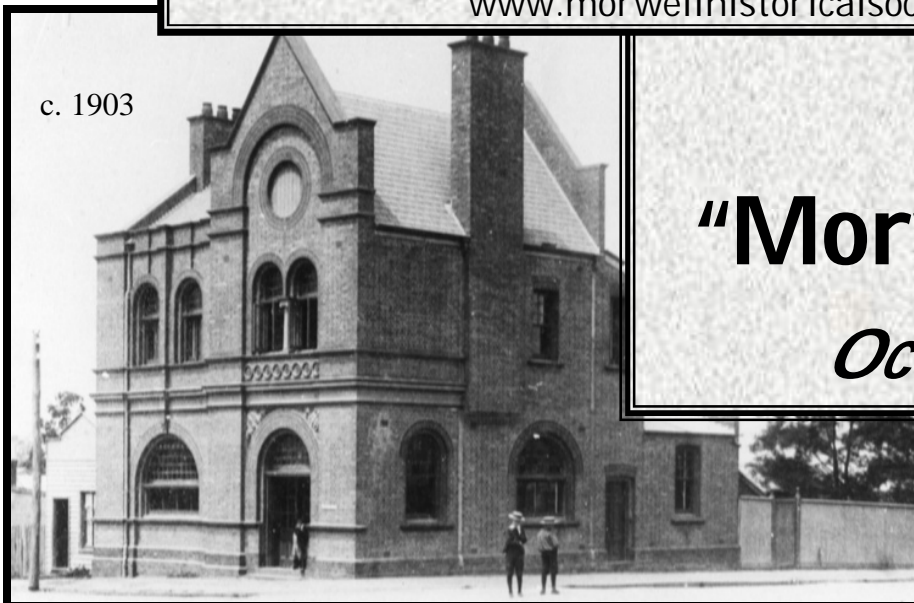


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# Morwell Advertiser

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>. May 1917 (page 3)

## Wedding



### RONALD-ANDERSON



On Friday last, at "Lyndisfarne," St. Kilda (the residence of the bride's cousin), a quiet but pretty wedding was solemnised between Mr **B. Ronald** and Miss **Violet I. W. Anderson**, both Morwell residents. Miss **M. Ronald** and Miss **T. Hunter**, attired in pale blue and pale pink respectively, and carrying bouquets of pink roses and asparagus fern, attended the bride, who was given away by her cousin Mr Hunter, and looked exquisite in the time honored wreath and veil with dress of lace over silk, the train of which was borne by Masters **Rex. Anderson** (bride's nephew) and **Ronald Seamer** (bridegroom's nephew).

The bride's bouquet was of roses, orange blossom and fern.

The place of honor as best man was reserved for Private **Alfred Ronald**, the bridegroom's brother who, however, was not able to fill it in person owing to his being absent on active service in France.

The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. **W. Seamer**, of Yarraville, assisted by Rev. **D. Ross** of St. Kilda.

An excellent breakfast was provided by Mr and Mrs Hunter of "Lyndisfarne," after which the customary toasts were duly honored and hearty parting greetings given the bridal pair, amidst showers of confetti.



Photograph: Morwell Historical Society Inc.

Violet Anderson was the teacher at Hazelwood Ridge School No.1768 during the years 1911-1917. (S.H.)

# The Gippsland Times

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. November 1882 (page 3)

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT



A magisterial enquiry was held at the Club Hotel, Morwell, on Monday, before Mr **Tinker**, J. P., relative to the cause of death of **Roderick Wellesley M'Millan**, the late Secretary and Engineer of the Shire of Traralgon, which occurred early on Monday morning. The following is the evidence taken, and the verdict returned:-

**John M'Millan**, jun., a youth, and second son of Mr M'Millan, a well-known farmer, of Hazelwood, deposed that on Monday morning he left home with the deceased at about 5 o'clock to hunt kangaroos on the banks of the river. When they got to the river the deceased proposed that they should have a swim; he was then carrying a muzzle-loading gun. Witness said he would go back and get a towel, and left deceased for that purpose, but had only gone about 20 yards when he heard a shot, and turned to see what had been shot, but not seeing deceased anywhere, ran back and found him lying on the ground quite dead. He (witness) then ran home and told his father (who was in bed), and he got up and accompanied him to where the body was lying, but did not touch it, as he saw deceased was quite dead.

