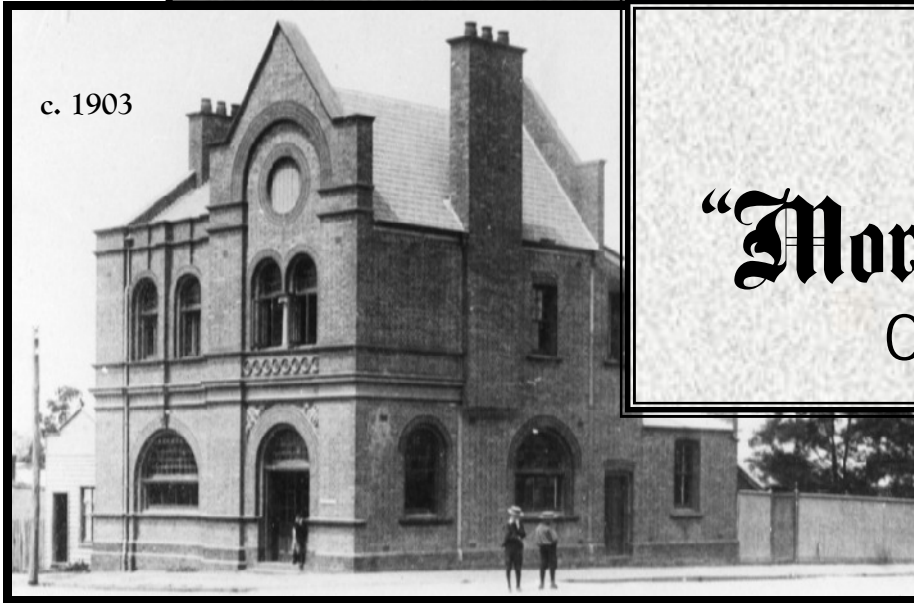


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END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS

In view of poor attendances over the past few years, it has been decided not to hold an annual dinner this year.

Our next meeting will be at our premises in Buckley St. on **October 16th**, and the final meeting for this year will be held on **November 20th**.

Our rooms in Buckley St. will be open as usual on Wednesdays between 11am and 2pm until the end of November, and by appointment over the Christmas-New Year period. (Contact Elsie McMaster on 03 51341149).

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OPEN DAY

We are planning to open our rooms on the afternoon of **Sunday, November 11th**.

In addition to the current exhibition on World War 2, there will be a display on the **La Mode** factory in Morwell and we are anxious to hear from any ex-La Mode workers who may be able to contribute information or loan items for the display.

Elsie McMaster

Mr Aherin's Send Off -1923 (Final)

Those people who devoted all their time to their own affairs and gave no assistance to anything else showed a very selfish spirit. Mr Aherin was not of that type. He had been a prominent member of Mechanics' Institute, Bowling Club and various other bodies. Had assisted in social affairs and was also a good and loyal churchman. In every way he had set a worthy example to follow.

Mr West added that he had resided for some time in a town in which Mr Aherin was stationed prior to his coming to Morwell. Mr Aherin was also thought a great deal of there and whenever he (Mr West) visited that place he was asked by quite a number how their old friend Mr Aherin was getting on.

In conclusion Mr West said a pleasing task had been entrusted to him namely to present on behalf of friends, Mr Aherin with a wallet of notes as a small token of esteem. He trusted that with the money Mr Aherin would be able to purchase something that would serve to remind him of the many warm and sincere friends that he had in Morwell and district.

In handing over wallet which contained 43 £1 notes, Mr West said he hoped Mr Aherin would live long to enjoy a well earned rest and that he would be blessed with good health and happiness. He also handed Mr Aherin a wallet containing 10 £1 notes for Mrs Aherin as a small token of esteem.

In responding Mr Aherin said his feelings were very mixed. After all the eulogistic speeches that had been made in his favor he felt like a hypocrite. When he on occasions had a spark of the Devil in him, he was afraid that he did a good many things that Mr Smith, notwithstanding what he had said, would not approve of.

He was an enthusiastic student of Robbie Burns, and although poor Burns had his failings, he gave much good advice, and in his actions he had been greatly guided by texts he had learned from Burns.

He had felt it his duty towards the Great Creator to attend worship regularly.

If there had not been a Church of England in the town he would have attended some other church. He would attend the church of Mahomet rather than none at all.

