person as the late Mr. Tolmie, whose passing was for him a happy release. The bereaved wife and two daughters have received many expressions of sympathy. The funeral took place last Saturday at Maddingley Cemetery, where Rev. W. G. Lewis performed the burial ceremony.



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Next Meeting:

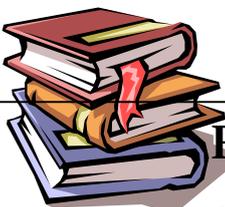
See front page for further information



Come along and join us for an interesting evening

Did You Know That:

- The "Paramount" theatre in Buckley Street was opened on Saturday 27th September 1947.
- The first feature to be screened was entitled:
"Two Years Before the Mast."

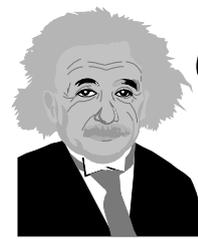
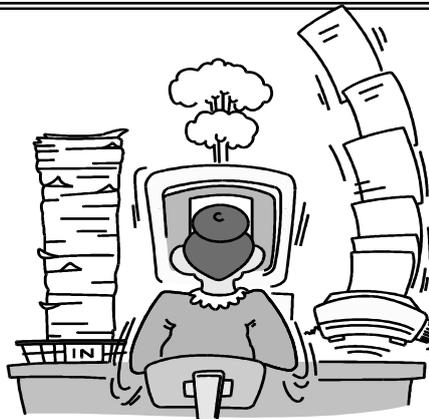
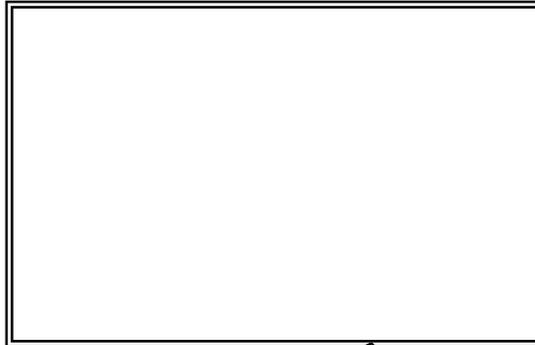


From the History Books:

Maryvale Mill Memorial Gates:

The Memorial Gates designed to commemorate those A.P.M. employees who lost their lives during the Second World War were dedicated on Saturday February 7th. 1953.

The memorial consisted of two plaques each with seven names. The gates were wrought iron and supported by granite pillars.



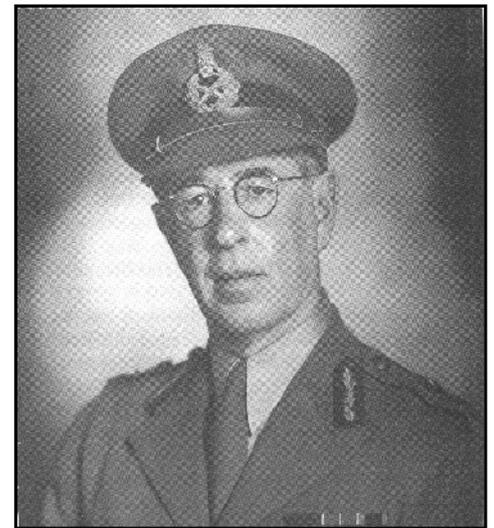
Quiz Corner

The answer to our puzzler in the last issue was:

Cr. George Firmin

The two questions for this issue should test your research skills.

1. When was Sir Stanley Savige born?
2. With which charitable organisation was he most closely associated?



Local History on the Internet:

Our new Website Address is now:

www.latrobecityonline.com

Thanks to Ben and Mary for their invaluable support and technical advice

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