

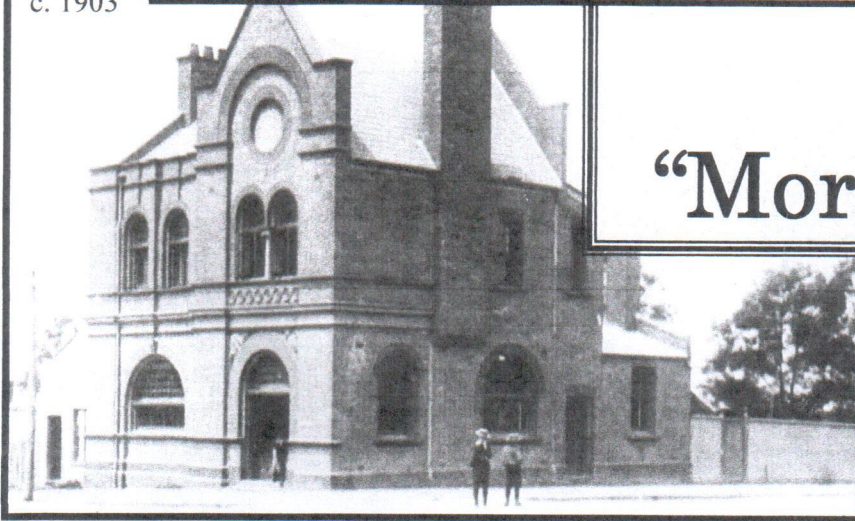
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Empire Youth Sunday parade 1958.

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**What is the history of this Morwell house?
Why is it located beyond the footpath
boundary limit?**



What business was once located at the corner of Ryan and Ellen Streets??



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From a Commercial Road Primary School recipe book – date is not certain – compiled by the school's Mother's Club and teaching staff. Local businesses were very supportive in those days with sponsorship.

later became the home of the YMCA. The headmasters were John Goyne, Mr. Heartup, and Mr Elliott

In the 1940's the SEC started stripping the overburden behind the houses opposite ours in Wallace Street to make way for the open cut. Their scrapers worked on into the night and, apart from the noise, the headlights of these machines would light up our homes through the old style of holland blinds that every one had. My parents decided to sell out and of course only the SEC was interested in buying. We then moved to a home at 38 Langford Street (Lower end). These were homes that had been built for the APM (Most of Avondale Cres north side and south side of Langford Street from the bottom until 2 or 3 houses above Ruby Street. We still attended the Commercial Road School from there. About 1950 the Collins Street School commenced with all students living north of the railway line and west of McDonald street transferring to the new school.

We attended cubs and scouts in the scout hall located in George Street between the cattle sale yards and the home owned by Les Thomas's parents (Later purchased by the RACV) The cubmaster was Jack Woolf, he may still have an air conditioning business east of Traralgon and was the son of Rowley, Princes Highway, Morwell, near BP (Was storeman for WaterTrust) and the scout master was Charles Whitby who lived in Vary Street. Cubs and scouts were fairly popular in those days with the scouts meeting on Mondays and Fridays to accommodate the numbers. Cubs were on Thursdays and the guides met on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until they moved to their own premises near the YMCA (They may also have met at the Presbyterian Church hall in Elgin Street for some time)

Towards the end of the 50's the SEC followed us down to Langford Street and commenced to build a railway line from the Morwell Open cut to Yallourn and the heavy earthmoving machinery started up again. As our family of three boys and two girls was getting a bit large for the house we moved to another APM house in Botany Street. The Apm had built homes in Princes Highway, Fairfield Street and Square, Booth and Spry Streets and Vincent Road up to the end of Spry Street. The Housing Commission later purchased land from Vin Hourigan and extended the housing northwards. When we shifted up there Tony Hanson (Valuer) still lived in the house on the north/east corner of Vincent Road and the Highway with Vin Hourigan living beside him facing the highway. The original golf links were located to the north of their properties although very little remained when we were there. (John Hanson, Tony's son was in the same classes as me until he went away to boarding school)

Another friend of mine from primary school was Paul Laycock whose father was the manager of the Bank of Australasia (Later ANZ bank) They lived above the bank in Commercial Road where the ANZ bank is now. Paul's sister Jenny was later lost in the snow for many days which necessitated having some fingers and toes removed through frost bite.