There was much in Mahometism that was good and could not be despised.

He had also joined in Bowling Club and other sports because he was fond of it and he had got a great deal of pleasure in other things he had tried to help along.

At times in his position as manager of the bank he had occasion to worry a bit, but Mr Buckley, notwithstanding his £7000 overdraft never gave him a moments anxiety.

(Mr Buckley: Because you had three times the amount as security).

At times he found himself between the Devil (Head Office) and the deep sea and in such cases he always battled hard for clients. However, his long term in Morwell had been a very happy one.

As he looked round the room there were several men present who were only little kids when he came to Morwell.

He was deeply sorry that his dear friend – John English with whom he had been associated in many things, was so unwell.

Mr Aherin also referred to the good feeling that existed between all the local banks, especially since the arrival of Mr Gordon.

In conclusion Mr Aherin said that owing to lack of the powers of concentration he could not recall all that he would like to say, but on behalf of himself and Mrs Aherin he wished to express their great gratitude to their many friends for kind sentiments expressed and tokens of esteem and good will for which words altogether failed him to thank them as he would wish. (Applause).

At this stage, items of harmony were contributed by Messrs H. Gay, J. Dempsey, R. Watson and the chairman.

The toast of “Mr Aherin’s Successor” (Mr Dolphin) was proposed by the Chairman who in doing so extended a most hearty welcome to Mr Dolphin.

He said he knew Mr Dolphin’s father and brother well, and if he was anything like them he would do Morwell.

He had come with splendid recommendations and he (chairman) felt sure would prove worthy of them.

He had on one occasion travelled to Sydney with a football team of which Mr Dolphin was a member when he was a footballer of the first water. He hoped Mr Dolphin would like Morwell and have no reason to regret coming to the town.

In responding Mr Dolphin said he wished to express his thanks for kind welcome.

Mr Aherin had been a capable and trusted bank official and an excellent citizen in every respect. To attempt to fill his place was a very big task. He, however, would strive to do his duty as an officer of the Bank and as a citizen. He also wished to thank Mr Aherin for the manner in which he had left things at the bank and the premises.

He wished him every success in his retirement and hoped he would enjoy a well-earned rest.

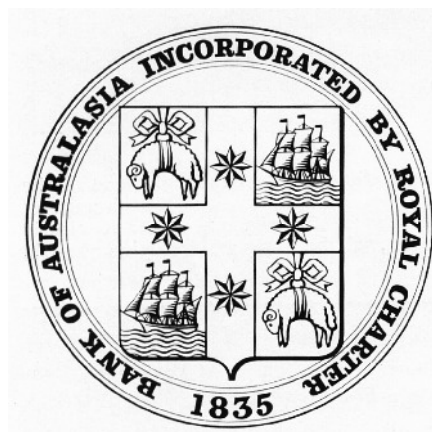
The “Press” was proposed by Mr L. Vary and supported by Mr P. P. Kelly.

Mr G. Watson responded.