The father of the last witness was called, and corroborated the last portion of the evidence given, and stated that he at once gave information to the police.

**James Gilfedder**, senior constable, stationed at Morwell, deposed to having received information of the occurrence from the last witness, and that he found the body of deceased as described. From the position of the body and the gun, and all the surrounding appearances, it was his impression that the deceased had accidentally shot himself.

Dr. **A. Macdonald** (of Sale) deposed that he had examined the body, and found the face all blackened from the chin to the eyebrows, just above which there was a large hole, which communicated in slanting direction, with the hole in the top of the head. He was of opinion, from what he saw and from the evidence which had been given, that the deceased had accidentally shot himself.

The magistrate then found, that the deceased died from a gunshot wound accidentally inflicted by himself.



# Ekon

## ELECTRICAL HOT WATER SERVICES AND DAIRY HEATERS.

The following has been extracted from a letter received from one of our members who has lasting memories of the "EKON".

*"The June edition of the Morwell Post carried many items of interest to me, one in particular caught my attention; it was the advertisement for the EKON hot water service. These were built in Morwell in the 1940s to cater for the growth in post-WW2 house building.*

*At that time, the State Electricity Commission of Victoria was building more houses in the Yallourn township. In 1948, an EKON HWS was installed in the brick veneer house built at 17 Reservoir Road. My husband and I and our four children moved into that house in 1966, having lived in Erica Street, Yallourn since 1951.*

*When the town was being demolished in the seventies, we were able to buy our home from the SEC. In 1979, we moved it, minus its brick cladding, to Paynesville. We had it re-bricked and it now stands full of Yallourn memories and of course, the EKON HWS. It is still functioning after 65 years of sterling service. In the past, things were made to last.*

*However, recently when an offer was made to connect natural gas to my property, I took the opportunity to have it on hand against the inevitable time when the stalwart EKON must break down; but its history suggests it could outlive me."*

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26<sup>th</sup> March 1953

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# The West Gippsland Gazette

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>. February 1923 (page 2)

## KILLED BY FALLING TREE



Mr. **Henry Jackson**, an old resident of the Morwell district, met his death in a somewhat tragic manner on Monday evening of last week.

A man was felling a large pine tree close to the Sacred Heart Convent when Mr. Jackson approached. He was warned of the danger, but, being hard of hearing, did not hear.

A gust of wind brought the tree down suddenly and it struck Mr. Jackson, who died shortly afterwards. The fatality was witnessed by several persons, including some women.



**Sacred Heart Convent c. 1964**

# The Morwell Advertiser

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1888 (page 3)

## LOST IN THE RANGES



### TERRIBLE PRIVATIONS



### FIVE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD



On Monday morning last Constable **Johnson** was advised that Mr. **Wm. Waldon**, whom it is well known lately left Morwell, in company with **Henry Livingstone**, with a view of prospecting the ranges near Moondarra, was supposed to be lost. We immediately wired for full particulars, which are as follows:-

WALHALLA, TUESDAY.

On Sunday last information was brought to the Walhalla police that Wm. Waldon had been missing in the ranges, at the foot of Mount Baw Baw, Moondarra, since the preceding Thursday evening, and grave fears were felt that he had perished, particularly as the weather had been frightfully severe.

It appears that on Tuesday last Mr. Waldon, in company with Henry Livingstone, and a man named **Jost**, went on a prospecting expedition among the hills, and as they carried only two days provisions they started for Moondarra on Thursday afternoon. Some difficulty in connection with finding the track arose, Mr. Waldon desiring to go one way and his companions another, and he said "You go your way, and I'll go mine," Jost and Livingstone then parted from him, and arrived at Moondarra after dark, but did not say anything about Waldon, as they fully expected him every moment.

The next morning, as the unfortunate man did not turn up his mates became alarmed, and on their making his direction known search parties were at once sent out, but without finding a trace of the missing man, who, when he left the others was wet through, and had not even a match upon him. On the news reaching Walhalla Constable **Knox** went out, and all Sunday and Monday did his utmost to discover the wanderer, but, without success.

The sad event naturally caused much stir in Walhalla, people deciding that the benighted traveller had succumbed to the combined influences of hunger and exposure.