When I was about 8 I had a paper round which required us to be at the paper shop by 6 am to mark up our papers and commence deliveries. My round started with the Station Masters residence opposite Fletcher Jones and then the businesses along the highway from Church Street to Collins Street (including Lou Bond) The whole of Collins Street, Buckley Street either side of Collins Street and various houses scattered towards the end of Collins Street most of which only had dirt tracks to their homes. Saturdays were the worst as everybody (including Lou Bond) required the Age as well as the Sun or Argus and as I only had a small bike (20" wheels) I had to walk as far as Buckley Street before it was a light enough load to ride. Rain hail or shine Mrs Ruby Taylor always met me at her gate each morning with a cake or a warm drink which was greatly appreciated particularly on frosty mornings. We also sold heralds outside the hotels at night. The older boys were allowed into the hotels where the six o'clock swill was in action but we

had to stay outside. I was paid 3/- for my paper round and sold heralds for tips which wasn't too bad as they cost 3d. and most blokes were in a hurry to get into the pub and would not wait for change. I soon learned to fumble the change giving process to prolong the delay.

While we were living at Langford Street the SEC commenced building White City (married quarters for their employees) on the farm of Eric Brinsmead who had sold out and moved to Echuca. The Brinsmead boys were friends of ours and we spent many hours at their place particularly when the lambs had to be marked and have their tails docked. Shearing was another busy time when we were always assured of a job. The three boys Kelvin, Gordon and Doug are all chiropractors and their sister Sylvia is a doctor. Eric's brother Alan had the property on the western side of the Morwell - Mirboo road (where the blue gums are now planted by Gippsland Water). After the war he purchased about 6 bomber planes which he placed on his property for wrecking. We used to enjoy going down there to "fly" the planes as most of the wing flap controls were still working.

At Christmas time either the Council or the business people put on a party for all the children at the Town Hall with sandwiches, cakes and raspberry cordial prepared in milk cans. I can remember Arthur Ough, long time town hall cleaner carrying out the milk cans each year.

We used to go to the Saturday afternoon films at the Town Hall and then later at the Paramount Picture Theatre in Buckley Street which, in those days was next to the sale yards at the rear of Kelly Bros. This building later became a "night club" and was used for cabarets, weddings etc and I think had a few other uses before becoming an army disposals outlet.

My recollections of Commercial Road starting opposite the school was Dr Mitchells medical centre, then a second large home, both surrounded by a large green hedge, a vacant block where the circus came each year, Jack Lawless's Advertiser, McRoberts feed and grain store, butchers shop, Keilly's? bakery, Martins fruit shop (later Hinkleys) Vereys shoe shop, Purvis Stores, Hustlers Store, Robinsons Chemist, Thomas Stationery, Post Office (Now Comm. Bank) D.C. Mills licensed grocer, Mckays Hotel, Sharpes Emporium, Hughes Cafe, Murdochs Hotel, Australasia Bank, Ted Nash Grocer, Brittinghams Deli, Evans Newsagency, Michael Guss Clothing, Dick Maginn menswear, Harold Butler Jeweller, Bill Milner Chemist, Rutherfords Bakery, next shop had a variety of tenants. Was a lighting shop with maybe radio and later TV. The State Savings Bank was next followed by Rintoulls Hardware and blacksmiths. Beautiful big Irish setter always sitting on the footpath outside. Davies Chemist Obviously somebody else was there in those days. (I met Charlie Davies up here recently as he lives at Buderim) National Bank Maryvale motors (Was Les Hares Motors) Edna Campbells frock shop, Dunlops Butcheries, Both old Jim and young Jim used to serve with one armed Mr Rowell taking the money. Campbells cafe was the last on the corner before the Town Hall. The childrens library was in the old shire offices which later became the water board and the police station came after land that I think was vacant before it became the titles office and later or earlier the new police station. McRoberts lived on the corner of Commercial Road and Maryvale Cres.