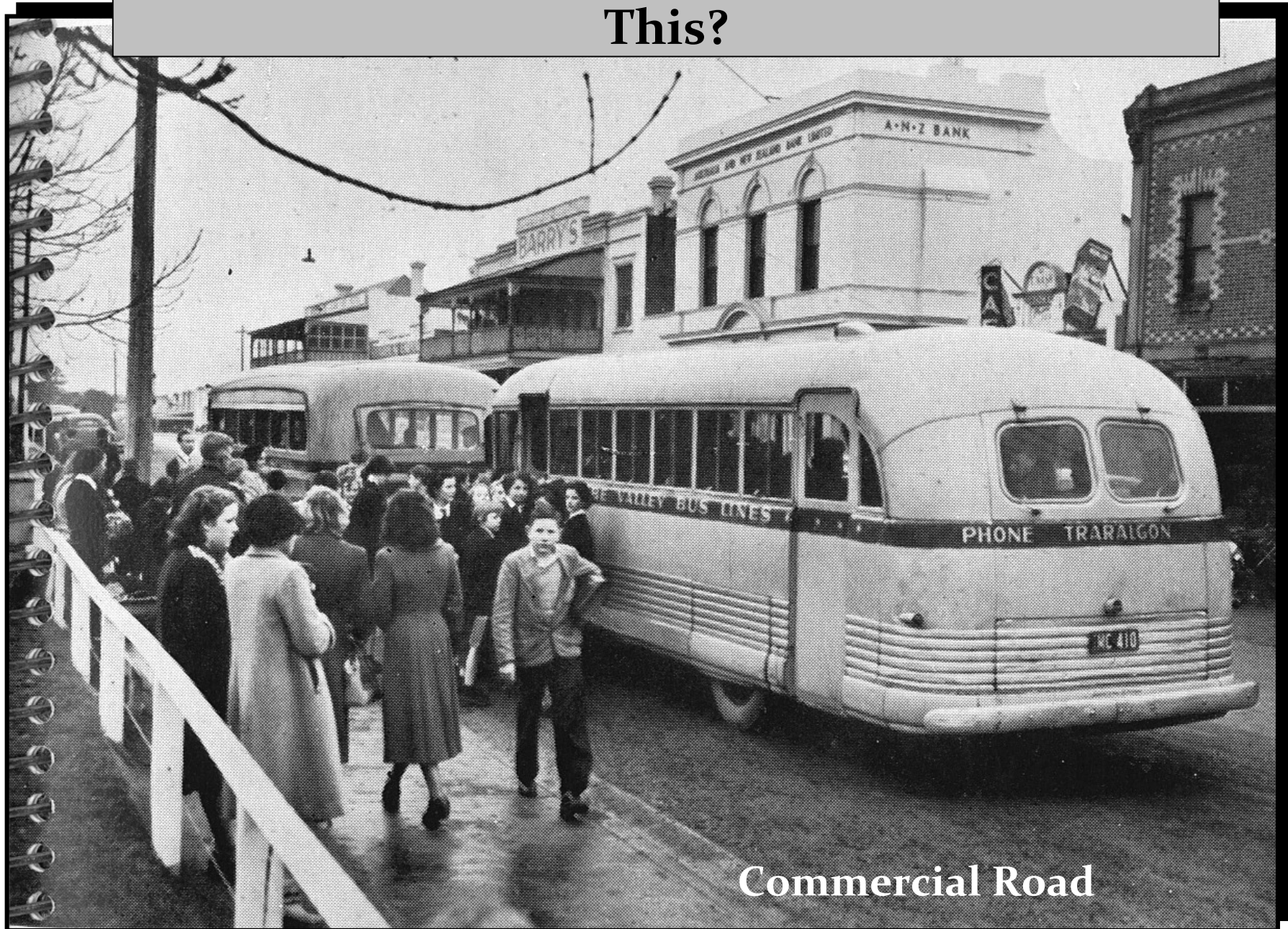
The toast of the chairman having been honored the proceedings were brought to a happy termination with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.



End



Do You Remember When It Looked Like This?



Commercial Road

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

6th. August 1936

Robbery at Morwell



THIEVES STEAL MOTOR TRUCK AND TOBACCO

On Thursday night last, thieves broke into Mr. T. C. Kleine's butcher's shop, Morwell, and ransacked the cash register. They, however, only got a few coppers as the cash had been removed from the register before the shop had been closed.

Entrance was effected by window on west side of refrigerator room, on which there was only fly-wire. An exit was made by window of back room on south side.

The thieves got more outside the shop than they did inside for they took a motor truck belonging to Mr. Kleine that was used for delivering orders to Yallourn and other places, from an open garage in the yard.

There was not much petrol in the truck and the thieves made an effort to break into McRobert's petrol depot in yard, a short distance from where they obtained the truck. They, however, were not successful in their efforts to get petrol there.

It would appear that they then went to Hares' garage where they found a motor car owned by Mr. Stan Thomas, of Hazelwood Estate, parked close by.

The car was locked but the thieves pushed it down the street for some distance and then "milked" all the petrol from the tank.

It might here be said that when Stan Thomas went to get his car some time later on, he found it missing and believed someone had stolen it, until it was eventually discovered some distance down the street.

With the petrol obtained from Stan's car, the thieves were enabled to get away with Kleine's truck. Before they left, however, they paid a visit to Tom Twomey's hair-dressing saloon, where they "pinched" about £3 worth of tobacco, a clock, razors and other articles.

On Friday morning First-Constable Gunn, who is at present in charge of local police station, was informed of what had occurred, and from information received he was soon convinced who were the culprits. He soon got busy and during the afternoon was informed that Mr. Kleine's truck had been found abandoned at East Malvern.

The suspects (two young men known to the police) have, however, not yet been apprehended, but it is expected that they will be located at an early date.