A faint hope, and but a faint one, was felt that he had worked down the Tyers River, and come upon some habitation.

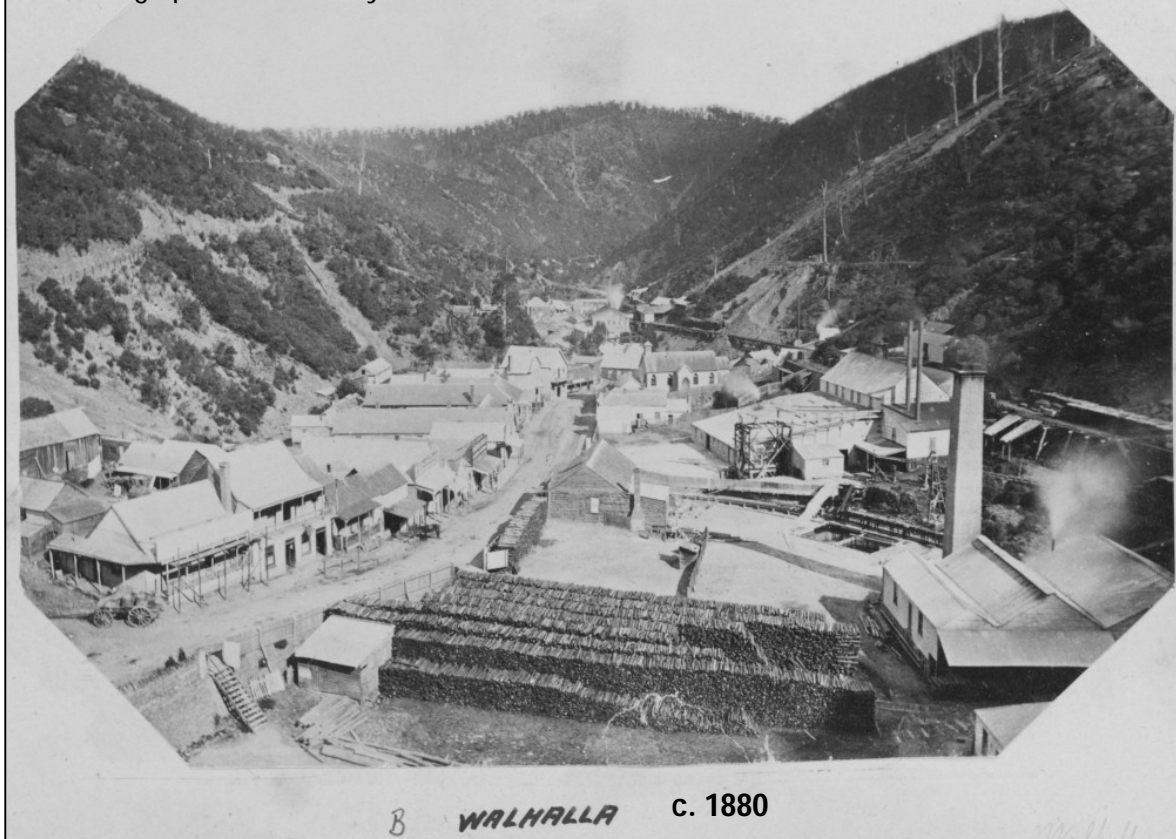
On the constable going out for a further search on Tuesday he met a messenger, who brought the welcome tidings that Mr. Waldon had been found alive by a son of Mr. **Brown**, on the Tyers River. He had worked along the river, and crossed the stream several times, and when discovered was in a terribly exhausted condition, having been without food or warmth for five days and nights.

His clothes were torn from him, and his body swollen to unnatural proportions, his boots having to be cut off. It was half-past 5 in the evening of Monday when he was found, and as the night was cold and stormy it was hardly possible for him to have survived much longer. Mr. Brown was unremitting in his attention to the exhausted man, who, thanks to this kindness, rallied sufficiently to be taken on horseback to Moondarra.

Just as we were going to press we received a telegram to say that Mr. Waldon was still a guest of Mr. Brown, Lower Moondarra, and is slightly improving.