Hazelwood road had the Masonic hall, the water board depot and a cafe which Brittinghams had for a while and was previously known as the Costa Rica where all the young new Australian men used to go for a coffee in the fifties. (We always believed a bit of gambling and other activities for young men were conducted out the back but it might have been schoolboys imagination)

Tarwin street west side from George Street was Bill and later young Fred Jenkins grocery with old Fred in Drapery with the Misses Jenkins millinery, a cafe was next

Thanks to Robin for the memories. More in our next newsletter.

Morwell Historical Society Inc

Notice to members

Members are advised that a special meeting of the Society will be held at 12 Hazelwood Road, Morwell, 2.00pm Wednesday 17th February 2016

The reason for the meeting is to vote on an alteration of the Society's rules to include a management committee that has a majority of 'Responsible Persons' as defined by the Australian Taxation Office.

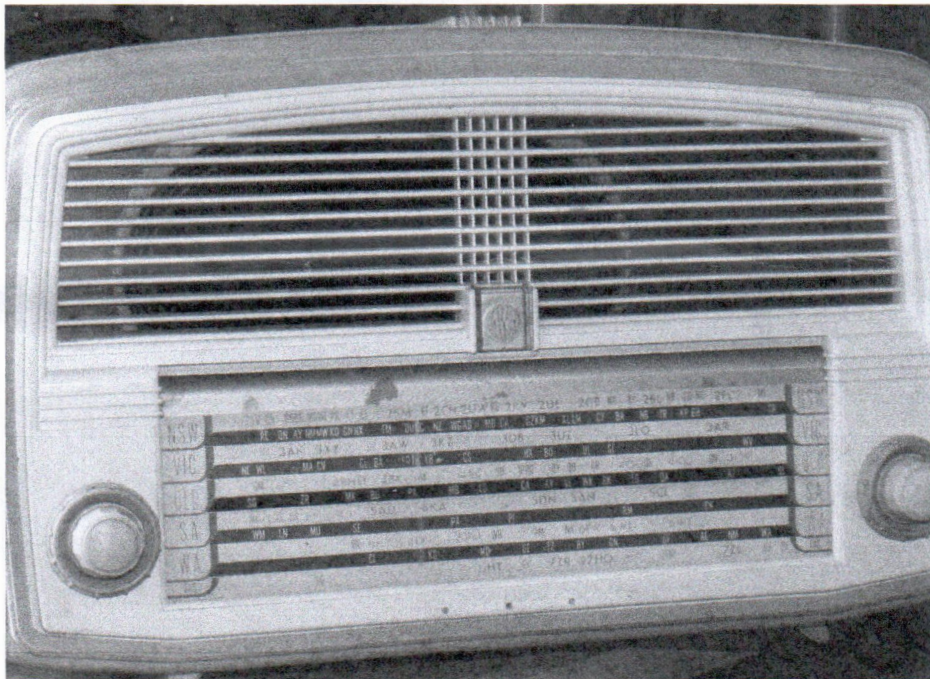
If you are unable to attend the meeting you can make an absentee vote to agree or disagree by e-mail or post.

For some time we have been in contact with the taxation office for an endorsement as a 'Deductible Gift Recipient'. (This endorsement would allow the Society to issue receipts to donors to claim a tax deduction.) They have advised that we need to change our rules in a number of areas before they will consider our application. (I hope this is the last change required). Solicitor, Richard Horseman has agreed to word a suitable alteration.

Please note that the first general meeting for the year will be held after the special meeting. At the end of the meeting there will be an information session of the records and holdings of the society. I hope to see you there.

