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Morwell Players. Return of Bruce Carroll Memorial Plaque.

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Members of Morwell Historical Society and the former Morwell Players met recently to return the Bruce Carroll Memorial Plaque to representatives of the Victorian Drama League.

The perpetual trophy was donated by entrepreneur Garnett H. Carroll in memory of his brother. It was first awarded in 1952 for the best one-act play in the Victorian Drama Leagues' annual festival. It was won by the Morwell Players in 1962 and again in 1969, after which date the festival lapsed and the trophy remained in Morwell.

When the Players ceased activities in 1985, their many trophies were given to the Historical Society for safekeeping. Now, after 35 years, the Victorian Drama League Festival is to be revived and the Bruce Carroll Plaque will again be awarded for the best one-act play. V.D.L. Vice President Michael Mace presented Morwell Historical Society with a certificate of appreciation for its care of the plaque.

The Morwell Players, formed in 1947, were a very successful amateur drama group who, over the 38 years of their operation, won many trophies, including the prestigious BHP and Moomba awards.

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FIRE.

A NARROW ESCAPE

It is now some considerable time since there was a big conflagration in Morwell, but another, which probably would have equalled any previous one was very narrowly averted on Friday evening last, about 9 o'clock, when Mr. S. W. Rankin's, tailor shop in Commercial road, caught fire, and had it not been for the timely presence of Messrs W. Bruton, J. Bryden, A. Green, H. McIntosh, S. Gill and a few others, who worked like Trojans, the whole block from Koury's to Haiz's would probably have been reduced to ashes.

Mr. Rankin was away at Omeo at the time, and it appears his brother was in the act of removing a kerosene lamp from the shop, when he tripped with the result that the lamp fell and exploded at the same time setting fire to a lot of paper and rubbish under the counter. Mr. Bruton's fancy goods shop is adjoining on East side and Samuel's and Bryden's tinsmiths on the West. Bruton who was in his shop at the time heard the lamp fall, and in a moment was fighting the flames which were lapping up to the ceiling. He was immediately followed by Jim Bryden, Green, McIntosh and others, whilst Mr. Gill came along with buckets of water, which were handy.

For a few moments it was doubtful whether the fire would be got under or not, but the fire-fighters stuck manfully to their "guns" and although many were almost overcome with the smoke and heat and a number had their hands severely scorched, they kept up the attack until the last flame was eventually extinguished, the damage done amounting to about $\mathfrak L$ 5.

We understand that Rankin's goods were insured, but neither Bruton or Samuels and Bryden had a penny insurance on their stock.



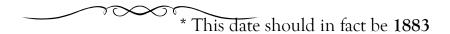
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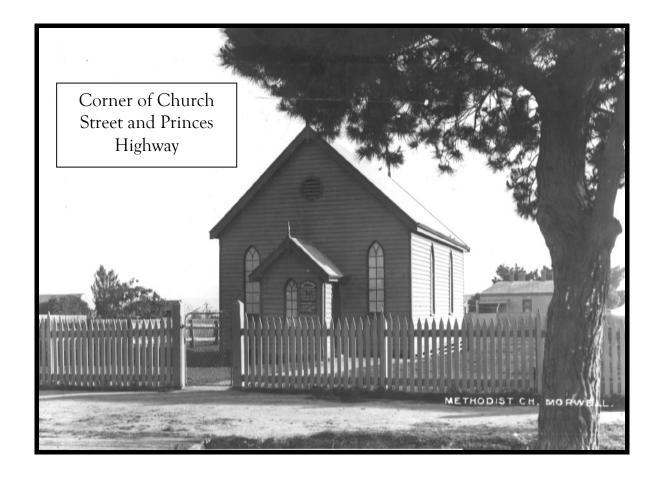
Thursday, November 23rd. 1950.

Methodist Church Re-opening.

Removed form its position at the corner of Princes Highway and Church St., which it occupied since 1880,* the Methodist Church has been re-erected on the new site in Princes Highway and will be re-opened next Sunday, November 26th, when a special service will be conducted at 11 a.m. by Rev. A. A. Lyons, a former minister of the Morwell Circuit and, until recently, chairman of the North Gippsland District. Mrs. Lyons, a gifted vocalist, will be the special soloist for the day.

A cordial invitation is extended to old and new friends to attend these services, which coincide with the observance of Temple Day.







Next Meeting:

Tuesday 17th September 2002

7.30 P.M.

22 Church Street

For all our football fans



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OTHER RESULTS 22/7/'50

Yarragon 7.17 d. Leongatha 4.9. Mirboo North 8.8 d. Moe 1.7. Warragul 7.5 d. Korumburra 5.8. Trafalgar 16.14 d. Yallourn 11.7.

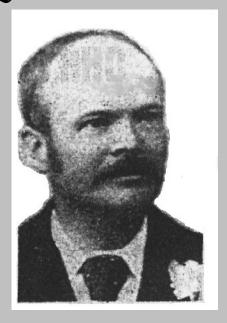
MATCHES FOR 29/7/'50

LEONGATHA v. MORWELL

Traralgen v. Yarragon. Moe v. Trafalgar.

Warragul v. Mirboo North. Yallourn v. Korumburra.

Quiz Corner?????



Guess Who?

Answer to July's little puzzle: July 1950

From Our Historical Diary: September:

st. Morwell North school No. 2621 opened in 1884

7th. Passenger services ceased on the Mirboo North railway line in 1968

7th. Mid Valley opened for trade 1982

8th. New building opened at Morwell railway station 1962

14th. L.V. Aero Club formed in 1949

17th. Last service in "old" Methodist church, Church St. corner 1950

20th. R.S.L. hall opened in 1953

22nd. Hazelwood Railway Station closed to all traffic in 1953