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# The Morwell Advertiser

Friday 30<sup>th</sup>. April 1926 (page 2)

## Fire Alarm

At 2 a.m. on Tuesday last, a number of local residents were disturbed from their peaceful slumbers by the ringing of fire bell accompanied by repeated whistle from engine of train that happened to arrive at the station at the hour mentioned.

A strong breeze was, however, blowing from the west, and quite a number failed to hear the alarm and as a result slept on oblivious of the fact that a strenuous battle was being waged to prevent a serious conflagration.

There is nothing like a fire alarm to cause people to jump out of bed like a shot and hurry out into the cold in all sorts of attire. Having first satisfied themselves that their own place is not on fire they hurry out into the street to locate the cause of alarm.

On Tuesday morning those who hurried forth were directed more by the smell of burning rubber than the flames, for the fire happened to be inside **Leviston Bros'** motor garage, in Station Street, and the flames from two burning Buick cars within could not be seen from any distance outside.

The outbreak was first noticed by Mr **Ollie Jones** who had been at work in **Wilson's** bake house and on going home near the garage saw flames issuing from the inside, Jones immediately rang the fire bell and in quick time Lieut. **Rob Watson**, assisted by firemen **Butters**, and **Burney**, and Mr. **O'Keefe** had the reel out and were attacking the flames with a fine pressure of water, under very trying conditions for the building as soon as the flames were somewhat subdued became filled with dense smoke and overpowering fumes from burning rubber.

The place was also in darkness save for a flame that would now and again shoot forth, and as no torch or lamp was available the firemen had a difficult task, especially Lieut. Rob. Watson, Butters and Burney who (struck) to their guns until all danger was over.

The garage was not damaged but a car belonging to Leviston Bros. was partially destroyed, and one owned by **Paddy Sands** met a similar fate. Only the garage wall separates the building from Mr. **Maguire's** house on the west side, whilst on the east side there is only the same thing between the garage and house occupied by Mr Leviston and a short distance away is **Lawless' Coffee Palace**.

Had the fire not been observed so quickly and such prompt measures taken the conflagration would in all probability have been a serious one.

The (organ) of the fire appears to be a mystery.

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# Morwell Advertiser

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. September 1910 (page 2)

## DEATH OF MISS ETTIE DUNBAR

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It is with feelings of very deep regret that we have to record the sudden death of one of the most popular young ladies in the district, in the person of Miss **Ettie Dunbar**, only daughter of Mr and Mrs **D. Dunbar**, of Morwell Bridge, which sad event took place at her late residence on Monday afternoon last, death being due to toxaemia (a form of blood poisoning, or more correctly, poisoning of the system) due to abscesses under the teeth, the poison from which had entered the system, and despite all the efforts of medical skill and careful nursing towards counteracting the poison, it proved unavailing.

Deceased was in Morwell on Thursday, last week, but not feeling well on her return home, she went to bed. Her face was swollen a good deal, but as she often suffered from toothache and neuralgia, nothing serious was anticipated. Three days passed, and as she failed to improve, **Dr. McLean** was called.

He realised that it was one of those rare cases of toxaemia, and that matters were very serious. About mid-night on Sunday deceased became unconscious and although the doctor persevered for hours, deceased was beyond all human aid, and it was with regret that the doctor had to inform the anxious parents that it was a hopeless case. The sad news quickly spread and quite a gloom was cast over the town.

Relations and friends hurried to visit the bed side before the end came, and quite a number, including the doctor and clergyman gathered round and watched the life pass slowly and most peacefully away, the end coming shortly before five o'clock in the afternoon. The deceased young lady was just 19 years of age, and was most popular with all sections of the community. She was a gifted (pianiste), and obtained several certificates from the London College of Music, and was expecting to get her diploma in November next. She was always ready to give her services in any good cause and has played selections and accompaniments at various entertainments in Morwell and district. She also supplied music for several social gatherings, and by her kind, generous and thoughtful disposition endeared herself with all among whom she came in contact.

In addition to being a general favourite with the public, she was a most beloved daughter, and it is hard to think so young a life with such a bright and promising future should be cut off so suddenly, and that a home should be robbed of its only child.

Deep sympathy is expressed on all sides for Mr and Mrs Dunbar in their very sad and sudden bereavement, and they have been the recipients of scores of telegrams, letters,

beautiful floral tributes and other tokens and expressions of sympathy and condolence, for which they express in another column their sincere thanks.