Regards

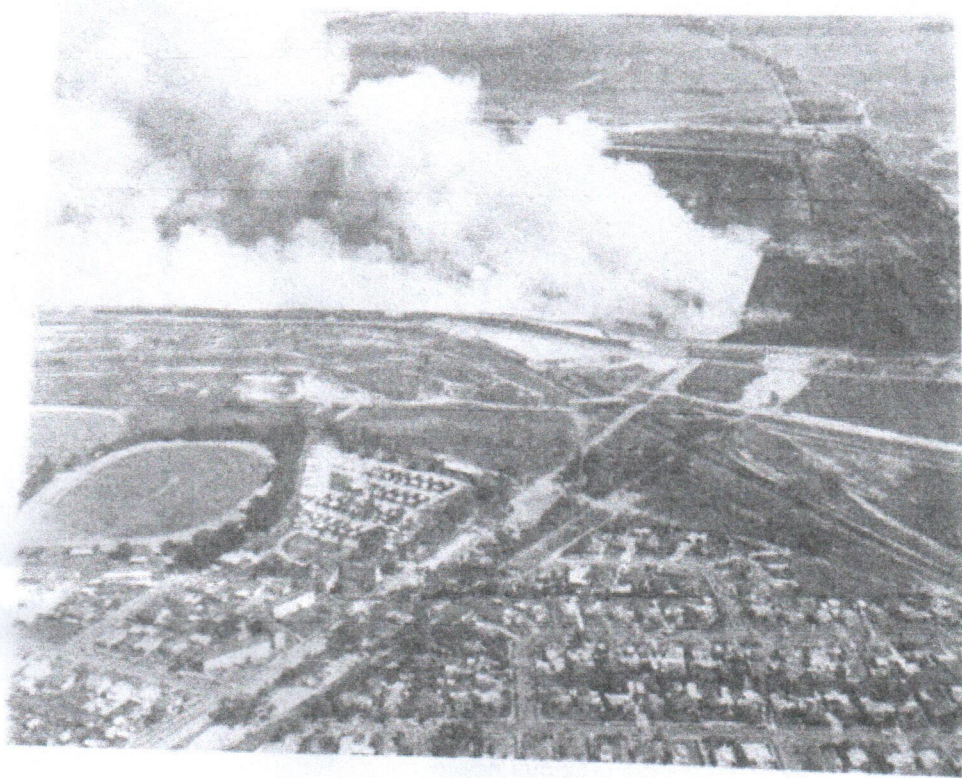
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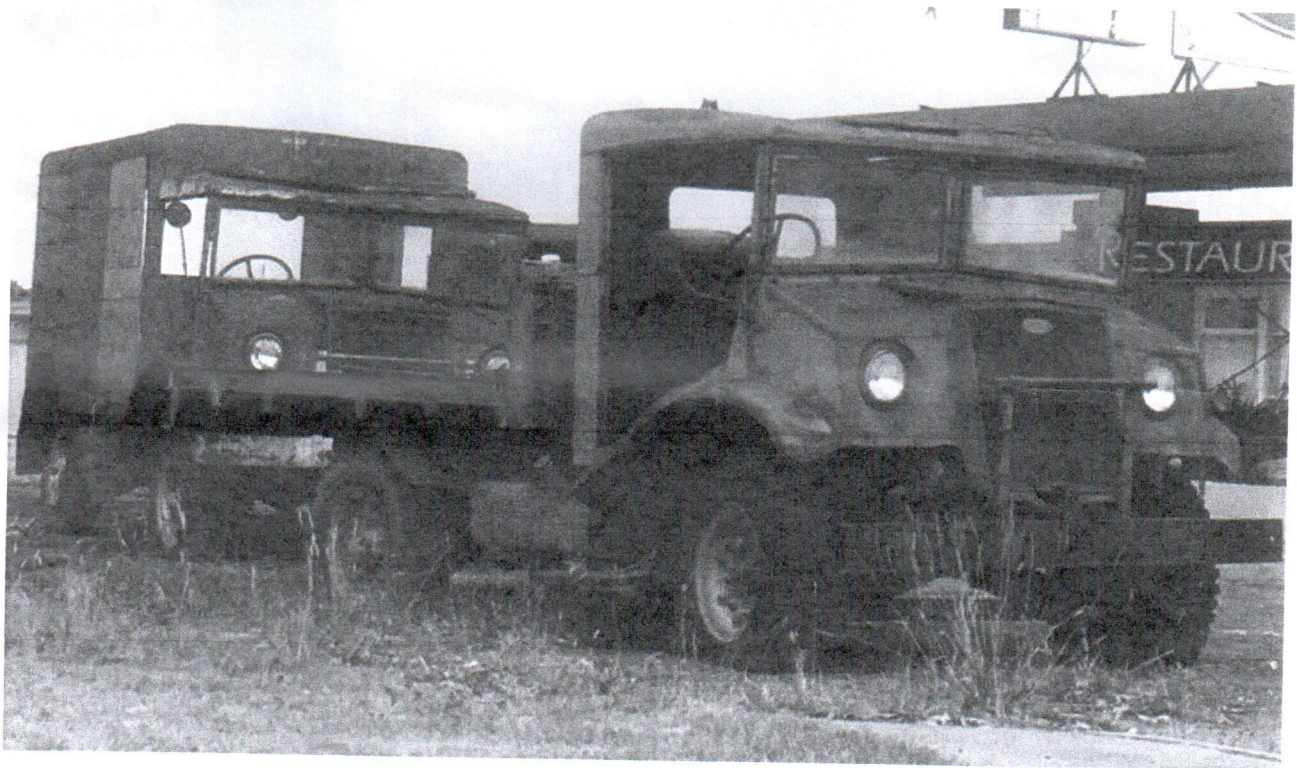
Did you ever have one of these? (It's a very early version of an Apple Ipad!)