Mr. Kleine went to Melbourne on Saturday last and brought his truck home.



An early image of Hare's garage Commercial

Photograph: Morwell Historical Society Inc.

Forty Years Ago!

Paddle Shoes



Ryan Street 1967

Photograph: Local newspaper supplement

“Argus” 1953



**CR. JIM BUSH,
Morwell Commerce Chief**

Morwell Advertiser and Gazette

23rd. September 1943

The Methodist Diamond Jubilee



SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE

The celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of the Morwell Methodist Church were continued on Tuesday, the 14th. inst., when an enjoyable social evening was held in the church.

The Rev. C. Poxon presided, and at his invitation the company rose en masse, and feelingly sang "The Doxology," which was followed by the hymn "Heavenly Father, Thou Has Brought Us Safely to the Present Day," and prayer by the chairman.

Under the leadership of Mr. W. S. Mackenzie, the choir gave a soul-stirring rendering of "The Te Deum," (Jackson's), with Miss Hicks at the organ. Mrs McCracken sang delightfully "Bless This House" and Mr. Mackenzie gave equal pleasure with his rendering of "O Divine Redeemer."

Mr. Poxon then welcomed everyone, and regretted the absence of Mr. Ackland, who had an important meeting. He spoke of the fine spirit of co-operation that exists among the local clergy, and called upon the Rev. H. W. Hovenden to speak on behalf of the Presbyterian Church, with which request the reverend gentleman complied; congratulated the church upon having completed sixty years of service, and said that he hoped the best was yet to come. (Applause).

In his opening speech Mr. Poxon mentioned that he knew all would be glad to know that Mrs. Olver had received a postcard from Mr. Olver, who is a prisoner of war in Japan, saying he is well. (Prolonged applause).

The Rev. S. Watson (Baptist minister at Traralgon) then gave a most interesting address on his work as a representative of the Y.M.C.A. in the present war; and from which he returned more than a year ago. He worked with a Mobile Unit, in the African Western Desert, in Palestine, and in Syria.

These units, that are worked by the Salvation Army, and the Y.M.C.A., are sponsored by the Comforts Fund. With the mechanised unit we could go anywhere. We called it the "Dinkum."

We carried a radio for entertainment for the men, between 30 and 40 thousand sheets of note paper- we'd give every man half a dozen sheets, plenty of magazines, and games.

There were 35,000 troops in the Western Desert, and sometimes we would travel over 70 miles to contact 7 men who were at a lonely observation post. We were always well stocked with lemonade, tea, coffee and cocoa.

Syria is a land of snow, and you can imagine what it meant to men coming out of the trenches to be met with hot coffee.

The lecture was full of incidents of things connected with the life overseas, and when at the close, Mr. Poxon said, that if Mr. Watson came again to Morwell, he was sure that everyone present would want to hear him again, and would bring their friends.

This was approved and emphasised by the hearty applause that followed.

Mr. A. Ronald, secretary of the Methodist Trust, thanked the artists, and Mr. Watson, and spoke of the good congregations at the Sunday services, and of the very satisfactory offertory on that day (£41/9/6), and stated that with this evening's collection the £60 objective had been realised. (Applause).

Mr. Poxon also spoke appreciatively of the effort, emphasising the point that it was not only creditable to the church, but honoring to God.

The meeting closed with the same note of Praise, with which it began - "The Doxology," and the hymn, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

Prior to the "Benediction," Mr. Poxon invited everyone to attend a special Thanksgiving Service next Sunday evening.



Next Meeting:

Tuesday 16th October

2007

7.30 p.m.

44 Buckley Street

(Next to T.A.D.)

I bet they have lots of fun at their meetings!

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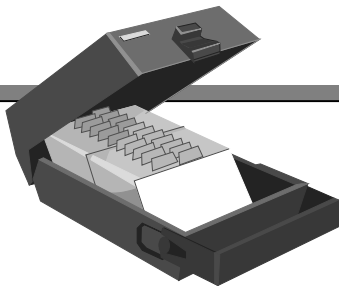


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Irving, John



Who's Who:

John Irving (1856-1894)

Teacher – Morwell School No. 2136: (Commercial Road) 1879-1884.

John Irving was the first teacher appointed to the school, he transferred to Boolarra in 1884.

He died of Bright's disease in 1894.

John Irving was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery.