The skating carnival to have been held on Monday night last was postponed on account of the sad event.

The remains of deceased were interred in the Hazelwood Cemetery on Wednesday last, the exceptionally large funeral bearing testimony to the respect in which deceased was held, and the sympathy expressed for Mr and Mrs Dunbar.

The funeral cortege was somewhat unique inasmuch as the hearse was drawn by two grey horses, and was followed by a vehicle (bearing beautiful floral tributes) drawn by deceased's favourite white horse "Tommy." After the floral car came the mourning coach drawn by two black horses; then came eight vehicles with relations, next the Rev. **J. Millar Smith**, who conducted an impressive service at house and grave, followed by about seventy vehicles and thirty horsemen.

The mortuary arrangements were most successfully carried out by Mr. **G. Billingsley**. The coffin-bearers were six young men, principally members of the Town Band, and among the many floral tributes were beautiful wreaths from M.U.I.O.O.F. Lodge, Town Band, Hibernian Social Committee, and "Band Ladies."

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1911 (p.2)

### THANKS.

**M**r and **M**rs **D. DUNBAR** desire to tender their sincere thanks to their many friends for telegrams, letters, floral tributes, and other expressions of sympathy and condolence received during their recent sad bereavement. Especially do they thank **Mr Tatterson**, and particularly **Dr McLean** for his untiring efforts and devoted attention.

### IN MEMORIAM.

**D**UNBAR.—In loving remembrance of our dearly beloved daughter, "Ettie," who passed away at "Myrlewood," Morwell Bridge, on 12th September, 1910.

Only "good-night," beloved— not "farewell!"  
A little while and all His saints shall dwell  
In hallowed union, indivisible—

Good-night!

Inserted by **D. and E. Dunbar**.

**D**UNBAR.—In memory of our dear cousin **Ettie**, who passed away at "Myrlewood," Morwell Bridge, September 12th, 1910.

That her life, so full of promise,  
Thus should close in youth's fair spring;  
Could we learn our Father's reason,  
We perchance with joy would sing.

Inserted by her loving cousins, **Ida and May**.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1912 (p.2)

### IN MEMORIAM.

**D**UNBAR.—In loving memory of our dearly loved daughter, "Ettie," who passed away at "Myrlewood," Morwell Bridge, on 12th September, 1910.