Test your memory number – who built the house (and where is it located) and do you remember Morwell resident, Adrian Rich who died in action in the Vietnam War?



Morwell Open Cut fire – Friday, November 4, 1977



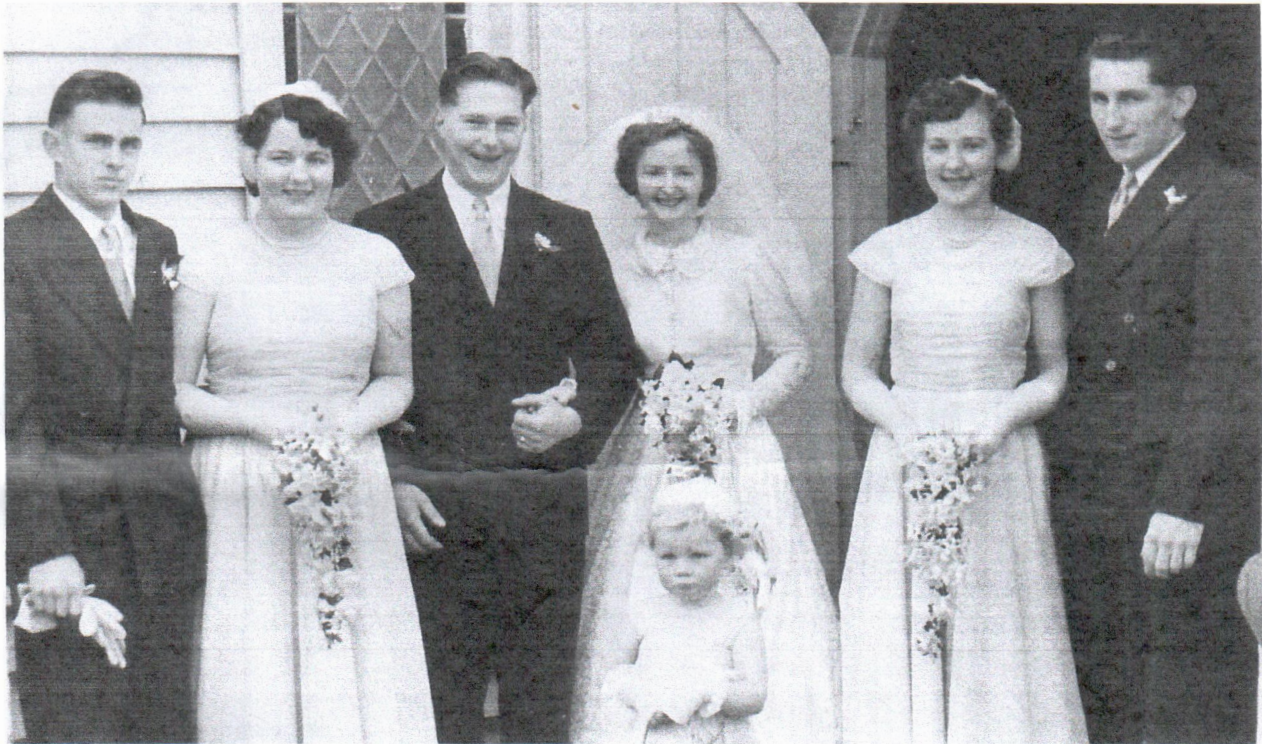
What was the name given to these trucks and for what purpose were they use?



(From the previous newsletter)



The former Hazelwood North Church (still standing) with an uncertain future – The auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 2016. Even history can beat so-called developers!!!!



St. Mary's Church of England Morwell was beautifully decorated for the marriage on August 2nd, of Marjorie Alys, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Jordan, Morwell, with Norman William, only child of Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Brinsmead, Morwell. Rev. Canon R.W.G. Phillips officiated.

A bouquet of gardenias and hyacinths was carried by the bride, who looked charming in a gown of white French lace interwoven with silver over satin. The slim waisted, long sleeved bodice featured an upstanding collar, and the hooped redingote skirt was of satin with the lace over-skirt falling back in soft folds to form a circular train. A triple finger-tip tulle veil edged with silver was held in place by a tiara of pearl orange blossom.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by bridesmaids Miss Melva Alexander and Miss Margaret Stephenson, her cousin. Their frocks of mist-blue embroidered nylon over taffeta were styled with very full circular skirts, the shoulder straps on the shirred bodice extending to form brief sleeves. Their feathered cloches and long suede gloves were of matching blue and they wore the bridegroom's gift, a double row of pearls. Bouquets of golden daffodils and blue hyacinths were carried. As flower girl, Lyn Fletcher, was a charming little replica of the bridesmaids and carried a basket of similar flowers.

The bridegroom had Mr. Stan Firmin, his cousin, as best man and Mr. Ron Jordan, the bride's brother, as groomsman.

At the reception in the Town Hall over 100 guests were entertained. The three tiered wedding cake was made by the bride's mother and decorated by Mrs. F.J.Jenkins.

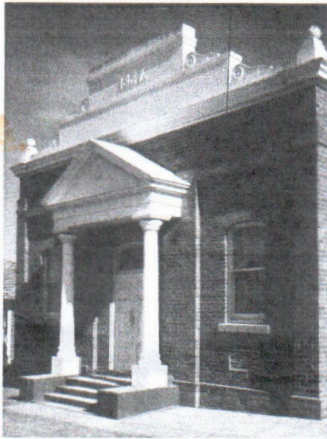
Mrs Jordan received her guests in a teal grey dressmaker suit with black accessories and a small pink feathered hat with black osprey. Her shoulder spray was pink azaleas.

Mrs. Brinsmead pinned a spray of pink orchids to her suit of smokey blue, worn with an orchid pink blouse, and a junior navy hat relieved with pink. Her accessories were junior navy. The young couple left by car to spend a honeymoon in Mildura, the bride travelling in a lilac frock with a hat to tone and a junior navy coat and accessories. Their future home will be in Morwell.

MERRY CHRISTMAS – ENJOY YOUR NEW YEAR - Leo

Information Page:

Please note that the next meeting will be in February – see below.
At 12 Hazelwood Road (Old Masonic Temple)



Meeting dates for remainder of 2016:

At this stage:

2.00 p.m. Wednesday 17th February

The annual meeting on 16th March

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28th January 1927

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From Our Morwell Issues File:

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