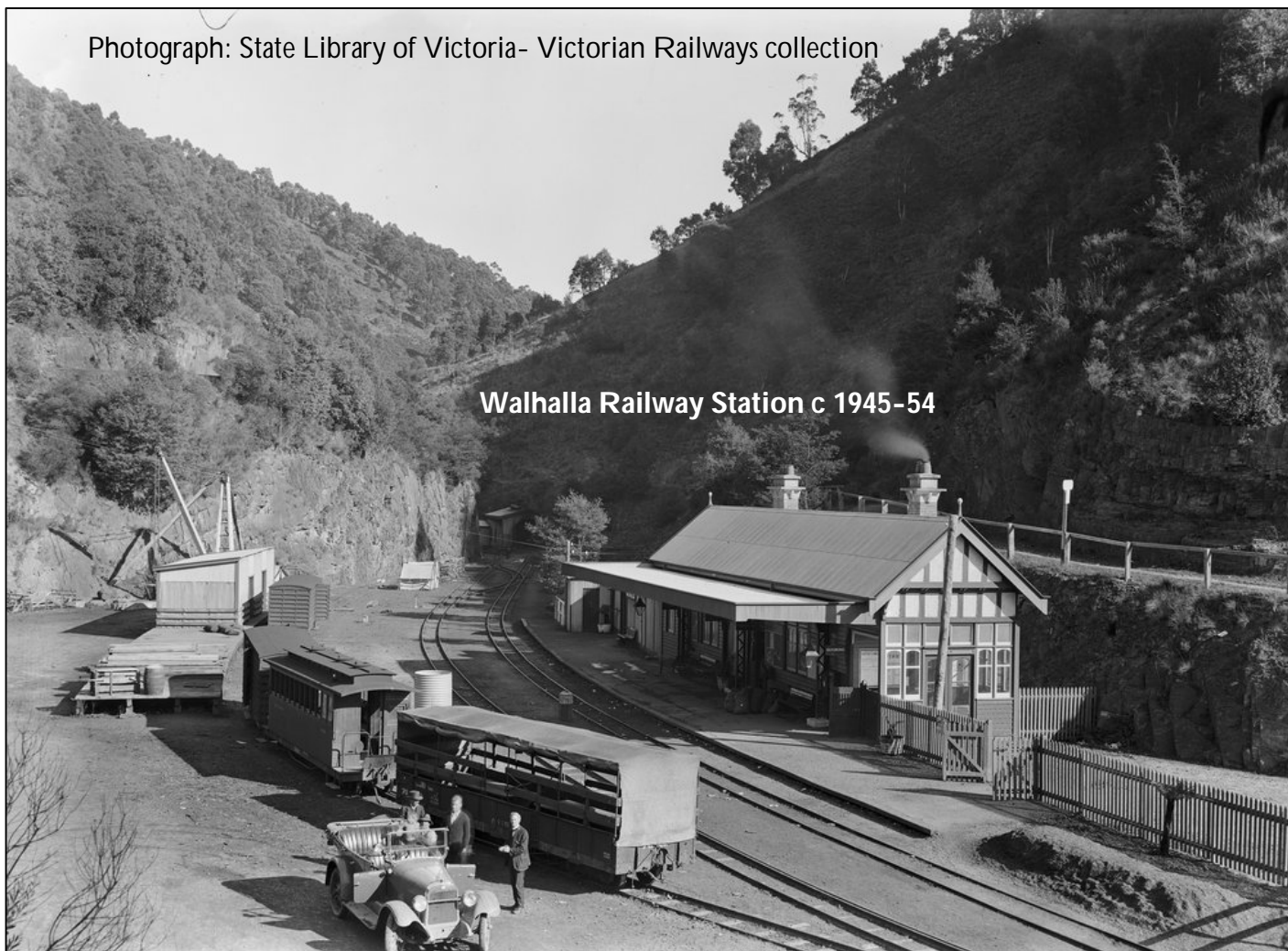
Where the angels bright are singing,  
Where no sorrow e'er can come;  
We shall meet our cherished loved one  
In that bright, eternal home.

Inserted by **D. and E. Dunbar**.

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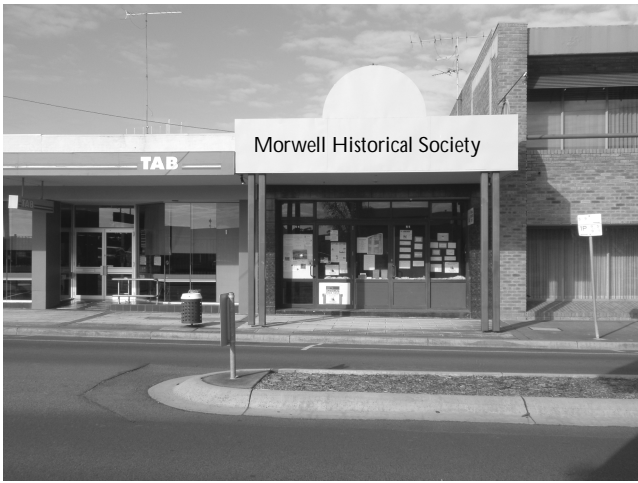
**MISS STEWART,**

**Manageress**

Morwell Advertiser Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1926

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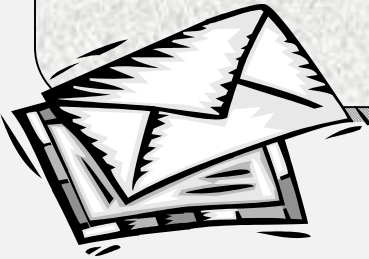
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- Morwell connected to Sale in February 1908 (8d for the first 3 minutes)
- Morwell connected to Melbourne in October/November 1910
- To ring Melbourne in October 1922 you would need 1s 4d for the first 3 minutes
- Exchange opens at Hazelwood in March 1924
- Service connected to Morwell West on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1947
- Telephone "Office" established at Derham's Hill in May 1950
- Morwell Exchange "automated" on 20th February 1955

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